

Mars will indicate, in large measure, the major battlefield of one's life, and one's readiness and willingness to fight that battle. No life on this planet is free from fight, and the sign, house position and aspects of Mars indicate the specific nature of the battle, its probable outcome, and what may at stake. Mars is also a planet of assertion, and transmits the first ray, the ray of will. The strength and vitality of the will, indicates how vigorously one can fight the battle. In the many conflicts of life, Mars, at first, asserts desire (demanding that it be fulfilled) and, later in the evolutionary process, aids in the assertion of the will (emanating from a source outside the personality altogether). - MDR

*The sign, house position and aspects of Mars indicate the nature and degree of **courage** to be found within the personality. It is the function of the personality to dare, and Mars represents the nature of one's daring. (TWM 287)*

Mars represents the quality, degree and intensity of aspiration, which is 'focused and elevated desire directed towards penetration into higher vibratory states'. -MDR

*It is the nature of **Mars** to strive towards the Ideal. The nature and quality of idealism in one's life will, in part, be indicated by Mars. Are one's ideals worldly or heavenly? Are they practical or the reverse? Which areas of life do*

they concern? Mars, in the horoscope, will have something to say. “Idealism which is the power to see the vision and to direct one's course towards it. This is the work of Mars, the expression of the sixth ray.” (EA 177)

Mars, although reputedly a malefic factor, is not really so. Mars definitely serves the purposes of spiritual development. In which ways? What value has Mars to the soul and its program?

- a. **Nothing of lasting value** (Venus) is accomplished without strenuous effort (Mars).
- b. **Lower desires (lower Mars)** must be exhausted before they can be seen as relatively worthless and exchanged for aspirations (higher Mars).
- c. **Aspiration is necessary** if transmutation and elevation are to occur; Mars make the achievement of higher objectives possible
- d. **Fortitude, courage and persistence** (Martian virtues) are required for all those who wish to face and conquer the energy/force states which oppose soul influence.
- e. **Mars forces the personality to confront soul issues**, and engage in battles from which soul values are, eventually, destined to emerge—victorious.

Mars in Aries:

In Relation to the Nature of Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- desire-driven personality has **frequent and energetic combat** with soul tendency
- rebellion is accentuated, aggravated by rampant, unrestrained forces expressing through the various personality vehicles
- full of fight.

In Relation to Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- stimulates personality **into becoming an energetic ally of the soul**
- a ready fighter for the promotion of soul-inspired ideals.
- Bold new ideas as well. A messenger.
- “Good soldier”.

Mars in Taurus:

Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- passive-aggressive behavior
- stubborn refusal to follow higher impulses of the soul
- strong desire carrying conviction of correctness
- preoccupation with satisfaction of lower desire
- held by the weight of materiality
- “maddened bull of desire” may arise in strength, tenaciously and insistently indulging a peremptory, primitive instinctual nature. Desire driven bull. Blind and powerful

Personality cooperation with the soul:

- the ability to plod on is much to be desired on path of spiritual development.

- “swerving of the bull in mid-career” (EA 107); reorientation
- dogged stubbornness commits to an enduring aspirational pursuit of the light- the Light of Wisdom
- Staying power

Mars in Gemini

Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- Two brothers at war- mutual interference
- Lower brother is preoccupied with activity or in turmoil - paying no attention to ‘higher brother’s’ intrusions, the soul.
- Or lesser brother quarrels and debates with greater Brother, reasoning against him.
- MIND of personality becomes slayer of the soul reality

- Never still
- Rebellion through hyper-activity.
- constant inner debate

Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- Can make an intelligent and incisive advocate on the side of the soul.
- The tradition of debate within Tibetan monasteries have for the purpose the slaying of the illusions of the mind. Pointing out error in the thinking of one's close associates.
- "better the probing finger of a friend than the arrow of an enemy".
- Role of Venus helps to make a harmonious connection between the two. Warrior of intelligence is infused with Love.

Mars in Cancer

In Relation to the Nature of Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- limited idea of providing a home or place of refuge. Building material safety on Earth.
- Seeking to provide, on earth, for his own survival and the survival of those immediately related to him.
- 'selfish work in the lower worlds', not caring for the higher worlds, or higher 'homes'
- Desire is to protect the form from the infusion of the higher Light which would inevitably demand sacrifice in relation to his material situation.
- defensive - **—the materially-inclined form defending itself against the soul—an interesting type of 'rebellion'.**

Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- view of meaning of SECURITY matures
- Eventually, can say, with Master M—"as if a pile of sticks could make a home".

