



The Quest of Spirit

The Astrological Sign, Libra: Balance

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Gain has for the Zodiac sign of Libra, the spiritual message: “Not by One Alone May the Highest of All Be Reached, But by Two United Souls Who Are Exalted by the Sweet Reverberations of Holy Love.”

As this is the ‘marriage’ sign of the zodiac, one of the things that immediately springs to my mind is the analogy in Plato’s Symposium of the Twin Souls, separated at

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Libra, as depicted in Urania’s Mirror, a set of constellation cards published in London c. 1825
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Spiritual Astrology: Libra

By Scenza

The seventh sign of the zodiac is Libra, which translates as “the scales” (Merriam-Webster, 2026). According to Hickey (1992), Libra is ruled by the planet, Venus. It is a cardinal, air sign, expressing the positive (active) aspects of Venus’ rulership. The key phrase for Libra is “I Balance”. Libra extends from September 23rd to October 23rd of each year.

Before embarking on an exploration of the symbolism of the zodiacal sign of Libra, it is worthwhile to describe the general characteristics of Venus, the planet which tradi-

tionally holds rulership over this sign. If you wish to understand the influence of Venus, a very informative avenue is to consider its physical appearance, its physical properties, and its periodic movements in the heavens.

If you have a moment, pull up a photograph of Venus and gaze in wonder at its soft, delicate, otherworldly beauty. The planet is wrapped in a mysterious swirl of white and yellow clouds, which form ever-shifting bands of movement and grace.

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For Your Consideration...

Balance: “An even distribution of weight enabling someone or something to remain upright and steady.”

— Oxford Dictionary

Harmony & Authenticity:

”The goal is to make your heartbeat match the beat of the universe, to match your nature with nature.”

— Joseph Campbell

Affirmation: I listen to my inner wisdom.



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other benefits, giving liberates
the soul of the giver.*

— Eleanor Roosevelt

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Editorial

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Wisdom comes from the ability to hold two opposing ideas at once.

— F. Scott Fitzgerald

As a child, I found King Solomon's solution to the dispute between two women claiming the same infant deeply unsettling. It wasn't just the proposal to divide the child that troubled me, but the thought that a woman would actually agree to it. Of course, children don't yet have the experience to understand the complicated motives that drive human behavior. With time, it became clearer to me that the woman willing to see the child destroyed was acting out of spite—a kind of "if I can't have it, no one can." In contrast, the true mother revealed herself through love, willing to surrender her child rather than see its life taken.

In *Spiritual Astrology*, C.C. Zain teaches that the Sun's passage from Virgo into Libra, the sign of the Scales, is the place where the wheat is separated from the chaff and the value of the harvest is assessed. Libra represents equilibrium, reason, and the art of just relationships. It is the faculty within us that weighs evidence, compares different factors, and seeks a fair judgment. But the Scales symbolize more than simple fairness; they represent the inner balancing of motives and consequences until harmony is reached. Justice, Zain reminds us, is not punishment or retribution—it is the balancing of forces.

In our studies we're often reminded that every zodiacal sign offers qualities we are meant to cultivate. Even the less desirable traits serve a purpose, providing the counterweight that deepens our understanding of human nature. Libra asks us to pause before reacting, to look beneath the surface of events, and to judge not by appearances but by what is ultimately preserved, or harmed, by our choices.

That lesson feels especially important today. We live in a time when it is easy to assume the worst about those who disagree with us, and easier still to divide the world into sides that must win or lose. Yet the wisdom of Libra suggests something different. Like Solomon, we are called to look beyond the surface of a dispute and search for the deeper motive that reveals the truth. If we are to heal a divided society it will come from the hard work of weighing motives, seeking understanding, and restoring balance where it has been lost.



The Astrological Sign: Libra

Ruling the "I Balance" Thought Series

Jimmy Carter: A Delineation of Libra at Its Highest Octave

By Laurie Dixon, Hermetician



In the sacred sciences, especially the Tarot, the number 3 represents the union of opposites. When contrasting forces come together, they generate movement and change.

Thus, 3 symbolizes creative action, expression, and fertility—the dynamic interaction behind all life and intelligence.

— paraphrased from
C. C. Zain
CS VI, *The Sacred Tarot*

Jimmy Carter's life cannot be understood through ambition, power-seeking, or personal gain. Its motivating force lies in a Libra Sun operating through the 12th house, where the ego is shaped by conscience, sacrifice, and service to collective justice.

His beginnings as a peanut farmer in rural Georgia quietly reflect this placement. There was no glamour—only steady labor, humility, and participation in the unseen machinery of cooperative life. Libra, even in its simplest expression, seeks fair exchange and mutual respect. Farming demands proportion, patience, stewardship, and cooperation with nature, cultivating an ethic of measured effort rather than dominance or display. As with many 12th-house Suns, Carter's strength was formed out-

side the spotlight; his moral compass long preceded public recognition.

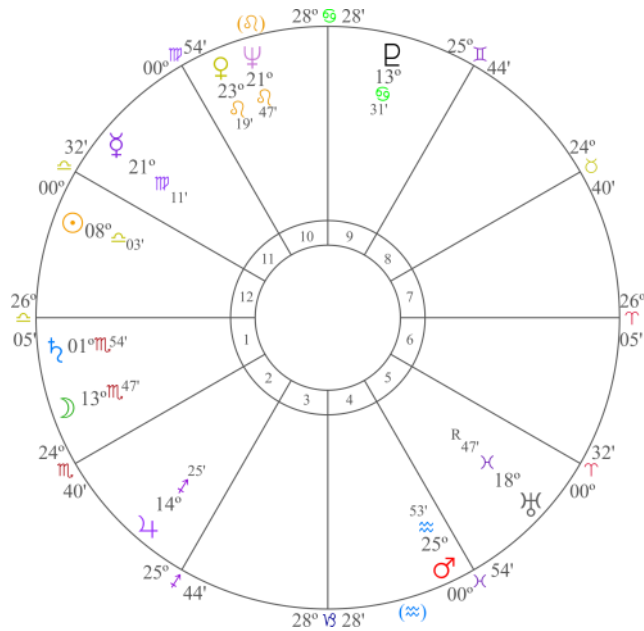
When Carter entered the presidency, his Libra Sun became the ethical foundation of his administration. He approached leadership not through raw power, but through judgment, balance, and restraint. Libra governs law, diplomacy, and civil conduct, and Carter viewed human rights not as political tools but as non-negotiable, virtuous standards. His insistence on political freedom and human dignity reflected Libra's instinct to restore equilibrium wherever bias had tilted the scales.

