

Energetic Contrasts and Subtle Points of Comparison Between Aries and Virgo

Important Foundational Relationships

Aries	In Comparison With	Virgo
1. The Ram, the Lamb		1. The Virgin
2. Esoteric Mantram: I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.		2. Esoteric Mantram: I am the Mother and the Child, I, God, I matter am. Christ in you, the hope of glory.
3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let form again be sought.		3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let matter reign.
4. Quality of Light: The Light of Life Itself		4. Quality of Light: The blended dual Light.
5. Element: Fire Sign		5. Element: Earth Sign
6. Cardinal Cross		6. Mutable Cross
7. Transmits R1 and R7 constellationally		7. Transmits R2 and R6 constellationally
8. Secondly, (assuredly, but not exclusively), Aries transmits R6, R4 and R7 through Mars, Mercury and Uranus—its three planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.		8. Secondly, (assuredly, but not exclusively) Virgo transmits R4, R4 again, R6, R1, and R2 through Mercury, the Moon, the veiled Neptune, the veiled Vulcan, and, also, Jupiter—all these are its planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.
9. Color: carmine, scarlet red		9. Color: yellow (Mercury rulership). Blue-green is an additional reasonable possibility, relating Virgo to “ <i>Mother Earth</i> ”.
10. Creative Hierarchy number II (unmanifested), characterized by “Unity thro’ Effort”		10. Creative Hierarchy number II (manifested) and VII of 12. “Divine Builders conferring Soul; the Burning Sons of Desire”
11. Associated with the inaugural <i>first</i> , the blinding, surmounting <i>third</i> , the revelatory <i>fifth</i> and the resurrecting <i>seventh</i> initiations, but especially with the <i>third</i> (EA 388-389) and <i>seventh</i> (EA 304) initiations—transfiguration and resurrection. The exalted Sun in Aries can be understood as relating to each of these initiations.		11. Associated with the stages immediately preceding the ‘birthing’, form-regulating <i>first</i> initiation (EA 67, 471); then, with the cleansing, purifying <i>second</i> initiation, and possibly with the decisive, monad-establishing <i>sixth</i> (introduction to true monadic living)