- comes to realize that the real issue of safety and survival concern the safety and survival of himself (and his intimate others) *as souls*.
- Reorients vision and seeks refuge 'above'—at first in 'heaven' (whatever that means to him), and then, still later, as a disciple within the inner Ashram.
- Also -now seeks to provide a place of safety and haven for the higher energies, the soul energies, the Solar Angelic energies, as they seek to manifest within the lowest worlds.
- Mars in Cancer then gives its full devotion and ardor to building the "Lighted House" which is meant to embody the descending Light and Love.

Mars in Leo

Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- separative and "prideful purposings" (EA 491) which are at war with the intended loving unity of soul life.

- The egotistical general, commanding the armies of personality forces for his own ends, must become the simple soldier in the Army of the Soul
- Goes his own way.
- the aroused and assertive lower ego challenging its Master, the soul.

Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- selfish egotism, finally understood and devalued, is not repeated and energy poured into it will be dedicated to higher things
- Nobility and unimpeachable, individual integrity
- commander of the personality forces for the sake of the soul.
- If “heights of noted service” can be reached in Leo (and Aquarius) (EA 339), then, an unselfish Mars can only strengthen the power to serve.
- Inherent positivity of the soul can triumph, and its personality instrument will reflect that positively—bravely and in all circumstances.

Mars in Virgo:

Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- huge involvement with matter and form -
- directing so much energy and attention towards material enterprise and material improvement, that it becomes difficult to arouse any interest in cultivating the light, love and life of the soul.
- The personality rebels through preoccupation with matter. The “trees” are visible; the “forest” (the wider, higher life) is lost to sight.
- material things are desired, with no time for the intangibilities of higher worlds.
- So busy doing what apparently needs to be done, no time for subtle things

Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- heights of devotion can be achieved and great “labors of love”.
- No chore is too difficult or too tedious for the personality to undertake if it means mobilizing for the soul.
- Mars in Virgo is a hard (Mars) worker (Virgo), who believes that love and work are one and the same.
- well suited to the life of discipleship, which unlike the life of the aspirant, is committed to hard work in service of a higher ideal or idea.
- shows that the personality (Mars) is definitely under the training (Virgo) of the disciplining, nurturing soul (Virgo) and there is a “quickenning” of soul life. (EA 250)
- Add the Virgoan Vulcan influence to Mars in Virgo, and it can readily be seen how this combination helps the personality “shape up” for a higher living.

Mars in Libra:

Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- may first choose a partner other than the soul
- can the horizontal love life replace the vertical?
- can human love substitute for divine love?
- A preoccupation with human intercourse can reject the soul as the “life-partner” it seeks to become in relation to the personality.

Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- Asserts itself to ensure that soul energies are used for what is fair and of value to “all sides”, i.e., to everyone. Fights for fair and just.
- the soul becomes the partner (or spouse) of the personality, and the personality under Mars in Libra becomes the advocate of its heavenly collaborator.
- as cooperator with the soul, seeks, energetically, to promote the ideal of interpersonal harmony—peace.

- Important to remember that Harmony cannot be compelled; peace cannot be imposed; and, there is no way to force someone to love another
- The intense desire for union (Mars in Libra) is not the same as the loving magnetism which will make true union possible.
- Mars in Libra, places its energies under the guidance of Venus (a more advanced planet), which wisely and lovingly facilitates interpersonal harmony and the marriage of the opposites.

Mars in Scorpio:

Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- The rebellion will be total; the personality (as the well-armed rebel) is entirely aroused. “It will be obvious to you, therefore, how the tests in Scorpio and the activity of Mars are potent to arouse the entire lower nature and bring about its final rebellion and the last stand, so to speak, of the personality against the soul.” (EA 211)

- Every tactic of warfare will be used, including “dirty tricks”, subterfuge, “sneak attacks”, broken promises; “all’s fair in love and war.”
- **The personality is fighting for its life**; rather, it fights to sustain itself within the ‘realm of death’, for it fears the loss of itself in the higher worlds.
- Its “fight to the death”, therefore, is based upon fear. The human soul, also fights to the death, and its fight is based upon soul-inspiration.

Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- The greatest enemy can become the greatest friend.
- the soul has a brave and determined instrument willing to sacrifice itself **so that soul-values may prevail** within the lower worlds.
- The soul is at this stage of evolution, preeminently the warrior. There is no better combination to ensure that what is intended to be the “final battle” is indeed final, with the issue decided entirely in favor of the conquering soul and its warrior-agent (the inspired, empowered, illumined personality) in the three worlds.

