

APPENDIX III - PLANETARY SYMBOLS DECODED

There have been many attempts to decode the symbols of the planets. Most all of these decodings are either very complicated or somewhat mystical in nature. Self-Evident Astrology suggests that even though these symbols were generated in different centuries by different people, even different cultures; that the true basic simplicity of the symbols can easily be seen. As is always the case with Self-Evident Astrology, lets just look at the symbols and see if obvious and consistent meanings for the symbols can be derived. Below are the 8 symbols and their related planets



MERCURY

VENUS

MARS

JUPITER

SATURN

URANUS

NEPTUNE

PLUTO

Here are some initial observations:

- 1) Mercury and Pluto have the same three elements
- 2) Jupiter and Saturn each have the same two elements
- 3) Uranus and Neptune are both complicated and have a vertical nature.
- 4) Venus and Mars are centered around a large circle.
- 5) Mercury and Venus have some commonality

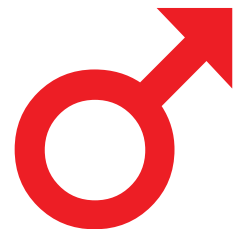
Next it is worthy of note that all 8 symbols seem to break down into just 4 building blocks:

- circles
- semi-circles
- intersecting lines
- arrows

Let's start with Venus and Mars, which are the simplest symbols and see if we can begin to decode the 4 building blocks.



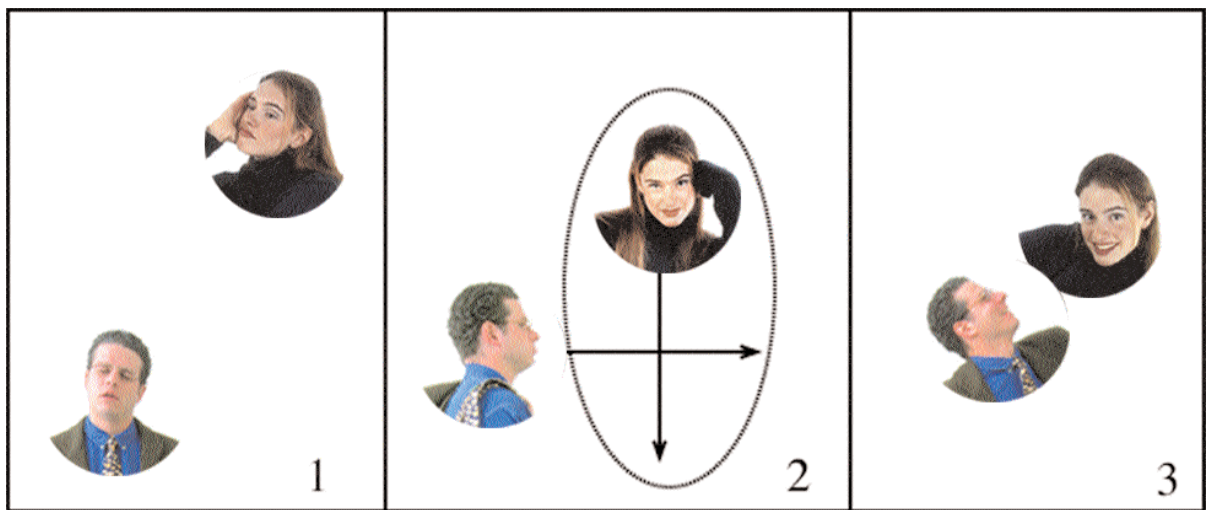
Venus (left) is a circle on top of intersecting lines. Mars (right) is a circle with an arrow on top of the circle. If we assume that Mars and Venus deal with the individuals (See Chapter 3 for more details on this assumption), then the **circle** would have to represent the **individual**.



