



USING THE VEDIC SAPTAMSA & NAVAMSA CHARTS IN WESTERN TROPICAL ASTROLOGY

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Saptamsa & Navamsa Charts

In Vedic astrology the navamsa chart is regarded as being essential for understanding some very important areas of a person's life, such as selecting a marriage partner. The saptamsa and navamsa charts are also keys to finding a person's best spiritual path. Interestingly, these charts are used by modern western astrologers and are called the 7th and 9th harmonic charts.

Like Vedic astrologers, I have found these charts to be marvelous for revealing key issues about clients. In this seminar I will describe how I use the 7th and 9th harmonic charts and I will give examples of how I used them to quickly and clearly understand key issues for my clients.



Working with clients

Before I see a client, like other astrologers, I do collect their birth data ahead of time so I can prepare for the reading. When I am at conventions however, I am often put on the spot to give an instant reading without the time to prepare for the reading. Using the 7th and 9th harmonic chart, I am able to specifically identify issues right away and give them proper advice.

I analyze 4 charts even when giving a quick reading. By doing this I am able to identify the most important issues for the person. **The charts I analyze are the natal chart, and the 8th, 7th, and 9th harmonic charts.**



Natal, 8th, 7th, & 9th Harmonic Charts

- **Natal Chart:** I look at the rising sign and any strong aspects. For a quick reading I actually get more information from the harmonic charts so I don't study the natal chart in great detail. If I have very little time, I skip this step.
- **8th Harmonic Chart:** Hard aspects (conjunction, opposition, square) tell me the inner drives and needs of the person. Soft aspects (trine, sextile) tell me about interests and talents available to the person but these are not as motivating as the hard aspects.
- **7TH Harmonic Chart (Saptamsa):** The hidden and private side of the person. Inner qualities, the way the person focuses and is disciplined, what they do when alone and quiet. The person's ability to be mature, focused, and think deeply
- **9th Harmonic Chart (Navamsa):** Motivation to be a part of the community and to bring healing and support to others. David Cochrane calls the 9th Harmonic the "alienation buster". It removes the feeling of being distant, foreign, or separate. The only negative side to the 9th harmonic is a tendency to compromise too much as one tries to be a harmonious and helpful part of the larger community.



Natal, 8th, 7th, & 9th Harmonic Charts

In Vedic astrology the 9th harmonic chart (navamsa chart) is the key to the spiritual path of the person and also a big key to happiness in marriage.

In a sense, this is true because becoming a part of the larger community breaks down our selfishness and our ego and the desire to be helpful and healing to others furthers spiritual development. In this harmonic chart, you will also see Example: Male Chart. The identity of this person has been removed from this document to preserve the privacy of my client.



Steps For Doing Quick Interpretation

When you are pressed to give a reading without time to prepare, you have no time to spare and no time to waste.

The procedure that I used and been very successful doing so is to do the following immediately:

- **Analyze the 8th, 7th, and 9th harmonic charts.**



Steps For Doing Quick Interpretation

Here is the procedure that I use:

- **1.** Enter the birth data in Sirius and create the 8th, 7th and 9th harmonic charts. Analyze the harmonic charts using the rules described below.
- **2.** In Sirius (and also Kepler) use aspect set "Harmonic, Med. Major Only". This aspect set has the correct orbs for harmonic charts and also provides thicker aspect lines for aspects that have smaller orbs. Wheel style HJJ has this aspect set by default and it has a large inner area to see the aspects lines. This is wheel style "K=Big, Large inner area." This wheel has a large area in the center of the wheel to see the aspect lines as well as the correct aspect set by default.



Steps For Doing Quick Interpretation

The orbs for harmonic charts are:

- Conjunctions: 16 degrees
- Oppositions: 8 degrees
- Square: 4 degrees
- Trines: a little more than 5 degrees (5 deg 20 min)
- Sextiles: a little more than 2 ½ degrees (2 deg 40 min)

Although these orbs may sound strange, they are correct for harmonic charts (I don't have time to go into detail on why they are correct).



Steps For Doing Quick Interpretation

- **3. Analyze hard aspects (conjunction, opposition, square) with a small orb.** These aspects will have thick red lines in the chart wheel. These aspects are the most important ones.

You focus on just a simple and basic meaning of the planets. Do not start describing a large number of possible meanings. Just describe the most essential meaning of the aspect. Keep it simple.

Especially important are 3 planets aspected to each other with hard aspects, such as 3 planets conjunct, or 2 planets conjunct and square to a third planet, or a t-square (two planets opposition and these two planets squared to a 3rd planet).



Steps For Doing Quick Interpretation

- 4. Analyze soft aspects (trine, sextile) with a small orb.

These aspects will have thick green lines in the chart wheel.

- Also important are 3 planets aspected to each other with a green color, or two planets conjunct or opposition and making trines and or sextiles to a third planet.



Steps For Doing Quick Interpretation

- **5. Keep an open mind and observe the client.**

If the client wishes to speak, allow him/her to do so. If the client speaks, listen attentively and carefully.

Do not be so wrapped up in your analysis of the chart that you fail to listen carefully and fully take in what the client says.

Never interrupt the client while he/she is in the middle of a sentence.

Also, never compare your life experiences to those of the client. Focus on the client issues instead of yourself and do not relate the chart of the client to your own chart.



Steps For Doing Quick Interpretation

- 6. See if you can relate what the client says to the aspects in the chart.

If you can, you may be able to show the client that you understand him/her deeply, and you can give examples of how the client can deal with situations, make good decisions, and reach their dreams.

If you cannot see the relationship of what the client says to the chart, give some indication that you understand and find some way to transition from these ideas in a smooth way to the influence of the strong aspects in the harmonic chart.



Steps For Doing Quick Interpretation

7. Keep in mind the keywords for each harmonic chart

- **8th Harmonic** = inner drive and needs
- **7th Harmonic** = inner focus and discipline and the private side of the person
- **9th Harmonic** = need for participating in a community and being able to give healing or support to the community



Example Chart: A Client

How I met the client:

My primary work is as the manager of the Cosmic Patterns Software company, and to provide customer support, develop the website, and engage in other activities related to the software. We also have a few customers who purchase printouts of reports or they order reports online and they do not own the software. This client is a person who orders printouts for his family about twice a year on average.

When this customer calls to place an order, he is almost always impatient and in an irritable mood. Because "the customer is always right", I try to ignore this, obtain his order, and provide him the printouts. Because he does not listen very well and does not respond in an appropriate manner, getting his order can be a rather long and difficult process.



Example Chart: A Client

How I met the client:

Sometimes I did try to politely mention that he was very impatient or difficult to communicate with. One time he admitted that it was true, that he could use some help, and would I do a reading for him. Well, what do I do?

This is an impatient person who cannot communicate well. Trying to schedule an appointment would be difficult! I decide to give a reading right then without having the time to analyze his chart beforehand. Probably many of you have been in a similar situation where an instant reading would be nice to give as long as you feel comfortable doing it.



Analysis of the Client's Chart

In this seminar I will skip the analysis of the 8th harmonic chart and I will focus on the analysis of his 7th (saptamsa) and 9th (navamsa) harmonic charts.

The 8th harmonic chart is similar to a 90 degree dial and it provides information that some modern western astrologers are familiar with.

The 7th and 9th harmonic charts are not part of modern western astrology, unless you also incorporate ideas from Vedic astrology or the very modern system of harmonic astrology.



Analysis of the Client's Chart

- We will focus on aspects between planets. The Moon's Nodes are important in the natal chart but have not been found to be as important as the planets are in harmonic charts.
- Especially important are two or more planets aspected to each other in hard (conjunction, opposition, square, semisquare, sesquiquadrate), or soft aspects (trines and sextiles, which are drawn with green lines). The dashed red lines are 16th harmonic aspects and are also hard aspects.



