

NATAL AND TRANSITING NEPTUNE

The Astrological birth chart is a snapshot of the heavens at the moment of birth. This natal snapshot never changes.

The Natal or birth placement of Neptune can operate on several different levels. Much will depend on the sign it is in and the house placement along with the aspects connected to Neptune from other planets and angles within the birth chart. All of these details are crucial in determining how Neptune will play out in your personal astrology chart.

Because there are so many variations of what Neptune might look like in your chart, we cannot clearly define exactly how Neptune will work. However, we will focus on the properties of Neptune in the birth chart. We will also take a look at the integrated energies it will create while it transits through the Natal chart. *(Again, the natal planets never change in our birth chart, but the planets continue moving and once the snapshot of the heavens has been taken and the position of the planets noted for our birth chart, the planets continue to move. The moving planets are then called transiting planets.)*

Neptune's placement by sign and house is an area of potential psychic awareness. The intuitive qualities of an individual is exhibited in Neptune's location in the Astrology birth chart. Although not always clearly defined, its potent energies are still functioning in the specific area of life, defined by Neptune's house position.

Neptune can be spiritual, enlightening, psychic and in many cases service oriented. Neptune when challenged in the birth chart can be illusionary, vague in its expression, perhaps careless in its action and uncertain about the road ahead. When very poorly aspects, Neptune can lead to mental health concerns especially if poorly connected to the planet Mercury. Because Neptune is so sensitive to outside conditions, a poor aspect can lead to hospitalizations and mental breakdowns. However, this is in extreme cases, and a further delineation of the full chart must be conducted before coming to a conclusion.

Neptune remains in each sign approximately 14 years, so a whole generation will be affected by its subtle yet powerful influence. Wherever Neptune resides in the birth chart, it is often wise to have other people's input when questioning what is illusion and what is reality, although these particular individuals would have to be proven trustworthy to you. Reality checks are essential when dealing with Neptune's energies.

Neptune in transit will affect any given planet or significant angle, particularly the Ascendant and Midheaven for up to two to three years, depending on its location and also its retrograde cycle.

Transiting Neptune can be insightful, magical, enlightening, spiritual and all encompassing, or when challenged can lead to disillusionment, vagueness, apprehension or situations which are unclear and troubling because you may not be able to integrate what is taking hold in life for some reason. This is when you may want to ask for assistance either professionally or from a trusted friend, as without clarity it can lead to hazardous situations. What you see and feel should be scrutinized and validated.

When we are experiencing a transit from Neptune, we can gain insight through meditation, group therapy or discussion and visualization techniques. Dreams may be very revealing and provide reliable guidance if we can interpret them clearly.

Neptune's energies are magical and enlightening. Use these energies when appropriate to gain insight into other realms and connect with higher sources.

Natal Neptune represents your imagination, dreams and spirituality whereas transiting Neptune can dismiss old structures and stimulate creativity and intuition.