

A READING OF STAR MAPS, H.D./HDN

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The *H.D. Newsletter* was born September 13, 1986, at the H.D. Centennial Symposium in H.D.'s birthplace, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, one hundred years and three days after H.D.'s birth, September 10, 1886. Both "born" in September, H.D. and the *HDN* share a Virgo Sun and Mercury (which never strays far from the Sun). More surprising, both natal charts have Jupiter, planet of opportunity and success, in the tenth house of career; the aspect which continues to bring H.D. luck and public recognition also favors the *HDN*-another opportunity for H.D. to share her work. Aspects between the natal charts of H.D. and the *HDN* indicate that their relationship will be stimulating and mutually beneficial. The *Newsletter's* Uranus (planet of genius, explosive and revolutionary ideas) fall in H.D.'s first house of Sagittarius, suggesting that the *HDN* will break new ground in H.D. studies and will introduce H.D. to new and perhaps unusual "friends." H.D.'s Pluto in the first house (Gemini) of the *HDN* indicates a "karmic" relationship, granting Plutonian dedication and intensity to the project.

H.D. complained that her conscientious Virgo Sun kept her "stacking papers and paying bills," but her fiery Sagittarius Ascendant made "all the difference" (PR 184-85). H.D. would feel similarly about her *Newsletter's* Gemini Ascendant. The *HDN's* Virgo Sun as well as the grouping of Mars, Neptune and Moon in rigorously practical Capricorn, ensures scholarly attention to accuracy and devotion to research; but Gemini-sign of mental agility, wit, verbal facility, and fluidity-adds drama, intellectual excitement, and a sense of play to the strong earth emphasis of the chart. Similarly, both Saturn (hard work, fruits through labor) and Uranus (genius, invention, expansion) in the sixth house of work suggests that the *HDN* will combine a sense of adventure with hard and exacting work. Born with transiting Saturn on-the-rise, the *HDN* is favored by Saturn's deliberate climb toward the tenth house of success. Pluto in intense Scorpio promotes depth and breadth of vision, the exploding of old beliefs and the testing of new ideas.

There is much emphasis in the *HDN's* seventh house of partnerships, indicating that strong bonds and networks will develop from the sharing of H.D. scholarship.

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Although Mars (aggression, war) in the seventh house provokes disagreement and controversy in the pages of the *HDN*, it also grants energy and commitment to working together. The presence of the Moon and Neptune in the seventh house of partnerships involves struggle, perhaps of an emotional cast, but also strong loyalties. Finally, the powerful conjunction of Venus and Pluto in the fifth house of pleasure, art, and beauty evokes the *Newsletter's* delight in the sharing of H.D.'s work and thought.