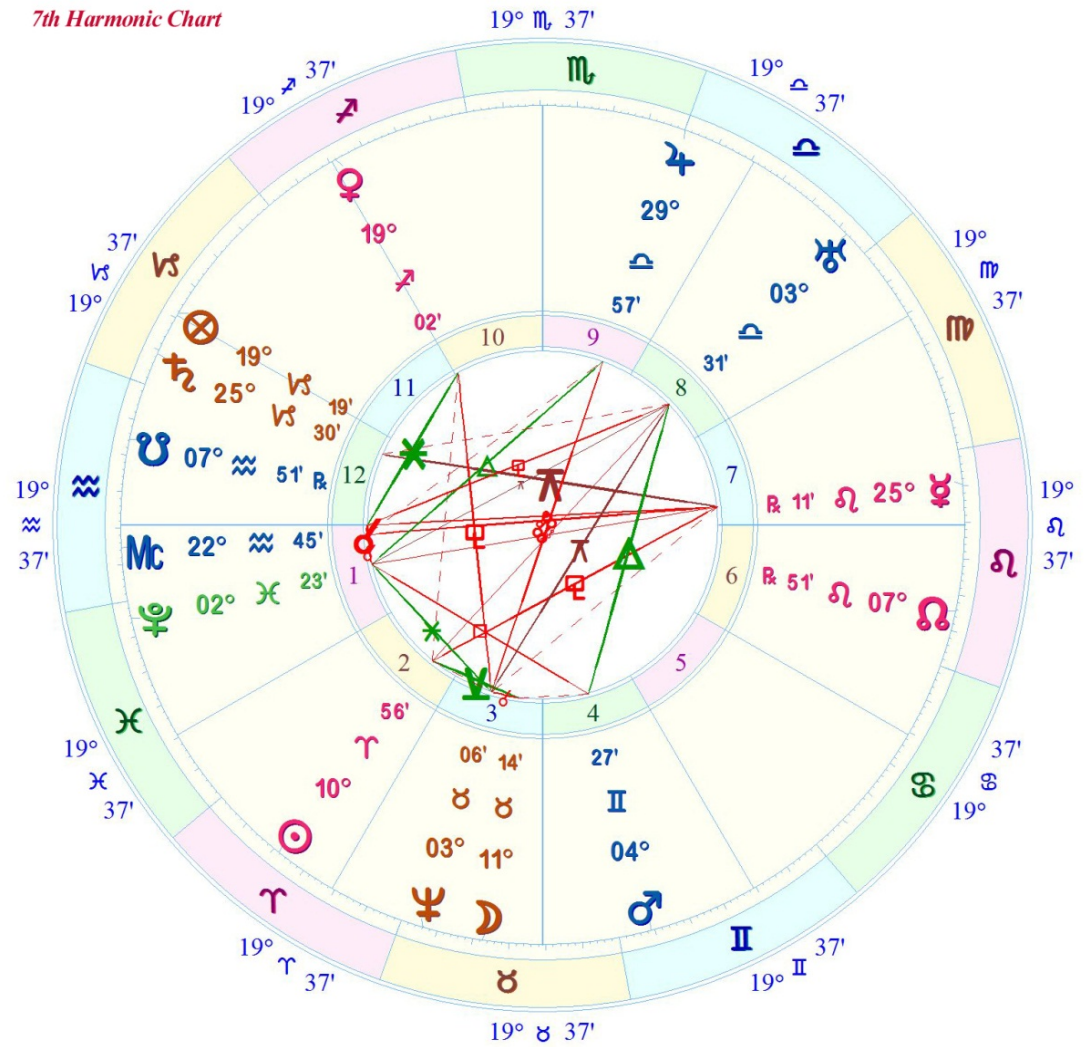
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**Moon is conjunct
Neptune, and Neptune is
opposite Jupiter:**

He is also a "feeler" he feels people's emotions immediately, even before other people speak. This aspect also makes him very sympathetic and somewhat naïve emotionally, and he must guard against being taken advantage of.

7th Harmonic Chart





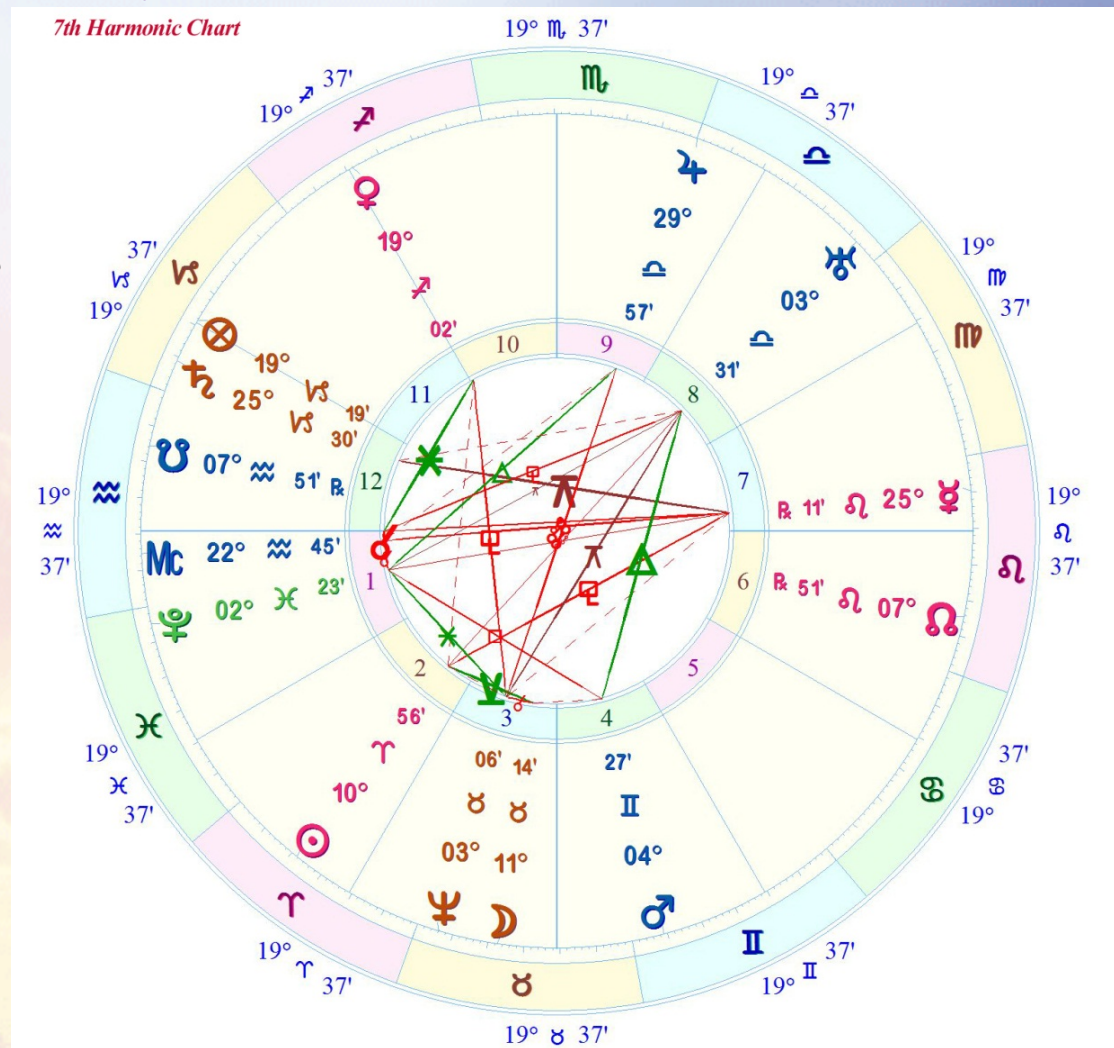
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Another three-planet pattern is **Mars square Pluto, and Pluto opposite Mercury**.

We think of Mars-Uranus aspects as leading to accidents but I have found that Mars-Pluto aspects are also prone to accidents.

Mars-Pluto aspects are accident prone because once the person makes up his mind to do something, there is no stopping him. He gets fixated on what he wants to achieve and can become oblivious to any warning signs that there are dangers.

