

The Astrology of Pregnancy

by *Kathy Rose*

What do you say to a woman who asks you to look at her horoscope to see if a pregnancy is in her future? Often stressed and anxious, she inquires emotionally, “Will I have a baby? And if so, when?”

Naturally, as astrologers, we want to be able to answer these questions. We are motivated to identify if and when a pregnancy may occur, as suggested by reliable planetary cycles.

The astrology patterns present in a mother’s chart for the nine-month period of her pregnancy are both fascinating and complex. However, the same aspects in a woman’s chart that suggest pregnancy could also point to many other things. We can’t know for sure when a cycle will set the stage for a new life coming forth or, instead, manifest as personal expansion in another area.

It would be nice and neat if there were a magic formula (astrologically speaking) that would allow us to be able to predict pregnancy. But this just isn’t how astrology works — at least, not in modern times when we have more free will, more choice in this regard.

However intriguing it might be to identify the planetary indicators that could suggest pregnancy, I think it’s essential that we approach this subject with both wisdom and caution. As astrologers, we bear a responsibility to be careful with our words and to be respectful of the possibility that, when certain thoughts are planted in a person’s mind, they can manifest. Stress, fear, worry, and doubt have such a strong effect on a woman’s hormonal system that we certainly don’t want to inadvertently plant a negative seed by not

being mindful of how we address this delicate topic.

The fact, though, is that women frequently *do* come to an astrologer with questions about conception and pregnancy — wanting to know if and when a child may come into their life. Often, by the time they seek the counsel of an astrologer, they're already feeling anxiety or pressure about this subject. This is normal, and we need to know how to handle this situation.

Free Will and Choice

Before we start to look for potential signs of an upcoming pregnancy, we must first make sure that we understand the reality of the person seeking answers. We need to remember that reliable birth control is readily available in our culture, and women generally have a great deal of choice with their reproductive systems. While the ideal “text-book” lineup of aspects for fertility may be present in a client's chart during her childbearing years, she may choose not to go in that direction.

That's why I always ask one or more key questions: “Are you thinking of pregnancy? Are you in a serious relationship? Are you taking birth control? Do you want a child?” In other words, is a pregnancy a reasonable possibility, given the client's reality?

I think it's important to remember that planets don't do things — *people* do. Choice enters into the picture. The astrologer who makes a dramatic and declarative pronouncement, such as, “You will be pregnant in July!” seems to me to be acting out of ego, rather than truly being of service to the client. Free will needs to be honored.

Recently I saw a new client who had been told by a psychic that she would absolutely, positively be pregnant in February 2014. The client mentioned that this declaration triggered a sense of fate — a feeling that her pregnancy was out of her control — as if it were ordained to happen. Interestingly, it also intensified her inner anxiety: She wondered if she was doing everything “right” in order to support the prediction. She actually worried about missing the most fertile days for engaging in sex, due to scheduling issues with her husband's work. A very real fear arose because she focused on

not messing up the special time that was so firmly forecast.

February arrived and she was *not* pregnant ... and still isn't. She told me she felt that she had failed, that she had missed the window opened by the Universe. She said she would rather not have had the prediction issued.

This client had allowed someone else to unduly influence her reality, and this ignited a host of very stressful feelings. The internal fear and anxiety about fulfilling the prediction may well have put her hormonal system into overdrive, which could have contributed to her not becoming pregnant. The body–mind connection is so powerful!

Many astrologers simply won't issue this type of exact or absolute prediction. However, in my 30 years of consulting with clients, I have heard plenty of stories of damaging proclamations such as this — stories that underline the need for astrologers to be mindful and sensitive.

In this article, I'll explore the aspects and references that suggest a potential pregnancy, and I'll present several case studies that help us to understand patterns. As you'll see, the astrology of pregnancy is a profound and fascinating subject, one that calls for a clear awareness that helps us to better serve our clients.

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The Trigger

There is always a good backstory behind each article I write. Invariably, an event or a trigger launches my interest and leads to research, analysis, and deep learning. This article started with my preparation to speak at the annual Student Seminar for the Noel Tyl Master Certification Course, January 2014, in Newark, New Jersey. Noel has given me the opportunity to be his Teaching Associate, and I was presenting a section on the topic of planets moving to the Aries Point (AP) by solar arc.¹

As I was preparing for my lecture, I let my intuitive mind guide me to celebrity horoscopes that had planets at the AP by solar arc so that I could use them as examples. When I saw Chelsea Clinton's name in my files, I instantly had the special inner nudge that signals me to check out her chart.

