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## Elvis at 75

The King of Rock and Roll reached his 75th birthday this year. To celebrate, we use his horoscope to explore the legendary career, the embattled relationships and inner struggles, and the enduring mystique that keeps him alive.

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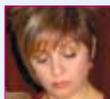
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One of the most amazing things about music is that it lives on, and in a way, so does the artist. And this year, the King of Rock-n-Roll celebrated his 75th birthday. In honour of this very special anniversary, let's take a look at the mystery, the genius and the sex appeal that surrounded the King.

**E**lvis Aaron Presley was born, as a Sun Capricorn, on the 8th of January in 1935, into humble circumstances to Gladys and Vernon Presley in a tiny house in Tupelo, Mississippi. The family moved when Elvis was thirteen, to Memphis, and by the time Elvis was 19, he had met the legendary record producer, Sam Phillips of Sun records, who saw in the raw musician a possibility to fuse country-western and rhythm-n-blues, with a frenetic, fast backbeat. At that time, there was a cultural divide between white and black music. Elvis's appreciation of black music, gospel, and traditional country was unusual, especially given his roots.



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After many dry runs, they eventually found the sound that Phillips had been looking for and they recorded his first single "That's all right". Yet all of this didn't come easily to Presley, who sometimes had attacks of the jitters before performances. On top of that, he encountered plenty of rejections along the way. This is where his Capricorn drive and determination kicked in - during the long struggle to make a name for himself, he didn't give up.

Elvis's contract was acquired in 1955 by Colonel Tom Parker, manager to country and western legend Hank Snow. Parker's name has become as synonymous with Presley's, as those of Priscilla and Las Vegas. Parker went on to manage Elvis for over two decades.

The first single, recorded with Parker for RCA Victor in January, 1956, was Heartbreak Hotel. It became a #1 hit. Elvis's uninhibited stage presence, along with gyrating hips, shaking legs and high energy songs, made him hugely popular but also controversial, in part due to the racial division breached by his music. In the end, nothing could stop Elvis from breaking through and becoming a superstar.

Yet despite this fame, fortune and adulation, it seems that for much of his life Elvis was a tortured soul. He was devastated by the death of his mother in 1958 of heart failure, at the age of only 46. Elvis had been extremely close to her - even after he had grown up, they continued to talk to each other in baby language and called each other pet names. His Natal Moon in Pisces aspected his Natal Pluto in Cancer in the very intense 8th House. It seems that their relationship therefore was karmic, possibly indicated links to past lives. But there was also something a little strange about his intense adoration for her.

Elvis had a Sagittarius Ascendant (ruled by the expansive Jupiter). However, he also had Jupiter itself placed in the deep and intense Scorpio, in the highly psychological 12th House. So, there was an air of mystery about him, as well as great compassion and generosity which he demonstrated throughout his short life.

Elvis appeared not to have a care in the world. It seemed those lucky breaks simply fell into his lap. Jupiter can be the planet of luck and it made a wide Trine (or positive link) to the potent Pluto in Cancer. Through a combination of hard work and of being in the right place at the right time, Elvis made it big - really big!

Elvis had bucketfuls of charisma and sex appeal. One of the main focal points of his chart is a T-square with Uranus (the planet of magnetism) in Aries at the apex. Uranus is squared by Pluto in Cancer, and both Venus and Mercury in Capricorn. This is a very high powered combination of energies - especially the square between Uranus and Pluto. It suggests that Elvis was a blend of the homespun and the whacky. He was a revolutionary who was not going to conform. It was because he found his original voice that he became the success many of us know and love. It was because of his natural magnetism, which attracted women to him in hoards.

But all this came at a price. The T-square also meant that he had Mercury and Venus in opposition to Pluto, in his 8th House. Venus is the planet linked with health and wellbeing in his chart, and being torn apart by these energies on the inside and the outside, meant that the strain was immense. His Sun in Capricorn also angled to

the sometimes deceptive Neptune. This meant that when he was under too much stress, Elvis would look for escape through drugs and alcohol.

There seem to be two sides to the Elvis story - the official one cooked up by those running the multi-million dollar empire associated with him, and the real Elvis. For example, it was widely publicised that Priscilla, his former wife, was a virgin bride and that they didn't consummate the marriage until after the wedding. But there are also accounts that when Priscilla first met Elvis at the age of fourteen, he didn't hold back at all. At the time he was stationed in Friedberg, Germany with the 3rd Armoured Division. He was apparently drawn to Priscilla because she resembled his mother.