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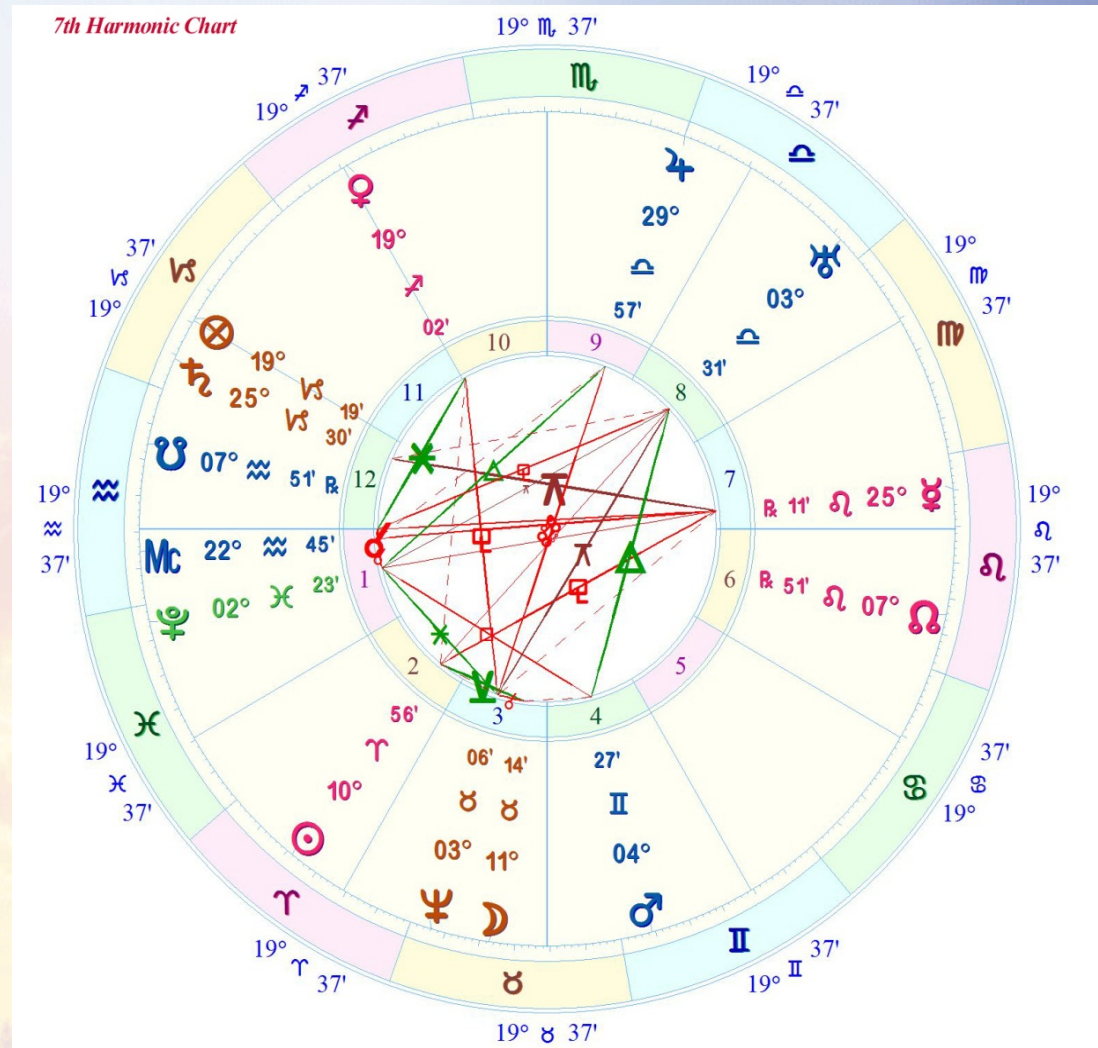


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Mercury is opposition Pluto, which inclines to become fixated on one's own point of view and one's own ideas and consequently to enforce one's ideas without carefully considering other points of view. Once he has made a decision, he can tend to feel sure of it, without thinking about the consequences. This can also lead to accidents.

Because these aspects occur in the 7th harmonic chart, he thinks deeply about his point of view and can become very strongly convinced that his own personal point of view is correct.

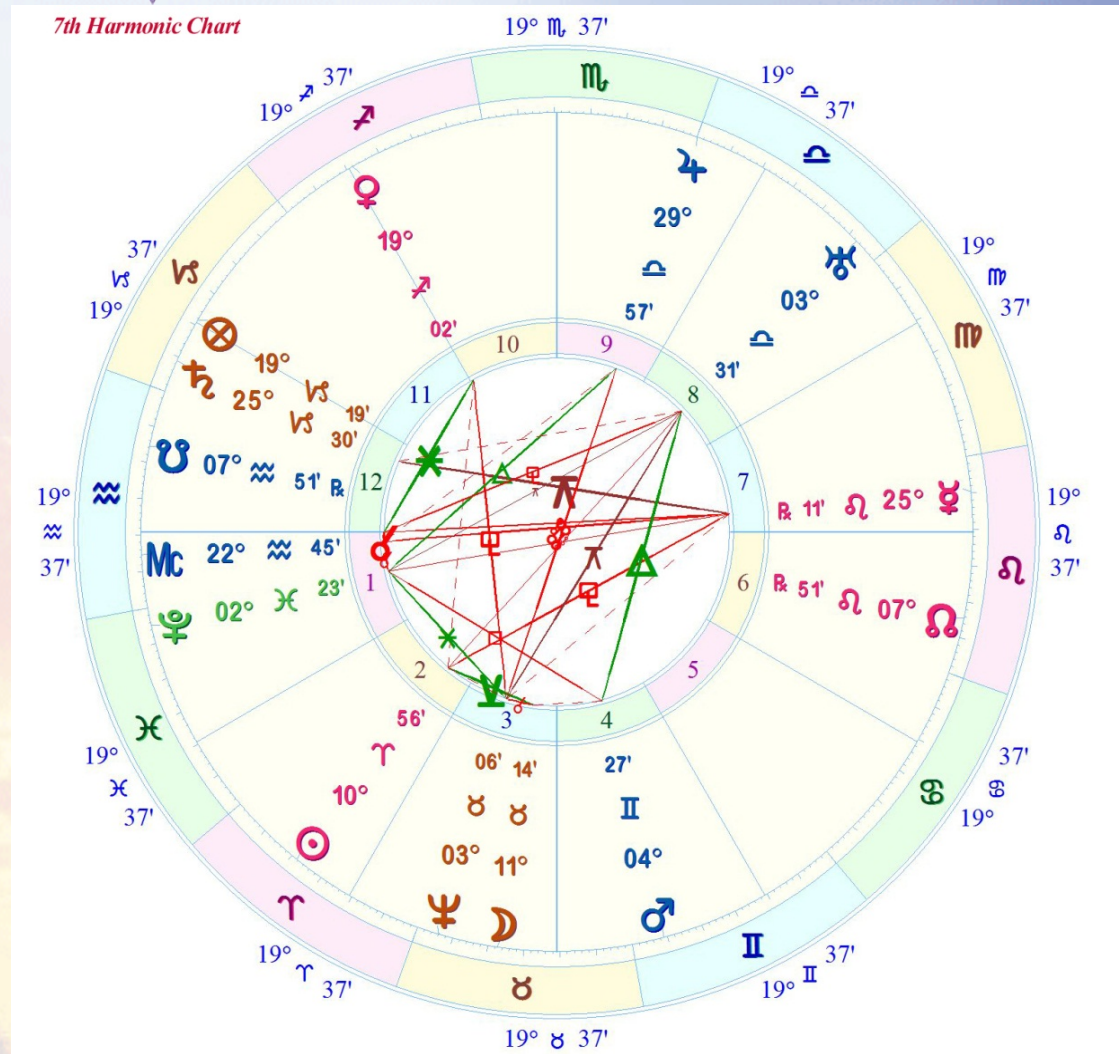




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Because he was an argumentative person when I talked to him in the past, I decided to focus first on soft aspects because these aspects are usually easier for the person to express and I wanted to start off on a positive note and hopefully break through his tendency to be argumentative and rude.