Sure enough, when I examined young Ms. Clinton's horoscope (see **Chart 1**, page 34), I saw that solar arc (SA) Uranus was at 29°16' Sagittarius in January 2014. Uranus would solar arc to the Aries Point (0° cardinal) later in the year, in October. What I found interesting is that, in her natal chart, Uranus rules the 4th house, and when a planet that rules an angle in the natal chart moves by solar arc to the AP, there seems to be an extra power to this kind of “bloom.” So, I asked myself, “What would be happening in her life with 4th-house matters, i.e., family issues?”

Looking deeper in her horoscope, I noticed that she also had SA Pluto = (natal) Uranus (with solar arc notation, we delete the aspect and insert an equal sign) and SA Venus = Uranus in June 2014. It's easy to see a repeating message about the 4th house being highly activated! I immediately started to wonder about pregnancy.

In addition to all the activity with Uranus in Chelsea Clinton's chart, there was also transiting Saturn conjunct her Ascendant from November 2013 to July 2014. The conjunction of Saturn with the Ascendant is highly significant and suggests the start of a new 29-year cycle related to identity and sense of self. There is almost always a major shift in how we see ourselves with this cycle, and we know that when a woman has her first baby, there is a powerful change in identity!

One more measurement sealed the deal for me: I noticed that transiting Jupiter would conjoin her Leo Moon in August 2014, and then square her Ascendant from October 2014 to June 2015.

I felt that all this activity was a natural signal for potential family expansion and that chances were good that we might hear an announcement of her pregnancy sometime in 2014. I mentioned this to the Tyl students in January, and then on March 13, I also posted

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my prediction on Noel's public Discussion Forum in the section "Astrology of the Famous and Well Known."²

On April 17, just one month after my public post, we received the happy news that Chelsea Clinton was indeed pregnant, and she subsequently gave birth to a daughter on September 26, 2014 — just six days before SA Uranus moved precisely to 0°00' Capricorn!

The catalysts for this article and the accompanying research were the many personal e-mails I received in response to my post on the Tyl forum. I began to get requests from astrologers who wanted to better understand the cycles and aspects that may suggest pregnancy. They were keen to have discussion that went beyond the type of thinking that "a transit to a planet in the 5th house will bring a pregnancy." They were intrigued by the measurements I presented, which not only suggested a pregnancy, but also resulted in one.

I, too, wanted to delve more deeply into the topic, so I began to scour my files for mothers and

their children. Thus began the process of data collection for the cycles that were going on when the women were carrying babies in their bellies.

Research Parameters

I gathered data for 56 births from 36 mothers. In all cases except one, the birth time is verified by the birth certificate. I have personally worked with most of the mothers for many years in astrology consultations, and am familiar with their life stories.

I felt that it was necessary to keep the measurements simple and basic. My belief is that the important, powerful life changes are usually obvious and easy to see in the horoscope, if you know what to look for. My friend and mentor Noel Tyl calls them *big bells* — they vibrate loudly and attract our attention. So, I looked only for transits from Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, and I included just the aspects of conjunctions, squares, and oppositions to the natal planets, lunar nodes, and angles in the horoscope.

I also looked for solar arcs, but only the conjunctions, squares, and oppositions. I included solar arcs to the

nodal axis and also solar arcs from the nodes. Noel Tyl has advanced the idea that the nodes can be a strong symbol of female energy. Planets in the natal chart that are configured with the nodal axis often suggest the relationship with the mother or significant female figure, so naturally I extended that to include motherhood. It made sense to me that, during pregnancy, we might see transits or solar arcs involving the nodal axis.

You might wonder why I didn't include the harmonious trine or the flowing sextile aspects. My feeling is that these easy measurements don't propel us forward with enough significant momentum or a strong enough push to result in a major life change. I have always found that the aspects that have tension produce the biggest growth and forward movement.

I used charts of women who had birth times verified by their birth certificate, with only one exception: the chart of my mother-in-law. Her story of pregnancy is very interesting, and I will use her chart as an example to illustrate my point.

Most of the women included in this research had more than one child, and a few had as many as four. I looked at the transits and solar arcs that were going on during the nine-month period of their pregnancies. This is a simple thing to do: You take the date when the child was born and count backward nine months, and then you scan that time frame for the transits and solar arcs in the mother's chart.

My focus was not to find the exact time of conception, but rather to look at the entire period of pregnancy. I watched for the outer-planet transits that made an *exact* contact during that nine-month period. I did the same with solar arcs: I considered only the arcs that came to perfection while the woman was carrying the baby, or at the time of birth.