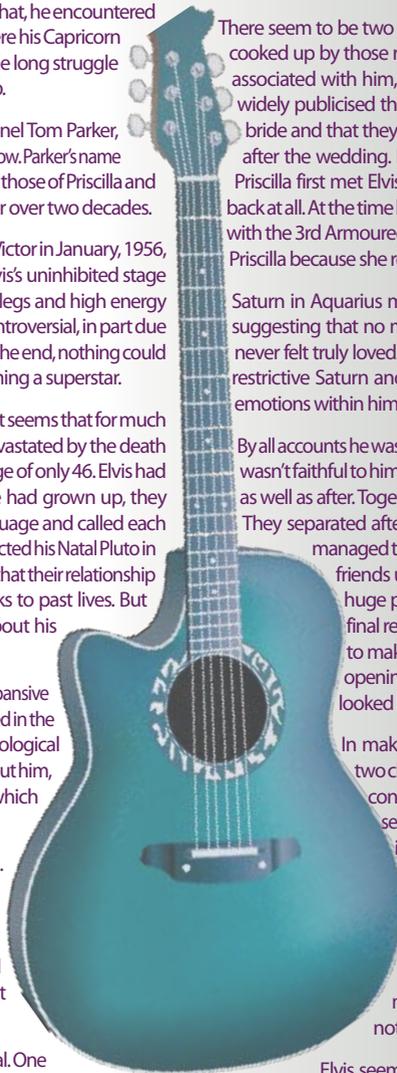
Saturn in Aquarius made a wide conjunction to his Moon, suggesting that no matter how much Elvis was adored, he never felt truly loved. That and another aspect between the restrictive Saturn and Pluto created intense and turbulent emotions within him.

By all accounts he wasn't particularly faithful to Priscilla, and she wasn't faithful to him. This was true before they were married as well as after. Together they had one daughter, Lisa Marie. They separated after only six and a half years and Priscilla managed to get a good settlement. They remained friends until his death in 1977. Priscilla saw the huge potential in Graceland, Elvis's home and final resting place. She invested over \$500,000 to make it a money spinner. Within 38 days of opening, she had recouped her cash and never looked back.

In making a closer comparison between the two charts, we can see that Elvis's Pluto (power, control) aspected Priscilla's Venus (affection, sex) in Aries. This made their relationship very intense and at times rather manipulative. In the Composite chart, Pluto negatively squares Saturn and Neptune opposes the Sun. Together they faced some difficult and dark issues that would have made it very hard to remain on easy terms. It may have appeared idyllic, but things were not as they seemed.

Elvis seemed to have a problem knowing when to stop. The immense pain he felt inside meant that he was always trying to numb himself with women, prescription drugs, food, or whatever was at hand. In his last years it is said that he was eating somewhere around 85,000 calories per day, which is enough to feed a small elephant. His manager, Tom Parker, maintained a Svengali-like grip on him, which added to the mounting pressure. Finally it became too much to bear, and he died suddenly in August of 1977, at the young age of 42.

Elvis's death having made him all the more desirable and appealing to people worldwide, from all walks of life and of all ages, and catapulted him to legendary status. The devotion of his millions of fans ensures that his light will continue to shine. And in this special birthday year, this is the perfect time to celebrate his enduring and unique legacy.



**Aries** (Mar 21 - Apr 19)



Get ready for some intense vibrations, Aries, centering mostly on partnership. Mars has just entered your zone of partners along with Saturn, augmented by a fiery Leo Sun in your area of new romance and pleasures. The result will be intriguing, and Jupiter in your sign means that wishes can come true. But you'll be required to make sacrifices in order to get what you want in the world of love, and your independent spirit may require some temporary adjustments. Luckily, career and money matters will switch to autopilot this month as you address more fundamental issues of happiness.