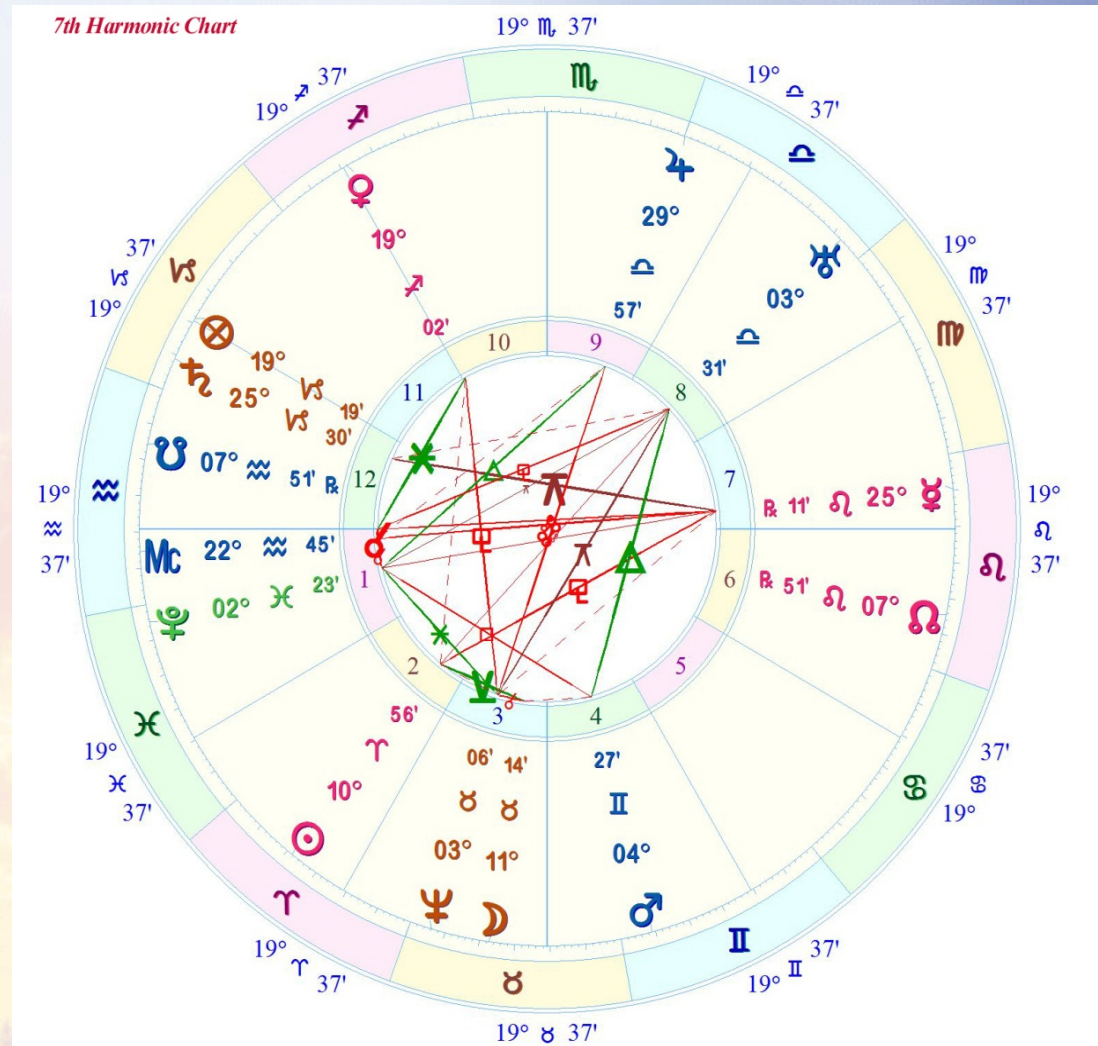
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Mars is trine Uranus. As noted above, Mars is also square Pluto.

Mars trine Uranus indicates the ability to express himself with power, agility, flexibility, and with quickness and fast reflexes.

Because this aspect occurs in the 7th harmonic chart he is able to express the explosive energy of Mars and Uranus in a disciplined and controlled manner. He also can express it smoothly because it is a trine in the 7th harmonic chart.



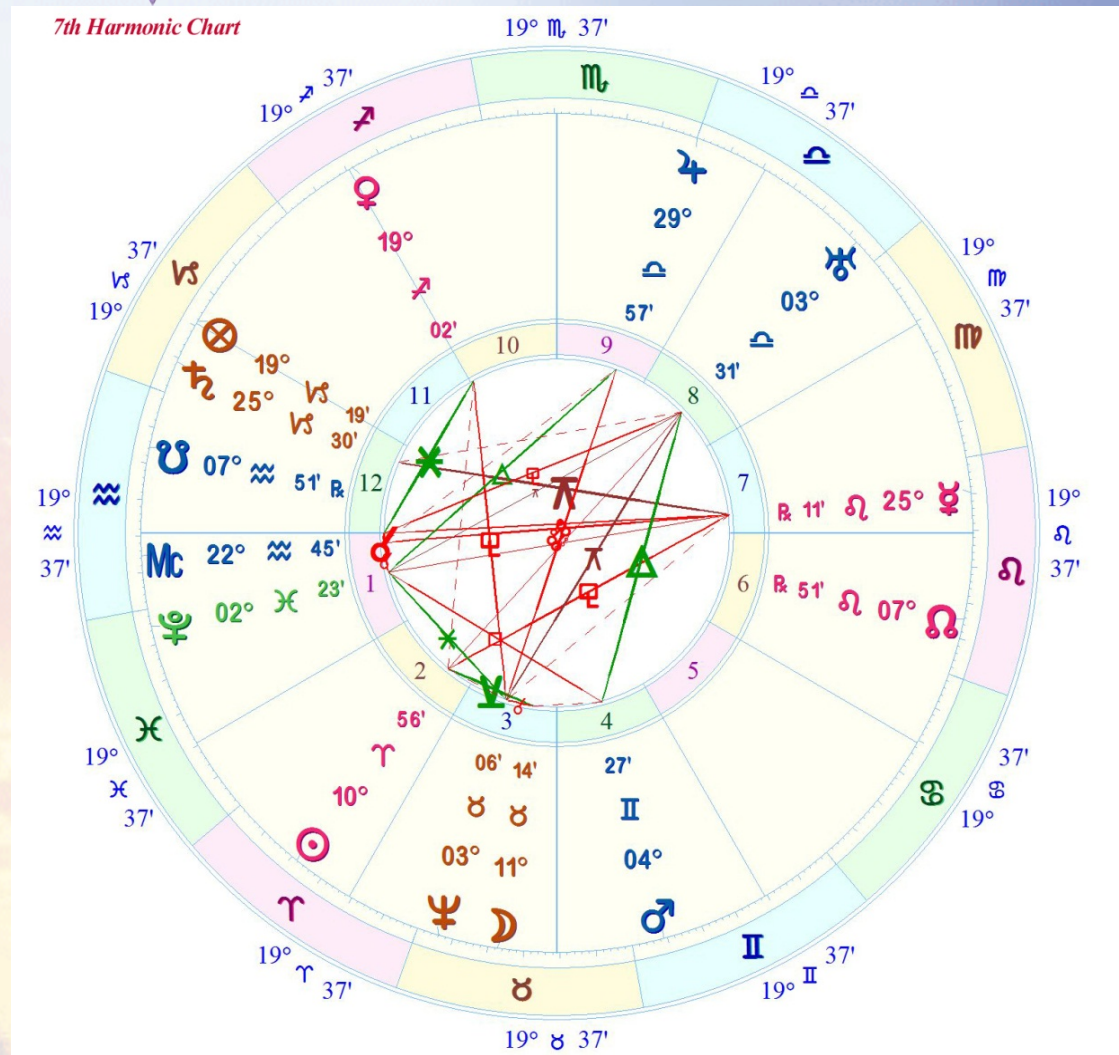


The 7th Harmonic Chart

Mars square Pluto adds great power. This combination of aspects to Mars gives the potential for athletic ability because he has the power and the ability to respond quickly (Uranus) and effectively with excellent focus (7th harmonic).

