

# Deluxe Natal Report

Astrological Analysis for  
The Dalai Lama



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## Introduction

Astrology, as far as anyone can tell, has been around as long as human beings have been measuring time. (Among the oldest known artifacts of human civilization are some 40,000-year old caribou bones notched to represent the phases of the Moon.) You might think that anything this old would be well understood today, but that's not the case. Contrary to popular opinion, astrology is not a mystical form of fortune-telling. It's a craft, a technology if you will, that intelligent people use to approach an understanding of the flow of information within the living cosmos of which we are a part. Our very lives partake in and of that flow: "As above, so below."

There are plenty of theories as to how astrology works. Most of them are nonsense. I can tell you, based on my 35+ years of professional research and experience, that it does work. My clients keep coming back to me year after year since 1973 precisely because astrology does work. It can reveal a great deal about ourselves, our character, and the trends of our lives. However this is most definitely not to say, despite popular belief to the contrary, that the stars or planets make you what you are, or cause some immutable fate to fall on you from the heavens. Astrology is a craft; not a curse or a crutch, but a craft or technology. One doesn't believe in technology, one simply uses it because it gets the job done.

In this report, I have combined for you what I believe to be the best elements of traditional astrology together with the latest empirically verified findings on the links between human behavior (and personality) and the patterns of the cosmos. My objective is to present you with information you can use to better know yourself and your potential; including the potentials inherent in the current trends active in your life. Your objective should be to make the most of this information, in order to realize your highest potential - to make the most of what you have, in other words. Realize that the entire universe is a single intelligent being. We are cells of that being. Listen to the signals the whole sends to us, the parts: live in harmony with them, rather than in ignorance of or opposition to them.

What I have said about the cosmos being alive notwithstanding, I do not mean to encourage the belief that there's anything mystical about astrology. This is not fate. It isn't fortune-telling. It is opportunity - to know yourself and your life from a very different perspective, free from the assumptions and distortions and distractions of the mundane, ordinary world. In this respect, a horoscope is a kind of celestial inkblot: an abstract pattern that serves to reveal us to ourselves as we look at it.

In case you're wondering, I have prepared your chart using some of the finest astrological

software in the world today, including Matrix Software's Win\*Star Plus and Esoteric Technologies' Solar Fire Gold. This report is produced from your personal data using Matrix Software's Astro\*Talk program, incorporating interpretations I have written for the astrological factors described on the following pages.

### **Your Rising Sign**

First let's take a quick look at your ascendant, the sign that was rising in the east when you drew your first breath. Representing something somewhere between the persona (mask) you present to the world, and the filter through which you perceive the world, the ascendant is among the most time-dependent, most personal of all astrological factors. The degree rising in the east changes every four minutes or so, and changes the orientation of your entire natal horoscope in the process.

People tend to see you as deeply emotional, but not at all vulnerable: someone who cares, but who also cares enough about personal security to keep from getting overwhelmed by the wants, needs and demands of others. It's like your heart is open, but your guard is up. This isn't to say that you never let sympathy get the best of you - because you have done so in the past, certainly. And you're still vulnerable to doing it again, if you don't get a grip. The cat lady probably has Cancer rising - and that can be you, if you let your protective and nurturing instincts run out of control. You take care of things and people close to you, and you don't ask why: they're here, they're family, that's all it takes. You tend to be wary of people who make long and reasoned arguments, because you believe that the heart has reasons that the mind cannot touch. If there isn't some money in your mattress, it's because times are REALLY tough and you already had to tap it out of dire necessity. A fierce defender of home and family. I don't mean to suggest that these few sentences have you surrounded, because you're a lot more than your rising sign alone. Look to others born with Cancer rising for some clues to your demeanor - people like singers Harry Belafonte, John Denver, Cass Elliot, Michael Jackson, Van Morrison and Bruce Springsteen; historic British PM Tony Blair; actresses Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine and Michelle Pfeiffer; Cuban Jefe Fidel Castro, TV chef Julia Child, jazz great Miles Davis, tennis champ Steffi Graf, astronomer Johannes Kepler, WWII General George Patton, philosophers Baruch Spinoza and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin; radio personality Howard Stern, and writers George Bernard Shaw, Jules Verne and Virginia Woolf.

*Cancer Rising*

### **Your Chart Data**

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Sun	Cancer	12°Ca56'	01st	01 09°Ca59'
Moon	Virgo	09°Vi45'	03rd	02 00°Le41'
Mercury	Gemini	25°Ge31'	12th	03 23°Le36'
Venus	Leo	28°Le15'	03rd	04 21°Vi48'
Mars	Libra	18°Li16'	04th	05 27°Li01'
Jupiter	Scorpio	13°Sc28' R	05th	06 05°Sg32'
Saturn	Pisces	10°Pi03' R	09th	07 09°Cp59'
Uranus	Taurus	04°Ta58'	11th	08 00°Aq41'
Neptune	Virgo	12°Vi17'	03rd	09 23°Aq36'
Pluto	Cancer	25°Ca16'	01st	10 21°Pi48'
Midheaven	Pisces	21°Pi48'		11 27°Ar01'
Ascendant	Cancer	09°Ca59'		12 05°Ge32'

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## Planet Aspects

### **The Lights: The Sun and Moon**

At the time of our birth, the planets (through their configurations and relationships) tell us something about how things were when we were born. Each planet points to special qualities within us. Yet, of all the planets, the two most important planets to astrologers are the "lights," the Sun and the Moon. From where we stand here on Earth, the great shining Sun by day and the reflecting Moon at night are our constant companions. They have much to tell us as to where we have been and where we are headed.

### **The Sun: Your Self and Future**

From the Sun comes light, that which draws us into life. The Sun represents all the changes we have not yet taken, that part of us that we have not yet experienced but are headed toward. The Sun represents our identity, or self, in that it is toward these that we are moving and developing. Thus, it also represents that which we will become: older people, authorities -- those we look toward, or up to. Our essence, or future. Teachers, gurus, and older (more experienced) people are represented by the Sun. The Sun is "hot stuff," those further up the road of life experience.

You are a very sensitive person who can depend on feelings and intuition to get around in life. Possessing good common sense, you are always very practical and down-to-earth -- mothering and protective to all. Security is very important. You also love cooking, growing things, and music.

*Sun in Cancer*

You are very fortunate in being able to grow and progress throughout your life without major difficulties. You can always find the resources you require at hand plus the necessary instruction in how to use them. An inner vision, coupled with the ability to see the "Big" picture, often finds you working as a go-between with others. You could even have a special gift for spanning the generation gap, bringing older and younger spirits together. A love of animals, children, older people, and the needy and downtrodden in general, is a lifelong trait.

*Moon Sextile Sun*

Your ambitions may crash head-on with your value system, and any future progress may be at the expense of current cravings. Even your own ambitions and future possibilities may not appeal to you if it means sacrificing the habits and appetites you enjoy. You may not appreciate older or more experienced persons or those in authority. On the other hand, your focus on career goals could brush aside much that you cherish, in fact.

*Sun Semisquare Venus*

You push hard, but much energy is wasted because you tend to lack direction and planning. You often work against the way things are: authorities or the status quo. It may be difficult for you to coordinate your ambitions with your actual actions and feelings. You tend to hobble yourself emotionally. Your drive and passions put you at odds with authority figures time and

again. This tendency towards clashes and emotional confrontation does exist, and at these times you can be your own worst enemy.

*Sun Square Mars*

Being successful in life is easy, for you have a built-in sense of how to approach and unravel even the most difficult problems. You have an instinct for justice and the law, and you always know how to approach a problem from just the right angle. This ability makes you a natural counselor or guide for others, in particular regarding vocational matters. Working with and helping older persons is also suggested.

*Sun Trine Jupiter*

Responsibilities are easy for you, and you tend to pile on tasks, one after another. You work very hard, with a gritty resolve, and can accomplish much. It takes a lot to overload your willingness to take charge and help out. Organizational skills are good, and a career in one of the physical sciences is quite possible. You find it easy to work with those in authority or those who are more experienced than yourself.

*Sun Trine Saturn*

You have a natural ability to grasp spiritual and visionary matters and to put them to work. You can perform with the imagination and metaphysical thoughts like others work with durable things. This is because you understand what is behind and connecting things. Much of your own self-image is wrapped up with your ability to work with images -- dreams and the imagination. You would make a good teacher in areas of music, philosophy, and all that is mystical.