Mars in Sagittarius:

Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- one pointed identification with certain favorite desires or ideas, and the pursuit of them with such force that the higher impulses and directives from the soul go unregistered.
- the ‘fanatical deflection of soul light’.
- desires or aspires keenly and with one-pointed ardor; but towards what are the desires or aspirations directed?
- the personality will be so convinced of the value of its own vision, that it ignores the higher vision which the soul is seeking to present.

Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- soul vision takes the place of the vision seen by the unilluminated personality,

- walks (or, probably, runs) with certainty upon the road leading to the realization of soul objectives within the lower three worlds.
- ensures that the personality goes where the vision leads. **Then we will have a personality mentored by the soul**, and making real progress on the real Path.

Mars in Capricorn:

Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- willful refusal to recognize or follow higher influences. The man wants what “the World, the Flesh and the Devil” can offer, and does not value the “treasures in Heaven” offered by the soul.
- the power of the dominant lunar elemental to keep the soul energies down is greatly strengthened. The soul has a hardened opponent.
- even after reversal of the wheel, there still may be a powerful spiritual ambition. The goal is in sight, but the personality is not transmuted and transformed, and appropriates to itself the prerogatives of the soul.

- Pride enters in, and an unwillingness to see true status, what has yet to be achieved within the personality before it is ready to enter the fifth kingdom. In the stage of spiritual ambition, **identification is still as a personality**, and the achievement sought is still personality achievement (however well disguised as soul achievement).

Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- Energy used for evil can be used for good. The reversal of the wheel means the reversal of the Martian forces of desire, transforming desire into aspiration.
- The Solar Angels are ruled by Capricorn. They are, literally, the triumphant “Sun-gods”, “returning nirvanis” (EP II 92) determined to master the personality which they project in their efforts to assist the human Monads. They utilize the Capricorn force to *initiate* the human unit under their supervision.
- When that human unit can also utilize the Capricorn force—purified and reoriented—then a powerful team is created, and the will of the Solar

Angel can be powerfully brought into manifestation.

- helps the personality to know what its Angel seeks to accomplish, true and lasting spiritual achievement is at hand.

Mars in Aquarius:

Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- An over-stimulated personality, full of many desires, projects and activities, rebels against the soul through **self-preoccupation**.
- often inharmonious and, worse, disruptive of harmonious group process.
- This combination makes a progressive revolutionary (if the sense of values accords with soul values), but what if the revolution is against the soul itself?

- over-absorption in the expression of the many talents and abilities of the personality, forgetting what those gifts are for,
- love his own abilities more than he loves the soul (which those abilities are meant to serve).

Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- when idealistically dedicated to the service of the Ashram and the Hierarchy (both under Aquarius), then the soul has a multi-talented personality to carry out its intentions. Asserts on behalf of the group.
- There is the willingness to enter into diverse fields to promote the work of **unification and synthesis**.
- Aquarius is the “Man for all seasons” and Mars gives the courage to undertake the burden of working in this broad, expansive and often complicated way.
- Soul-life is much broader in scope than personality life, and with Mars in Aquarius, there is an eager entry into the abundant, wider life which Aquarius seeks to bestow. With this break-through combination, we have one who dares to be *more*.

Mars in Pisces:

Personality Rebellion against the Soul:

- Pisces represents the old order, the power structure of the departing Age.
- **In the reactionary consciousness, Mars in Pisces battles to preserve and defend this old order and its authoritarianism.** We might think of this influence, negatively, as the ‘militancy of the Forces of Obstruction’.
- The many religious battles of the past five hundred years (for instance, between Protestant and Catholic) can be understood in this light.
- ‘forces of irrationality and blind belief’. This is a fight *against* the principle of detachment from personality life, a fight for continued affiliation with the material element. The battling personality wishes to remain a “submerged fish” and not become, let us say, a “flying fish”—free from the “ocean of matter”.—submergence of the human soul.

Personality Cooperation with the Soul:

- The potential *selflessness* of this combination is high.
- willing to tread the Path unto the end, no matter what the sacrifice may be.
- sign of self-effacement, self-renunciation and self-dissolution—the dissolution of the lower ego in the energy and purposes of the soul.
- Having abandoned selfish desire, and in a spirit of often militant self-effacement and self-renunciation, the disciple influenced by this combination will fight (with detachment and surrender) for mercy, charity, and sympathy in human affairs and, in general, for the redemption and salvation of humanity.
- naturally redemptive: stands for redemption

