

Diana in Your Natal Chart

Diana was the daughter of Jupiter, the ‘best and greatest’ of the gods in Ancient Rome. She had a difficult relationship with her mother, who had suffered giving birth to her, and begged Jupiter to release her from motherhood and marriage. He obliged and made her goddess of the hunt. The Greeks knew her as Artemis.

Peter Paul Rubens and Diana



This painting by Rubens shows Diana, ready for sex, with one of her great loves - Endymion. He was always asleep when they coupled! You can see the New Moon building over her head. She is always ready for a new relationship, having no husband.

The Moon, herself, as the 'Luna' part of the lunar cycle, is a different symbol entirely in your birth chart. Don't confuse the two. Diana was said to assist women in childbirth, which is certainly ruled by the Moon (as lunar cycles correspond to menstruation) - but she had no interest in pregnancy.

Thus she fell for a man who would not want to marry her, nor could, let alone - give her a child. Endymion was fast asleep at night. Yet, mythology tells us they had a relationship. This tells you quite a bit about Diana in your chart.

Diana and Relationships - Free and Liberated

The kinds of relationships Diana had, which you have (by sign and house) show space, freedom, no compromise on commitment, part-time attachments, and rather uninvolved partnerships.

In Aries and the First House, for example, you may have quite free relationships with people who care for your appearance. Hairdressers. Cosmetic surgeons. Public relations professionals.

In Libra, there may be no marriage, or even a common-law marriage (living together) may be too much of a constraint without rules. Those rules may involve seeing each other seldom, only having sex when woken and half-involved, and so on!

This sculpture of Libra by John Skeaping is to be found on the London Astrology Walk. It shows the solid scales of a perfectly balanced partnership.

Diana and Bonding

Diana had all sorts of relationships. Apart from her no-ties sex with the sleeping Endymion, she also had friendships with the Nymphs who accompanied her on the hunt. There are hints here of bisexuality, as they swam naked and were spied upon by Actaeon. Diana punished him by turning him into a stag and his own dogs ripped him to pieces.

She also ran with a dog (a greyhound) and that is why you see her represented in stone, with her bow and arrow, the New Moon on her head (for new adventures) and usually, one foot off the ground. Diana is not interested in permanence.

The scales swing, spontaneously, wildly, unpredictably and seldom settle with Diana in your chart - because you need the freedom.

Diana in Gemini and the Third House may lead you to work with publishers, writers or broadcasters whom are unreliable, or not particularly committed - this sets you free.

When clients or readers complain to me that people are 'never there' or 'not really there for me' I always have them look at Diana. Often we choose these half-in, half-out people, because we want the space, but will not admit it to ourselves. They give us room because they are not solid. Unlike Skeaping's Libra scales here, they are not written in stone.

Diana and Freedom Issues in the Body

Diana, as the principle of freedom, space, non-commitment, room to move, emotional oxygen - and the rest - can sometimes show up on the body, or through the body.

I am sure you know this famous picture of Zodiac Man, from the pages of history. This comes from Wikimedia Commons. Aries rules the head and so Aries the ram is draped on his hair. You can see Pisces the fishes at his feet. It's charming, eccentric and also might hold some interesting clues for your chart.



The sign and house Diana occupies can reveal an aspect of your body where it is important for you to feel free, and be unshackled. Nothing and nobody to bind you. I once had a client who had Diana in Cancer, which rules the breasts. She hated bras. She never wore them. She also disliked men who paid too much attention to her breasts.

She did not want babies either, like Diana, and confessed to me that the thought of breastfeeding turned her off!

You can see Gemini the Twins holding the arms of Zodiac Man. If you had Diana in Gemini in the Third House, how would you feel about wearing tight jackets or cufflinks? What about the body itself, acting out freedom issues through the elbows? Maybe you drive with one elbow in the breeze, resting on the window (though you shouldn't).

The Moon and Diana

There are two pieces of Moon symbolism in astrology, and one is motherhood/mummy/mom/menstruation and all the 'moo' and 'mmm' words. I have always had a theory that when the language developed, thousands of years ago, cows' milk and the 'mmm' sound we make when enjoying something creamy and the 'moo!' noise of a mother cow feeding her calves, led to the connection between breast milk, breasts, udders and 'other mothers.'

Tie all that into a 28/29 day repeated lunar cycle which looks just like a womb filling and emptying its lining, or a pregnant stomach growing and shrinking - and maybe we have the explanation for all those ancient 'M' words. Your monthly period, as a woman, is after all, your MOON-thly period.

The Moon has phases and Diana captures her new phase. That is really interesting because she never becomes full. She never becomes pregnant. Perhaps sex with a sleeping man makes that possible - the ultimate contraceptive.

The Moon takes 27.3 days to orbit the Earth, which is about the four weeks of a menstrual period cycle, and a MOON-th. It is likely that Monday as the first day of the working week is also tied into this thinking about mothers, Monday, Moon days, and so on. Perhaps it was an ancient way of remembering key parts of the menstrual cycle.