*Sun Sextile Neptune*

You are always out front and manage to spend a lot of time in the spotlight in social situations. A born teacher, others find you easy to watch and learn from. You are very animated, and it is easy for you to convey your ideas or get them across.

*Sun Conjunction Ascendant*

You seem to shine when it comes to practical matters or those involving work and career. You have an easy way with superiors or those in authority and can always manage to get the most out of any skill or ability you have. You like work and career.

*Sun Trine Midheaven*

### **The Moon: The Support System**

Here is information about the kind of environment we create around us, our support system. It is not only the surroundings that we set up today, but the Moon also represents our past, the particular history and social background out of which we grew. Aside from our social background, the Moon governs all of the old habits that we have grown beyond. We tend to look down on, or back on, our Moon. It represents those experiences out of which we have come, all those younger souls who are unconscious, or "sub" conscious to our own level. This is why it is said that the Moon is a mystery planet, for it is both our parent and our child: our parent in that out of it we were born, our child in that we can't but respond to others who are now living as we once did.

You are concerned and caring when it comes to the welfare of others. Not dynamic or too emotional, you are attentive, observant, careful, and above all responsible -- able to respond. Always competent, you are in fact quite loving, although others could feel scrutinized or

inadequate when in your presence.

*Moon in Virgo*

A special affinity for old people and for children, plus an innate love of animals, the helpless, and the underdog. An inner vision coupled with the ability to see the "Big" picture often finds you working as a go-between with others.

*Moon Sextile Sun*

You have a knack for always finding assistance in whatever career moves you decide to make. In fact, your ability to rally support makes a public career of one kind or another quite probable. Success is indicated in education, politics, or the law. You know how to attack and solve problems, whether personal or public. Chances are, your social skills mean that you are popular with almost everyone.

*Moon Sextile Jupiter*

Your approach to discipline and responsibilities does not exactly cater to the moods and feelings of others. You have little patience for sentiment, tradition, and history. Your lack of control over your own feelings can result in real arguments. One result is that you may not always have the support of those around you. You sometimes have to go it alone.

*Moon Opposition Saturn*

You are very original when it comes to home and surroundings -- the environment you build around you. This could also manifest in unusual ways of supporting yourself. Your mother may have been quite eccentric or your upbringing somehow different. When you have breakthroughs, they often come as insights into your immediate surroundings, home, and environment -- your support system in general. This could also manifest in your finding new and different ways to make a living. You may have new ideas about the past, history, and younger people, find it easy to create an unusual environment, and enjoy surrounding yourself with what is new and different.

*Moon Trine Uranus*

You find the past, tradition, and all that is historical very romantic, and the ideal world of yesteryear seems to beckon and call. You are most imaginative when it comes to anything spiritual, or psychological -- pertaining to the psyche. Others find you entrancing and always able to draw them into your world of images and dreams. You can inspire them with spiritual ideals. No one has any doubt that you are a high floater -- a full-blown dreamer, complete with built-in psychic abilities and probably given to visions.

*Moon Conjunction Neptune*

You keep your feelings and emotions to yourself and resent any attempt to analyze or probe them. Your home and surroundings are tidy and air-tight, as well. However, you don't mind probing and dissecting the lives of others. This can't help but produce a strain in your relations with others, and you probably get very little support for your detective work. These two parts of you which seldom meet cause constant tension, resulting in periodic explosions.

*Moon Semisquare Pluto*

Everything seems to conspire to put you in the limelight. You always come off well in a group and manage to get your ideas across.

*Moon Sextile Ascendant*

## **The Inner Planets: Mercury and Venus**

The planets Mercury and Venus have more to do with our internal and personal life than with life outside us. These inner planets are located between the orbit of the Earth and the Sun. We can look to qualities that are inside us. Venus indicates how we appreciate and measure our experience, how we value life. Mercury tells us something about how our mind works, how we think and communicate -- our intrinsic brightness.

### **Mercury: The Mind and Communication**

Mercury is the light in our eyes, the ever-changing consciousness within us that moves from idea to idea. Thus Mercury has always represented thoughts, ideas, and the mental process in general. It governs not only ideas, but communications, too. Communications -- by phone, letter, spoken, or however -- are ruled by Mercury. Also thoughts, connections, phone wires, and everything that connects and conveys -- even conversations.

Yours is a lightning wit. You somehow know everything about everybody. Curious, you love finding things out -- speculating, investigating. You are clever but not known for your deep thinking, and any and all kinds of communication satisfy. You are always exploring, testing. Debates, games, and puzzles please you. Quick.

*Mercury in Gemini*

You like to work with words and ideas and have a natural appreciation for anything that is literary or artistic. Your sense of discernment when it comes to matters of literary and intellectual taste is very refined. You could write poetry or prose, and you put a very high value on the written word. You enjoy nothing more than a good conversation and may be very adept at speaking and communicating.

*Mercury Sextile Venus*

You have a great love of the written and spoken word, and ideas in all their flavors are what you like best to work with. Your enthusiasm for mind, the intellect, and the world of ideas makes it easy for you to communicate these things to others. You would be a good teacher. You have no trouble putting your feelings into words, and what you say always carries a lot of content. You could make a fine entertainer and an excellent speaker.

*Mercury Trine Mars*

You don't spend a lot of time thinking out your problems, considering solutions, and the like. Your thoughts are most often elsewhere, and tend to be impractical much of the time. You can't seem to figure out the right course of action. This is most true when it comes to your career or vocation. Not a good counselor yourself, you are well advised to seek the advice of someone you trust when it comes to matters of your career.

*Mercury Sesquiquadrate Jupiter*

When it comes to mental work, you have a perfect gift for research and investigation. You enjoy examining and analyzing, in particular when it comes to psychological and sensitive areas of the mind. Your ability to sift through the dross and come up with what is essential every time is exceptional. You like to discuss and communicate, again always at a psychological and very personal level. Others may find you just too intense.

*Mercury Semisextile Pluto*

Your love of talk, ideas, and expressing yourself to others may mean that your family and even your job may suffer. Your mind is often on your appearance, how you come across and

relate to the crowd, to those around you.

*Mercury Square Midheaven*

### **Venus: Values and Discrimination**

Venus rules our values and sense of appreciation. When we appraise or appreciate something, whether that be another person or a new car, this is Venus -- the sense of love and compassion we may feel. By the same token, this planet rules enjoyment too. Whether it be self-appreciation or just plain old decadent self-enjoyment by having a good time, this is Venus. When we go shopping or are on a spending spree, it is Venus that allows us to appreciate and value all the good things of life.

Big heart, big love, you are seldom petty. Given to grand gestures and dramatic scenes, you love independence and greatness in all forms and are very regal. You can be generous to a fault. Children and animals are high on your list of priorities. Fervently loyal, you are courageous and demonstrative.

*Venus in Leo*

Your cravings get you in trouble now and again. You appreciate things that are not always in your own best interest. Your ambition and drive to grow and progress may sometimes be at the expense of your value system, your sense of beauty, and the like.

*Sun Semisquare Venus*

Lovely words and a flair for description -- the artistic in all its many forms. An inner sense of warmth and goodness, and the ability to express this. Kind and easy to be with. Perfect taste in literary and artistic matters. Harmonious.

*Mercury Sextile Venus*

Your ability to discriminate real breakthroughs and to spot new trends makes you able to work in areas at the very fringe of technology. You love all that is new and different and are expert at sharing your feelings with others. Electronics, computers, communications (in fact, everything electrical) are right up your alley. You value independence in partners, friends, and love. You are what is called a "free spirit".

*Venus Trine Uranus*

You are very skilled at working with psychology, and the hidden recesses of the mind are, to you, no secret. You would make an excellent psychologist and teacher of this subject. These same skills make it possible for you to work with the public, in politics or wherever handling sensitive or "hot" issues is routine. You value change and transformation and have an almost reckless faith in the life process. You love to be touched at the most personal and vulnerable levels.

*Venus Semisextile Pluto*

Your love of family and home and lack of interest in external affairs (be they friends or work-related) needs to be noted and kept in balance.

*Venus Semisquare Ascendant*

### **The External Planets: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn**

The major planets outside the Earth's orbit (external to us) are Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. These are the planets of the outer world -- life as we find it outside ourselves. Mars tells us something about the drive and energy we have, Jupiter shows us how to best channel that energy,

and Saturn decrees what sort of material or territory we will be passing through. Again: Saturn tells us about the territory we will be going through, Jupiter the way or path through it, and Mars what kind of push or drive we can count on to keep going.