This approach was unmistakably 12th-house in nature—idealistic, compassionate, and often misunderstood by those operating strictly

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Jimmy Carter
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James Earl Carter Jr.

October 1, 1924; 7:00 a.m. CST, Plains, Georgia

Rodden Rating AA (BC/BR in hand)

An American Politician who served as the 39th President of the United States from 1977 to 1981. He was the longest-lived president in U.S. history and the first to live to 100.



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within material power structures. Libra Suns struggle not from indecision, but when compromise would require unwarranted imbalance. Carter governed during crises that demanded hard choices, yet refused expedient solutions that violated compromised fairness. Historians have often observed that he was more effective as a moral leader than a political operator—an exact description of a 12th-house Libra Sun. He governed according to principle rather than popularity, accepting personal and political loss rather than distorting the scales.

As Carter himself stated in 1999, “The greatest challenge we face is how to reduce the growing disparity between the rich and poor people on earth.” This was not idealism divorced from reality, but Libra’s integrity in action.

For many with a 12th-house Sun, the truest expression of the ego emerges after formal authority ends. Carter’s post-presidency reveals Libra unencumbered by political constraint. Through the Carter Center, election monitoring, disease eradication, and hands-on humanitarian labor, he expressed Libra through active benevolence, restoring balance wherever suffering revealed inequity.

The Nobel Peace Prize in 2002, awarded for his decades of work advancing peace, democracy, and human rights, was not a culmination but a confirmation. The world recognized what astrology already showed: his life was guided by justice, reason, and impartiality.

Jimmy Carter’s Libra Sun in the 12th house explains why his legacy transcends office and title. His life demonstrates Li-

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— Jimmy Carter



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bra not as charm or social ease, but as principled equilibrium lived daily. He weighed power against conscience, chose equity over force, and achieved his greatest successes through patient negotiation rather than overt authority. His Sun did not seek to shine—it sought to illuminate imbalance and quietly correct it.

A deeper understanding of Jimmy Carter’s gentle yet resolute nature emerges through his **ruling planet, Venus**.

His Libra Sun operates through the 12th house of Universal Welfare, while Venus functions through the 10th house of public responsibility. This combination reveals Libra expressed at a high octave, where the Venusian impulse toward harmony is elevated to the voice of conscience, duty, and humanitarian service. Venus, ruler of Libra, is conjunct Neptune, lifting his Venusian qualities into the public sphere and bestowing idealistic leadership—the capacity to represent principles of virtue before the collective.

As Carter observed, “The measure of a society is found in how they treat their weakest and most helpless citizens...” This sentiment mirrors the spiritualized Venus-Neptune influence in his chart.

Venus in Leo grants dignity, loyalty, and nobility of character, while Neptune refines Venus beyond personal affection toward universal empathy. The result is a leader motivated by principle rather than ambition, guided by love expressed as honest responsibility.

The mutual reception between the Sun in Libra and Venus in Leo further strengthens this expression. CC Zain taught that mutual reception allows plan-

ets to cooperate with unusual synchronization and refinement, even when placed in challenging houses. Here, it produces a balanced personality capable of integrating fairness with graceful courage.

With Venus-Neptune in the 10th house, Carter’s public destiny is unmistakably shaped by duty to humanity, particularly through peace-making, healing, and moral example. His lifelong advocacy for human rights, diplomacy, and conservation reflects this influence directly. The 10th house, ruled by Cancer, emphasizes protective leadership, where authority is exercised as stewardship rather than control.

Yet this Libran idealism was not without challenge. Pluto in Cancer in the 9th house, square his Libra Sun, describes deep tension between ethical principles and entrenched belief systems. Pluto aspects demand confrontation with collective forces beyond personal control and require the grace of courage. Rather than yield to coercion, Carter’s Libra Sun consistently sought reasonable resolution, even when such positions proved politically costly. In this, he fulfilled one of Libra’s highest functions: the negotiator who restores balance without domination.

Jimmy Carter’s five guiding values—Act with Integrity, Exceed Expectations, Succeed Together, Inspire Innovation, and Invest in People—rest on Libran principles.

Wisdom alone is never sufficient; love is its essential counterpart. True wisdom emerges when discernment is guided by compassion. Together, love and wisdom form a living partnership, and when two souls unite in genuine harmony, life itself

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The measure of a society is found in how they treat their weakest and most helpless citizens....

— Jimmy Carter

becomes a shared work of meaning. Jimmy Carter understood this not as an idea, but as a lived experience.



Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter on the South Lawn

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The 77-year marriage of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter stands as one of the clearest expressions of Libra’s highest calling: harmonious partnership. Their union was not merely personal, but stabilizing, sustaining, and quietly powerful. Through political pressure, public scrutiny, and decades of social work, they remained devoted companions, each reinforcing the other’s balance.

Astrologically, their synastry reflects this enduring balance. Rosalynn’s Sun conjunct Jimmy’s Venus speaks of mutual affection, respect, and shared values, while Jimmy’s Sun in sextile to her Mercury supports ease of communication and shared understanding. Additional supportive links—between his

Sun and her Moon, his Moon and her Mars, his Ascendant and her Venus, Neptune, and Sun, along with multiple Venus contacts—reinforced emotional vitality, mutual encouragement, and the capacity to grow stronger through adjustment, sustaining a partnership grounded in love, solidarity, and shared purpose.

