Neptune and Alcoholism
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Neptune astrologically is a planet associated with escapism and along those veins, it also rules drugs and alcohol.   Therefore if there are characteristics that exemplify an alcoholic we would expect to see some type of planetary connections and if so which ones.

In the study, we examined the charts of 242 alcoholics (from Astrodatabank) against a control group of 1788 non-alcoholics. The number of occurrences of the control group is normalised to the number of alcoholics. Because we have a larger control group we would more than likely get a larger number, therefore, in order to get a better comparison, the control group number would have to be normalised. Let's say for a particular criterium there are 15/242 alcoholics but the control group had 50/1788 then the control group normalised would be 6.7/242. This way we could conclude that in this study the criterium would appear more than double in the charts of alcoholics versus the control group.

Study of Aspects

In the study, we looked at the 5 Ptolemaic aspects plus the more difficult minor aspects which are the quincunx, the semi-square and the sesquiquadrate. The Chi-Square cut off was set to 4 because 3.85 is the lower limit for a statistic being statistically significant.

Orbs:
Sun/Moon = 10°, Planets and angles = 7° for Ptolemaic aspects

All points for semisquares, sesquiquadrates, & quincunx = 3°

Note: for interpreting the results *Often* means the event occurs often in charts of alcoholics where *Seldom* means it does not.

EVENT	OCCURENCE	C.G.	NORM C.G	CHi SQ	PROB	STAT
Neptune conjunct Solar Prenatal eclipse	23	66	8.9	34.4	100.00%	OFTEN
Neptune trine Chiron	50	218	29.5	26.7	100.00%	OFTEN
Neptune square Chiron	30	132	17.9	14.6	100.00%	OFTEN
Neptune quincunx Moon	16	62	8.4	11.4	99.90%	OFTEN
Neptune semi square Ascendant	11	44	6	7	99.20%	OFTEN
Neptune square Mars	25	132	17.9	5.2	97.70%	OFTEN
Neptune quincunx Saturn	12	55	7.4	4.7	97.00%	OFTEN

	OCCURENCE	C.G.	NORM C.G	CHi SQ	PROB	STAT
Neptune sesquiquadrate Mercury	14	68	9.2	4.3	96.20%	OFTEN
Neptune sextile Mercury	25	137	18.5	4.1	95.80%	OFTEN
Neptune opposite Mercury	12	57	7.7	4.1	95.70%	OFTEN

The highest contributor is Neptune conjunct the pre-natal solar eclipse which is interesting seeing that eclipse is a powerful point. What is also interesting to note is that you do not see Jupiter, the planet of excessiveness, in the aspects to Neptune. Mercury and Chiron also rank high.

Positive aspects to Chiron and Mercury rank high.

Here are the events that seldom appear in the charts of alcoholics.

EVENT	OCCURENCE	C.G.	NORM C.G	CHi SQ	PROB	STAT
Neptune conjunct Chiron	5	134	18.1	19.7	100.00%	SELDOM
Neptune square Jupiter	11	148	20	8.2	99.60%	SELDOM
Neptune semisquare Moon	3	67	9.1	8.1	99.50%	SELDOM
Neptune trine Jupiter	10	134	18.1	7.3	99.30%	SELDOM
Neptune quincunx Ascendant	3	60	8.1	6.3	98.90%	SELDOM
Neptune sesquiquadrate Moon	3	58	7.9	5.9	98.50%	SELDOM
Neptune opposite MC	6	85	11.5	5.2	97.70%	SELDOM
Neptune sesquiquadrate North Node	3	53	7.2	4.7	97.00%	SELDOM
Neptune trine Moon	20	206	27.9	4.6	96.70%	SELDOM

Study of Neptune in Houses

The only thing that came up is that Neptune in the succedent houses appears in the charts of alcoholics.

EVENT	OCCURENCE	C.G.	NORM C.G	CHi SQ	PROB	STAT
Neptune in 3rd	10	152	20.6	11.1	99.90%	SELDOM
Neptune in Succedent Houses	94	601	81.3	5.2	97.70%	OFTEN
Neptune in Cadent Houses	69	596	80.7	4.5	96.60%	SELDOM

One needs to note that if you have one aspect that does not make you an alcoholic. If you have several from the OFTEN and much fewer from the SELDOM you have the ***potential*** to be an alcoholic. If you have more SELDOM type aspects over OFTEN type aspects then that means no. If you have 50-50 then it is a wash.

Moreover, this study will need further analysis including other aspects, criteria (eg. Sun, Moon, Ascendant), and the creation of a Neural Net model. A Neural Net is an artificial intelligence model where you will be able to input additional charts and it will determine if they have the tendency to be alcoholics.