<p>12. Correlated to the synthesizing <i>crown center</i> and the <i>ajna</i> center—considered as the center of personality direction. Also influencing the impulsive <i>solar plexus</i> and the propagative center of sexuality—the <i>sacral</i> center, in relation to which, the opposites are brought together. The fertility of the Ram suggests the sacral association. Some connection with the based of the spine center is also possible, as Mars and Mercury (Aries’ first two rulers) rule kundalini “latent” and “in intelligent activity” respectively. Its hierarchical ruler, Uranus, transmits the seventh ray and is, thus, numerically <i>related</i> to this <i>seventh</i> (lowest) center.</p>		<p>12. Virgo can be reasonably understood as influencing, particularly, the cherishing, patient, maternally-loving <i>heart</i> center (through the second ray), and the persistently devoted <i>solar plexus</i> center (through the sixth). In addition to its influence upon a number of smaller, sub-diaphragmatic centers associated with the solar plexus, Virgo must have an influence upon the <i>ajna</i> center—as an organ of discrimination and discernment. The mysteries of generation are ruled by the Moon, which rules Virgo esoterically; a sacral center association is, thereby, reasonable. The <i>six</i> of the <i>sacral</i> center leads to the <i>twelve</i> of the <i>heart</i>.</p>
<p>13. The zodiacal signs influence the Monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF 1191); the influence from Aries impels the Monad forth upon its aeonial pilgrimage. The sense of <i>pure selfhood</i> which characterizes monadic awareness is enhanced by Aries. Further, Aries endows the Monad with its inherent <i>omnipotence</i> relative to the human energy system.</p>		<p>13. The zodiacal signs influence the monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF 1191); the influence from Virgo is powerful in monadic life because the second manifested Creative Hierarchy (Who are the “prototypes of the Monads”—TCF 1197) is ruled by Virgo and its hierarchical ruler, Jupiter. One motivation of the descending monad is the perfection of <i>matter</i> (in this case, the substance of the first solar system). With this mission, Virgo is intimately concerned.</p>
<p>14. Within the Triad—associated principally with <i>atma</i>, the spiritual will as it reflects divine will and law. Aries is also associated with the birth of ideas in <i>buddhi</i> (or at least their <i>reception</i> from the buddhic realm) and also with their abstract formulation within the sphere of higher <i>manas</i>.</p>		<p>14. Within the spiritual triad—Virgo (esoterically ruled in part by Neptune, and hierarchically by second ray Jupiter, and transmitting, itself, the <i>second</i> ray), is related primarily to <i>buddhi</i> (the <i>second</i> aspect of the spiritual triad), bestowing as it does the <i>second</i> ray and a higher correspondence to “mother love”—a divine, maternal compassion. Virgo is also associated with the third ray, and the third divine aspect, and hence, even if indirectly, with <i>higher manas</i>, the <i>third</i> triadal aspect.</p>
<p>15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the soul-consciousness (and causal body) through which it expresses—Aries governs the persistent will-to-incarnate “Let form again be sought”, and the first impulses (emanating from the plane of mind) towards descent onto the physical plane. “<i>Aries</i>—is connected with soul intention, the vibratory activity of which (under impulse from the Monad) initiates the successive involutory periods which produce appearance upon the physical plane.) (EA 302)</p>		<p>15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the soul-consciousness (and causal body) through which it expresses—Virgo, like Cancer, can be seen in the ‘mother’ role—with Virgo providing a nurturing and discriminatively <i>cleansing</i> energy, utilized by the Solar Angel to <i>improve the quality</i> of its personality manifestation. Virgo, as the Solar Angel expresses it, is the will to manifest love intelligently through matter, until the Christ energy pours successfully through the personality-form and a relative perfection is reached.</p>

<p>16. Within the Personality—Aries can be identified with the <i>ruling</i> and <i>assertive</i> qualities of the mental nature; with the <i>impulses</i> and <i>passions</i> of the astral nature; with the forceful but <i>irregular vigor</i> of the etheric nature; and, generally, with the <i>muscular strength</i> of the dense physical nature. Aries is especially related to the lower mental vehicle. (EA 92) (The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.)</p>		<p>16. Within the Personality—Virgo can be identified with the <i>discriminative</i>, <i>analytical</i>, and <i>selective</i> processes of the lower mental nature; with the <i>cleansing</i> and <i>purification</i> of the astral nature; with the <i>magnetic purity</i> of the etheric nature; with the general <i>health</i> and <i>nutrition</i> and of the dense physical vehicle. Virgo, via the Moon, is particularly related to the dense physical vehicle and to all personality substance as a whole. (EA 194) (The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.)</p>
<p>17. Stage within a Preliminary Fourfold Meditative Process: Conception</p>		<p>17. Stage of Meditative Consciousness: Meditation proper. “Virgo—Meditation—Soul life, as sensed in man, the gestation period. The stage of the hidden Christ. Intelligent man. Personality, as hiding the Christ life.” (EA 228)</p>
<p>18. The Crisis of Orientation characterized by the quality of Reversal. (EA 472)</p>		<p>18. The Crisis of the Birthplace characterized by the process/quality of Initiation</p>