To view their synastry: Rosalynn Carter’s birth data—August 18, 1927, 6:00 a.m. CST, Sumter, Georgia (Rodden Rating A).

For a man with a Libra Sun—especially in the 12th house—finding true love is not incidental; it is essential. Through Rosalynn, Jimmy Carter lived Libra fully. He did not merely promote altruism in the world; he embodied it at home. Their marriage became the quiet foundation from which his sense of ethical leadership, humanitarian work, and lifelong service could unfold.

In finding love, Jimmy Carter found balance; in sustaining partnership, he embodied wisdom; and in honoring goodwill, he fulfilled the promise of his Libra Sun. From hammering nails with Habitat for Humanity to advocating human

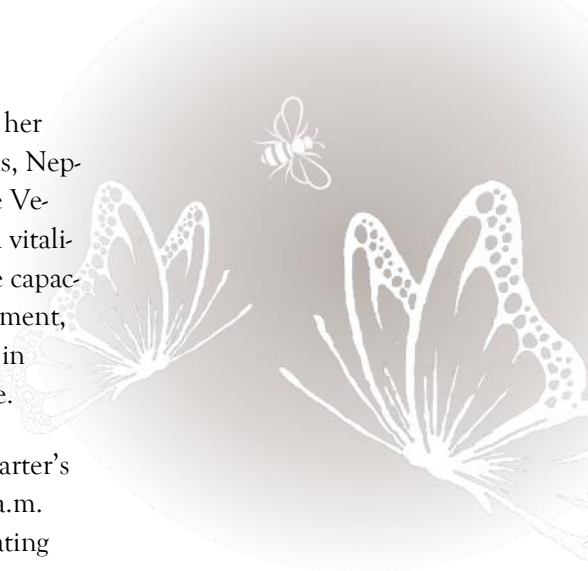


Jimmy Carter in 1988, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer
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Alone we do so little; together we can do so much.

— Helen Keller





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rights worldwide, he lived the highest expression of Libra—turning principle, compassion, and integrity into action that inspires us all.

As Carter reflected in June 2020 (paraphrased): “Rosalynn and I have strived to advance human rights worldwide. In this quest, we have seen that silence can be as deadly as violence. People of power, privilege, and conscience must stand up against racial injustice, economic disparities, and government actions that undermine democracy. We are responsible for creating a world of peace and equality for ourselves and future generations.”

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Libra in Spirit (Continued from page 1)

Without the experience of the opposites there is no experience of wholeness and hence no inner approach to the sacred figures.

— Carl Jung

birth by Zeus, yet seeking to reunite on the material plane, thus becoming complete again and thus to ascend, as alluded to in descriptions of alchemical marriage.

The ambiguity may be: is the Twin Soul sought, an equal partner of the opposite sex to complete the ‘Love’, or the opposite side of the Ego, not complete until it has reconciled the opposite balancing energy within, the Heiros Gamos, the Animus to Anima, the conscious to the unconscious, by Earthly experience, through pleasure and pain? I think the objective is, or should



According to Greek mythology humans were originally created with four arms, four legs, and a head with two faces. Fearing their power, Zeus split them into two separate parts, condemning them to spend their lives in search of their other halves.

Image source reddit.com.

be, both, and thus, the marriage of the Soul to the Cosmos, as above, so below!

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Is it actually achievable? Are we allowed to doubt?...no, but to continue the work.

A Libran, as much as anyone, should know that everything is about balance. The Libran tendency is to seek equilibrium.

The more imbalanced something is, the more energy is required to redress it...as with situations, individuals...as with the collective...as with our interaction with the 'Oneness' of everything.

There seems a human tendency to see things how we think they ought to be, rather than how they actually are. I have it that the only way to achieve the necessary balance is to develop consciousness through Hermeticism, but sometimes it seems our species drifts further away from harmony with Nature and natural philosophy .

The Autumn Equinox, the point of entry of the Sun into Libra, is trine to the other Air signs in the Sun's annual journey, the *I Think* of Gemini, and the *I Know* of Aquarius, the Trinity of Association, and there is a balance to strike between the two since thinking and knowing can be poles apart. Somewhere in-between is the point of balance, the Truth. As we reach the autumn equinox of our lives, we should have a good enough grasp of where the truth lies to be able to discern that which is true and useful to carry for-

ward in the remainder of our days in the material plane.

We harvest the fruits of our labour in the harvest earth sign of Virgo, and with it the Virgo gift of analysis. Now we have to separate the wheat from the chaff.

The love of justice through wisdom is manifest as a Goddess' energy that cannot, or surely should not, be violated; she holds the balance of Truth. Libra is a masculine sign, but ruled by Venus (Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love). Adaptive, but not submissive. Athena, the warrior, born fully armed from the forehead of the creator spirit Zeus, carries a weapon and guards vulnerable Philo-

Sophia, the love of Wisdom, combined in the one figure of Justice .

The following extract is a Daily Meditation, based on the Bulgarian mystic, Omraam Mikhael Aivanhiov:

Every year, on 22 September, the sun enters the sign of Libra to begin a new period. This is autumn, the time when ripe fruit is gathered, grain is sifted to be eaten or stored to be sown later, so that the cycle can begin again. But this work of separating and sifting that occurs in Nature applies not only to vegetation but also to human beings. For autumn is the time for the separation that Hermes Trismegistus speaks of in the Emerald Tablet: "You

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Lady Justice, The Old Bailey, London
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Justice is what love looks like
in public.