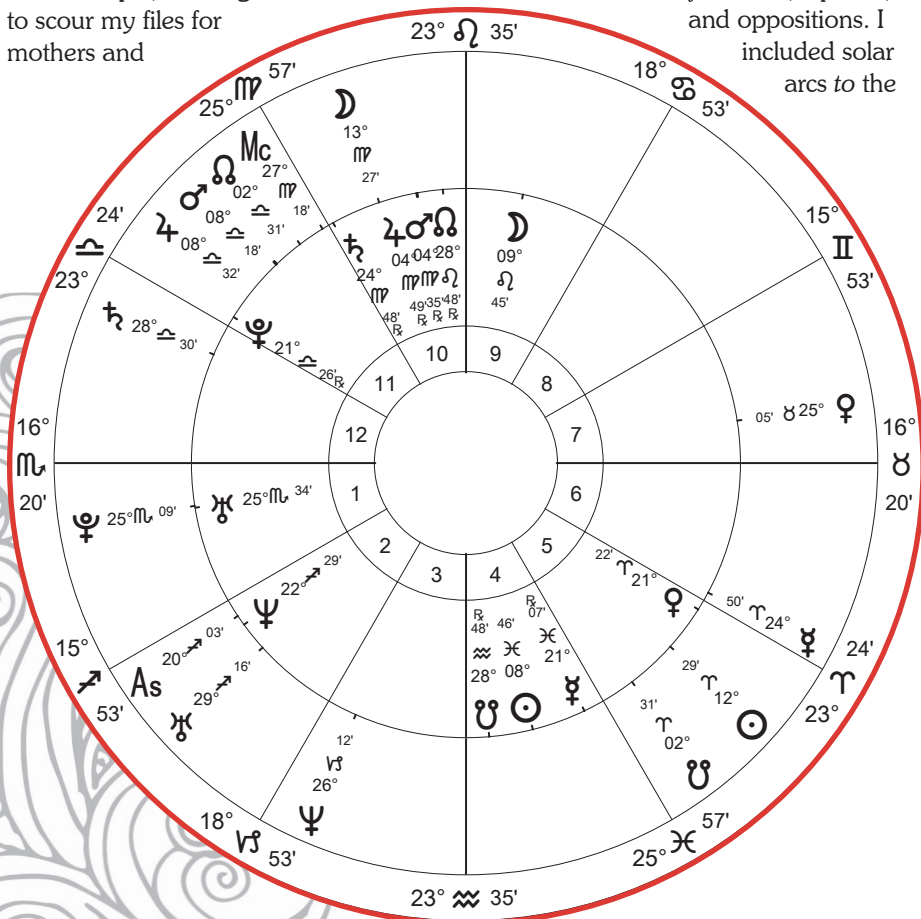


Chart 1: Bi-wheel.

Inner wheel and house cusps:

Chelsea Clinton

Outer wheel:

Solar arcs to Jan. 9, 2014

All charts use Placidus houses and the Mean Node.

I started the research for this article by asking myself the question: “*What patterns would you anticipate seeing in a woman’s horoscope at the time of pregnancy?*” I thought I’d see frequent traditional fertility solar arcs involving the Sun and Venus, or Venus and the Ascendant, and so on. I also assumed that there would be a predominant pattern of transits or solar arcs to the ruler of the 5th house or to planets in the 5th.

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However, this didn’t show up with as much regularity as I expected.

What I anticipated seeing didn’t prove to be the case. I was absolutely fascinated!

Giving Birth Is a Big Life Event

I considered that I may have been thinking in terms that were too narrow regarding the astrology of pregnancy. Conceiving, growing a new life, and having a baby represent a huge lifestyle change — it is a significant and powerful life-altering event when a child is brought into the world.

Most women these days are engaged in careers and continue to work even after having a baby. A hundred years ago — maybe even 50 years ago — this was not common. In the early 20th century, most women viewed getting married, having babies, and raising a family as their primary life purpose and career.

The majority of charts I used for research were those of women born in the 1940s or ’50s — the point in time when their childbearing years coincided with the more widespread acceptance of women in the workforce. The database for this article contains a few charts of mothers who were born in the early 1900s and also several who were born in the late 1980s and early ’90s.

I think it’s important to reiterate that, early in the 20th century, becom-

ing a mother was linked to the sense of achieving one’s life purpose. Unless one was in the über-wealthy upper class and could afford a full-time nanny, women stayed home, and their entire focus was on raising their children and managing the household. Perhaps if we exclusively studied horoscopes for births in the 1800s and early 1900s, we may see a different pattern, compared to what I saw with contemporary births.

In modern times, women focus their ambition and desire for achievement not just on having a family, but also on a career. Having a baby is certainly significant, but — let’s be real — nowadays when a woman who works full time has a baby, her life assumes a high degree of complexity as she juggles a career and childcare issues. This also adds responsibility to the father’s lifestyle, but the stress felt by the man is more often one of financial pressure to provide security.

We still hear many stories suggesting that, despite both parents working full time, it’s usually the woman who does the majority of cleaning, cooking, and household caretaking. I know there are exceptions, but it seems that career women are now taking on two full-time jobs when they have a baby.