Wider Relationships: Cosmic and Systemic

Aries	In Comparison With	Virgo
<p>1. Expressive, principally, of the <i>first</i> or <i>will</i> aspect of divinity. “Aries is the focal point of the expression of the first aspect of divinity, the will aspect.” (EA 194) Some <i>third</i> aspect may enter in relation to activity and, depending upon whether the seventh ray is interpreted in terms of the <i>first</i> or <i>third</i> rays.</p>		<p>1. Expressive of both the <i>second</i> and <i>third</i> aspects of divinity, but especially well-rooted in the third. “Virgo is the focal point for the expression of the third aspect, that of active intelligence. In that sign the highest function of matter is symbolised.” (EA 194, also 280)</p>
<p>2. Cosmically, preeminently associated with the Great Bear: “Aries is, as might be expected, closely connected with the Great Bear, but peculiarly so with one of the stars called The Pointers;...” (EA 195) “The Great Bear—Aries—Pluto—Shamballa.” (EA 416) “Aries—Libra—The Sun (which are an expression of the Great Bear) bring about that focussing of energy in the life of the disciple which makes it possible for him to function consciously and with intention upon the Path of Initiation.” (EA 466) “Aries, the initiator of impulses (either the impulse to incarnate or the impulse to return to the originating source) is closely in touch with one of the stars in the Great Bear to which we give the name ‘Pointer’ in common parlance. This Pointer is a ‘major star of direction’ because through it (in this world cycle) flows the will to unify and to bring about synthesis.” (EA 482)</p>		<p>2. Cosmically associated principally with the Pleiades. “One of the most esoteric cycles is based upon certain conjunctions and respective positions of Virgo and the Pleiades.” (EA 657) “Virgo is inseparable from Leo and the Pleiades and the Hyades.” (EA 679) Virgo is related to several feminine constellations which figure importantly in the astrology of the form. “There is Cassiopea, Venus, Coma Berenice, Andromeda and one or two others, as well as Virgo, the Virgin, the most important of them all.” (EA 400)</p>

<p>3. Three Constellations Connected with Aries: a) Cassiopeia—the Enthroned Queen; b) Cetus—the Sea Monster; c) Perseus—the One Who Subdues (cf. LOH 35-36)</p>		<p>3. Three Constellations Connected with Virgo: a) Coma Berenice—the Mother of the Form Only; b) The Centaur—Half Man/Half Horse; c) Bootes—the One Who is Coming (LOH 120)</p>
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Relationships Between Three Levels of Planetary Rulers and Planets in Exaltation, Fall and Detriment

<p>1. Mercury is esoteric ruler of Aries</p>	<p align="center">In Comparison With</p>	<p>1. Mercury is exoteric ruler of Virgo and exalted in Virgo as well</p>
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Subtle Relationships Between Ray, Zodiacal and Planetary Energies

<p align="center">Aries</p>	<p align="center">In Comparison With</p>	<p align="center">Virgo</p>
<p>1. Aries transmits the <i>first</i> ray constellationally. Aries is also the <i>first</i> sign of the zodiac on both the reversed and clockwise wheels, and on the wheel which numbers the signs by polarity (Aries-Libra, Taurus-Scorpio, etc.) All this reinforces the association of Aries with the <i>first</i> ray.</p>	<p align="center">In Comparison With</p>	<p>1. Vulcan is <i>a</i> veiled esoteric ruler in Virgo and transmits the <i>first</i> ray.</p>
<p>2. Aries transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray constellationally.</p>		<p>2. Jupiter, the hierarchical ruler of Virgo, transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray through its association with “ritual” and “ritualistic worship.” (EA 648, 660) It is hard to conceive that Virgo, as a constellation, has <i>no</i> relation to the <i>seventh</i> ray because of the traits demonstrated by so many Virgoan individuals. In any case, Virgo is the ruler of the <i>seventh</i> Creative Hierarchy (if the unmanifested Hierarchies are included in the numbering). The Moon (the veiling esoteric ruler) is also associated with the <i>seventh</i> ray, through its rulership of the <i>seventh</i> manifested Creative Hierarchy and its rulership of the dense part of the <i>seventh</i> plane.</p>