— Cornel West



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will separate the subtle from the gross with great diligence.” You will separate the subtle from the gross, meaning the spiritual from the material. And so, initiates, who participate mentally in all of Nature's work, know that the time has come to let any dark matter still inside them die, to allow true life its freedom. And just as fruit is separated from the tree and stones or pips are separated from the fruit,

so one day the soul will be separated from the body. The body is the soul's covering, and the soul is the seed that will be sown above, in heaven. Once the human fruit is ripe, it must not fall back to earth like the seed of a plant, but fly up to heaven. https://www.prosveta.co.uk/sun-inner-around-which-all-the-elements-in-us-must-revolve_2012-09-22?bc=index



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Likewise, Venus is the goddess of beauty, adorned in rich raiments which fall ever so lightly on her soft, immortal skin.

Venus is also the hottest of the planets—hotter even than Mercury—though the latter is closer to the Sun. NASA (2019) explains that owing to Venus' thick atmosphere, the planet experiences a runaway greenhouse effect, causing surface temperatures to soar to nearly 900 °F! In fact, the temperature on Venus is so extreme that even lead will melt on its surface, a fact that plays well into Venus' alchemical role as the antidote to the heavy, morose influence of Saturn, the alchemical ruler of that metal (Zain, 1995). And just as Venus is known for possessing the greatest physical warmth in the solar system, those under her influence are also known for their emotional warmth, affection, kindness, and focus on love and relationships.

The periodic movements (i.e., rotation and revolution) of Venus are also remarkable. [NASA Space Place](#) states that Venus has an extremely slow retrograde rotation, taking roughly 243 Earth

days to spin once on its axis (a sidereal day), while it only takes about 225 Earth days to complete one orbit around the Sun (a Venusian year)! Venus is also one of only two planets in the solar system to rotate East to West, such that the sun rises in the West and sets in the East (the other is Uranus). This eccentric, extraordinary behavior is well suited to the planet that rules the arts, artists being known for their unconventional, unpredictable behavior and manner of thought, which ever presses forward the envelope of discovery and innovation in this field.

Love is friendship on fire.

— Susan Sontag



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We can further regard the uniquely long day of Venus as a sign of the sunny, bright, optimistic disposition of those under her influence. Venus literally enjoys the longest day of any planet; in the same way, Venusians are typically cheery, optimistic, exuberant, and ebullient.

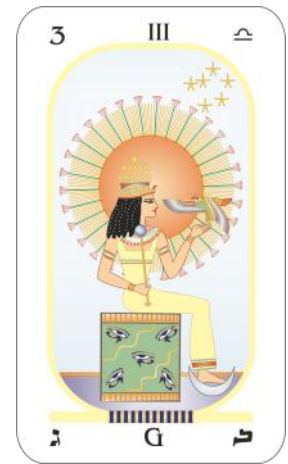
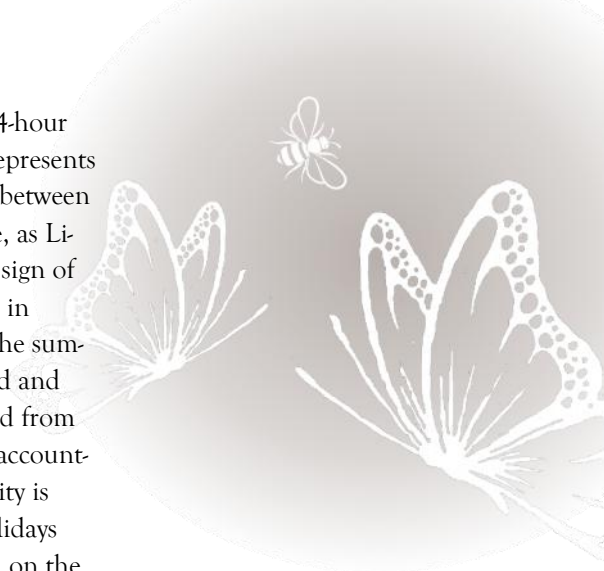
Having described the general influence of Venus, the planet that rules the zodiacal sign of Libra, we can now turn our attention to an exploration of the symbolism of this sign. Libra sits poised at the balance point of the zodiac. As the seventh sign, it serves as an important marker in the annual journey of the Sun as experienced from our vantage point here on Earth. Beginning with the vernal equinox, one of the two points in the solar year when the period of daylight and the period of darkness in a 24-hour period are equal, the Sun grows in strength. This same trend continues until the summer solstice, at which point those in the Northern Hemisphere experience the longest period of daylight and the shortest night. Thereafter, the Sun begins to weaken in its power, until it reaches the autumnal equinox, at which point the length of daylight and darkness in a 24-hour period are once again equal. The Sun only continues to ebb in its vigor until it reaches the darkest day in the Northern Hemisphere: the winter solstice. At this time of year, the shortest period of daylight and the longest period of darkness preside. Luckily for the inhabitants of Earth, however, the Sun does not remain in this senescent state, but thereafter begins to grow in potency once more until such time as the light and darkness are once again equal at the vernal equinox, and the whole cycle starts again.

Understanding this annual journey of the Sun relative to our perspective here on Earth is pivotal to comprehending the symbolism of the sign, Libra. As it begins at one of the two points in the solar year

when the light and darkness in a 24-hour period are perfectly poised, Libra represents a point of balance and connection between two disparate entities. Furthermore, as Libra immediately follows Virgo, the sign of the harvest, it is at this time of year in agrarian societies that the yield of the summer months is traditionally weighed and measured. The kernels are separated from the chaff, and a full and thorough accounting of the previous period's fecundity is undertaken. Similarly, religious holidays such as Rosh Hashanah, celebrated on the first day of the seventh month of Tishri (i.e., Libra) each year in the Jewish faith, recount a period of spiritual assessment, a time when the virtues and vices of the soul are valued. As explained by the rabbi writing on behalf of Aish.com, "The Talmud (Rosh Hashana 32b) says that on Rosh Hashana, God inscribes everyone's name into one of three books. The righteous go into the Book of Life, the evil go into the Book of Death, and those in-between have judgment suspended until Yom Kippur." Hence, beautifully consistent with universal symbolism, in Rosh Hashanah we discover a holy day that marks a period of judgment and review regarding the moral value of one's thoughts, words, and deeds.