**Taurus** (Apr 20 - May 20)



Yours is among the most pleasure-seeking signs, and you simply must enjoy yourself, even when the emphasis falls on health and introspective work, as it will in August. Improving your diet or introducing a new exercise regime doesn't have to be a chore, and it will impart greater strength, energy, and capacity to enjoy yourself. Mercury goes retrograde in your house of new romance just as the Sun enters Virgo, which means new love will be lurking, but with a good chance of misunderstandings. Someone will send you mixed signals; better keep a low profile and not force the issue just yet.

**Gemini** (May 21 - June 21)



You'll be busy with friends and gatherings this month, but the fast pace will push all the right buttons. If you're looking for romance, you're likely to have a serendipitous opening through one of those get-togethers, so pay attention to who might be eyeing you from the corner of the room. Mercury retrograde affects you even more than most, so when the communication planet reverses on the 20th, there will be home and family issues to tie up before you can really kick back and enjoy yourself. In matters of cash and career, the Moon is showing helpful signals: expect an important new addition to your address book.

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**Libra** (Sept 23 - Oct 22)



If there's one thing you can count on this month, Libra, it's that people will be counting on you. Saturn and Mars are giving you an increased air of responsibility and focus, and people will be running to you when they run out of resolve. Once your beloved Venus enters your sign on the 7th, the thrusters really start firing. Your physical presence will turn heads as your self-confidence surges. Treat this as you would anything else - with as much objectivity as possible. Mercury retrograde on the 21st will set the stage for some scandalizing rumors, and getting too aggressive or carried away could make you the talk of the town!

**Scorpio** (Oct 23 - Nov 21)



Your ability to sense things in other people will allow you to help them, and your busy schedule will put this talent to good use! The planets in one area of your chart are triggering a desire to be of service, and in another are giving you a heightened, intuitive sense of what people are going through. Don't neglect your own feelings in the midst of all this action. You will be feeling deep pangs of emotion yourself, which are better expressed in creative ways than bottled up. You'll have good conditions for a career breakthrough, as the Sun spends most of the month in your career zone with the assistance of a new moon.

**Sagittarius** (Nov 22 - Dec 21)



As Saturn settles in for a long journey through your friendship and social zone, you'll notice a slightly different flavor in your relationships. How can you help each other mutually to advance your interests? Are there any imbalanced relationships that have to shape up or ship out? Bringing a more concerned and responsible spirit into your friendships will reveal their greater purpose and meaning - something which you are always keen to find. Your career zone will make some interesting moves this month; there will be a lot of last minute stuff, and if you have a partner, you'll undoubtedly have some making up to do.

## Cancer (June 22 - July 22)



The material world is certainly not all-important to you, but it plays a vital role in staying secure

and keeping a home - both high on your list. That home improvement or decoration project you've been considering is worth starting now, but beware of quarrels over little things. Money matters look fortunate - whether it's a business opportunity, a raise, or an unexpected gift, expect an improvement in your material security. Things are shaken up a bit when mercury goes retrograde on the 20th, and you'll be spending more time than usual on the phone, working through your inbox, and keeping the peace.

## Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)



The Sun in your sign is joined by the new moon, making it a perfect time to reinvent yourself, show

off a new look, and put new ideas into practice. You'll have the energy and inspiration to make things happen early in the month, with respect to your personal image (which is important to you) and your cash flow. Later on you'll notice that effective communication, especially with your partner, has become the exception instead of the rule. Which one of you is seeing things clearly, and which one is clearly delusional? When neither party will budge on the "I'm the sane one" issue, the only resolution is compromise.

## Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)



Things will start out so smooth, orderly, and pleasing to your refined sensibilities - why must

chaos break loose just when things look steady? The key is Mercury, your ruling planet, which starts out powerfully in your first house before moving into one of its infamous retrogrades on the 20th. The good news is, the Sun enters your sign a few days later. This will not bring everything back to normal, but it will give you a needed boost of energy to tie up loose ends and hold it all together. Your second and eighth houses are active, putting an emphasis on money. Someone else's negligence is likely to benefit you financially.

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## Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)



Your career zone is on fire, Capricorn, and your goals have never seemed so tangibly within reach. The

problem is, your big picture thinking will skip over certain pesky details, and these will inevitably surface to annoy you and demand attention. Don't worry - revisiting these overlooked necessities will tune you into new sources of energy and inspiration you haven't previously seen. Things will be intense with your partner, as each of you wants to do things your way; sharing common interests for a little while each day will help ease the friction. If it's new romance you're looking for, opportunity will strike very close to home.

## Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)



Travel is on the horizon, good news for someone who likes to move about and acquire knowledge

of people and places. But this trip will be no freewheeling holiday; business or some other official purpose is indicated. This should suit you just fine, as the serious side of life intrigues and drives you. Turn a discerning eye to matters of money and carefully rethink your situation. There is at least one account that can be reshuffled to your advantage. Love is another investment altogether, and as Venus crosses over your ruler, Saturn, you could be in for a particularly stimulating conversation.

## Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)



Things may seem to be operating in a bland routine at first, with work and money taking up

most of your energy. But this changes later in the month, when the Sun enters your relationship zone, giving your partnership world a powerful nudge. But all is not as it seems! Mercury goes retrograde at the same time, in the same area of your chart. You may be knee deep in misunderstandings before you can blink, but you and your partner will be the closer for it. If you're unattached, a visitor from the past is likely to surface with an interesting story, and possibly a renewed interest in you.



# DREAMING of your EX?

We all have experienced the stress of a relationship ending. Whether you end the relationship or the relationship is ended for you, it signifies the end of an era and, hopefully, the beginning of a healing process. However, it can be disconcerting for some people to find that, even some time after the break-up, they are having dreams about their ex-partner. Is this simply the brain going over old ground or is there some psychic significance involved?

## THE HEALING PROCESS

Feelings often run high during and after the end of a relationship and dreams are one way in which the psyche heals itself. Whether the split has been amicable or not, both parties can be left with a sense that they are missing part of themselves. This is not entirely inaccurate. In embarking on a relationship, there is more to it than the physical side. Spiritually, a relationship is about exploring another psyche and examining your own. When that spirit rejects your own, you can be left feeling abandoned and angry on a much deeper level than you may realise.

Often dreams about your ex can simply be a reflection of your emotions at the time. If the split has been amicable, the dreams may reflect this, manifesting themselves in comfortable situations and with the relationship between you and your ex being depicted as pleasant and civil. However, if the split was acrimonious, the dreams are likely to reflect this as well, often in the form of emotional nightmares. In addition, acrimonious separations leave deeper psychic scars, which the subconscious needs to heal.

Dreams can often be symbolic as the subconscious tries to make sense of a particular situation. In the event of an acrimonious split-up, your psychic side may be acknowledging the loss of certain hopes and plans through the dream. Rather than the ex being the focus of the dream, this is a way of psychically recognising that certain wishes and desires will remain unfulfilled in waking life. If you are the one who ended the relationship, you may experience dreams filled with joyful imagery and feelings. These are known as wish-fulfilment dreams and is your subconscious celebrating the end of a time in which you felt hampered or oppressed. While these dreams may not reflect your conscious feelings about the relationship, they are a good barometer as to the state of your psychic well being.

## SYMBOLIC IMAGERY

Other dreams may not directly feature your ex but, instead, be replete with symbolic images that relate to him or her. For example, if your ex was a farmer, you might dream of cultivating your own healthy crops. This would signify that you are looking to nurture something that offers you more than the relationship did. Many people associate their ex strongly with their career. Dreaming of something that your ex might have been involved in professionally can be interpreted as a symbol of them and the effect they had on your life, whether it was positive or negative.

Exes can also appear in dreams long after the relationship has ended. This doesn't necessarily mean that you are missing them. The subconscious often uses images from the past to flag up issues in the present – almost like a psychic parable. You may find that, in dreaming of a past ex, the dream is filled with emotions and images concerning a particular stage in the relationship. By considering how you were feeling about the relationship at that time, you should find that you are able to apply those thoughts and feelings to a situation that is important to you in the present. However, these dreams can also be indicators that a psychic scar has still not healed where that relationship was concerned. Think through the dream and see if you can identify the issue that you may not have dealt with. Recurrent dreams of this sort are strong psychic indicators that you may not have recovered from a certain aspect of the separation.

Pleasant dreams about an ex, usually some time after the relationship has ended, are likely to be a message from your psychic barometer letting you know that you have fully reclaimed yourself on all levels. These dreams may be associated with feelings of peace and contentment, signifying that a psychic struggle has ended. Symbolically, the ex might also represent a suppressed or unacknowledged talent. A dream in which you are physically close to an ex-partner could suggest that you are closer to allowing that talent or gift into your life.