If Venus is two individuals coming

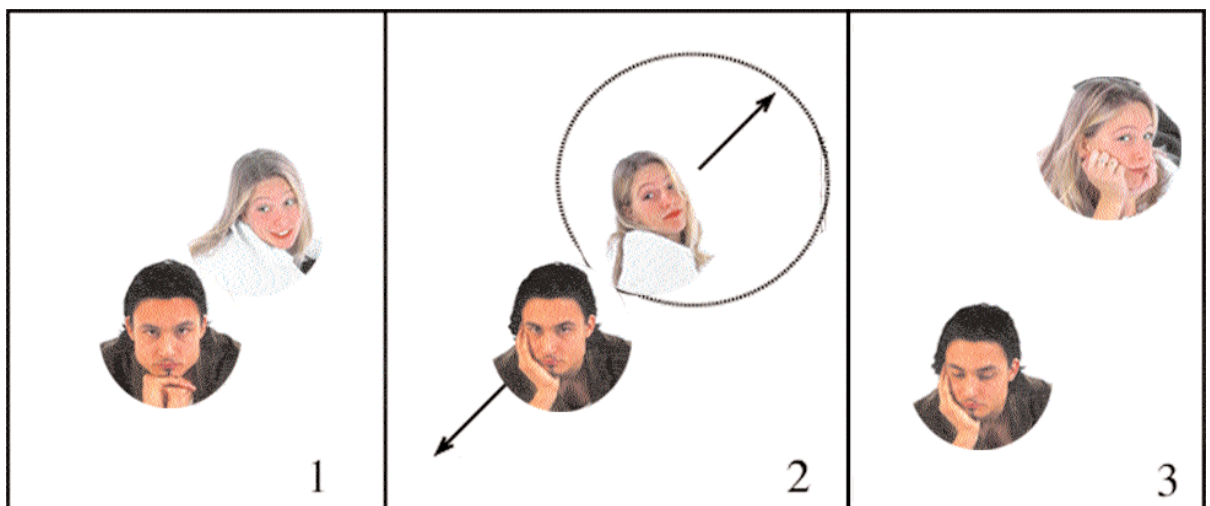
together, then the intersecting lines represent the coming together. With Mars the lines are an arrow representing **separation**, separation of individuals. No surprise here, these are the same meanings that we had already derived.

The following 3-part diagram depicts the two individuals coming together. The two individuals come from different directions. One moving vertically and one horizontally. They are the same size so they must be of equal value. The symbol for Venus is the combination of intersecting lines representing direction and the circle for the individual. For simplicity only one circle is in the symbol. While part 3 of the diagram is the result of two individuals coming together, the diagram by itself does not show direction of travel that the intersecting lines do, so the symbol for Venus comes from part 2 of the diagram.



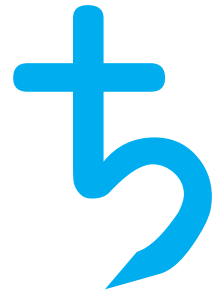
MARS (Individuals Separating)

In the 3-part diagram below, two individuals start by being together) and then move apart in different directions (part 2). Lastly, in part 3 of the diagram they are separated. Again the symbol is taken from part 2 where the action is most evident.



JUPITER & SATURN

Moving on to Jupiter (left) and Saturn (right) we see the intersecting lines again. We also see the semi-circle for the first time.



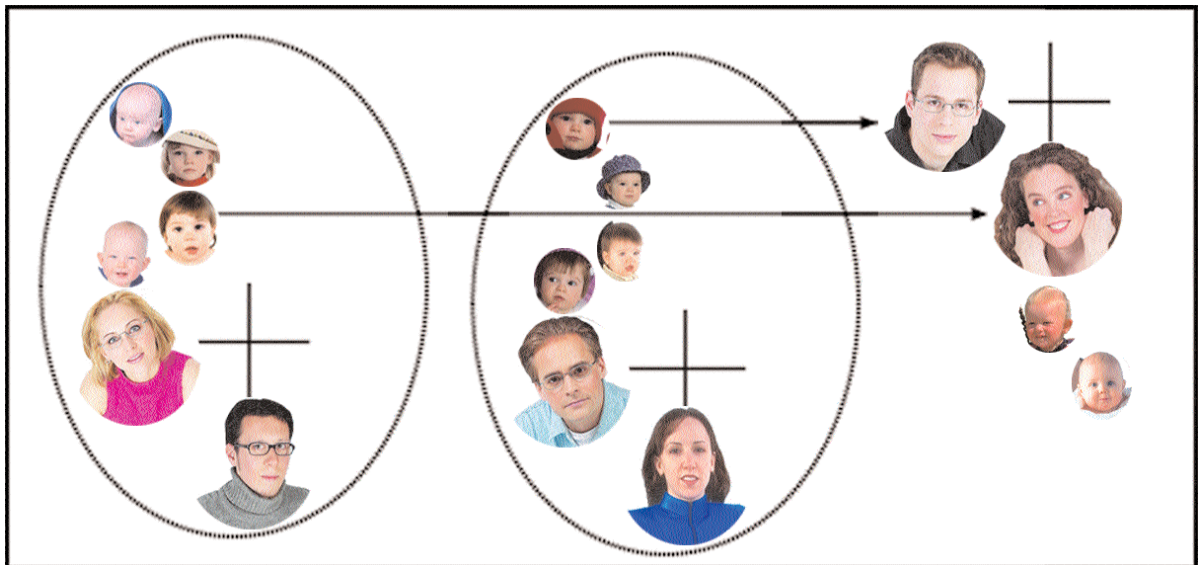
Remaining consistent with Venus, the coming together of two individuals would seem to suggest the coming together of a male and female - parents.