The symbol of Libra is a scale, an ancient device used to weigh and measure the value of an object against an accepted standard. What's more, the physical construction of this instrument is such that it unites two trays that are equal in every way, yet opposite in their direction of movement (i.e., their polarity) by means of a bar between them. Similarly, the scales of Libra represent not only the valuing of the good against the bad, but also the unification of two disparate entities in pursuit of a common goal. For this reason, the sign of Libra also represents the timeless bond between two such individuals: marriage. In an ideal marriage, spiritual qualities such as love, trust, care, protection, and sacrifice are

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*Love is the bridge between
you and everything.*

— Rumi



engendered, blessing not only the receiver, but the giver as well. In this way, both partners in a happy, constructive marriage not only enjoy the courage and hope of each other's company, but also thereby make substantial spiritual progress. For this reason, the leading text of Libra is as follows: *Not By One Alone May the Highest of All Be Reached, But By Two United Souls Who Are Exalted By the Sweet Reverberations of Holy Love* (Zain, 1997, p. 159).

The final tale that Zain (1997) tells in order to communicate the deeper spiritual meaning of Libra is an age-old story of wisdom and the triumph of good over evil lifted from the pages of The Holy Bible: The Judgment of King Solomon (New International Version, 2026, 1 Kings 3:16-28). In this world-famous allegory, two prostitutes come before King Solomon, each claiming to be the mother of a disputed baby. In his famous, yet fearsome rendering of justice, King Solomon declares that the baby should be hewn in two, and half of the baby provided to each alleged mother. One woman readily assents to this solution, while the other, terrified of the harm that would befall the child, disavows her claim, and instead begs the king that he refrain from such action, instead giving the child to the first woman. King Solomon, in a maneuver of deft, incisive wisdom, reasons that only the true mother would see the child so preserved, and awards the child to the woman who held above all else that no harm should come to the child.

This Biblical tale reveals yet another example of judgment, in this case as applied through the mental faculty of discrimination. The false mother of the child was so stricken with malice that she would rather see the child cleaved in two than awarded to its rightful mother. The true mother was so overcome with love that she would rather have the child awarded to its wrongful mother than see it harmed. At its base,

then, this is a tale that denotes the distinction between selfishness and selflessness, as well as the wisdom to discern between them. It vividly portrays the age-old saga of good versus evil, right against wrong. The astrological sign, Libra, depicts in the year what this story encapsulates in verse: the ultimate victory of light over darkness, of selfless love over selfish hate. In all cases, it is the reunion of polar opposites that leads to the generative process that overcomes the limitations of any environment, lifting two kindred souls into spheres of life, light, and love.

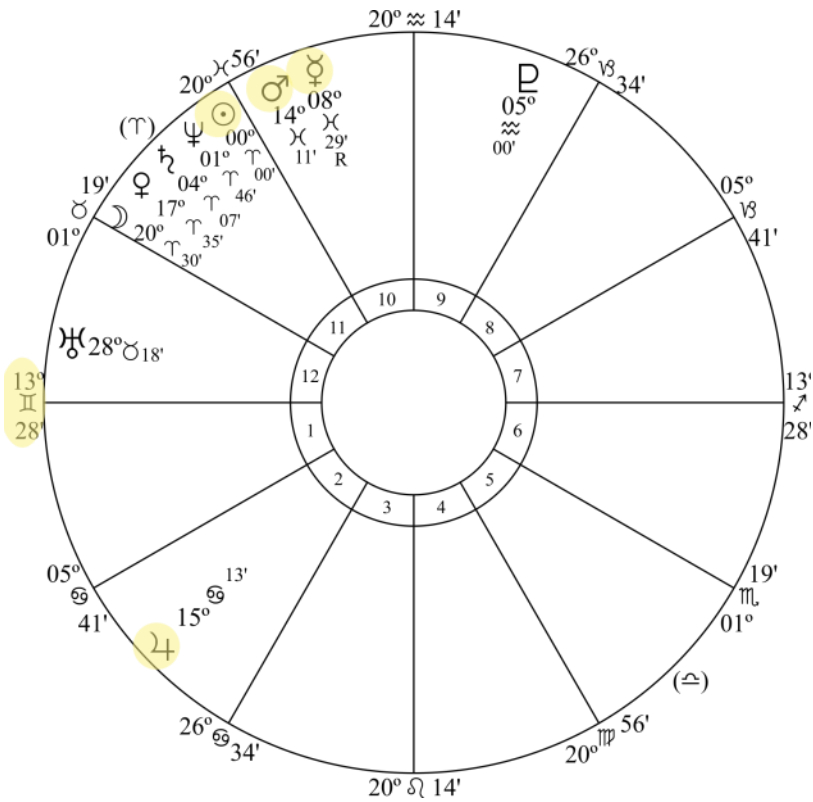
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Fight for the things you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you.

— Ruth Bader Ginsberg





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☉ 54.65	10.3	1.37	11 269.98	32.4	4.12	♈ 244.26	29.4	-2.71
♃ 54.43	10.2	-23.02	10 158.57	19.1	-3.57	♉ 128.81	15.5	1.69
♁ 53.31	10.0	-5.47	1 78.45	9.4	-10.20	♊ 92.74	11.1	11.83
♂ 52.82	9.9	4.31	2 68.65	8.3	28.38	♌ 86.50	10.4	30.31
♄ 52.09	9.8	0.86	9 64.46	7.7	-1.25	♍ 78.45	9.4	-10.20
♅ 50.80	9.5	26.45	12 37.96	4.6	11.53	♎ 54.43	6.5	-23.02
♆ 50.26	9.4	-9.44	5 33.68	4.0	-1.43	♏ 37.96	4.6	11.53
♇ 37.25	7.0	10.26	4 27.33	3.3	0.69	♐ 27.33	3.3	0.69
♈ 36.66	6.9	6.08	8 27.21	3.3	-11.51	♑ 25.40	3.1	13.23
♉ 35.70	6.7	3.86	7 25.40	3.1	13.23	♒ 25.13	3.0	-4.72
♊ 34.19	6.4	13.15	6 22.52	2.7	3.64	♓ 22.52	2.7	3.64
♋ 20.87	3.9	4.96	3 17.85	2.1	1.93	♈ 8.55	1.0	3.29
533.04	100.0	33.36						