### **Mars: Drive and Emotions**

Mars is the planet of emotion and inner motivation or drive. When we search for the meaning of something, life or whatever, it is Mars that urges us on, keeps us searching. Mars also drives us against things, too and sends us into war and combat. The urgency of Mars, the search for meaning, is identical to the need for union, yoga, and marriage. Mars is the planet of union, and marriage is the most common form of yoga. When we have questions about the opposite sex, we are looking at the planet Mars.

You have an inner urge to be all things to all people and would rather bend than argue or make an issue. You are a natural diplomat, always courteous and concerned with the comfort and welfare of others. You stay in the background, but are able to manipulate and bring out cooperation in others every time.

*Mars in Libra*

Your drive to succeed is strong, but you often push yourself in a direction against your own best interests. Your ambitions may find you at odds with authority figures again and again. A tendency towards arguments and emotional drama exists.

*Sun Square Mars*

Language, sound, "the spoken word" are in focus. The ability to give words meaning or to put ideas into words and give others a feeling for what things mean. Communicating with words. Also a sharp and clear mind. Quick, even clever. Entertaining.

*Mercury Trine Mars*

There could be a lot of emotional tension with this combination. You tend to set yourself against whatever forces of change manage to rear their heads around you. This is never more true than where your feelings are concerned. Your attempt to remain untouched and impersonal seems doomed to failure. Everything intrudes, gets too personal, and threatens to hurt your feelings. Your insistence on being an emotional island is probably interspersed with bursts of anger, even fits of rage.

*Mars Square Pluto*

### **Jupiter: Career and Life Path**

Jupiter is the planet of success and simple survival, the way we have to solve the problems that confront us. Thus Jupiter has to do with the way in which we can be successful, our vocation. The Hindu word for Jupiter is Guru. Jupiter is the guru and guide, the way we go through life, our life path or vocation. Jupiter is the method each of us has for dealing with the laws of life, our Saturn, or limitations. Jupiter is the light or path. Jupiter provides us with our sense of direction, the path we are on, the way we handle life. It affects how we approach life's problems. It has always been an indicator of how successful we may be, our vocation.

An in-fighter, with animal-like instincts when it comes to big business, you are always where the action is most intense. Your penetrating mind gets through the B.S. and straight to the bottom line every time. Exciting to be near, you are an entrepreneur, the big wheel. Sometimes restless,

driven.

*Jupiter in Scorpio*

You have a sense of justice and an innate ability to understand the law, whether natural or manmade. Showing others the way through or beyond the problems in their lives comes easy, for you sense how to manipulate the opportunities of life. Lucky.

*Sun Trine Jupiter*

Like a fish in water when in the limelight or in a group, you have an innate social charm. Political and lucky too! A natural sense of what's right or of the way to get things done brings great popularity, even renown. Law, education. Could be lazy.

*Moon Sextile Jupiter*

Your ideas and plans are not always the most practical or expedient. Fond of grand schemes, verbalization, and the like, these ideas don't often boil down to real solutions. Your main path may involve taking many of your ideas with a grain of salt.

*Mercury Sesquiquadrate Jupiter*

You are a natural architect and builder, able to use your mind to make decisions in matters of form and function. For you, the goal and the way to get to it are the same thing. You like to build each step and have each decision be an end in itself. Things must be done right. You also have great skill with the law, whether man-made or those of nature, and you can put all of this into words. You could well teach others in these areas. You understand how to handle authorities and have a natural gift at solving problems.

*Jupiter Trine Saturn*

You would do well in a career in music, poetry, psychology, philosophy -- the realms of the imagination. You work well in these areas and can help or teach others by sharing your understanding. You can serve as a guide to the nether worlds of the mind and psyche -- religions, mysticism, and so on. Spiritual problems and questions are easy, for you always grasp the unity behind what appears separate.

*Jupiter Sextile Neptune*

Your manner is so facilitating and attractive to others that you would make an excellent counselor or teacher. You find it easy to solve the problems that present themselves, and others benefit from this ability of yours.

*Jupiter Trine Ascendant*

### **Saturn: Responsibilities**

The process of finding out who we are (self-discovery) starts when we come to grips with whatever problems life presents to us and begin to get a handle on them. In other words, if we have not dealt with Saturn, or time (that is, if we don't have some control of time), there is little opportunity for other questions. Saturn rules the laws and limitations of this material world we all live in. Saturn indicates where we are bound to learn, the narrowness that makes our way felt, the walls that make homes possible. Saturn holds us together as much as apart. Saturn is said to be the great teacher, the planet that keeps us from getting carried away in one direction or another. Although it always seeks to limit and determine any thought, word, or action, it also defines and clarifies. Saturn is called the prince of the material world.

There could be problems with selfishness. You tend to ignore or avoid opportunities to help

out and give of yourself. You fear the deeper, mystical side of life and need to practice putting others before yourself. Also learn to use intuition and feelings. Lend a helping hand.

*Saturn in Pisces*

There is a real love of science and natural laws. You are a hard and tireless worker, with absolute determination and the ability to accomplish great projects with ease. You are fiercely loyal to your friends. Also, very integral... perhaps too sober.

*Sun Trine Saturn*

You tend to organize and discipline yourself in a very different manner from the rest of your crowd. Others may complain that your methods may ignore feelings and personal rapport. You could turn your back on the past, ignore sentiment and moods.

*Moon Opposition Saturn*

You possess an architect's vision for what needs to be done and how to do it right to make it last -- an expert or true builder. Knowing what tool to use and just how and when to use it. A sense of the right path or dharma. With you, the means and ends are identical.

*Jupiter Trine Saturn*

Your sense of duty and the responsibilities you may have could cause you to ignore or forego some of your actual ideals, the things you have most dreamed of. A conservative streak sets you against anything that is not realistic, and you have no patience for pie-in-the-sky and things that are not tied down. Mysticism, psychic phenomena, and the imagination in general intrigue you, despite your convictions to the contrary. You could take a vacation from your responsibilities and explore some more imaginative regions.

*Saturn Opposition Neptune*

Your very organized self tends to hide behind duties and responsibilities. This no-nonsense approach manages to push aside many opportunities for others to reach out to you and get close. You resist getting personal and tend to avoid issues that are touchy and might result in confrontation and change. There could be eruptions that overturn all of the more orderly rituals.

*Saturn Sesquiquadrate Pluto*

You express yourself deliberately and don't waste your words. You have a natural sense of organization and come across as disciplined and careful, perhaps a little too sober.

*Saturn Trine Ascendant*

## **The Outer Planets**

In the previous sections, we have dealt with planets that we can see with our naked eyes. In general, these planets refer to life as we know and live it and are the so-called historical or classic planets. Beyond these are three planets that are not visible in the sky and which have cycles longer than the average human life span. Since they are beyond Saturn or time, astrologers call them the trans-personal or transcendental planets -- the planets beyond the physical. One of the ways astrologers learn something about our life beyond time (eternal life) is through these three outer planets: Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. Here we find information on how we discover ourselves (Uranus), how we understand and accept these discoveries (Neptune), and, in time, how we depend and identify with them (Pluto).

### **Uranus: Break-Thrus & Insights**

Our responsibilities can tend to weigh us down, and we each have our particular ways of

getting around (or breaking through) the mass of obstructions that tends to congeal around us. The planet that has to do with how we get beyond the difficulties and problems life presents us is Uranus. Here is the way insights come to us, how we discover or come to know and understand ourselves. It has to do with finding new uses for old things, and it rules inventions and sudden insights into our life -- everything that is unusual, eccentric, and out of the ordinary. It is the reverse of the status quo and is always unconventional and heretical. Uranus is, in many ways, the opposite, or undoing of Saturn.

You have new insight into home, possessions, and the whole domestic scene. Financial independence and novel ways to earn money and make a living interest you. You get away from it all with gardening, building, and family life. You discover freedom in steady, predictable growth -- like a plant growing.

*Uranus in Taurus*

The life of the party, able to loosen up even the most sober. Great at bringing out the best qualities of others, discovering hidden talents. New and innovative ideas regarding the social scene. Spontaneous, on the move. Independent.

*Moon Trine Uranus*

A love of the new and unusual. Able to grasp and appreciate new trends and concepts at the very forefront of technology. A very free spirit when it comes to friends, lovers, and tastes. In love with what's original. Breaking through.