So, how would all this show up in the horoscope? Isn’t it reasonable that the cycles that are present in the chart of a woman who becomes pregnant would symbolize a *big life change* instead of just fertility or 5th-house references?

The Data

As I analyzed the charts, I found it very interesting that there were consistently three to five different *big bell* transits or solar arcs going on simultaneously during the pregnancy. In many cases, there were even more than five. This is likely the most noteworthy piece of information to consider. We should probably change the way we are viewing this, moving from “What specific transits or solar arcs suggest a birth?” to “*How many cycles are occurring at once when a woman becomes pregnant?*” With this approach, I began to *expect* to see three or more major cycles going on simultaneously in the chart of a pregnant mother, as I continued to collect the data.

Following is a breakdown of aspects for the 56 births I analyzed (from 36 mothers with accurate birth data).

1. Angular Activity

The most frequent cycle I saw was a transit from an outer planet — or a solar arc — to an angle, with the Ascendant and Descendant having the most activity. Twenty-six charts out of 56 (46%) received direct hits to these angles. Four of those charts had more than one transit or solar arc affecting the Asc./Desc. at the same time. Jupiter and Saturn cycles hitting the 1st/7th axis were most common. Interestingly, Neptune followed a close second.

The direct hit to an angle is certainly significant, and we should keep this in mind when we are pondering the question of a potential pregnancy (major life event). Angles are the most dynamic points in the horoscope, so we can expect powerful movement in life when one of these areas is contacted.

Just as potent for change and growth is the *planetary ruler* of an angle being activated by a transit or solar arc. Since Mercury and Venus each rule two signs, there are more opportunities for an angle ruler to be triggered, so I

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didn’t tally up the number of charts that reflected this. But I must mention that the angles were the most active areas by far, receiving the most hits in the 56 births I studied.

Angles and their rulers must be considered as power generators for major life changes when activated by transits and solar arcs — and this activation was consistently present in the charts of pregnant women in my research.

2. The Sun

Twenty-two out of 56 pregnancies (39%) had exact contact from a solar

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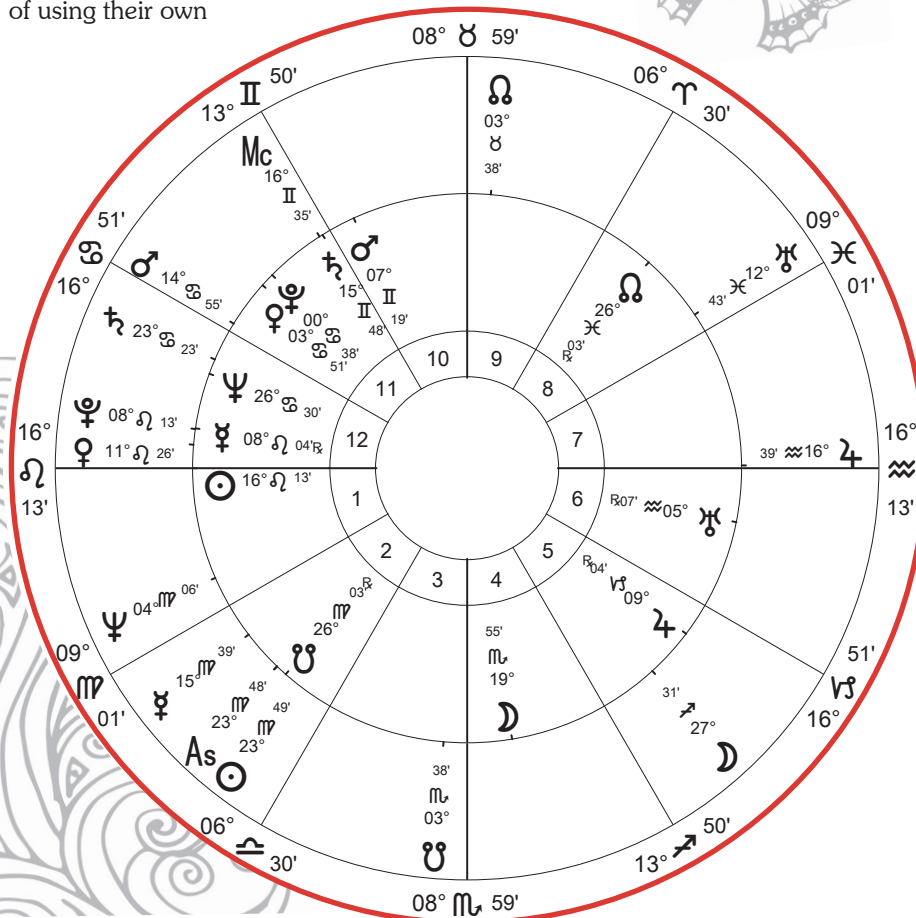
arc or an outer-planet transit to the natal Sun, with eight of those charts showing multiple transits or solar arcs to the Sun going on at the same time. Again, as with the angles, Jupiter and Saturn cycles to the Sun were most common, with Neptune following a very close second.