<p>3. Counting from Pisces clockwise, Aries becomes the <i>twelfth</i> sign, and is thus, by numerological addition, numerically resonant with the number <i>three</i> and with the <i>third</i> ray. “Let form again be sought.” Aries plunges into the material world at the outset of every new cycle.</p>		<p>3. Virgo (the second oldest of the constellations) is associated with the <i>third</i> ray—the ray of the previous solar system. This was the solar system with the emphasis upon matter. “Let matter reign.” Mercury, the exoteric ruler of Virgo, and also exalted in this sign, has a close relation to the <i>third</i> ray. (EA 280). The Moon is anciently related to the <i>third</i> ray, being associated with dense physical “matter” and with the Moon Chain and the first solar system in which the third ray was dominant. Neptune, veiled esoteric ruler, is also with the <i>third</i> ray through its associations with the “waters” which are “matter.” (EA 666, 275)</p>
<p>4. Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray.</p>		<p>4. Virgo transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray constellationally. As well, Virgo is the <i>sixth</i> sign of the zodiac on the reversed wheel and, hence, has numerical affinity with the number <i>six</i> and with the <i>sixth</i> ray. Neptune is a veiled esoteric ruler of Virgo and transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray. Jupiter has a possible connection with the <i>sixth</i> ray through its exoteric rulership of Sagittarius and its enthusiastic, aspirational nature.</p>
<p>5. Mars also transmits the <i>first</i> ray, because its “School” trains “those whose work is along the lines of the destroyer.” (TCF 1179). It is the <i>first</i> ray which is the Ray of the Destroyer.</p>		<p>5. See #1 above.</p>
<p>6. Mars manifests as the astral body of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity and, hence, is aligned with the transmission of the <i>third</i> ray. The physical body of Mars must be more the third than seventh ray. (EPII 99)</p>		<p>6. See # 3 above.</p>
<p>7. Mars is closely associated with the <i>fifth</i> ray, because it governs the five senses and rules science. (EA 215)</p>		<p>7. Mercury has a close relation to the <i>fifth</i> ray, through its relation to the <i>fifth</i> scheme, the <i>fifth</i> round, the <i>fifth</i> race and sub-race. “The fifth race is born under Mercury.” (EA 663). Vulcan has associations with the <i>fifth</i> ray through <i>concretion</i> and the <i>seventh</i> ray, through the mineral kingdom and the principle of rhythm.</p>

<p>8. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>fourth</i> ray.</p>		<p>8. The Moon is the esoteric ruler of Virgo, and transmits the <i>fourth</i> ray. Vulcan, a veiled esoteric ruler in Virgo, has a close relation to the number <i>four</i>—to the <i>fourth</i> kingdom (the Human Kingdom), the <i>fourth</i> kingdom <i>from</i> the human (the Mineral Kingdom) and to the <i>fourth</i> initiation, and may be involved in a fourth ray transmission through the Moon. (DN 91). Neptune, a veiled esoteric ruler of Virgo, is associated with the <i>fourth</i> ray through its rulership of the <i>fourth</i> or buddhic plane.</p>
<p>9. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, has a strong affinity with <i>third</i> ray, just as has the Moon. (cf. EA 280). Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, participates in the expression of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity</p>		<p>9. See #3 above.</p>
<p>10. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, possibly transmits the <i>fifth</i> ray monadically (as Lord of Manas). Further, Mercury rules the <i>fifth</i> race and is connected with the <i>fifth</i> scheme and the <i>fifth</i> round. “The fifth race is born under Mercury. (the Aryan race. A.A.B.) (SD II. 32., EA 663)</p>		<p>10. See #7 above.</p>
<p>11. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray, probably as its soul ray.</p>		<p>11. See #2 above.</p>
<p>12. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, the <i>first</i> sign, transmits the <i>first</i> ray “esoterically”, i.e., monadically. (EPI 421)</p>		<p>12. See #1 above.</p>
<p>13. . Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, is closely connected to the <i>third</i> ray which it probably transmits as the personality ray. (cf. EA 200, 238)</p>		<p>13. See #3 above.</p>
<p>14. Uranus stands for “exoteric science” which is on the <i>fifth</i> ray (EA 149)</p>		<p>14. See #7 above.</p>
<p>15. Uranus stands in a line of transmission along the second ray from Sirius and Pisces. Further, Uranus participates, probably as the mental body, in the expression of a great <i>second</i> ray Entity. (EPII 99)</p>		<p>15. Virgo transmits the <i>second</i> ray constellationally. On the clockwise wheel (numbering from Aries), Virgo is the <i>eighth</i> sign of the zodiac and, hence, is related to the Christ—Whose number is “eight” (EA 37)—Vulcan, a veiled esoteric ruler of Virgo, has an association with the <i>second</i> ray, as Vulcan is connected to the “heart of the sun.” (EA 393) Neptune, another veiled esoteric ruler of Virgo, also transmits the <i>second</i> ray monadically. (EPI 421)</p>