*Venus Trine Uranus*

Your insight and vision into what unites people and into the dreams and mystical regions of our mind is profound. You have an enchanting way of working and communicating with others in these matters and with music and the arts. New paths to world or personal unity are a major interest, and you have a very practical sense of how to make your dreams real.

*Uranus Trine Neptune*

You have unusual relationships, perhaps a number of them, and not always of long duration. You are creative when it comes to partnerships or lovers; you seem to establish unusual and different relationships.

*Uranus Semisquare Midheaven*

### **Neptune: Ideals & Imagination**

Even the most hard-nosed of us have moments of real understanding, when things are seen as linked together and one piece. We stop getting the idea in little flashes and just get the whole thing. It dawns on us. We each have our own way of letting go, having communion, and (as the poet wrote) letting "the dewdrop slip into the shining sea." These moments and this state of mind are, in fact, the source for all our imagination. There are many ways of seeing through the separateness in the world to the unity behind it.

Practical salvation is the idea, saving the physical. You do this via exercise, diet, vitamins, life-extension aids, and such, and right livelihood is as important as right food. Song lyrics. You love to restore and redeem the physical world. A great love of details or trivia.

*Neptune in Virgo*

A born mother to any and all forms of life. Very compassionate and attentive (aware of) the needs of others. Spiritual ideas and concepts are a way of life here. There is deep appreciation,

even love for, movies, big ideas, themes. Visionary director.

*Sun Sextile Neptune*

You are a dreamer, with real psychic abilities and prone to visions. You are like a fish in water when it comes to spellbinding a group with images and dreams -- entrancing. The psychology of groups and cultures is transparent to you.

*Moon Conjunction Neptune*

Prefer the forest to the trees, the common to the uncommon or special. At home in ideas of man's essential unity. Religious and psychological ideas are natural. Will act as a minister to others, like it or not. You can sense and see the unity of life.

*Jupiter Sextile Neptune*

Your more conservative tendencies tend to put a damper on your dreams and deep-seated ideals. You may tend to escape your responsibilities via friends and excursions, mental or otherwise, into the realms of imagination, films, poetry, and the like.

*Saturn Opposition Neptune*

A new and waking vision of unity. A powerful sense of music and a faith in making the ideal a reality--for reality to be as we dreamed it and our dreams to become as real. New concepts in group work. The dewdrop slips into the shining sea.

*Uranus Trine Neptune*

Your dreams and imaginings keep bumping into the real and the actual (and quite visceral) process of life. You continue to imagine that you have graduated and are above going through this sensitive and personal material, but it keeps happening. The blood-and-guts parts of life do not suit your self-image. Tension results from this struggle between dreams and reality.

*Neptune Semisquare Pluto*

You are charming and always manage to enchant others with your words and manner. You bring a sense of the beyond and mystical to any conversation.

*Neptune Sextile Ascendant*

### **Pluto: Inner Change and Growth**

Pluto is the planet of profound change, starting deep within us and moving toward the surface. It often touches upon the most sensitive psychological areas inside us. Once touched, we have no choice but to change and grow. The most sensitive of experiences, the times of greatest vulnerability, are times of complete identification with an experience, a person, or a thing. We know in these instants that we are looking at our self, what we are. The most personal of experiences is one of complete identification with a person, moment, or idea. Perhaps this is only possible for most of us when we look into our child's eyes, and then only infrequently. Love is not the experience here, but total identification. This is very sensitive stuff. To touch upon this material is to go through deep inner change and transformation -- inner alchemy. Identification and experiencing that life is our own creation and that, in fact, you are I and I am you. This experience breaks us down and humbles. When we touch upon this experience, we cannot but die to what we have been thinking and doing up to now. It reduces us to our most sensitive because -- in a flash -- we see or remember that it all is us, our life.

You may go through a lot of changes that affect your sense of security. Your home and family situation could be a focus for growth and real learning -- an area of great sensitivity or

vulnerability.

*Pluto in Cancer*

Emotional stress stemming from your insistence on analysis and psychological probing at the expense of feelings -- yours and other people's. No one will support it. Your sensitivity and vulnerability often find you at odds with the group or with others.

*Moon Semisquare Pluto*

Penetrating, probing mind that is good for research. Can see far beyond normal concepts in areas of religion and psychology. Always want to get to the bottom of things, get under or beyond the superficial. A sense of the eternal.

*Mercury Semisextile Pluto*

An almost reckless faith in the life process. A natural revolutionary and supporter of change. Fervent feelings for others and deep running emotions mark all relationships. Great personal intensity, even power. Love animals, children, and change.

*Venus Semisextile Pluto*

Your ambition and drive is often at the expense of your inner self and sensitivities. You may find yourself ignoring signals that indicate a need for change, transformation, and vulnerability in general. Bursts of intense anger are possible.

*Mars Square Pluto*

Power struggles may occur, in particular between your sense of responsibility and an urge to transform yourself utterly. Your more orderly self tends to ignore signs of change until they erupt as major upheavals. An ongoing cycle.

*Saturn Sesquiquadrate Pluto*

Your self-image and the ideals you strive for tend to ignore an equally important area of yourself, the hidden and vulnerable areas of human psychology. This urge to explore depth-psychology conflicts with a desire to escape and dream.

*Neptune Semisquare Pluto*

The supportive help of women or a girl can be an important factor that will affect business or reputation and increase your sense of security. You are a fine psychologist, researcher, or detective and are good at dealing with joint or others' finances.

*Pluto Trine Midheaven*

## House Activity and Emphasis

The twelve houses of the horoscope, particularly when they are occupied by a planet, provide a clue to areas of special activity and use. Here is an analysis of house activity based on planet emphasis:

### **First House: Appearance, Approach**

The first house has to do with how we appear or the way we come across, thus our appearance and personality. This is the essential stuff that bubbles up in us spontaneously and that is obvious to others as our trademark or activity. It is what makes us each so personally different. This house rules our personal self and everything about us that draws a reaction from our surroundings or others.

*First House*

Cancer is the mother of the zodiac, always making a home, protecting and providing for others. A sensitive sign where feelings and real experience count more than cold logic. It doesn't get any more physical and emotional than here. This sign has a sense of substance, a home base or foundation. Cancer energy is always limiting, bringing us down to Earth, grounding our every thought in experience, in substance.

*Cancer*

You tend to be out front and personable. Your personal appearance is important to you and you put a lot of thought and effort into how you appear or come across. Others notice you, and a position of leadership (prominence) is likely.

*Sun in First House*

You are very out-front and candid, probably not known for your great sense of diplomacy or tact. Your intensity and passionate approach to life are obvious to all who meet you. You are driven to penetrate the superficial and get at the essential.

*Pluto in First House*

### **Second House: Possessions, Reactions**

The second house is concerned with how we respond to or field whatever impulses or unique and personal qualities we manifest via our first house. This is how we hold or "have" things (possessions, material goods, money, and the like). The second house always refers to how we secure ourselves, the kind of response we get from life and those around us.

*Second House*

Leo energy is expressive, emotive, and concerned with awareness and a sense of pride and ownership. Here is always a sense of home base or confidence from which the aggressive and outgoing Leo energy operates. Often very artistic, and always theatrical and expressive, this sign is good for creativity and the arts. Warm and big-hearted, this sign belongs to love of animals, sports, children.

*Leo*

### **Third House: Inquiries, Communications**

The third house is concerned with explorations, investigations, and inquiry and research of all kinds. It also rules connections, communications, wires, tubes -- anything that we can get through with our body, mind, voice, letters, what-have-you. It is here that we explore and search for the limits of our life, whatever we are working with at the moment. A very mental house, concerned with finding, furthering, peering, and all manner of questioning. Traditionally rules short journeys, siblings.

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*Leo*

You have a knack for putting the feelings of a group into words and may serve as a teacher or spokesperson. Communication is one area where you can always get support and backing from friends and co-workers. Historical ideas may interest you.

*Moon in Third House*

You love to communicate and pursue conversations. The mental world appeals to you, and you are very discriminating (but appreciative) when it comes to concepts, ideas, thoughts, and the like. You value good research and real inquiry.

*Venus in Third House*

Your mind tends to be very imaginative and not concerned with facts and figures. Instead, ideas and writing of a mystical or poetic nature appeal. Research into religious or very idealistic subjects is indicated.