With Jupiter trine Pluto, he could express himself on big stage. The disciplined and focused release of power on a large scale or big stage brought baseball to mind. The baseball is thrown very fast and the batter and fielders must have very fast reflexes. They must also have great focus and discipline.

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The 7th Harmonic Chart

The baseball field is large, and the fast swing of the bat (**Mars-Uranus**) and the ball flying at great heights and distances (**Jupiter-Pluto**) when hit well seems like a naturally good fit for this planetary pattern.

I told him that he is good in sports and perhaps he played baseball.

- He was a professional baseball player!!!

He also was successful at one time and had a high paying job. I could feel his happiness and smiles in his voice. **It worked!** The interpretation was specific and accurate and most importantly, it broke through his unhappiness and negativity and found something he can be proud of.

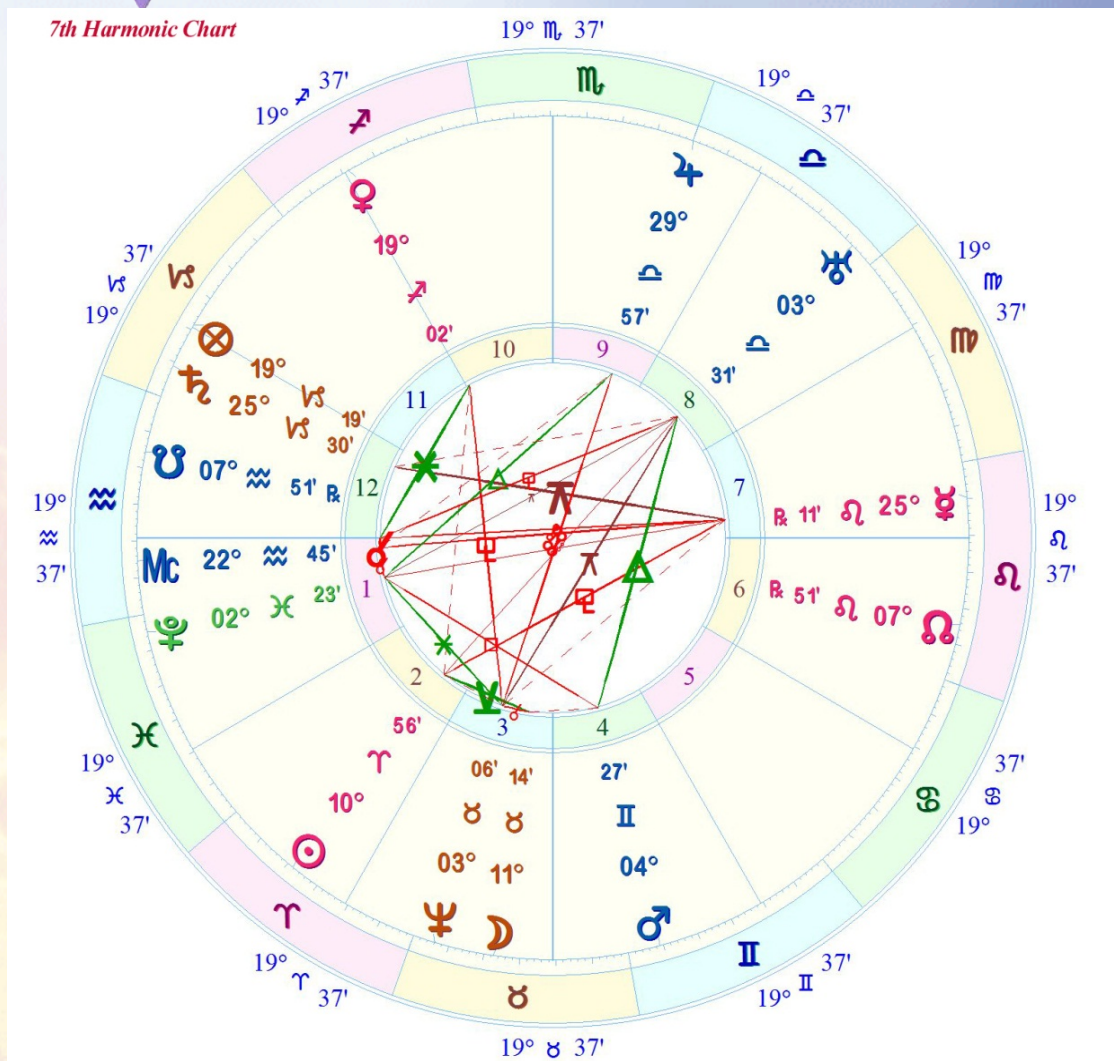


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Now I addressed the problem areas:

- I then told him that he must be very careful because he is accident prone.
- I also advised him to communicate clearly and think twice before making any decision. Quick and fast decisions must be avoided.





The 7th Harmonic Chart

He said, it is too late now. This is not an exact quote, but his words were very similar to this:

“I had so many accidents when I was growing up. Baseball was the best thing that happened to me because everything moved fast and it involved fast and quick movement and reflexes. My life dramatically changed, I had the last accident at work. Due to extremely bad miscommunication, I got hit by a forklift that left me physically disabled.”

He suffered injury to his kidney and is still waiting for a kidney donor to replace his kidney. The company that he was working for settled the accident for 1 million dollars. This accident also resulted in his divorce from his wife.



The 9th Harmonic Chart

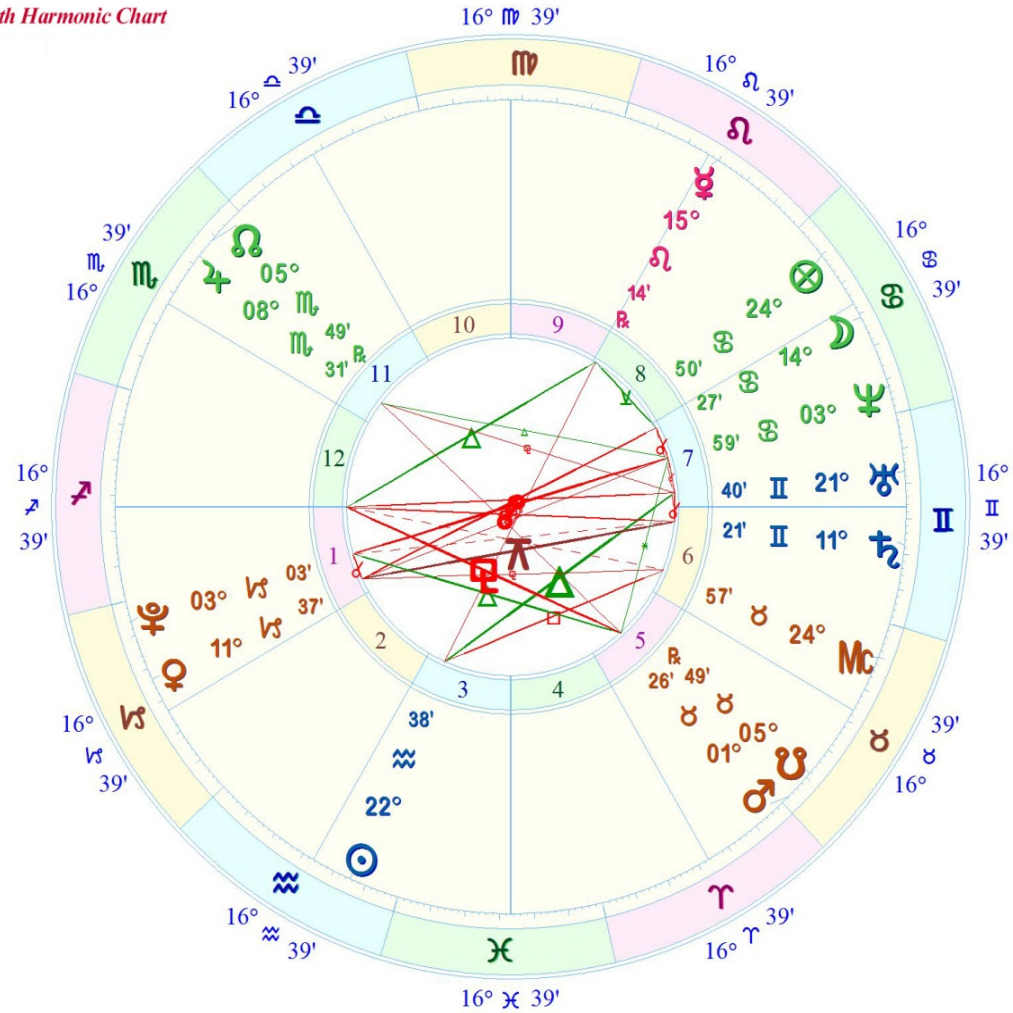
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I then looked at his 9th harmonic chart so that I can give him an advice to accept his new life now and so that he does not feel bitter, sad, and lonely all the time.