The Sun is the symbol for our core sense of self, our life purpose and direction. Strong transits and solar arcs to the Sun offer us a period to consider a course correction in life, to build a new feeling of confidence, or to strengthen our identity. Often when the Sun is activated by a cycle, we re-evaluate who we are and where we are going.

It makes sense that cycles to the natal Sun would be a consistent pattern for pregnant women. When a woman carries a pregnancy to term, there is often a change in how she sees herself. I've had frequent conversations with women who mention that, when they become a mother, it's very common for them to refer to themselves as "someone's mom" instead of using their own

name. The inner image shifts to mother and protector of a child, rather than the image of oneself as a separate individual.

One note about Neptune transits or solar arcs showing up frequently both to the angles and to the Sun: At first this really surprised me. I certainly never anticipated Neptune as being a factor in a pregnancy! However, when we consider that there is enormous sacrifice required when a woman becomes a mother, isn't that Neptune energy? And there's the issue of the temporary change (loss) in individualized identity that happens for women when they step into the powerful role of guardianship and protector of new life. Mothers tend to put their children's needs first; there is often a selflessness that goes with the job. Neptune frequently dissolves ego, and this fits in with the bloom of motherhood. Interesting!



A Miracle Birth: Jupiter Hits the Sun

The only horoscope I included that does not have a verified birth time is that of my mother-in-law, Emma Rose. (I use a sunrise chart when no time is provided.)

Mrs. Rose very much wanted to have a large family and began trying to become pregnant in her early 20s, right after she got married. Following many years of focusing on getting pregnant with no success, she finally went to a doctor for help. She was told that she was infertile, and was absolutely crushed. However, as is occasionally the case, Mrs. Rose was shocked, amazed, and thrilled when, out of the blue, she became pregnant at 39 years of age. In the 1950s, that was considered very old to have a first child. She always referred to her son, my husband, as her "miracle baby."

I thought of her story when I started this article, and knew that I had to check out what was going on in her chart during her pregnancy. (See **Chart 2**, at left.) I anticipated seeing either a Venus solar arc or a contact from Jupiter, simply because that carries the "miracle" energy. Amazingly, when she became pregnant, it was during SA Jupiter = Sun. She was also receiving a transit from Jupiter in Aries to her natal Jupiter and Venus in the fall of 1951, when she discovered she was pregnant. Miracle baby, indeed! The benefic rays of Jupiter produced the reward.

One last note about this horoscope: Mrs. Rose suffered from frequent migraine headaches, but when she became pregnant, they stopped completely — probably due to the hormonal changes. She mentioned to me many times that, during the nine months of pregnancy, she felt the best she ever had in all her life. Again, we see the benefic Jupiter solar arc shining through!

Chart 2: Bi-wheel.

Inner wheel and house cusps:
Emma Rose (sunrise)

Outer wheel:
Solar arcs to June 25, 1952

I suspect that we'd see activity to her angles, if we had her birth time. She lived a long and fulfilling life, passing away when she was 93. I felt that chances would be good that, even without a birth time, the aspects reflecting the miracle pregnancy would be easy to see — and they were.

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The Moon is a natural symbol for the mother energy, and it's normal to anticipate that it might receive transits or solar arcs when a woman becomes pregnant. Twenty-one out of my 56 research horoscopes (37%) had examples of the Moon being transited or contacted by a solar arc, with 6 of those 21 having multiple cycles to the Moon during pregnancy. Interestingly, contact from Uranus to the Moon was strongest, followed by Saturn, Pluto, Neptune, and then Jupiter, in that order.

Personally, I had a powerful theme of lunar involvement for both of my pregnancies. Transiting Uranus was square my Moon when I was pregnant with my first baby, and with my second child I had SA Pluto = Moon and transiting Jupiter opposite my Moon happening at the same time.

I also had SA Ascendant at 0° Cancer (Aries Point, or AP) when I gave birth to my first child. This is especially significant because I never thought I would want children. I have a very independent warrior Moon in Aries. Having my SA Ascendant hit the AP in Cancer, a lunar-ruled sign — along with the Ura-

nus transit to my Moon — totally altered my thinking, and I embraced motherhood with a passion! My identity easily flowed into the role of nurturing mother and caretaker.

A Surprise Pregnancy: Uranus Transit to the Moon

One of my long-term clients, "Pam" (a pseudonym), was totally astonished when she became pregnant with her first child at age 45. She had an amazingly easy pregnancy and gave birth to a healthy son when she was just three months shy of her 46th birthday. (See **Chart 3**, below.)