16. The Sun, exalted in Aries, is the veiling transmitter of the <i>second</i> ray, and, as a star, transmits the <i>second</i> ray in its own right (through its personality and its soul). Its <i>primary</i> or <i>major</i> monadic ray may also be the <i>second</i> .	16. See #15 immediately above.
17. Vulcan often substitutes for the Sun, and the Sun is exalted in Aries. Vulcan is related to the “heart of the sun”, and hence, in some mysterious way, to the <i>second</i> ray. (EA 393)	17. See #15 immediately above.

General Qualitative Comparisons, Contrasts and Pragmatic Descriptors

Aries	In Comparison With	Virgo
1. The Divine Father		1. The Divine Mother
2. Spirit		2. Matter (Mulaprakriti)
3. The Synthesis which <i>IS</i>		3. Mulaprakriti, in its <i>articulated</i> and <i>intelligent</i> mode
4. Associated with the One Self: Associated (through exaltation) with the <i>rising</i> Sun, and hence with the East and with the Self.		4. Associated with the “not-Self”
5. “Cosmic Fire” (EA 293)		5. Fire by Friction (in relation to the third aspect)
6. Being (related to the <i>first</i> aspect)		6. Becoming (related to the <i>third</i> aspect)
7. The Monad		7. The Threefold Personality (yet also associated with the Monad)
8. The Cosmic Christ (EA 67, also 243)		8. The Individual Christ (EA 67, also 243)
9. The Resurrected Christ		9. Christ within the Womb (of time and space)
10. In Relation to the Trinity: the One		10. In Relation to the Trinity: the “Three in One”. Virgo is a <i>triple</i> sign, Father, Mother, Child.
11. The (worldly) Master		11. The Servant
12. The “Initiator” (EA 621)		12. The Chela or Disciple in Training
13. The Destroyer (EA 99)		13. The Preserver (under the second ray)
14. The Divine Masculine (almost always)		14. The Divine Feminine (almost always)
15. Patriarchy (with Leo and Capricorn)		15. Matriarchy (with Cancer and Pisces)
16. The liberating influence of Spirit		16. The cherishing influence of Soul (cf. EA 182)
17. The “resurrection” of the Solar Angels, and their return to the “heart of the Sun”.		17. The “fall” of the Solar Angels and their immersion in matter for purposes of service.
18. The Conquistador		18. The Priest
19. The Sword (under the first ray)		19. The Book (under the second ray)
20. The Commander		20. The Infantry
21. The Warrior		21. The Hermit
22. The Originator		22. The Practitioner
23. Related to the initial steps of the ‘birth’ into form of the soul, as it seeks incarnation		23. Related to the long process of preparing the incarnated soul to be born into the Christ Consciousness.