A Full Moon is a Harvest Moon at the Autumn Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere which helps farmers work longer into the Autumn or Fall night, reaping rewards.

Diana never reaches that point. The harvest is really for the Moon herself in astrology. Patient reward for planting seeds or inseminating. Diana is about the hunt. The quick action fix!

The Planets in *Aboriginal Australia*

As you may know, I spend half the year in Australia. We have excellent astronomers in that country including Duane W. Hamacher who specialises in the Sun, Moon and planet-watching of the first Australians - the owners of the land.

Writing in his research paper, *The Planets in Aboriginal Australia*, Hamacher notes that the path of the sun, moon and planets is seen as a road or pathway for indigenous Australians. It is taken by ancestor spirits and marked by the zodiac.

There is a switch in symbolism. The Sun is woman. The Moon is man. Mars, Mercury, Jupiter and Venus show the Moon Man's four wives.

Diana - the Permanent New Moon

Diana in your chart is forever on a new journey. With that young crescent moon in her hair, she is always about a permanent fresh start. It never takes her towards completion because unlike the real Moon, she is not about the whole cycle to Full Moon.

In your chart Diana has all the potential and promise and you will find transits to her, suggest 'new moon, new hunt, new challenge.' She really does own the New Moon. The Sun-Moon mosaic tucked away in the crypt at St. Paul's Cathedral was placed there in honour of Nelson. I find it really interesting that Admiral Horatio Nelson was alleged to have said 'Kiss me, Hardy' to his close friend, on board ship. So did he?

And was he bisexual or gay? Astrology is built on this kind of synchronicity. What could be less committal in a relationship than a man at sea, forever on new voyages and missions, and never at home. Neither with a man, nor a woman. I have mentioned that Diana herself is associated with bisexuality as she slept with men, but swam naked with women.

Diana and Dogs

We don't often see dogs in astrology. Pluto had one - Cerberus - but he raises different symbolic issues to Diana. Hers was a greyhound, fast and sleek like her. Pluto's dog is a symbolic trigger for questions about power. Who is top dog? Who is dog in the manger? Should we let sleeping dogs lie? Who is in the doghouse?



Diana's dog is a reminder that she dislikes a leash. Peter Paul Ruben's 'Diana' series shows her with a runner's legs, muscular arms, with her breasts displayed, not for breastfeeding (as with the Moon) but as a sexual offering.

Rubens has her with nymphs, being ravished by wild centaurs, or looking suitably tempted - or intrigued. There is a wildness to Diana and a hint at bisexuality.

Are the two nymphs to the right of one painting about to roll in the hay? Diana wears a tiger skin and lipstick, with a hint of make-up. Her dogs adore her.

She meets men on equal terms. In another of Rubens' paintings, the same models pose with rather rough-looking admirers offering abundant fruit - peaches and grapes, pears and plums. Diana has her kill to offer.

She's no vegetarian. Again, her attendant nymphs look on, while the dogs stand guard.

We have to remember that this is the goddess who was spied on, while naked, and was powerful and magical enough to turn the voyeur into a stag, for his own dogs to rip him apart. She can be brutal. She is very much her own woman. Potent and independent.

By sign and house, this asteroid, the daughter of Jupiter, is a symbol of tremendous liberty and liberation. Knowing Diana and owning her can help you with chart breakthroughs.