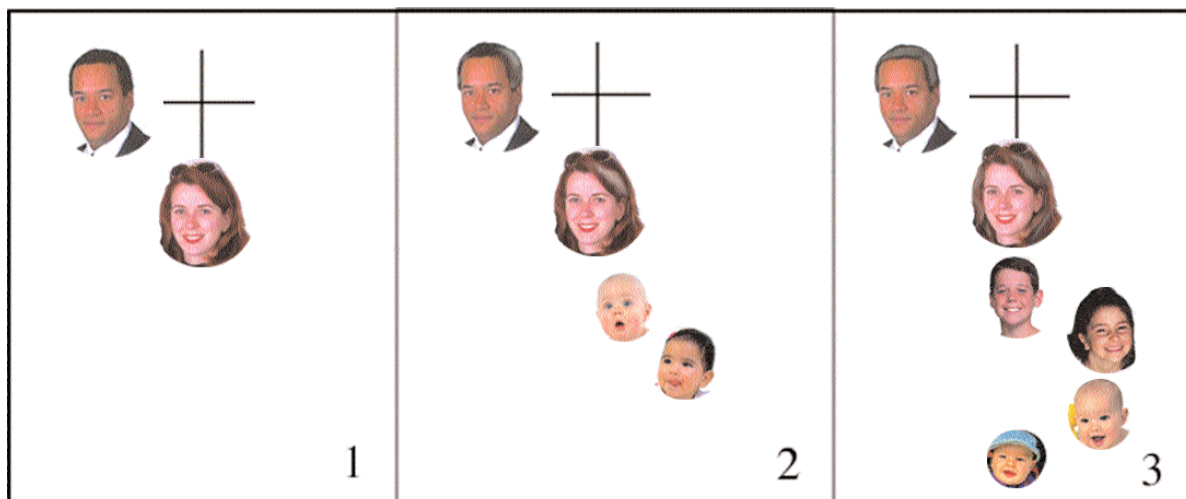
If Saturn and Jupiter have to do with family, it may be that the intersecting lines are parents. Since parents don't have a full family without children, the semi-circle is the children of a family.

In Jupiter we see the family above and to the side (reminds one of the arrow of Mars that is also above and to the side) of the parents. If Jupiter is family and separation we could be looking at the process of grown children forming new families that "break away" to become families on their own. Not unlike the idea that if Jupiter had been a bit bigger it could have formed its own family (solar system).

JUPITER

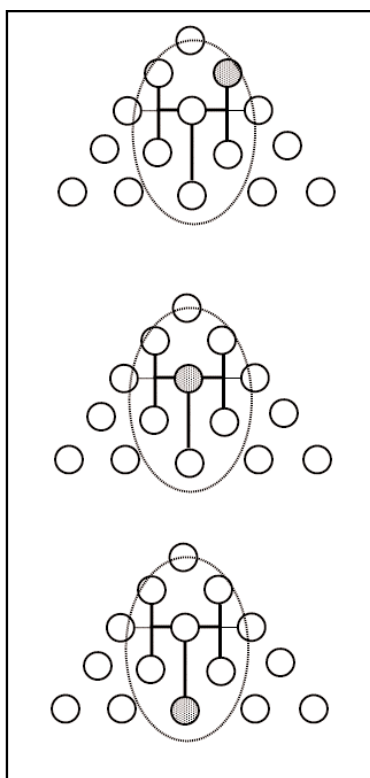
In the diagram below the "children" are represented by a series of circles, not unlike the many large moons that Jupiter and Saturn each have. As you move from left to right in the diagram below, children from two families have gone off to form a new family. oddly enough this new family starts looking like Saturn's symbol!