2026 Sun Cycle Highlights: Influence of Two Most Powerful Houses

Eleventh House Prominence

With a powerful concentration of energy in the eleventh house, expect activity focused on members of Congress, state governors, and U.S. ambassa-

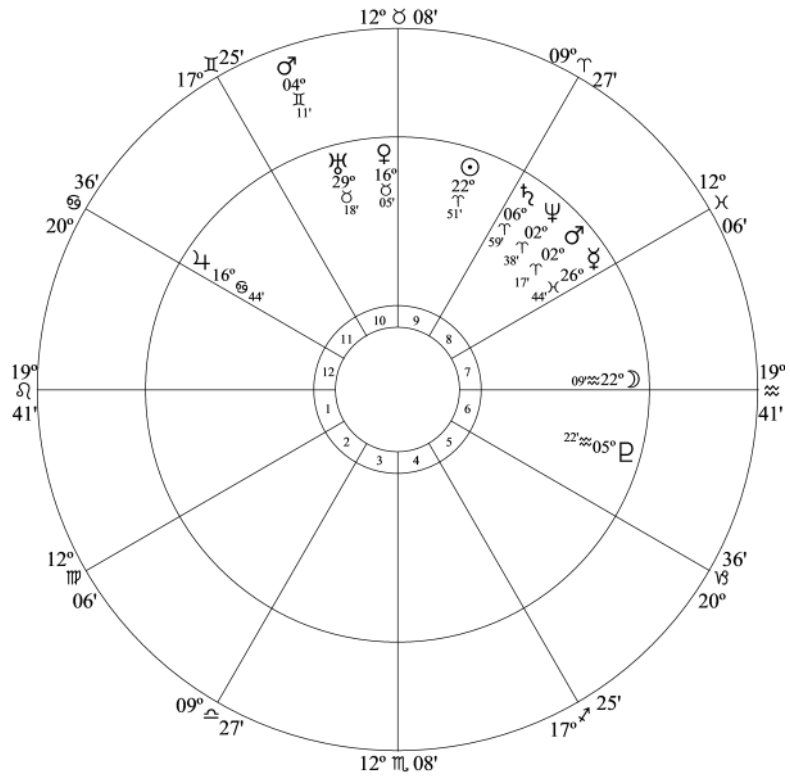
dors, especially from the president. The Sun is the most powerful planet in the chart. Its placement in the eleventh house underscores the president's strong,

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“...the Sun Cycle chart...thus serves the purpose of a natal chart for the year, for the place where erected, and should be read in all details almost precisely as if it were a person’s birth chart. The only difference in such reading is that, because it relates to national or municipal affairs, some of the houses attain a peculiar significance.”

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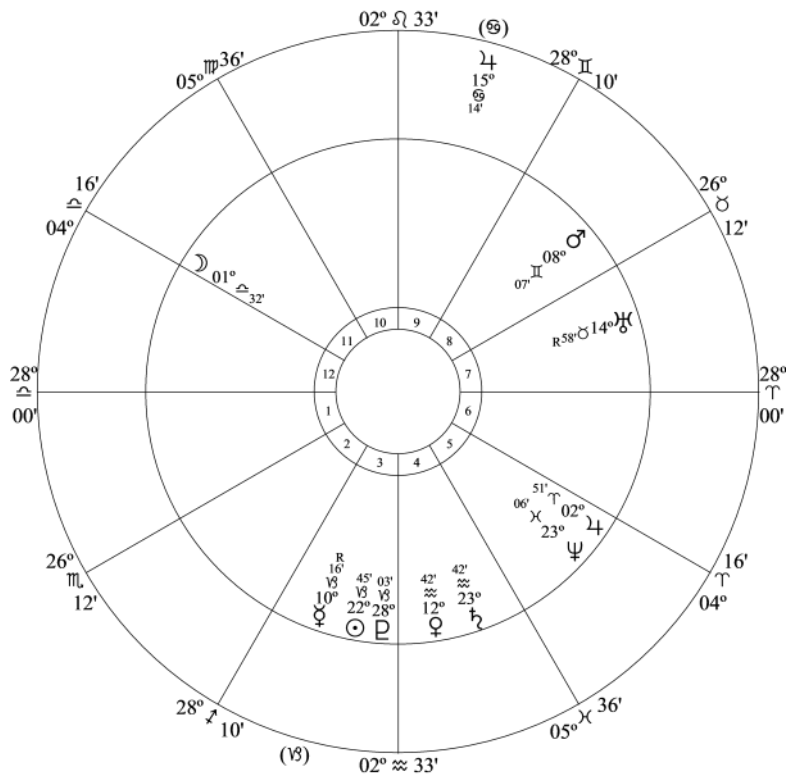
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“**MARS**—A progressed aspect to Mars in a cycle chart, whatever the house it holds, tends to strife, violence and accidents.

JUPITER—A progressed aspect to Jupiter in a cycle chart, irrespective of the house it is in, tends to events affecting finances. Under such an aspect the trend is toward expansion, expenditures and higher prices.”