- Remember, the 9th harmonic chart will help us guide him to become part of the community and remove the feeling of being distant, foreign, or separate.

In the 9th harmonic chart, we will find the aspect that will give him healing, support, friendship, and to feel part of the community

9th Harmonic Chart





The 9th Harmonic Chart

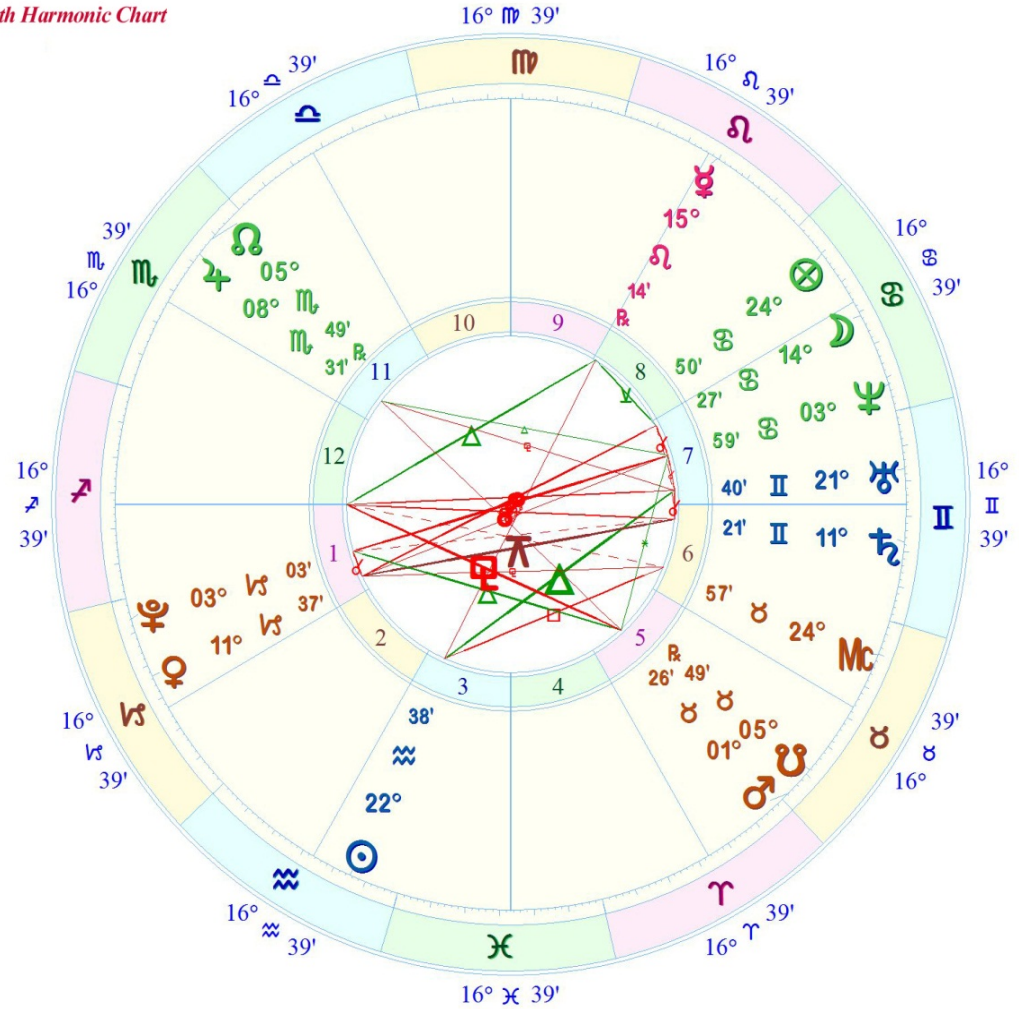
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Again, we will start by looking at the hard aspects first to find out how he relates to the community.

- We see the Moon is conjunct Neptune. Pluto is conjunct Venus, and these two pairs of conjunct planets are opposite to each other.

These aspects indicate that he is highly sensitive and his feelings can be easily hurt (**Moon-Neptune**), he is passionate (**Venus-Pluto**), and he needs personal warmth and kindness (**Moon-Venus**).

9th Harmonic Chart





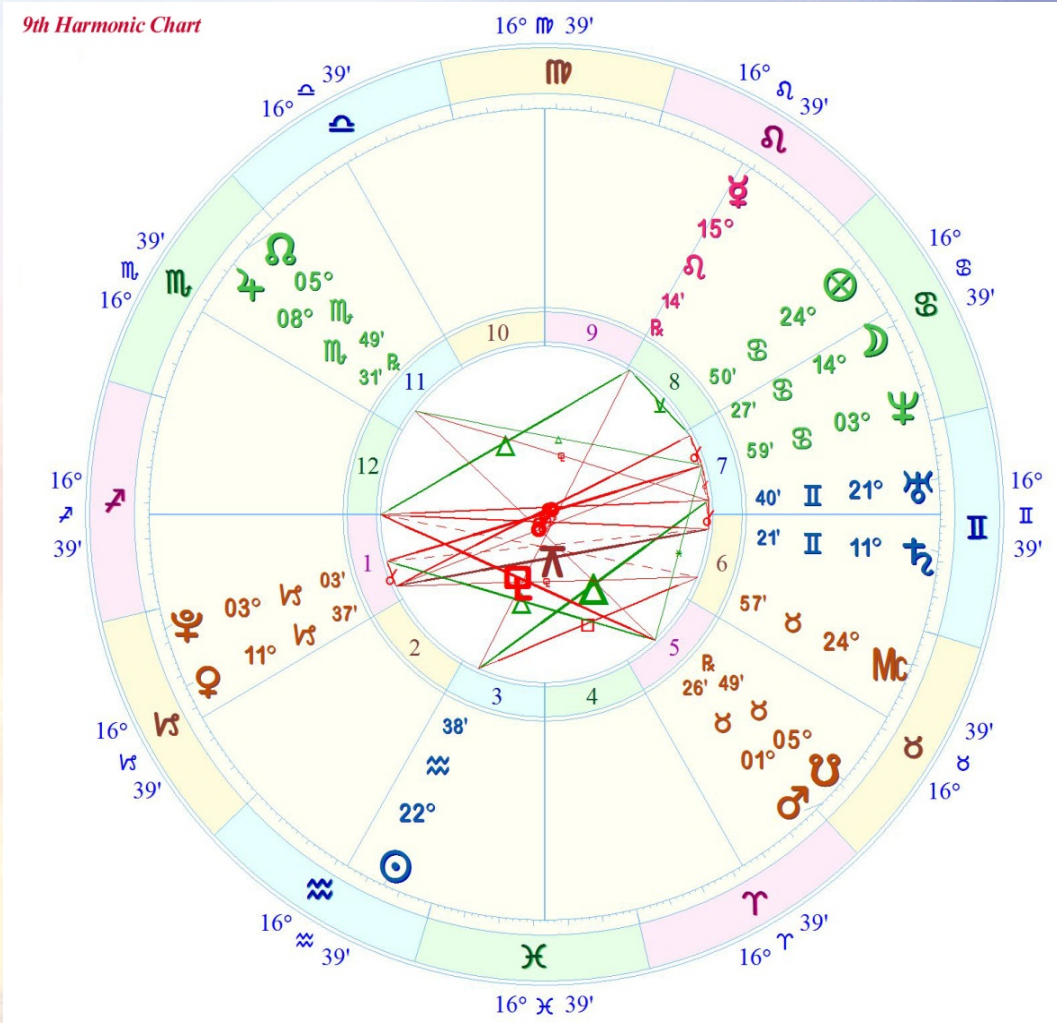
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Because of the accident, his disability, his divorce, his previous great health and success, he can easily feel that this kindness, warmth, and love cannot be regained either.