SATURN

Saturn is the integration of family. In the diagrams above we show a set of parents starting with no children, in part 2 we add two children (same as the final part of the Jupiter diagram) and then in part 3 we have four children and enough of a diagram to see the symbol for Saturn. Again, as with Jupiter, ignore the big circles that form the parents, look only to the intersecting lines. Also again the children form the semi-circle. Note that as with a family the parents are superior and you might even note that with the children depicted vertically, that there is a sense of the upper (perhaps older) children being superior to the lower (younger) children.



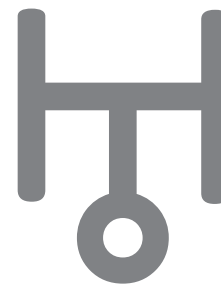
URANUS

Uranus is next. In the two-part diagram below, the left side shows an individual, the shaded circle as yet not integrated into the community. In the right hand part of the diagram we see the individual integrated into the community. We also note that this integration forms a diagram that looks very much like the symbol for Uranus (portion of diagram highlighted). In fact, if you were to eliminate the small circles representing the individuals and just leave the intersecting lines you have the symbol for Uranus shown to the left.

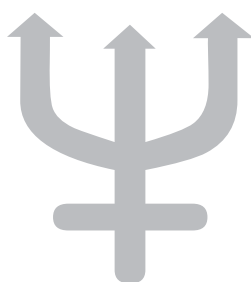
Uranus means integration into the

community. The community structure, or the corporate structure for that matter is like a pyramid. You have the mayor, or president at the top and in the next level you have, for example, the town council or the advisors to the president. Then as you get lower down the pyramid, it widens out.

The idea of uranus being divided into a lot of smaller pieces is reinforced by the largest Uranian moon. This moon appears to have been shattered and then the small pieces came together again to form the moon.