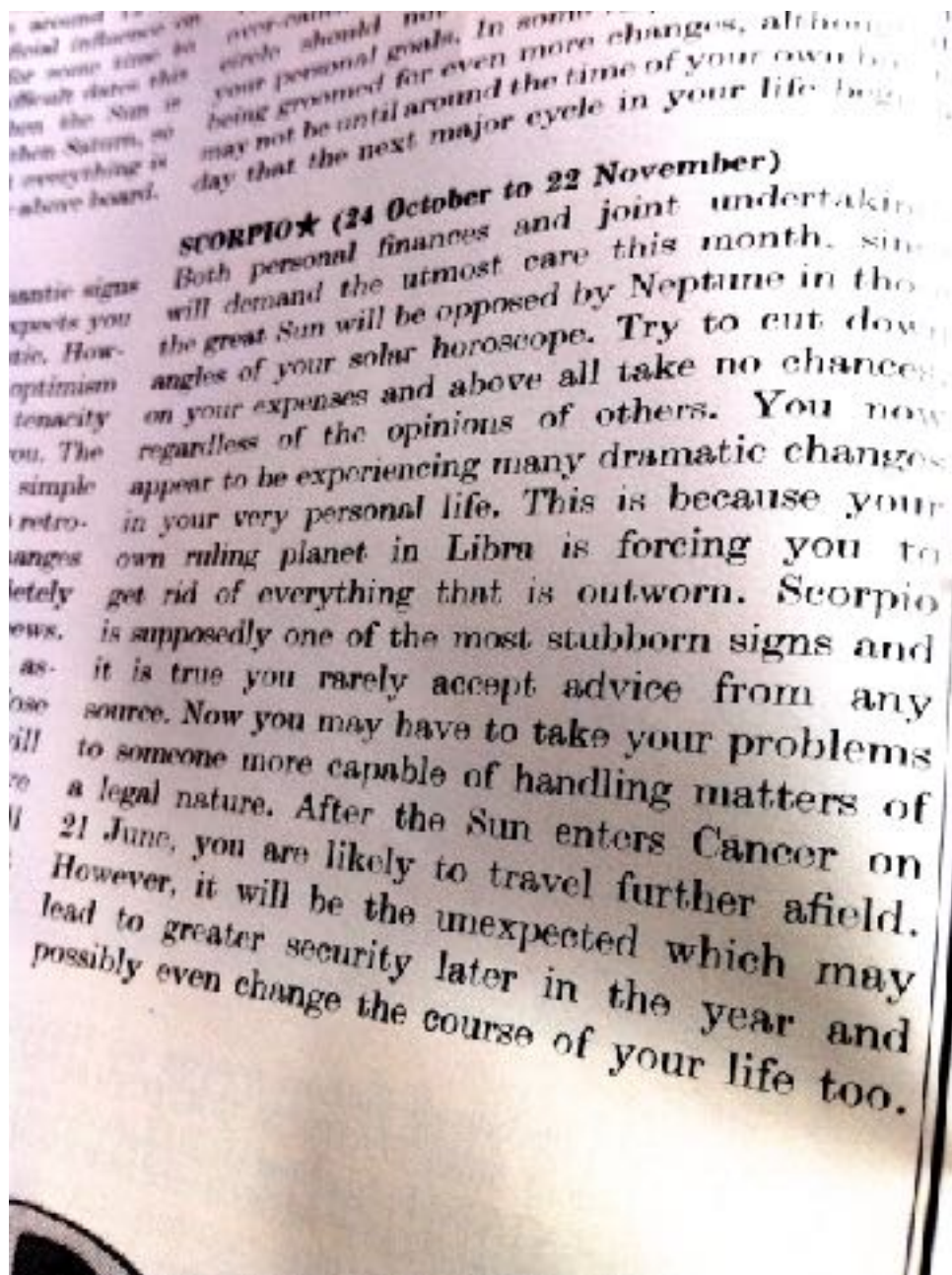
Working with the imagery surrounding the goddess, even including her namesake - Diana, Princess of Wales - where does myth meet reality in your astrology studies? It is important to claim each horoscope symbol as your own, as you meet them!

The Other Diana, Princess of Wales

At his sister's memorial service, Charles Spencer evoked the myth of Artemis - the Greek version of Diana - hunted by the paparazzi.

Diana was an independent woman caught in a traditional system. It's interesting to look back at master astrologer Patric Walker's predictions for her, and Prince Charles, back in June 1981, in Harpers & Queen magazine. As the royal wedding invitations swirled around London, so did his horoscope.

For Charles (Scorpio) he predicted, "Both personal finances and joint undertakings will demand the utmost care this month...You now appear to be experiencing many dramatic changes in your very personal life."



Patric Walker was not using the asteroid Diana to make that prediction at all, he was using the planet Neptune, and he was not using Charles' personal birth chart either - just a Solar Chart for Scorpio Sun people. Yet, he saw the future. Eventually these two would have an expensive divorce.

You can see his prediction for Cancer, the Sun Sign of Diana, Princess of Wales.

personal finances. This is therefore a month when you should be wary of entering into any new contracts or agreements. Astrological tradition has it that during the period when Mercury appears to be travelling backwards in the heavens, you will have the utmost difficulty in managing to find anyone to tell you the complete, unvarnished truth.

CANCER★ (22 June to 22 July)

From past years you should recall that the early part of June invariably coincides with a rather dull phase in your life, when you tend to be on the defensive and inclined to exaggerate your problems. This month is no exception, and therefore you must try to avoid people and places which get you down. By far the best planetary aspects relate to property matters, and if you have been seriously considering moving house this is the perfect time to do it. Obviously not all Cancerians are about to experience a complete change of residence, but what transpires around 12 June will in some way have a beneficial influence on your family and domestic life for some time to come. There are, however, two difficult dates this June - the 23rd and 24th - when the Sun is adversely aspected by Jupiter and then Saturn, so on these days you must ensure that everything is signed and sealed and also completely above board.

LEO★ (23 July to 23 August)

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Diana moved into a royal residence, set about having two sons and never did ensure that everything was signed and sealed and also completely above board!

Using the file ‘Diana in Your Natal Chart Wheels’ you can find out Diana’s position in Solar Fire software and insert her into Sun Sign column style charts - now or any time - for yourself and the people you know. Where are there major issues about freedom and independence, commitment and autonomy, taking place?