When Pam became pregnant, she was in a long-term serious relationship but wasn't married. The surprise pregnancy pushed her and her partner to wed immediately, and the cycles going on in her chart at the time tell the tale. We see the "surprise" by the many cycles involving Uranus:

- Transiting (TR) Uranus conjunct the Moon
- SA Uranus = Mars (ruler of the 4th house)

- TR Saturn conjunct Uranus (exact two months after the birth)
- SA Uranus = Jupiter (ruler of the Ascendant)
- SA Midheaven = Uranus

The repeating pattern of contact through transits and solar arcs in her chart (both to Uranus and from Uranus) suggests the sudden and unexpected change that the news of pregnancy brought into her life. With the Uranus-Moon transit, plus the solar arc from Uranus to the ruler of the Ascendant, we see the powerful trigger to an angle, which I mentioned earlier.

It's fascinating that, in a consultation Pam and I had in 2005, I mentioned to her that there was a suggestion of marriage or perhaps significant relationship development in her chart in 2006. I saw this with SA Venus = Sun, which was exact in mid 2006. Because I never even considered that pregnancy might occur (given the fact that she was in her mid 40s), I naturally thought of marriage or relationship issues instead. The marriage did manifest, but it was triggered by the fact that she became pregnant!

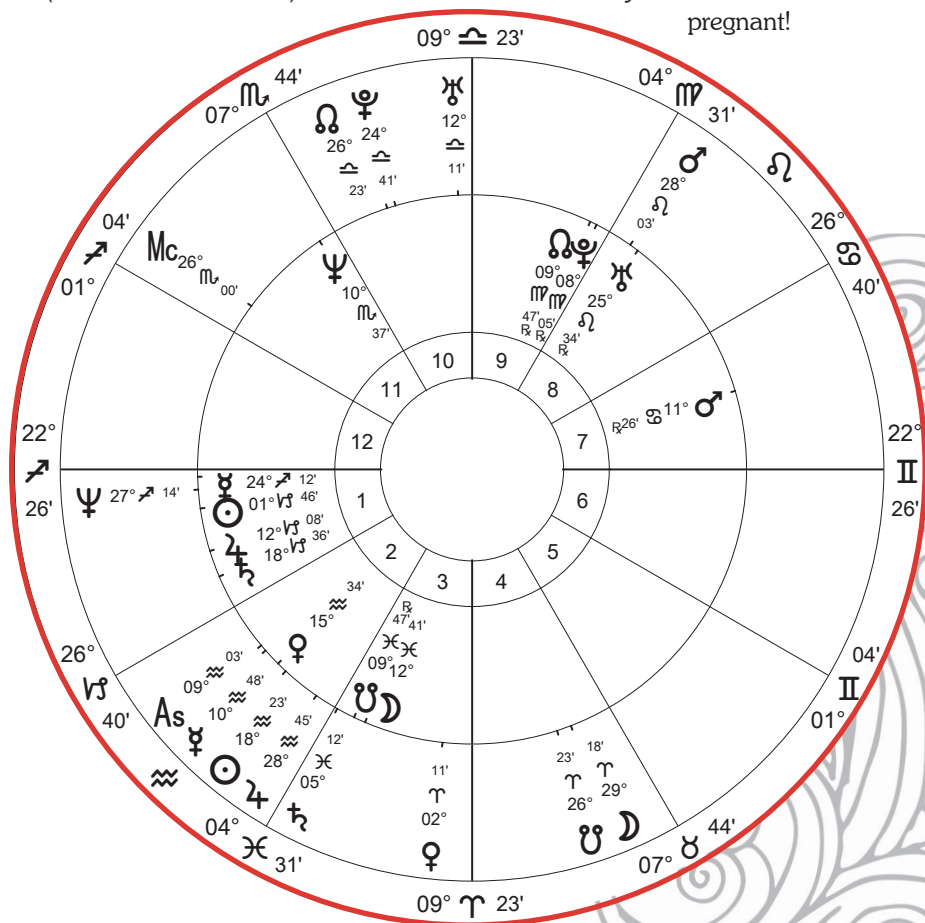


Chart 3: Bi-wheel.

Inner wheel and house cusps: "Pam"

Outer wheel:

Solar arcs to Oct. 13, 2006

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We'll explore the Venus energy next.

4. Venus

As I stated earlier, I anticipated seeing a predominance of Venus cycles in examples of pregnancies because I associate this planet with matters of women's fertility. From the sample charts I had, 37% were receiving a transit or solar arc to natal Venus. Particularly interesting to me was that there were 21 charts with Venus being aspected; in 5 of the 21, Venus ruled the 5th house (children), and another 5 of the 21 had Venus ruling the 4th (family).

