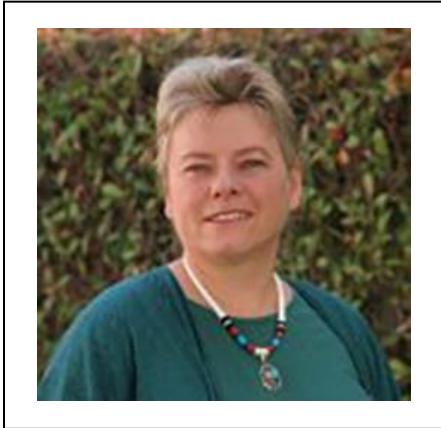


SIMONE BILES AT THE OLYMPICS – VENUS RISING



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On June 3, 2024, the phenomenal Simone Biles clinched her place on the USA women's gymnastics team for the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. At age 27, Ms. Biles already has status in sports history, with a record number of Olympic Gold medals and other records too numerous to count. Two of her previous signature moves bear her name in the Code of Gymnastics, and she just performed a third, even more complex, move never before successfully attempted in competition. Here are some of the words which describe Ms. Biles: Persistence – a long career overcoming pain. Courage – after withdrawing from the 2021 Summer Olympics in Japan due to a mental block called “the twisties,” she became an advocate for the mental health needs of athletes. Speaking up - for herself and others about the sexual abuse scandals in the USA Olympics Team and the sport in general. Image – she put women's gymnastics on the map for aspiring young women of color in the United States. She is unusually small – 4 feet 6 inches in height – and married to a professional football player. What will we see in her birth chart? And what do the stars show about her Olympic summer ahead?

Venus is spectacular in Aquarius in the Lagna - grace and beauty combined with detachment and fixed purpose. As a planetary friend to the sign ruler of Aquarius, Saturn, and the Yogakaraka planet for Aquarius Lagna (ruler of 4th and 9th houses), Venus gains greater strength and auspiciousness. Biles and her sister were adopted by the grandfather, and he became the excellent father she needed. Aquarius has associations with the ankles, critical to the skill of a gymnast. Next, we see the glorious, exalted Moon in Taurus in her 4th house, and we note that the sign ruler of the Moon in Taurus is that very same Venus. Biles received nurturing and a stable home from her adoptive mother and has shown a steady advocacy for her own Manas – emotional stability. Then we turn to the Lagna Lord Saturn, tightly conjoined with the Sun, Mercury, and Ketu in her Pisces 2nd house, which has an association with speech, the neck, and the balance of inner ear. Another important association with the 2nd house is extended family – she was adopted by relatives. Although we often associate Pisces with fluid motion and lack of boundaries, the presence of the Lagna lord Saturn in this group brings an unusual mix of the fluid moves of rotation and twisting with the solid posture and balance of the mounts and dismounts. Pisces is also associated with the gymnast's all-important feet.

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Our attention now goes to the more challenging grahas in her chart, first the combination of Mars and Rahu in Virgo in the 8th house within less than a degree. These two combined often highlight intense ambition and competitiveness, but also potential challenges from loss, trauma, sexual issues, debt, inheritance, and scandal. The 2nd/8th house axis with so many planets is a second “center of gravity,” so to speak. Without these, we could not explain why Ms. Biles was not content with a life centered around home and family connections. Finally, we have Jupiter debilitated in Capricorn in the 12th house – a clue to the lack of relationship with her biological father. There may be more challenges with mental health and post-injury arthritis in years to come. But because of the Parivartana Yoga with Saturn, there is potential to turn losses and isolation to good use.

This is a yoga-packed chart – here are a few attention-grabbing ones to support her obvious success and fame. The Lagna is flanked by four planets in the 2nd house and by Jupiter in the 12th – a mixed bag of Shubhakarata and Papakarata Yoga because it involves both a weak benefic (Jupiter) and several malefic planets (Sun, Ketu, Saturn) and a debilitated Mercury acting like a malefic. The Parivartana Yoga of Jupiter and Saturn is superimposed, strengthening both, although the yoga involves both a favorable house (2nd) and a difficult house (12th). The Budha Aditya Yoga of Mercury/Sun combined gives her intelligence. There are many Raja Yoga combinations involving the 2nd and 8th houses: Lagna lord and 5th house lord combined, 1st/7th lords, 5th/7th lords. The 10th house lord Mars is in the 8th opposite the 1st/2nd/5th and 7th lords.

Ms. Biles began life in Moon Mahadasha in the Vimshottari system (her Moon is in the bright attention-grabbing nakshatra Rohini, ruled by the Moon). At age four, her paternal grandfather took her and her sister in as foster children and eventually adopted them. She began serious gymnastic training at age 8 as she entered the seven years of Mars Mahadasha. Note that Mars is opposite and in aspect with all her Pisces planets and receives a nice one-way aspect from Jupiter. Mars/Rahu in Virgo is capable of extreme precision, especially as these two are conjoined and less than a degree apart.

She entered Rahu Mahadasha at age 15 in 2012, about the time she had joined the national Pre-Olympics team and had her first encounter with serial child sex abuser Dr. Larry Nassar. In her Rahu/Jupiter Antardasha, she dominated the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, winning four gold medals and breaking the color barrier in American women’s gymnastics. In Rahu/Saturn Antardasha, she testified before Congress regarding the pervasive sexual abuse of Dr. Larry Nassar. She debuted two new moves in 2019, which were named in her honor in the Gymnastics Code of Points. Rahu/Mercury Antardasha saw her at the 2021 Olympics in Tokyo, where she withdrew from competition, and her campaign for better mental health awareness and support for athletes. A three-year relationship with NFL player Jonathan Owens culminated in marriage on April 21, 2023. She spent a quiet year in Rahu/Ketu Antardasha. Rumors of the birth of a daughter in November 2023 were contradicted by a family announcement that this baby was actually born to her younger sister and husband.

Biles entered Rahu/Venus Antardasha on May 21, 2024. On June 3, she set a new record for the number of trophies in American Gymnastics, and easily qualified for the USA Olympics team. The same period will be in effect in July and August at the events in Paris. Venus is in her Lagna, is lord of her exalted Moon, and is also her Yogakaraka planet. The Dasha analysis looks favorable for a notable season for her.

The transits for June 3, 2024, the day she qualified for the USA Olympic Team, show a very favorable grouping of planets in Taurus – Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter (and non-traditional outer planet Uranus who just entered the sign). All these planets fall in Biles’ 4th house, where she has that exalted Moon. Meanwhile, her Lagna lord Saturn is parked in her Aquarius Lagna. Both the Taurus planets

and Saturn in the Lagna aspect her 10th house of fame and career. Rahu and Ketu are transiting in Pisces/Virgo, opposite their position in her natal chart, supporting a return to her sport.

The Olympics will run from July 26 to August 11. The transits are not quite so spectacular for Biles at that time, but she will benefit from Mars, Jupiter and Uranus being grouped together in Taurus in her 4th house near her natal Moon all month. Sun and Venus will have moved on to her 6th house. The possibility of injury can never be ruled out in gymnastics, but Jupiter has a certain power to protect. Let's hope for a spectacular Olympics for her and all the athletes. She has laid the foundation for a post-competition career as a leader.