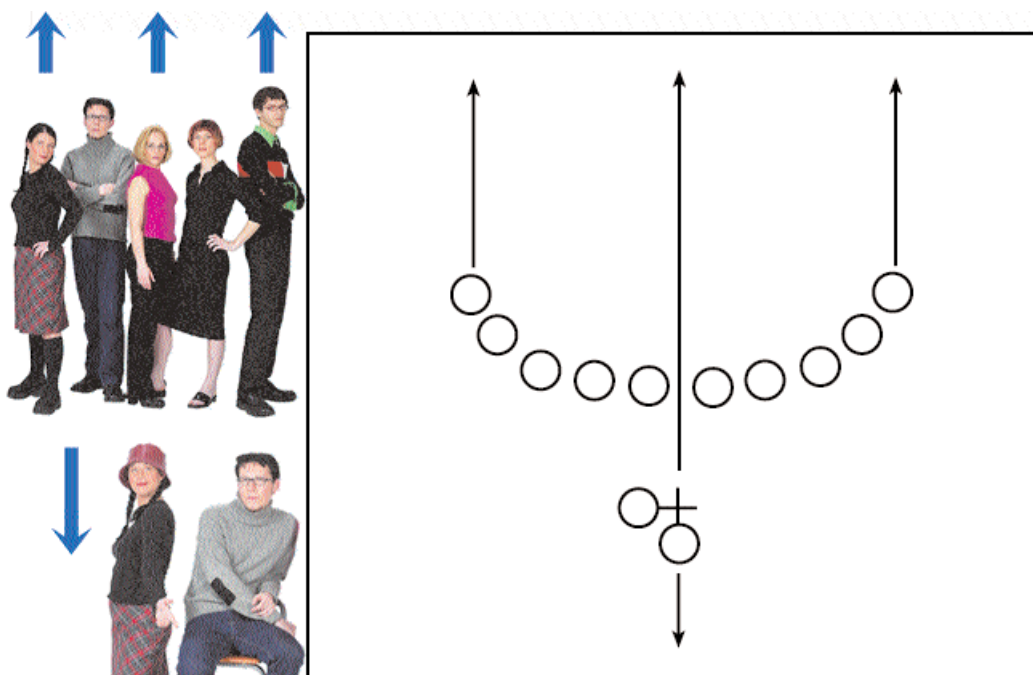
NEPTUNE



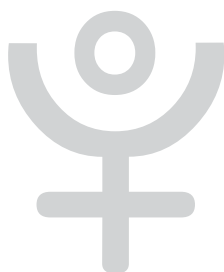
The symbol for Neptune shows parents (the intersecting lines) below the semi-circle (other families) connected to three arrows all pointed away from the intersecting lines. The meaning would seem to be that of a couple (or perhaps the parents representing a family) running in a different direction from the other families.

Community Separation is the key phrase for Neptune. In the picture to the right, we have replaced the semi-circle with a series of individuals that make up families. A lot of individuals make a community.

You can see by the three upward pointing arrows that the bulk of the people are heading up, while one family is heading downward. The family heading downward is separating from the main part of the community or sub-culture when talk-

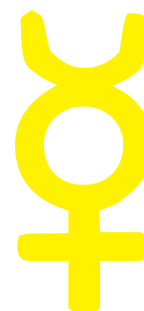


ing of communities. With Neptune the concept of going against the tide is emphasized by the fact that Neptune one very large moon is the only moon in the solar system that rotates contrary to the rotation of the planet it orbits!



PLUTO & MERCURY

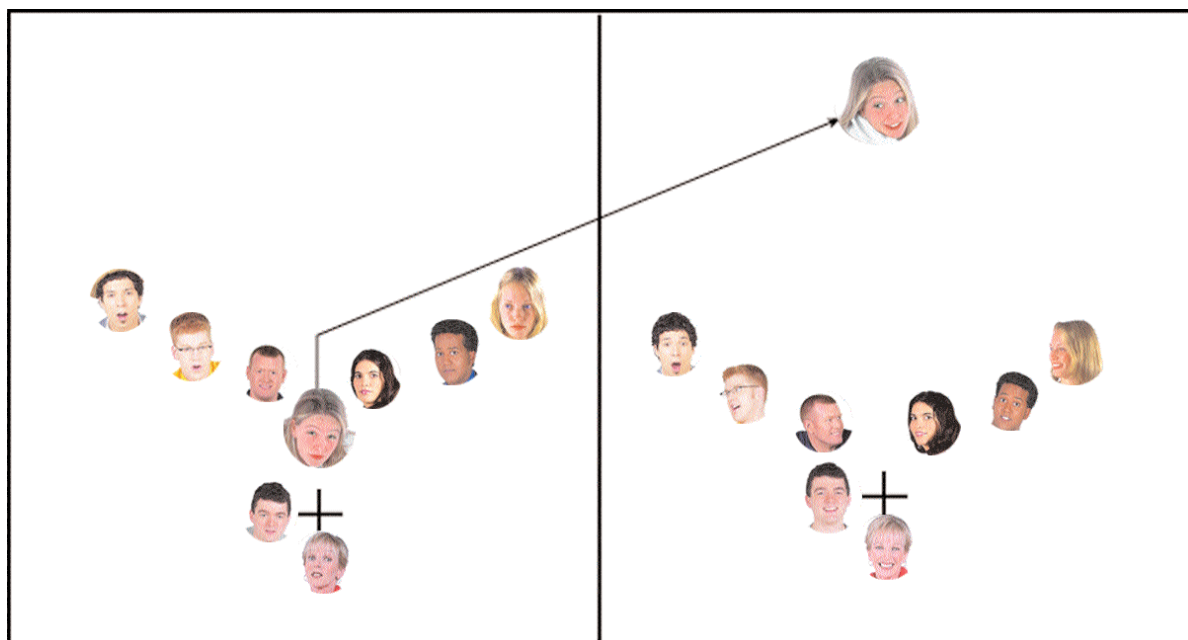
Pluto has a very definitive symbol. The circle (individual) is apart from family and apart from individuals. And since the community is built from individuals and families, if Pluto is the individual apart from both individuals and family, it is also apart from the community. In essence, Pluto seems to represent the individual apart from everything else. Mercury shows the individual (the circle) integrated between the