*Neptune in Third House*

### **Fourth House: Home, Family, Security**

The fourth house is where we send down roots, find our limits, and generally secure ourselves. It is the end of any searching we might have done in the third house. Here we find or end our search, settle down, and manage to get in possession of the whole situation. This is our home and the base from which we can work, feel, and experience. This is the root of our experience, the core or thick of it.

*Fourth House*

Virgo energy is analytical and precise, always separating what is worthwhile and worth supporting from that which is outmoded and of no further use. A mental sign, where thinking and examining are in high focus. Also, a different kind of mother, here an endless caring and worrying (fussing) about just about everything. Always compassionate and responsive, Virgo energy is service-oriented above all, often thinking and caring more about what others are doing and thinking than for self.

*Virgo*

You are driven to send down roots, dig in, and find the limits of whatever you are involved in. This urge to be secure always pushes you to always get to the foundation of things. You are

motivated when it comes to home and family.

*Mars in Fourth House*

### **Fifth House: Expression, Creativity**

The fifth house has to do with awareness, emotion (to move out), and expression (to press out). Here there is always a growing sense of self-confidence and even a pride of ownership, since we begin to recognize and own our experience. We know that we have had or are having an experience. All forms of expression and offspring are connected to this house -- children, animals, creative expression, and so on. A sense of direction and ownership takes hold at this point in our experience.

*Fifth House*

Libra energy is always facilitating and responsive, assuming the appropriate reaction or response to any question or statement. What is sometimes seen as two-faced is only Libra's facility at responding to each in kind. This is certainly the social sign, par excellence. Impersonal and impartial, this sign doles out only what is demanded, never overdoing things.

*Libra*

You could be successful working with creativity and self-expression through the arts and theater, in sports, or with the ultimate self-expression, children. You may find yourself a guide and teacher to others when it comes to these matters.

*Jupiter in Fifth House*

### **Sixth House: Responsibility, Work, Health**

The sixth house has to do with salvaging and preserving what is good and healthy in our experience. Here we separate the wheat from the chaff. We begin to care for ourselves and our experience and thus health, nutrition. The idea here is that we are able to analyze our experience and have thoughts about what is pure and what is not. The sixth house is an attempt to save the heart of an experience, one that already by that attempt is beginning to pass or not cohere.

*Sixth House*

Sagittarius is nothing if not direct, candid, and to the point. Sometimes harsh, this energy always is concerned with the absolute truth of the subject at hand. Associated with philosophy, religion, and all things that last, Sagittarius energy is always welcome in politics as well as social and community endeavors, where its basic fairness and evenhandedness is helpful.

*Sagittarius*

### **Seventh House: Relationships, Other People**

The seventh house is the house of partnerships, relationships, social life, and all that carries us beyond our personal self into an awareness of other people, community, and the like. This includes spiritual awakening and the discovery that we are more than just our personality. Here we begin to respond to our personal needs (and those of others) for the first time. We can see what is going on and are committed to it; thus, marriage and yoga, or union, is indicated in this house.

*Seventh House*

Capricorn is the business energy of the zodiac, for it is the very opposite of the emotional Cancer. Given to clear-headedness and practical insight and vision, this sign always takes a distanced perspective, a cool appraisal. Logical and painstaking, Capricorns love hard work and

earned results. Money and things in general are very important.

*Capricorn*

### **Eighth House: Business Savvy, Elimination**

The eighth house, traditionally the house of death, is concerned with getting rid of excess parts of ourselves that we see we no longer need. Thus this house also covers initiation and any activities where we are transforming toward a more integral position, getting to the heart of things. The no-nonsense quality of the eighth house makes it good for business ventures since here we are stripping away the dross to reveal the truth or essence of the subject.

*Eighth House*

Aquarius, the sign of humanitarian goals and altruism. Always impartial and nonsectarian, Aquarian energy is communal (even global). The focus is on the goal, and the goal is always one that is for the many and not the few. Thus this sign is connected to far-seeing visions, world views, and group work of all kinds. This sign tends towards coolness, independence.

*Aquarius*

### **Ninth House: Religions, Philosophy, Ideas**

The ninth house covers long journeys and religion (the longest journey of all). Here is what remains of the purification that takes place in the eighth house -- the seed, or essence, of an entire cycle of experience. Religion comes from a Latin word that means to bind back, and thus refers to all things that last or endure, such as the truth. Essential ideas, philosophy, and all that is the very heart of things belong here.

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*Aquarius*

Religion, philosophy, and truth are essential to your life. You are painstaking and deliberate when it comes to sorting through ideas and values for what is lasting and solid. You may appear to others as too sober or religious.

*Saturn in Ninth House*

### **Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation**

The 10th house is a house of practical vision and clairvoyance, for here we can see clearly what is. Reputation and career are often connected to this house, since the areas where we can see with greatest clarity are those we most often can put to use to make a living. In summary, this house is where we have real vision and can see to do and work. Planets transiting this house may provide moments of insight and clear-seeing as well.

*Tenth House*

Pisces energy runs deep and toward the psychological -- whatever is beneath the surface. This sign is understanding, patient, and long-suffering. Pisces tend to absorb all the little barbs and digs coming from outside. They always have their mind on an inner goal, something more important. They are very forgiving and accepting -- giving of themselves for the sake of more important issues.

### **Eleventh House: Dreams & Visions, Community**

The 11th house has to do with putting our visions and dreams to work. We have been on the mountain and had a vision (10th house). Here we take our vows never to forget what we have seen and to work hard to make these dreams into reality. Thus this house has always been connected with altruistic and humanitarian goals and trying to set them in motion. It is the house of friends and community, because when we are powered by a real insight or vision we share with all -- irrespective of differences.

*Eleventh House*

Aries is the sign of the pioneer and leader. It is always impulsive, concentrated, and spontaneous. Act first and think about what you have done later. Rushing in where others fear to tread, the Aries energy is attention-getting. It always provokes a response from the surroundings, from others. There is something essential and instigative that starts or causes something else to happen -- a reaction or response.

*Aries*

You may enjoy eccentric or unconventional friends, and groups with some kind of humanitarian flavor will appeal. You have very original ideas when it comes to community, making our collective dreams into a reality.

*Uranus in Eleventh House*

### **Twelfth House: Sacrifice, Psychology, Acceptance**

The 12th house is about all that we go through in order to make our dreams into reality and manifest them in the world around us. It covers what we are willing to put up with, the sacrifices we will make in order to bring across what is really important. This is connected to prisons, institutions, betrayal, self-undoing, and the like, because it is here that we must choose to take some possible abuse for the sake of the message we are carrying, or blow it all away with a negative reaction.

*Twelfth House*

Gemini is concerned with connections and communication of all kinds -- letters, wires, telephones, voice, thoughts, writing, and mental processes in general. Gemini is the gadfly, the communicator, the gossip of the zodiac. Searching conversations, scientific inquiry, research, and so on belong here. Gemini energy is unattached, independent, and inquisitive.

*Gemini*

Your mind is naturally interested in all that is psychological and beneath the surface of things. Ideas of self-sacrifice and compassion -- how to serve and help others -- are what you tend to think about.

*Mercury in Twelfth House*

## The Elements, Modalities and Angularity

Elements, modalities, and house quadrants. These are all techniques used by astrologers to gain a general picture of how a person measures up. How do your planets and houses total up? Which do you have in abundance, and which do you lack, if any? Those with high totals show what we can or must do in life. These are qualities we have. However, most people are more interested by what they lack or want -- their lowest totals. They tend to study their "wants," imitate, and even pretend to have them. The old adage is: we become what we want (or lack), while we do what we can (or have to do). Here are your totals:

You experience life mostly through your emotions and how you "feel" about someone or something. Your intuition is strong and can guide you accurately in making forecasts or decisions. Your sensitivity makes you recoil from aggressive types.

*Have Water*

Your inner self-confidence may be lacking, and you could try to overcome this by defensive aggressiveness. You probably wish you had more of the self-assurance your fiery acquaintances have.

*Want Fire*

Very communicative, flexible, mental, and other-oriented. Perhaps you can be all things to all people, giving them what they require. Probably a smooth talker with a quick wit and ready tongue.

*Have Mutable*

Circumstances can throw you into positions where you must use your mind and deal with communications, service, or enclosed hidden interests. You may deal with education, psychology, spiritual enlightenment or teaching principles and techniques.