Who will love him now? His great need for kindness makes him feel like a helpless baby.

He is no longer the strong man that he was, he feels that he cannot be a leader and a source of strength and support, so how can he receive the sweetness and kindness that he craves.





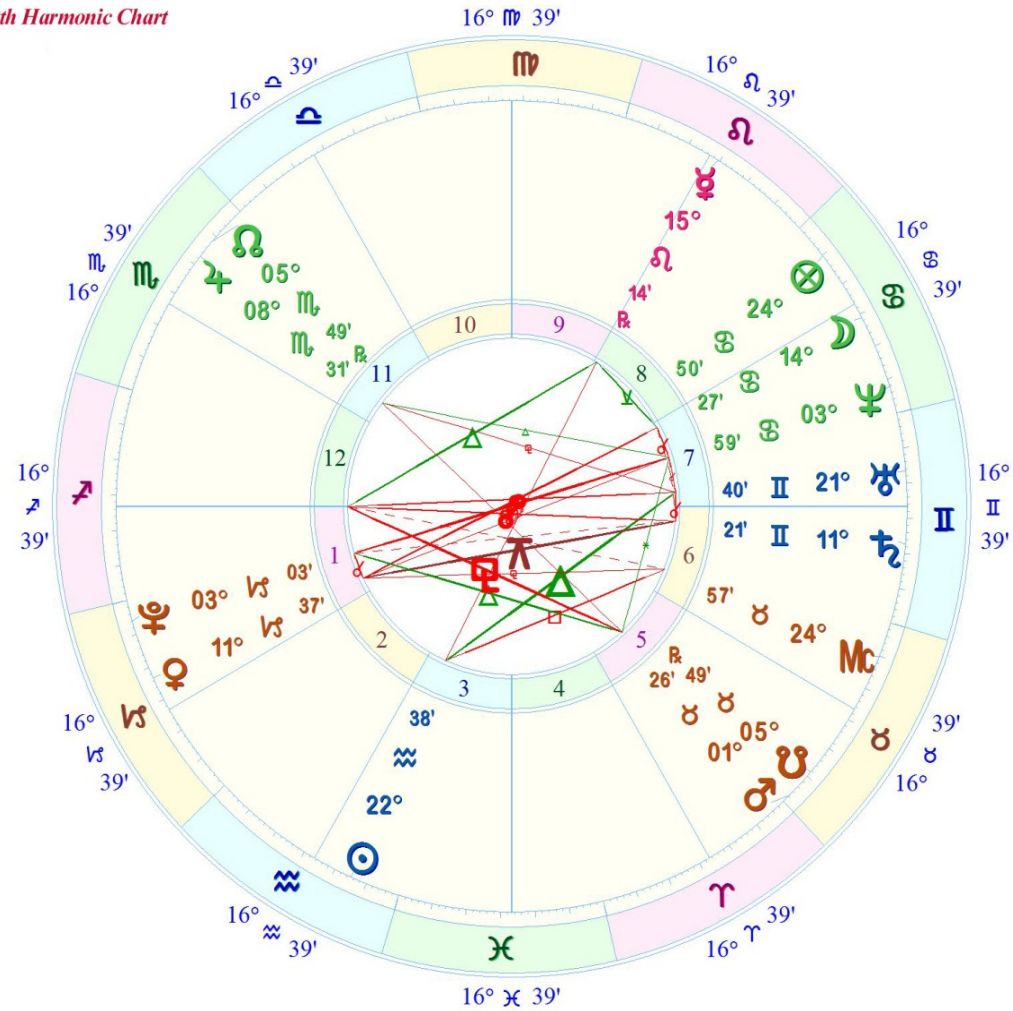
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Perhaps the most tangible example of his feeling neglected is that he cannot find a kidney donor.

His community does not support him. He acts out like a child who is hungry. He covers his emotional needs by only expressing the pain and frustration he feels. He is now in a vicious circle where his nasty behavior pushes away potential help and he feels even more miserable. **He is in a downward spiral largely because his need for kindness and sweetness is so strong.** He asked for advice on what to do. I looked at the soft aspects on the 9th harmonic chart to find an answer.

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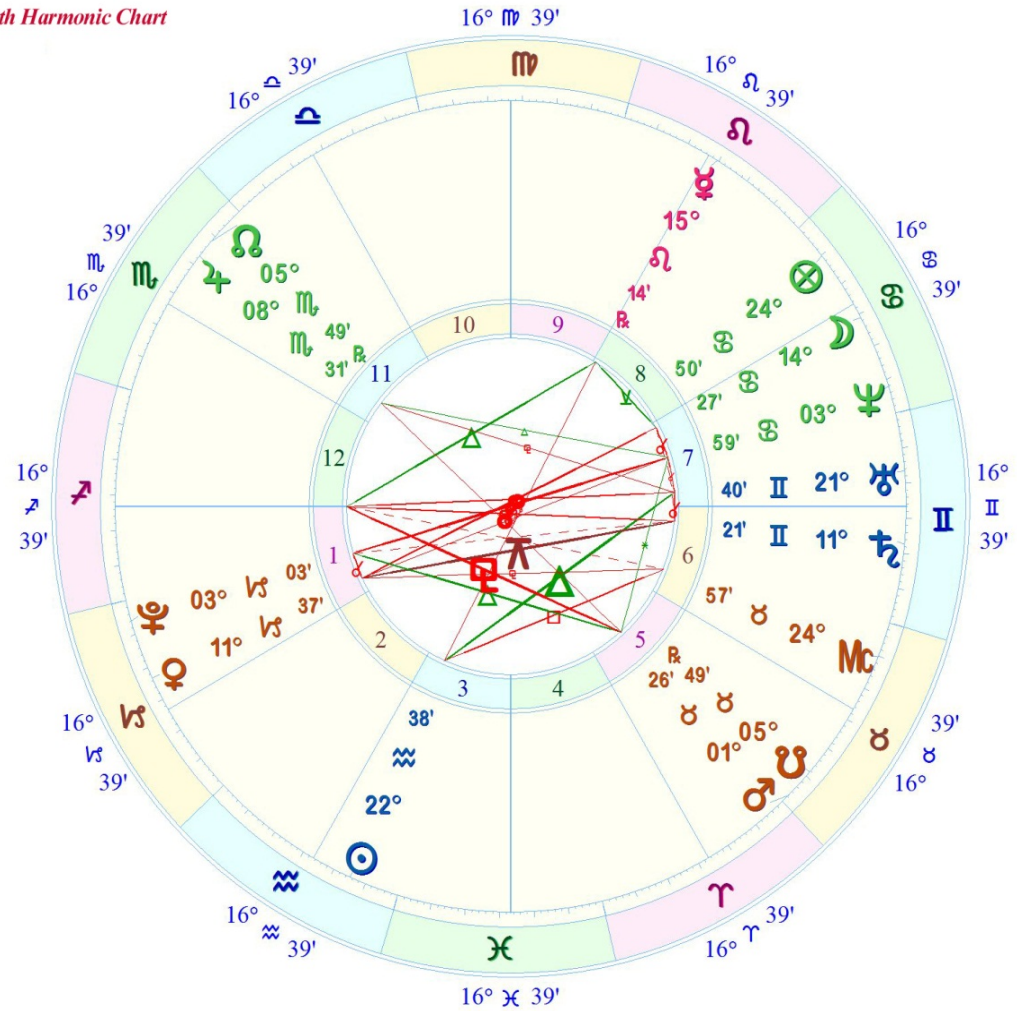
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Sun is trine Uranus, and Mars is trine Pluto. The key is taking action (Mars-Pluto) and being spontaneous (Sun-Uranus). **I advised him to go out and have fun. He is currently in a wheel chair. He must not let this stop him from doing something that is fun!**

Remember that his way of communicating or relating to others was also a problem.

