Effective aspect: Mars trine Uranus - an easy aspect so there would be progressive thinking and a strong feeling of independence.

Ineffective aspect: Mars square Uranus - a difficult aspect so there would be accidents, violence, or an operation.

**The Cosmobiologist’s viewpoint:**

As you will learn in upcoming chapters, the Cosmobiologist believes that the principles of the planets will manifest in any aspect whether effective or ineffective. In other words, Saturn can mean discipline and the Sun can represent basic self-expression, so there will be emphasis of both of these principles whether the aspect is an effective aspect or an ineffective aspect.

In the case of Mars and Uranus, Mars represents energy and Uranus represents suddenness. Both of these principles will manifest in any aspect.

Cosmobiology also believes that the easy aspects bring a state or condition only and the difficult aspects are the most important aspects because they bring the energy that creates the events in our lives. The difficult aspects are those aspects that we can work with and progressively change our lives. This theory is discussed in the cosmobiology section.

**The Triplicities - Elements**

Under the heading ‘Signs and Key Words’, you observed the basic characteristics of the nature of each sign. You looked at Aries as an aggressive sign versus Pisces as a more passive sign. Now, you are going to group the signs of the zodiac in a different manner according to elements which constitute four basic substances or parts namely Fire, Earth, Air and Water.
These four elements are grouped under the term Triplicity. The following describe the different temperament groups.

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**Fire** - The Fire sign group are individuals with strong characteristics of enthusiasm and noisy energy. A typical Fire-sign individual is the blustery type individual who rushes in the door and literally fires up those within the room. The Fire sign person is a person who can have a whole roomful of people laughing and talking in a matter of minutes.

Aries fire will be more apt to center around activities that concern Aries own interests.

Leo fire will drive or push others but will always dominate in some way with his enthusiasms.

Sagittarius fire will be more philosophical and group oriented in his enthusiasms. Sagittarius will not be self-centered like Aries nor will he dominate like Leo. Sagittarius possesses a freer kind of “take it or leave it,” type of enthusiasm.

**Earth** - The Earth sign group are quiet methodical individuals with solid common sense. They are cautious and practical. These people excel in activities that involve order or method.

Taurus can be an excellent accountant with great dependability.