*Have Cadent*

You are inclined to do things from outer necessity rather than for emotional or idealistic reasons. Your theories and mental activities may be fine, but you may lack heart or the fixedness (or the necessary time) to let things ripen.

*Want Succedent*

## Challenges and Abilities

### Focus

These are areas of life where we show intense focus and activity. For better or worse, these qualities stand out and are obvious to all those who come to know us. They are very clear parts of our character.

You find the past, tradition, and all that is historical very romantic, and the ideal world of yesteryear seems to beckon and call. You are most imaginative when it comes to anything spiritual, or psychological -- pertaining to the psyche. Others find you entrancing and always able to draw them into your world of images and dreams. You can inspire them with spiritual ideals. No one has any doubt that you are a high floater -- a full-blown dreamer, complete with built-in psychic abilities and probably given to visions.

*Moon Conjunction Neptune 02°32'*

You are always out front and manage to spend a lot of time in the spotlight in social situations. A born teacher, others find you easy to watch and learn from. You are very animated, and it is easy for you to convey your ideas or get them across.

*Sun Conjunction Ascendant 02°57'*

### Challenges

Life can be challenging, and things are not always easy. The major challenges in a natal chart are where we can expect increased activity and personal involvement -- ready or not. These critical areas of life can be difficult, and the resulting confusion and possible obscuration often makes it hard for us to see and act with normal clarity. Therefore, when it comes to the following factors you may wish to exercise caution and extra patience.

Your approach to discipline and responsibilities does not exactly cater to the moods and feelings of others. You have little patience for sentiment, tradition, and history. Your lack of control over your own feelings can result in real arguments. One result is that you may not always have the support of those around you. You sometimes have to go it alone.

*Moon Opposition Saturn 00°19'*

Your sense of duty and the responsibilities you may have could cause you to ignore or forego some of your actual ideals, the things you have most dreamed of. A conservative streak sets you against anything that is not realistic, and you have no patience for pie-in-the-sky and things that are not tied down. Mysticism, psychic phenomena, and the imagination in general intrigue you, despite your convictions to the contrary. You could take a vacation from your responsibilities and explore some more imaginative regions.

*Saturn Opposition Neptune 02°13'*

Your love of talk, ideas, and expressing yourself to others may mean that your family and even your job may suffer. Your mind is often on your appearance, how you come across and relate to the crowd, to those around you.

*Mercury Square Midheaven 03°44'*

You push hard, but much energy is wasted because you tend to lack direction and planning. You often work against the way things are: authorities or the status quo. It may be difficult for you to coordinate your ambitions with your actual actions and feelings. You tend to hobble yourself emotionally. Your drive and passions put you at odds with authority figures time and again. This tendency towards clashes and emotional confrontation does exist, and at these times you can be your own worst enemy.

*Sun Square Mars 05°21'*

There could be a lot of emotional tension with this combination. You tend to set yourself against whatever forces of change manage to rear their heads around you. This is never more true than where your feelings are concerned. Your attempt to remain untouched and impersonal seems doomed to failure. Everything intrudes, gets too personal, and threatens to hurt your feelings. Your insistence on being an emotional island is probably interspersed with bursts of anger, even fits of rage.

*Mars Square Pluto 06°60'*

### **Talents and Abilities**

Despite whatever problems we may have, there are areas of life where we have clear insight and real talent -- natural ability. When it comes to these matters, our judgment is sharp and we always manage to take charge. We have the knack. It may be as simple as the ability to work hard and accomplish things without something going wrong. An innate sense of the workings of these parts of life makes it easy for us to learn and accomplish things where they are concerned.

You express yourself deliberately and don't waste your words. You have a natural sense of organization and come across as disciplined and careful, perhaps a little too sober.

*Saturn Trine Ascendant 00°05'*

Everything seems to conspire to put you in the limelight. You always come off well in a group and manage to get your ideas across.

*Moon Sextile Ascendant 00°14'*

Being successful in life is easy, for you have a built-in sense of how to approach and unravel even the most difficult problems. You have an instinct for justice and the law, and you always know how to approach a problem from just the right angle. This ability makes you a natural counselor or guide for others, in particular regarding vocational matters. Working with and helping older persons is also suggested.

*Sun Trine Jupiter 00°33'*

You have a natural ability to grasp spiritual and visionary matters and to put them to work. You can perform with the imagination and metaphysical thoughts like others work with durable things. This is because you understand what is behind and connecting things. Much of your own self-image is wrapped up with your ability to work with images -- dreams and the imagination. You would make a good teacher in areas of music, philosophy, and all that is mystical.

*Sun Sextile Neptune 00°39'*

You would do well in a career in music, poetry, psychology, philosophy -- the realms of the imagination. You work well in these areas and can help or teach others by sharing your understanding. You can serve as a guide to the nether worlds of the mind and psyche --

religions, mysticism, and so on. Spiritual problems and questions are easy, for you always grasp the unity behind what appears separate.

*Jupiter Sextile Neptune 01°12'*

You are charming and always manage to enchant others with your words and manner. You bring a sense of the beyond and mystical to any conversation.

*Neptune Sextile Ascendant 02°18'*

You like to work with words and ideas and have a natural appreciation for anything that is literary or artistic. Your sense of discernment when it comes to matters of literary and intellectual taste is very refined. You could write poetry or prose, and you put a very high value on the written word. You enjoy nothing more than a good conversation and may be very adept at speaking and communicating.

*Mercury Sextile Venus 02°43'*

Responsibilities are easy for you, and you tend to pile on tasks, one after another. You work very hard, with a gritty resolve, and can accomplish much. It takes a lot to overload your willingness to take charge and help out. Organizational skills are good, and a career in one of the physical sciences is quite possible. You find it easy to work with those in authority or those who are more experienced than yourself.

*Sun Trine Saturn 02°52'*

You are very fortunate in being able to grow and progress throughout your life without major difficulties. You can always find the resources you require at hand plus the necessary instruction in how to use them. An inner vision, coupled with the ability to see the "Big" picture, often finds you working as a go-between with others. You could even have a special gift for spanning the generation gap, bringing older and younger spirits together. A love of animals, children, older people, and the needy and downtrodden in general, is a lifelong trait.

*Sun Sextile Moon 03°11'*

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*Moon Sextile Sun 03°11'*

You are a natural architect and builder, able to use your mind to make decisions in matters of form and function. For you, the goal and the way to get to it are the same thing. You like to build each step and have each decision be an end in itself. Things must be done right. You also have great skill with the law, whether man-made or those of nature, and you can put all of this into words. You could well teach others in these areas. You understand how to handle authorities and have a natural gift at solving problems.

*Jupiter Trine Saturn 03°25'*

The supportive help of women or a girl can be an important factor that will affect business or reputation and increase your sense of security. You are a fine psychologist, researcher, or detective and are good at dealing with joint or others' finances.

*Pluto Trine Midheaven 03°28'*

Your manner is so facilitating and attractive to others that you would make an excellent counselor or teacher. You find it easy to solve the problems that present themselves, and others benefit from this ability of yours.

*Jupiter Trine Ascendant 03°30'*

You have a knack for always finding assistance in whatever career moves you decide to make. In fact, your ability to rally support makes a public career of one kind or another quite probable. Success is indicated in education, politics, or the law. You know how to attack and solve problems, whether personal or public. Chances are, your social skills mean that you are popular with almost everyone.

*Moon Sextile Jupiter 03°44'*

You are very original when it comes to home and surroundings -- the environment you build around you. This could also manifest in unusual ways of supporting yourself. Your mother may have been quite eccentric or your upbringing somehow different. When you have breakthroughs, they often come as insights into your immediate surroundings, home, and environment -- your support system in general. This could also manifest in your finding new and different ways to make a living. You may have new ideas about the past, history, and younger people, find it easy to create an unusual environment, and enjoy surrounding yourself with what is new and different.

*Moon Trine Uranus 04°46'*

Your ability to discriminate real breakthroughs and to spot new trends makes you able to work in areas at the very fringe of technology. You love all that is new and different and are expert at sharing your feelings with others. Electronics, computers, communications (in fact, everything electrical) are right up your alley. You value independence in partners, friends, and love. You are what is called a "free spirit".

*Venus Trine Uranus 06°44'*

You have a great love of the written and spoken word, and ideas in all their flavors are what you like best to work with. Your enthusiasm for mind, the intellect, and the world of ideas makes it easy for you to communicate these things to others. You would be a good teacher. You have no trouble putting your feelings into words, and what you say always carries a lot of content. You could make a fine entertainer and an excellent speaker.