- I looked at Moon conjunct Neptune and the Moon semi-sextile Mercury. **I advised him to express his emotions by sharing his feelings so people around him, especially his family, will be able to relate and understand him better.**

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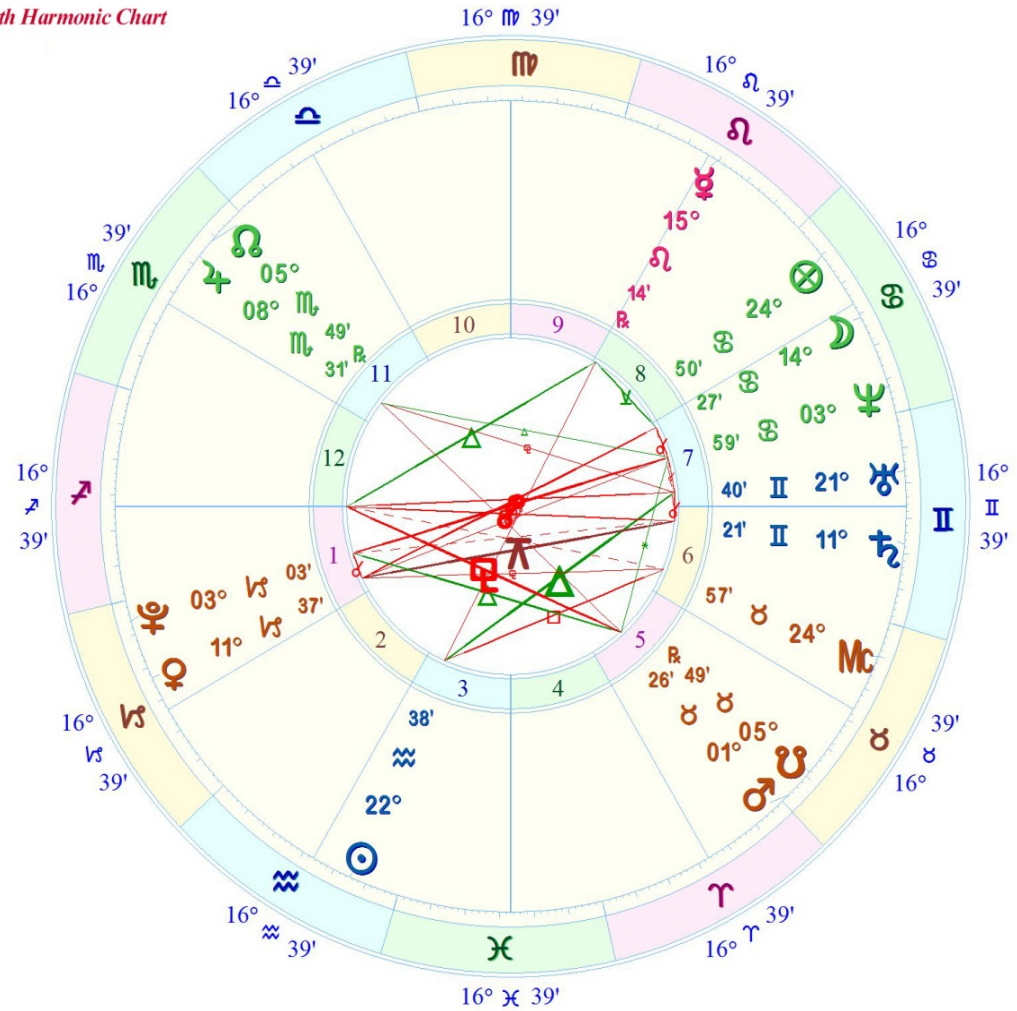


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- I told him to think of what he was about to say first and not be guided by his immediate feelings and to avoid emotional outbursts.
- I asked him to think of what he was about to say first and then re-phrase it if he thinks it will hurt the other person.
- Taking a deep breath will also help before he express his feelings to calm him down. Once he is calm, he will be able to communicate beautifully with anyone.

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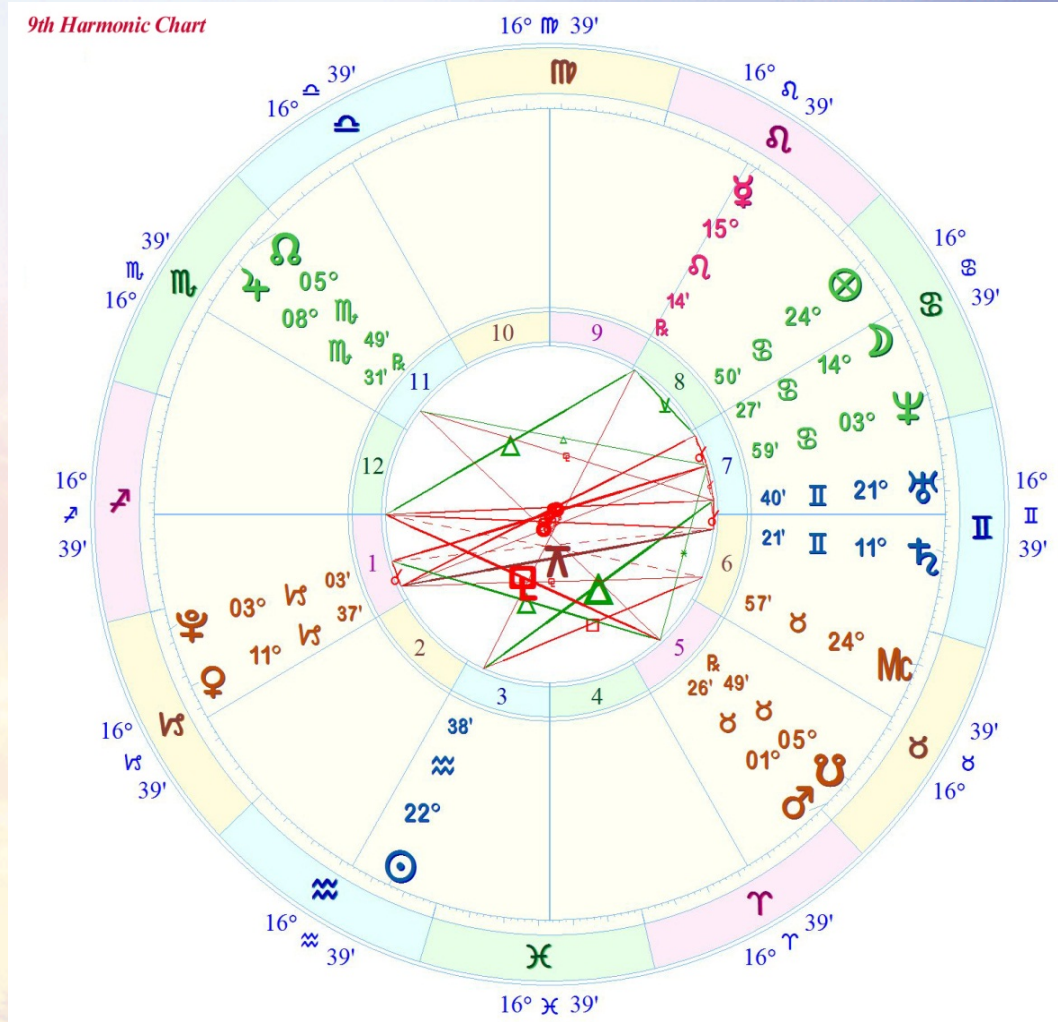
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Jupiter is also trine Neptune. I advised him to connect with his children and start a better communication with them in order to develop a better relationship with them.

Family members are a very big part of our 9th harmonic energies.

He is divorced from his wife and he needs a positive, loving family and to develop the lost feelings of love that he had with his children back to life would help heal his hurt feelings.





Reading Result

- He was very grateful for this reading and he said that he now had more hope of finding a kidney donor, and also more hope for a better life in general.
- He felt the love and support from the reading.
- He was a different man before our session was over.
- He got off the phone happy and the belief that his dreams could still come true.



Thank you!

I hope you enjoyed my lecture and added some new technique on your astrological practice!

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