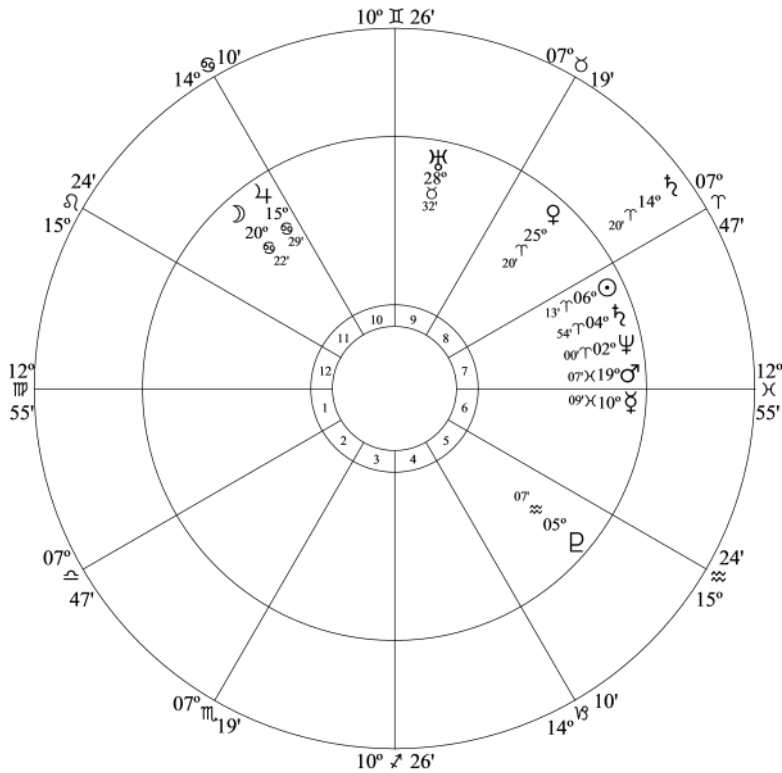
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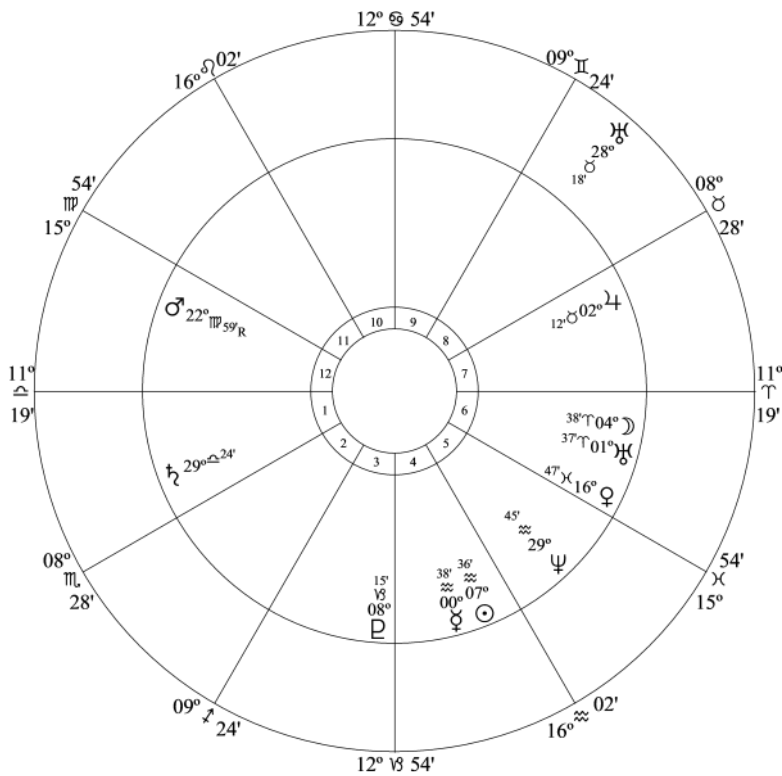
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Uranus Cycle, Washington DC

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“SATURN—A progressed aspect to Saturn in a cycle chart, no matter what house it occupies, has an influence over labor and tends toward contraction, economy, loss and lower prices.

URANUS—A progressed aspect to Uranus in a cycle chart, regardless of the house it holds, tends to bring radical activities and to bring an exposé.”

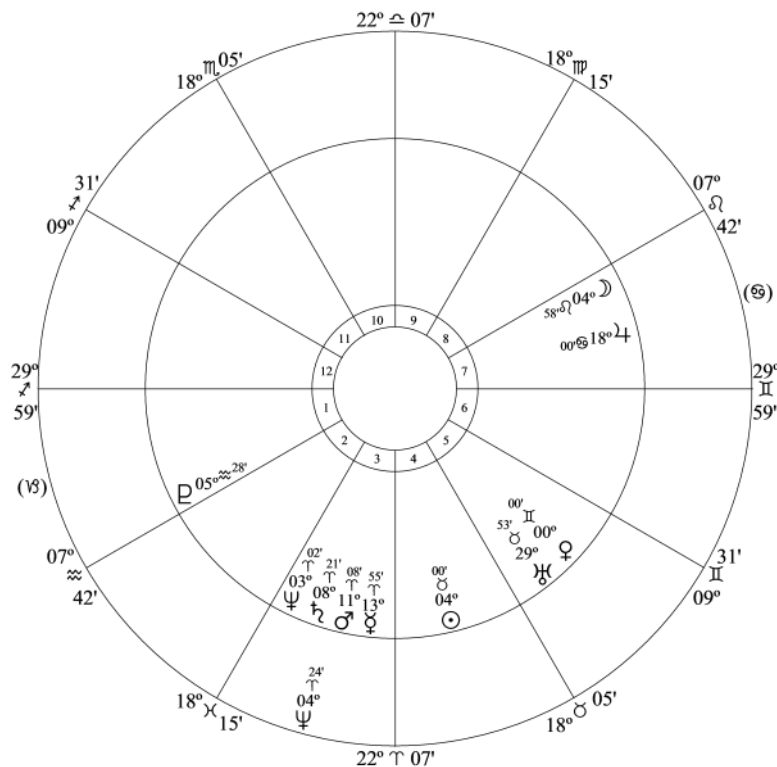
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“*NEPTUNE*—A progressed aspect to Neptune, whatever house it may be in, tends to events affecting aviation and the moving picture industry.