For most of us, dreaming of an ex-partner is slightly disconcerting, as we tend to look for a literal meaning first and foremost. However, it is worth remembering that the psyche does not communicate literally; it works through images and abstractions. Rather than worry about the fact that your dream featured an ex, look for symbols that might grant you greater insight into your own psychic well being.



If you've watched the show, you're aware of the adventures of the residents of Wisteria Lane. The characters in this comedy drama quickly become embroiled in each others' lives whilst trying to keep dark and often funny secrets to themselves, and their exploits often seem too far-fetched to be real. But could you already be leading the life of a Desperate Housewife without even knowing it?

Perhaps the Housewives seem a far cry from yourself or your friends. Susan is a single mother with a penchant for drama and searching for love. Lynette has given up her high-pressure job to be a stay-at-home mum, only to discover that life at home is more demanding than in any office. Gabrielle is locked in an unhappy marriage and seeks illicit love with her gardener. Bree is the apparently perfect wife but behind closed doors is struggling save her failing marriage, and Edie is a serial divorcee who uses her sexuality as a weapon to get what she wants.

When you boil the characters down to their fundamentals, it is suddenly easy to see just how realistic they are. Indeed, you may even identify some of the characters with people you know – and even with aspects of your own life. If you do, don't panic – this is perfectly normal! Producers would not commission a show that no one can relate to or they simply wouldn't have any viewers. However, it is worth questioning what has happened to those characters and just how you identify with them.

What all the characters in this show have in common is that they are spiritually disjointed. They have become so concerned with the minutiae of their physical existence that they have isolated themselves on a psychic level. This can happen to anyone with surprising ease; stress, a secret, a relationship that isn't working – all these things can conspire to make us ill at ease with ourselves. Secrets can become burdens, stress can seem insurmountable and relationships can seem too complicated to address. However, when we are spiritually in tune with ourselves, problems such as these appear as only minor hurdles. Intentionally or not, Desperate Housewives presents an accurate representation of how difficult and dramatic things can appear to be when you are feeling psychically isolated from those closest to you.

If there are any lessons to be drawn from this series, they surely must centre on the importance of being in harmony with yourself and those around you on a level far higher than the physical plane we inhabit. With the everyday stresses and strains of life, it is too easy to lose perspective on situations and how to resolve them. It also easy to forget how restorative, both psychically and physically, the simple pleasures of life can be, such as a walk in the park or a cup of tea with a friend.

If you are identifying too heavily with one of the characters from this show, perhaps it is time to take stock of your life. Whether you are a housewife or not, you don't have to be desperate.

# READER PROFILE **JULIE**

## When did you first realise you were psychic?



*I was psychic as a young child, but as a young child I didn't have a name for it. I was also aware of spirit as a child and assumed that everyone had what I now know is a 'gift'. My grandmother taught me how to read playing cards, like one reads the tarot. I used to read for the dinner ladies at primary school and my predictions would come true. I predicted that one dinner lady would come into an unexpected sum of money and when this came about she bought me a big bag of sweets - so it didn't go unrewarded!*

## Have you had any great experiences with a customer who you have read for?

*I often have great experiences with the people that I read for. The part of my work that I feel is most rewarding is when I connect someone to a loved one that they have lost. It is not unusual for me to get information that is personal to their loved ones and they know that I have no way of knowing myself. It is sometimes possible to get a person's name or the name of someone connected to them. I was once reading for a lady who had lost her young daughter and I was struggling to pick up the child's name. I asked spirit to help me and just then my phone beeped, (I had put my phone on silent before starting my shift, so it shocked me) I looked at the name on the phone and it said Vicky. I gave the name to the woman and it was indeed the name of her daughter.*

## What makes a good psychic reading?

*A good reading gives us the information we need to move forward in our lives, and in my opinion the most important quality in a reader is honesty. Anybody can tell someone what they want to hear, but only the truth will set us free. There is no point in having insight if we are not completely honest about what we see. The future is never fixed - if it was there would be no point in having a reading as we couldn't change anything. A good reader can tell you about the different paths or opportunities that lie ahead and the likely outcome of taking certain paths. This helps clients to make informed choices in their lives, enabling them to reach their full potential.*



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