Amazingly, it was Saturn transits or solar arcs to Venus that were most common (6 cases out of 21), followed by Pluto (5 cases), Uranus (4 cases), and Jupiter and Neptune (2 each). The cycles I usually consider to be classic potential pregnancy indicators are either SA Venus = Ascendant or SA Ascendant = Venus. There were 2 cases of each of these cycles in the sample.

Let me share with you a clear case example that had Venus and Ascendant activity: Veronica is a client of mine who also became one of my astrology students. Her studies, however, were interrupted by her pregnancy. What's truly wonderful is that Veronica allowed the class to use her chart in early 2012 as a teaching tool for aspects that suggest a possible pregnancy. Starting in late 2011, she began to feel the desire to be a mother tugging at her, and in January 2012, she asked if we could explore this topic in class.

Veronica has one of the very easy-to-spot signatures for heightened fertility. (See **Chart 4**, below) When she asked the question about possible pregnancy, she had SA Ascendant at 27°55' Virgo. I noticed that she would have SA Asc. = Venus exact in the fall of 2012 (solar arc planets advance forward 5 minutes of arc per month). She also had transiting Pluto square her natal Jupiter–Saturn conjunction (Jupiter is the ruler of the 5th house). I knew that, in the summer of 2012, transiting Uranus would join the mix in opposition to natal Jupiter.

That's all I needed to see to feel confident in saying there was a strong suggestion that it probably wouldn't be difficult for her to conceive sometime in 2012. I felt very comfortable saying this because she had already announced her intention. I never told her she *would* conceive — I mentioned that there was a *suggestion* of easy conception. I think that putting it this way sends a better message and doesn't create pressure.

She became pregnant in the spring of 2012, just before transiting Jupiter was conjunct her Midheaven, and gave birth in December.

I hope you spotted something in Veronica's horoscope suggesting a second child: Did you see that SA Sun = Venus (Midheaven ruler) in 2016, exact in December 2016?

I want to mention something noteworthy here: Veronica has the luxury of living circumstances where she does not need to work. She is viewing motherhood as her career and a large part of her life purpose, and she is a very happy, dedicated, full-time mother. Perhaps this is why one of the old "classic" signatures — Venus combined with the Ascendant or Sun — was present during her first pregnancy (with the theme showing up again for possibly another baby in 2016).

5. Jupiter

There were 18 out of 56 pregnancies in the research group (32%) where natal Jupiter received a transit or solar arc. In 8 of these 18 cases, Jupiter ruled either the 4th or 5th house.

The Jupiter return was in play for 5 of the pregnancies — that was the most active cycle. For the solar arcs, a few of the planetary combinations that really make sense with birth were present: Ascendant = Jupiter, Sun = Jupiter, and Moon = Jupiter.