PLUTO—A progressed aspect to Pluto, regardless of the house it occupies, tends to bring events in which drastic action and cooperation of some kind play a part.”

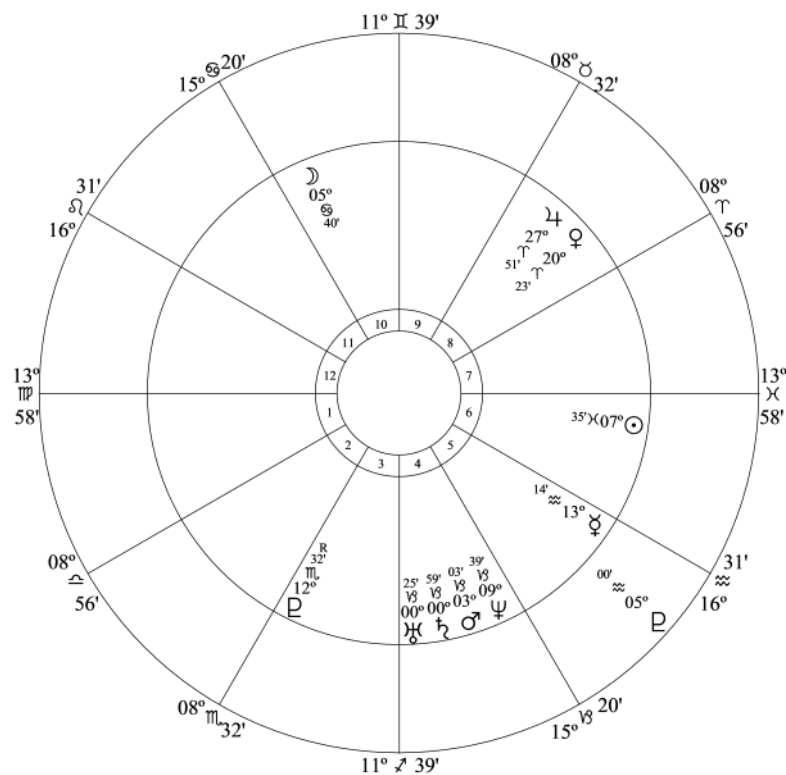
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Neptune Cycle, Washington DC

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Pluto Cycle, Washington DC

February 26, 1988, 23:24:24 GMT Progressed to March 20, 2026

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active influence over Congress, state leadership, and foreign relations.

The Sun will be transiting over the four other Aries planets, Neptune, Saturn, Venus, and the Moon, suggesting the focus on directing personal significance and authority (☉) over congressional goals and vision (♃), conservative elements (♁), standards of courtesy, social discourse, and culture (♀), as well as the overall comradery and emotional climate (♂) among legislators, governors, and foreign allies.

Tenth House Influence Over the ASC

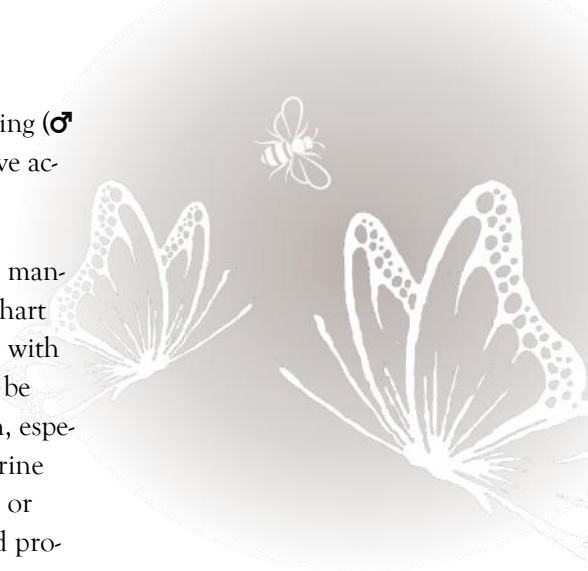
Gemini is on the Ascendant, which governs the health, general welfare, and temperament of the people. Gemini is ruled by Mercury. Mercury is in the tenth house. A simple reading is that the administration (tenth house) will exercise its authority over the people's thinking and temperament. Digging deeper, Mercury is conjunct militant Mars – linking a degree of windiness (♊) and aggressiveness (♂) directly to the administration's style of exercising its authority and executive policy. The conjunction with Mars in an angular house suggests that people in general may feel pronounced restlessness and stress from the administration's ag-

gressive and confusing finger-pointing (♂ ♂♀ in Pisces) rhetoric and executive action.

Mars energy, inherently difficult to manage, is harmonious overall in this chart (4.31 harmony). This suggests that, with effort, Mars's aggressive energy can be directed toward constructive action, especially with regard to wealth (Mars trine Jupiter in second house). Financial or economic strength will tend toward productive lines generating abundance.

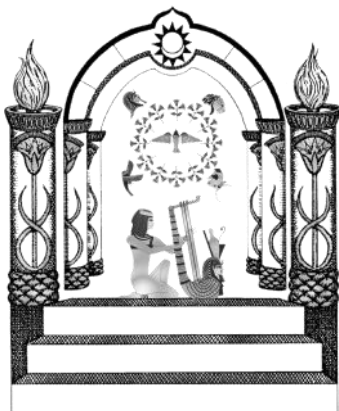
The question arises: to whose benefit? Managing this aggressive energy will be tricky because the Mars square (obstacle) aspect to the Ascendant (the people) indicates strife resulting in resistance and anger (Mars). This aspect will only exacerbate a generalized perception by many citizens that the wealthy or monied class enjoy advantages over the people's interests. This aspect could allow members of the administration (tenth house) to benefit financially (Jupiter in the second house) from their offices, rather than focusing on the financial interests of the general population.

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