24. “Aries and Virgo, through Mercury and the Moon, are related to Ray 4.” “Harmonising the cosmos and the individual through conflict, producing unity and beauty. The birth pangs of the second birth.” (EA 67) The Cosmic [Christ]	24. “Aries and Virgo, through Mercury and the Moon, are related to Ray 4.” “Harmonising the cosmos and the individual through conflict, producing unity and beauty. The birth pangs of the second birth.” (EA 67) [The Individual Christ]
25. Aries: The “idea or Word of God” (EA 100)	25. The “Word of God” as it takes form (EA100)
26. The “undying One” (EA 272)	26. The “eternal Mother” (EA 272)
27. The Will-to-Manifest	27. The Will to bring to Birth
28. “Spirit and matter” (EA 272)	28. “...the mother and the child” (EA 272)
29. Aries—its role in inaugurating the New Age: “The potency of Aries, as it initiates those happenings which will set in motion the causes that will produce the New Age, can be seen today in the trend of all the new movements, in the formulation of the various world orders, in the discoveries of science and in the emergence of the new types in the different kingdoms in nature.” (EA 486)	29. Virgo—its role in inaugurating the New Age: “The influence of Virgo appears “in the many religious, spiritual and mental organisations and movements which indicate so directly the awakening of the Christ consciousness in humanity.” (EA 486)
30. The Sixth and Fourth Rays are Dominant upon the Path of Evolution: Aries is active in relation to the sixth ray through Mars. (EA 166)	30. The Sixth and Fourth Rays are Dominant upon the Path of Evolution: Virgo is active in relation to the fourth ray through Mercury. (EA 166)
31. Aries, in the Aries-Leo-Virgo Triangle: “The potency of Aries, as it initiates those happenings which will set in motion the causes that will produce the New Age, can be seen today in the trend of all the new movements, in the formulation of the various world orders, in the discoveries of science and in the emergence of the new types in the different kingdoms in nature. This activity has only been felt since 1835;...” (EA 486)	31. Virgo, in the Aries-Leo-Virgo Triangle: “the influence of Virgo appears in the many religious, spiritual and mental organisations and movements which indicate so directly the awakening of the Christ consciousness in humanity.” (EA 486)
32. Aries—for the Undeveloped Man: “Blind, undirected experience. Instinctual reaction.” (EA 332)	32. Virgo—for the Undeveloped Man: “The germinating energy. The Mother.” (EA 332)
33. Aries—for the Advanced Man: “Directed personality effort. Desire.” (EA 332)	33. Virgo—for the Advanced Man: “The creative force. The Protector.” (EA 332)
34. Aries—for the Disciple/Initiate: “Recognition and work with the Plan. Will.” (EA 332)	34. Virgo—for the Disciple/Initiate: “The Christ activity. The Light.” (EA 332)
35. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Aries: When the Sun is in Aries, an individual may cultivate response to the will of the soul and, even, to the influence of the monad. He should undertake initiatives under the direction of the spiritual factors within his nature.	35. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Virgo: When the Sun is in Virgo, an individual “will know that opportunity to bring the form more under the influence of the hidden Christ is possible...” (EA 564)
36. The Life of the Christ from an Aretian Perspective: “Aries.—This sign, which is the sign of beginnings, provided the impulse and energy which enabled Him to inaugurate the Christian era; it initiated, through Him, the ‘age of Love’ which is only now beginning to take form, and its potency is now so great that it has brought about (paradoxically) the present world cleavage.” (EA 567)	36. The Life of the Christ from a Virgoan Perspective: “The Virgo aspect came into expression in His twelfth year when He said: ‘Wist ye not that I must be about My Father’s business,’ thereby indicating the subordination of the form life to the will of the indwelling Christ; this was consummated when ‘divinity descended upon Him’ at the Baptism. (EA 564)
37. The destruction of the form; also the seeding or inauguration of the form.	37. The nurturance and preservation of the form

38. Purification through fire		38. Purification through discriminative cleansing
39. Conception (of an idea)		39. Meticulous execution
40. The broad principles		40. The minute details
41. The Edict		41. The Codex
42. Lawless or a “law unto itself”		42. Carrying out the rules
43. Disrespect for matter—Saturn falls		43. Detailed knowledge of the processes of matter
44. Sudden and dramatic crises		44. “...slow, gentle and yet powerful crises...” (EA 260)
45. Synthesis		45. Analysis
46. The realization of wholeness, of the tremendous magnitude of entirety		46. The pursuit of “meticulous entirety” within the whole
47. Identification		47. Discrimination
48. Expansiveness		48. Narrowness
49. Forceful in energy expression		49. Appropriate and well-applied in energy expression
50. Principles		50. Application
51. Broad strokes		51. Delicate brush strokes
52. Recklessness; carelessness		52. Meticulous caution; carefulness
53. Spontaneous		53. Seek precedent before action
54. Speed		54. Slow, gentle action
55. Impatience		55. Patience
56. Carelessness		56. “Culturing care” (EA 473)
57. Inflicting wounds		57. Healing
58. Arrogance, flamboyance		58. Modesty
59. Promiscuity—“sowing wild oats”		59. Chastity