*Mercury Trine Mars 07°15'*

Your insight and vision into what unites people and into the dreams and mystical regions of our mind is profound. You have an enchanting way of working and communicating with others in these matters and with music and the arts. New paths to world or personal unity are a major interest, and you have a very practical sense of how to make your dreams real.

*Uranus Trine Neptune 07°19'*

You seem to shine when it comes to practical matters or those involving work and career. You have an easy way with superiors or those in authority and can always manage to get the most out of any skill or ability you have. You like work and career.

*Sun Trine Midheaven 08°52'*

## **Patterns: Your Inner and Outer Self**

Here we are examining your basic attitude or approach to life, what is called by some the archetype or soul-type. If you know something about your particular soul-type, this can provide valuable information as to the general direction and purpose of your life. In particular, it is important to note the difference, if any, between our outer personality (the way we appear to others) and our real inner self; how are we, in fact, as people get to know us? Not all people are as they seem.

You are no secret. Outside or inside, there is not much difference. You are just as you appear.

*Geo: Square Helio: Square*

### **Your Soul Type**

You are independent, confident, and more than likely more than a little self-centered. You love attention and somehow manage to gravitate to the center of almost any group or happening. Others accept you, for they sense you are a leader and admire your almost regal manner. Yet they may have to keep their distance, for as much as you love attention and the crowd, you are also fiercely protective of your independence, sense of freedom, and -- above all -- your privacy. There is a kind of contradiction here. When in the mood, you love to express yourself, entertain and perform for others, and enjoy being surrounded by an audience. You are very magnetic and dynamic. Others love to be with you. There is something about you that others can't seem to get enough of; yet for all your confidence, you tend to depend on others for advice and counsel. Your grasp of the moment is unquestioned. You're it, or at least always in the midst of it. Yet you find yourself needing the advice of someone who is not as involved, someone to give you directions from time to time. In a sense, you are all dressed up but are not sure where to go or where you are headed. And because of this, you depend on those around you for direction and guidance during the times when you lose sight of the bigger picture.

You are a very feeling person and can sense the drift of a situation without a lot of analysis. This immediate "hands-on" approach might be contrasted with one that is more deliberate and cerebral. You could be left with a bit of an inferiority complex when it comes to matters of education, philosophy, and conceptual ability. In a word, you revere this kind of stuff, not because it is natural to you but rather because it does not come easy for you. You have to work for it. There may be a tendency on your part to puff up your intellectual powers.

It is said that there are just two kinds of people in the world, those who are born to love and those who are born to be loved. You are the second type, one who is born to be loved and cared for by others. Don't feel bad about attracting attention in a group. People love to be with you and find you very easy to love. Everyone wants a piece of you, and this can result in your needing more space, a chance to be alone. Your type is not famous for being attentive to the needs of others or being very demonstrative in a love relationship. You are the immovable object that others find irresistible and sometimes selfish. You love to express yourself and are a born entertainer. You are very stubborn and have great stamina. You may tend to fear that others find

you a little dense or too sense-oriented. You radiate energy and information and have to just accept the fact that people like to feel your warmth. Let them take care of you. You sit on the throne.

*Square Type*

### **The Key to your Inner Life**

Each person has one or more key qualities. Here we are not referring to our appearance or personality, but rather to our inner nature, how we are when someone really gets to know us.

At heart, you have a deep sense of responsibility and purpose, and this seriousness is genuine and felt by others. You seem to gravitate to those things which last and hold true, and are always separating the wheat from the chaff. You manage to get down to the bare bones. Matters of law, religion, and philosophy of the most resolute kind hold your interest.

*Saturn*

At the deepest level, you are a high floater, very much at home in the realm of visions and dreams -- a seer. Your inner ideals are pure and spiritual in the true sense of the word. You always see beyond that which is divisive to the unity that binds it all together. You grasp the theme or thread that connects things. There may well be the ability to entrance, either with words or music, and to overcome any objections with a flood of concord. When it comes to images, you are a smoothie. This tendency to see unity in the world around you sets the tone for your character.

*Neptune*

### **The Key to your Personality**

Your sense of direction (handling a person or a problem) is perhaps the key element in your personality make-up. How you manage difficulties, find that diplomatic solution, or come up with the right approach all are built around your talent. Your outward charm and ability to be all things to all people is what is most central to your personality. This ability to solve problems, to counsel and always to put others at ease is the key to meeting and coming to know you.

*Jupiter*

Your outward seriousness and no-nonsense approach to things is obvious to all. This deliberate sense of responsibility comes across and is central to your personality and the way you relate to other people. Everything is run through your checkpoint to see if it holds up and can pass the test. You can be a stickler with details.

*Saturn*

### **The Personal Hot Spot**

When you get stress, it will tend to affect your sense of independence and originality -- for better or worse.

*Uranus*

## Interface: Innermost qualities

This feature is based on an intricate analysis of the position of a particular planet in relation to the orbital planes of the other planets. The resulting series of crossings, or nodes, tells us something about the nature of our innermost inclinations (Inc) and disinclinations (Dis). These indicators are not to be considered at the level of our personality, but rather are deep-seated parts of our innermost character -- our internal biases. These pros and cons are not apt to change in the course of our lifetime.

You have a hair-trigger temper and it takes little to set it off. Your sharp-tongue is well-known and you use it before you have time to think, resulting in little mental and verbal explosions that you regret later. The sad part is that half the time you don't even mean what you may have said in anger. What is clear to those around you is that you communicate as much with your feelings as with words. People learn to look at what you do, rather than what you say. Your mind is very, very sharp. The less said the better.

*Mercury Dis Mars*

You may have trouble with any ideas that are new and different. Your more conservative way of thinking and expressing yourself goes against all that is radical and new. Thoughts and concepts that break with tradition may be a hassle for you -- a constant headache. You prefer that conversations and communications stay on the accepted paths and become irritated when they stray from what you expect. You have a tendency to lose your temper with little warning.

*Mercury Dis Uranus*

You don't spend a lot of time thinking out your problems, considering solutions, and the like. Your thoughts are most often elsewhere, and tend to be impractical much of the time. You can't seem to figure out the right course of action. This is most true when it comes to your career or vocation. Not a good counselor yourself, you are well advised to seek the advice of someone you trust when it comes to matters of your career.

*Mercury Dis Jupiter*

Anyone who tries to get you to play with words is in for a big surprise. Your mind cuts right through all the window dressing and gets right down to the quick. Before anyone knows it, you have the heart of the matter out front for everyone to see. You would make a great investigator, either in scientific research or undercover work. It makes no difference. Your ability to get to the point is all but phenomenal. You can talk and put into words areas of the psychological that others wouldn't touch with a ten-foot pole.

*Mercury Inc Pluto*

You value fairness in all things and go out of your way to be just. You appreciate others who have been successful and may surround yourself with those in power, be they politicians, officials, what-have-you. Your sense of quality and discrimination may amount to some sort of livelihood for you. You could make your living with your good taste. In addition, you have an innate sense of how to work with and guide others in making decisions. You understand the choices and can spot the right ones.

*Venus Inc Jupiter*

You are responsible to the extreme, always taking on obligations and pushing yourself to the limit. You pursue your obligations with much emotion and obvious enthusiasm. You are Spartan when it comes to your needs and surroundings. Small and less are beautiful for you. If anything, you try too hard and tend to force things. Others may find your approach severe and hurtful at times. You can be too sober and frugal.

*Saturn Inc Mars*

You are probably hard to control and very unpredictable. Your drive for independence is obvious, and it is clear that the common and the traditional are not for you. Anything else but that! You pursue alternate or nonconformist solutions to life with great energy. Your temper is hot and sharp and tends to snap out like a lightning bolt. You are aggressive in the pursuit of gaining insight into all that is new, different, and out of the ordinary. Electronics, computers, and communications could be a big part of your life.

*Uranus Inc Mars*

The more disciplined side of you has no time for dreams, visions, and other-worldly stuff. You ignore anything that is not tied down and practical. And yet, all this spiritual stuff has a way of intruding into your real world. You come up against it again and again. You can't live with it, and you can't live without it. It seems you feel that dreams and a more "ideal" life must take a back seat to reality and the (sometimes) drudgery of routine. You keep finding yourself looking out the window.