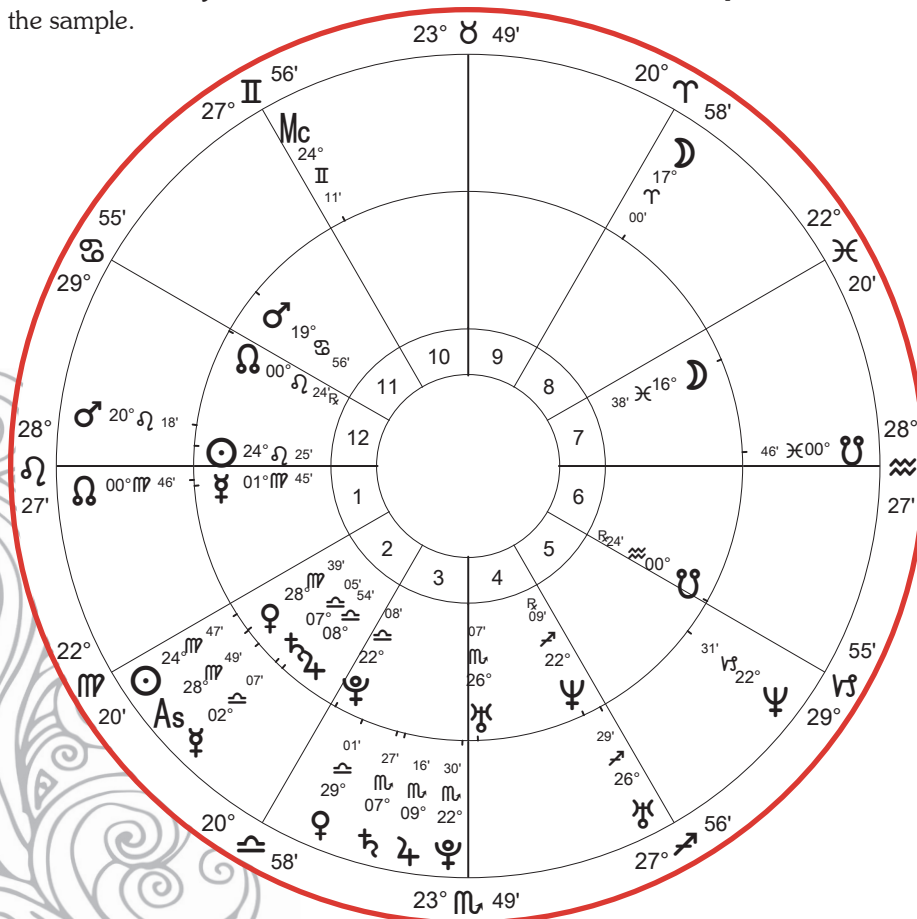


Chart 4: Bi-wheel.

Inner wheel and house cusps:
Veronica

Outer wheel:
Solar arcs to Dec. 25, 2012

6. Saturn

Twenty-one pregnancies (37.5%) had a solar arc or transit to Saturn.

One of the most frequent questions I received from astrologers, after my posting on the Tyl forum, concerned the Saturn transit conjunct Chelsea Clinton's Ascendant, and whether the Saturn energy would make the pregnancy difficult. Honestly, at first I also contemplated this, until I collected enough data and questioned many of the mothers who had this aspect. I learned that very few of them mentioned difficulty while they carried or delivered their baby. Perhaps the consistent Saturn cycles that show up are simply pointing to the fact that the structure of our daily life changes when we bring in a new life. Having a child is a serious matter, really an issue of increased responsibility — and isn't this the essential message from the Taskmaster planet?

7. Uranus

Thirty percent of pregnant women in my research group were experiencing an exact transit or solar arc to Uranus. There were 17 cases with natal Uranus activated, and 3 of those were receiving multiple cycles to that planet.

I have to note that Saturn transits to Uranus were most common. This makes sense when you consider that the Saturn-Uranus combo spells *change* and the release of the old so that fresh, new energy can come in.

8. Nodal Axis

I'm very glad that I included the transits and solar arcs to the nodal axis because, in 30% of the pregnancies, there was an exact transit or solar arc to the nodes.

Transiting Jupiter to the nodal axis showed up most frequently. I did not differentiate between the North and South Node, but simply looked for contact to either. I also recorded how many times I saw the SA nodes hitting a natal planet, and there were 6 cases out of 56.

The transits and solar arcs to the nodal axis shouldn't be ignored. I understand that considering "motherhood" as a symbol when the nodes are activated may be a new concept, but the fact that it happened in 30% of the cases is

extremely interesting. This subject needs more study, of course.

9. Neptune

Sixteen cases out of 56 (28%) had a direct hit to natal Neptune through solar arc or transit. In 4 of those cases, there were multiple cycles triggering Neptune.

Transits from Pluto to Neptune were the most common; however, this is largely because all but one of the women in my sample had Pluto and Neptune in sextile in the natal chart, and Pluto had moved to transit Neptune during the childbearing years. Jupiter's transits to Neptune were almost as frequent as Pluto's.

10. Pluto

Transits or solar arcs to Pluto were present in 25% of the cases I studied. The very powerful transit from Saturn to Pluto was most common. That was a surprise because this cycle is connected with hard work and sometimes loss. I wouldn't have anticipated seeing these two planets in contact with any regularity during a pregnancy.

Summary

I suggest that you consider your analysis and understanding of planetary activity related to the astrology of pregnancy this way: The cycles work in combination with each other and create an active time frame in a woman's life for a major life event. No single cycle stands out that would herald a pregnancy in and of itself. Instead, you need to be aware of multiple *big bell* aspects chiming together. It then seems logical that a concurrence of planetary cycles can trigger this kind of momentous expansion.

When analyzing the horoscope of a woman in childbearing years, we should be alert to the time frames when the chart is highly activated by many solar arcs or transits occurring at once — and especially take note if the angles are involved. We must also be practical: With effective contraception so prevalent, if a woman is practicing birth control and has no intention of getting pregnant, the patterns I am presenting will likely bring about a result other than pregnancy.

I've already started a new level of research with the women in this study, asking them to describe significant events going on in their lives and their state of mind when they became pregnant. As we would expect, their stories flow with the specific transits or solar arcs that were in effect in their chart.

And of course, this topic wouldn't be complete without pondering the activity that was going on in the *father's* horoscope during the period of the mother's pregnancy. Future research will bring this critical context to the discussion of the astrology of pregnancy.

The learning continues ...

Chart Data and Sources

(in order of appearance)

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"Pam," December 23, 1960; 6:19 a.m. PST; Los Angeles, CA, USA (34°N03', 118°W15'); AA: birth certificate.

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