Similarities and Points of Cooperation Between the Influences of the Aries and Virgo

A. Both of these signs share a rulership by intelligent planet Mercury. Mercury is the exoteric ruler of Virgo, in which sign it is also exalted, and the esoteric ruler of Aries.

B. Both signs are associated with the Christ principle: Aries with the Cosmic Christ and Virgo with the individual Christ

C. Both signs are associated with re-birth: Aries with the re-birth of the new cycle after the old and Virgo with the re-birth of the spiritual aspect of man after its long en-wombment in matter. Continuing the birth analogy: Aries is associated with the sowing of the Seed and Virgo with the nurturing and guarding of the Seed until it comes to fruition.

D. Both signs are closely associated with the lower mental body: Aries gives independence of mind and Virgo brings clarity of mind.

E. The principle of conflict connects both signs through the *fourth* ray. In Virgo the fourth ray is imparted through rulership by Mercury exoterically and the moon esoterically, and in Aries through Mercury esoterically. This ray indicates the struggle which ever precedes birth into a greater degree of liberation. In Aries the birth releases the individual into the full freedom of spirit. In Virgo the birth releases the individual into the world of the soul.

F. Both signs are united by the *sixth* ray as well through their rulership by Mars for Aries exoterically, and by the Moon veiling Neptune for Virgo esoterically. Both signs therefore evidence devoted commitment to the process of achieving the new birth. The difference in the hierarchical rulers however is striking with Uranus ruling Aries hierarchically and Jupiter ruling Virgo hierarchically. Here we see the contrast between the first ray of Uranus and the second ray of Jupiter. There is yet another similarity along the line of the first ray since Aries a *first* ray sign, ruled hierarchically by Uranus, can be related to the *first* ray rulership of Virgo esoterically seen through the Moon veiling Vulcan. The two aspects of Will demonstrated are entirely different however, for Aries represents the *dynamic* aspect of Will and Virgo through its veiled rulership of Vulcan, the *endurance* aspect of the Will over a great expanse of time. Nevertheless both signs *will* to see the process through to fruition and an increased degree of liberation.

G. From one point of view Aries/Virgo represents the union of *spirit* and *matter* even as did Aries/Taurus. Also the adjustment which must be undertaken if the spirit and matter aspects are to be united successfully. Aries and Virgo are also united in that spirit is matter and matter is spirit, and that the apparent duality is but an essential unity.

“Matter is the Vehicle for the manifestation of Soul on this plane of existence, and Soul is the Vehicle on a higher plane for the manifestation of Spirit and these three are a Trinity, synthesised by Life, which pervades them all.” (SD 180)

H. In a strange way they are both power signs, both represent the three in one: Aries represents the absolute unity aspect and Virgo through its triple glyph, represents the union of Father, Mother and Son—the trinity which is One. Both are clearly signs relating to the *will* but Aries represents the absolute supremacy of the Divine Will and Virgo the humble readiness to obey that Divine Will. Aries represents the absolute power of the liberated spirit and Virgo the encasement of that power awaiting liberation within matter.

I. The influences of both signs combine in the phenomenon of the “Amazon” who is a female (Virgo) warrior (Aries).

J. Both signs are strongly related to physicality and to the physical body. Aries archetypally rules all bodies as ‘centers of identity’. Its orthodox ruler, Mars, is especially associated with the physical body. Virgo, an earth sign, is focussed on the culture and cultivation of the physical body through right diet, nutrition and exercise.