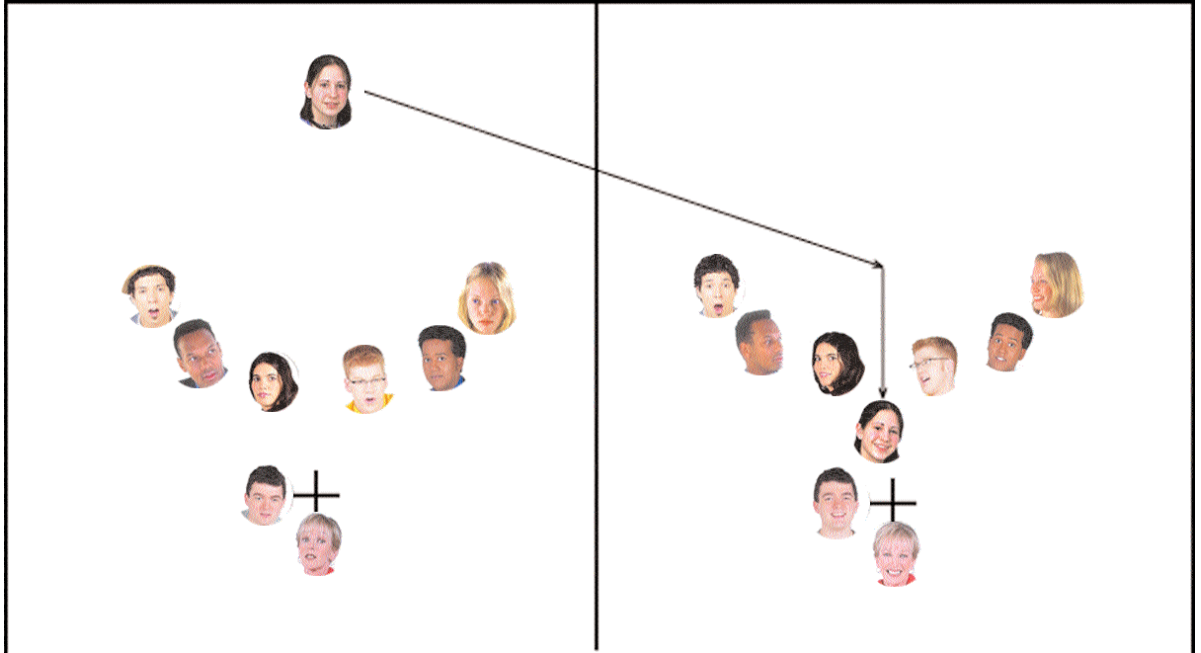


family and individuals. Hence the individual is integrated into humanity.

PLUTO

Pluto stands for separation from humanity. In the diagrams below we show an individual who, on the left, is integrated into family and community. On the right hand diagram this individual is removed from the family and community and hence is apart from humanity. Note that the right hand diagram closely approximates the astrological symbol for Pluto. Looking to the next pair of diagrams it is interesting to note that the symbol for Mercury (made of the same components as Pluto) comes down from antiquity, but that the symbol for Pluto has only become commonly accepted in recent decades.





MERCURY

First is last here. The diagrams (below) for Mercury are simply the opposite of Pluto's. Mercury stands for the integration of all persons into humanity. In the picture below, we have replaced the semi-circle with a series of individuals. A lot of individuals makes for a community. As shown in the diagram one individual gets integrated into both families and communities. And since families and communities form humanity, Mercury seems to mean the integration of the individual into humanity.

Lastly, Mercury has a unique characteristic that again points to the integration of all into one. Mercury is the most cratered planet. Small asteroids have been crashing (integrating) into Mercury for billions of years leaving the face of Mercury severely pock-marked.

Rearranging our matrix with symbols, we have the following:

	INDIVIDUAL	FAMILY	COMMUNITY	HUMANITY
INTEGRATING	♀	♄	♃	♁
SEPARATING	♂	♅	♆	♁