*Neptune Dis Saturn*

You have a relentless drive to get at the heart of things, whatever is under the surface or behind the scenes. Your relentless pursuit of anything hidden or secret makes you a researcher or investigator bar none. Emotionally you are also hot stuff, rushing into areas and handling subject matter that others would never come near. Vulnerable issues, sensitive areas of the self, and psychology are the first places you head. This amounts to a passion with you. Those around you may find you just too intense to be around. It puts them through a great many changes.

*Pluto Inc Mars*

Secrets have a short half-life around you, for you have them out in a wink of an eye. You are brilliant when it comes to insights into the mind, psychology, and motivation -- yours or others'. Your intensity is obvious, and some may prefer to keep their distance rather than subject themselves to your laser eye. Nothing is passed over without being turned inside and out. Your analytical powers are superb, and you enjoy finding new avenues of inner growth.

*Pluto Inc Uranus*

When you love, you love with energy and passion. You value personal contact, cutting through all the externals and getting to the heart of things. You understand and appreciate vulnerability and have no compunction about presenting your own sensitive spots to others. You enjoy working behind the scenes, getting at secret and hidden areas of the mind and psyche. Changes and transformative experiences are where you like to be most.

*Pluto Inc Venus*

## Your Burn Rate

We all change, but the question is: At what rate? Some of us tear through change after change, one phase following another, year after year, while others move at a more serene pace. Or, one area of our lives may be hectic and forever changing, while other areas are quite tranquil. Why do some people seem to live lifetimes within lifetimes? Here is an analysis of your particular rate of change or "burn rate," including the particular areas of your life (planets) where you can expect continued change and growth. Areas where there is a very low index of change (indicating clear and easy use of the qualities involved) will also be pointed out. If you have sometimes wondered about the areas of your life where the candles burn at both ends, here are the details.

You have a very high burn rate (index of change) and tend to run hot and fast. It is almost like having many lifetimes within this single one. Things are always fast and furious with you, and you seldom remain calm for long. Your thirst for experience and growth keeps you always on the move. You work through an enormous amount of change compared to an average person. In particular, the following qualities are areas where you have experienced and will continue to experience much change. These areas of life persist in presenting themselves to you, so you may already have become very experienced in them. On the other hand, they could be arenas in which you struggle but have not yet attained mastery.

A majority of planets in the PAST suggests that you are comfortable with established values. You know and understand more than you let on, and life changes seldom take you by surprise. You have a great deal of control over your actions.

### **Planets in High Focus**

The mind, and all that is mental, will be the source of continued change and adjustment. Letters, writing, speaking, and all things having to do with communication and cognitive work assume great importance. Your mind tends to be engrossed with thoughts, ideas, and concepts and remains in almost constant flux. Mental learning is an area of preoccupation.

*Mercury*

You will go through a lot of change regarding personal values -- your ability to appreciate, measure, and appraise things. You may find yourself preoccupied with possessions and the way you feel about them. All matters of value, valuing, and ownership will be the source of continuous learning. Issues of compassion, love, and care are areas that will require learning.

*Venus*

Emotional change and growth will be in high focus and amount to a constant in your life. A high burn rate here suggests that feelings, motivation, and sheer drive will be a trademark as well as a source of continual experience and learning. You find yourself in constant change in matters of feelings, and emotional scenes are part of your stock and trade. Experience in these realms will be extensive.

*Mars*

Questions of attitude, approaches to problem-solving, and the methods for handling authorities and the law are in high focus and are indicated by a high burn rate regarding your career and making your way through life. Perhaps you will have many jobs or be forever going through changes and adjustments that affect your career. It could be difficult finding lasting success or prosperity, and the path to it may be areas where you have real experience and particular expertise.

*Jupiter*

There are big changes (high burn rate) throughout your life in matters of organization and responsibility. It may be difficult for you to learn to be thorough, to finish things, and take care of all the loose ends. You may have a lot to learn regarding what is and what is not essential in life -- separating the wheat from the chaff. Getting down to the nitty-gritty, the bare bones of the matter, could well be a major lesson.

*Saturn*

You have a high burn rate when it comes to questions of your independence and autonomy. You tend to rebel and buck authority, and this will be a major source of change and adjustment. You will be concerned with issues of freedom and independence far beyond the average person. A passion for inventions, electronics, and the like can also be expected.

*Uranus*

## **Landscape: Major Life Periods**

What follows amounts to a brief overview of the first thirty years or so of your life -- a road map of those "early years". Since childhood, adolescence, and early adult life are so crucial to each of us, an attempt has been made to describe these formative years. Based on the gradual movement of the planet Saturn, this is one of the most tested of all astrological techniques. It is used by almost every professional astrologer as part of any personal consultation. Provided that your time of birth is more or less accurate, you should find this information both accurate and informative. Here is a general life overview, followed by a close-up on your current changes -- what is happening right now. First the overview:

### **Your Personal Background**

A fairly easy childhood up until around the 11-12th year, at which time you will begin to become more subjective and inner-directed. This could mean that your adolescence is somewhat more lonely and less socially oriented than the average. This inner time of exploration lasts until you are about 18-19 years of age. At that time, you will proceed to take hold, discover yourself, and become more outward -- in a rather short time. Your sense of confidence will take hold and build, and the years of introspection will pay off as you begin to reach out. The years from 18 through 25 or 26 will be ones of hard work and continued gains in self-confidence. From the 26th year, your real climb to fame and fortune will commence. Your 30s and 40s will be very good and successful years.

### **Your Current Situation**

Now for a close-up of recent years: while landscape was quite general, the dates given in this close-up should be much more precise. Life is composed of sections of time, each devoted to one kind of activity or another. We go along for a while in one direction until something changes within (or outside) us and we head off in a new course. Some of our earlier activities dry up and new ones spring up in their place. What follows is an analysis of the time period in which you find yourself now. Don't look here for a day-to-day account of life but rather to get a picture of this stretch of time, "these years."

**Aug 22, 2009 3rd Pass D> (Age 74 1m)**

The dates above point to the end of a period of about seven years during which you may have been very inward and self-absorbed -- quiet, subjective years. Information that you have been examining and thinking about will now begin to take shape and prove useful to you. This next period is one of action and embarking on new projects. You will feel more and more confident and outgoing, a sense of confidence that grows stronger with each passing day. Things that may have been in suspended animation for many years will now precipitate and take on structure and shape. These next years are ones in which you should plan to work hard to bring out and give shape to the ideas you have pored over these last 6-7 years. You are beginning to really move

forward now and can expect rewards to take an outward career, and social form within a few years. A growing self-confidence. In summary, from this time forward, expect a more confident, outgoing attitude, for you have brought to a close a time of inward examination and learning. A growing sense of direction and self-worth will find you reaching out and establishing yourself.

*Saturn in 02nd Quadrant*

## Major Transits Happening Now

Astrologers use the term "transits" to mean the positions of the major planets that are overhead (in the sky) right now and their relationship to our birth chart. Transits are very important indicators of the current situation in which we find ourselves. They can provide insight into what we are now going through. Here are the dates when the next major transits for the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto are exact in your chart. Some dates will have already passed and some are still to come. Remember, with these large planets transits don't just happen on the day when they are exact. They cover a wide span of days, weeks, months, and sometimes years, depending on which planet is involved.

In general, transits of Jupiter take from several days to a week or two to complete, while those of Saturn take from two weeks to a month to play themselves out. With the outer planets, the period of activity is even longer: transits of Uranus take about two months, Neptune three or four months, and Pluto takes about a year. Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto move so slowly that the complete transit experience may take a year or two to complete itself. So be prepared to work with these situations.

**Sep 17, 2009 2nd Pass R< (Age 74 2m)**  
**Nov 07, 2009 3rd Pass D> (Age 74 4m)**

Things are happening, and your career, or path depends upon your own ambition and drive, which are strong now. Able to use good common horse-sense, you can feel trends and make the right moves. A time to get ahead by taking action.

*Jupiter Trine Mars*

**Apr 28, 2009 1st Pass D> (Age 73 9m)**  
**Aug 02, 2009 2nd Pass R< (Age 74 0m)**  
**Dec 17, 2009 3rd Pass D> (Age 74 5m)**

A bout of philosophy or even a little religion could have an enormous effect on your career during this time. Lasting values (whatever you find to be true and lasting) can guide you now, opening up avenues that have remained blocked.

*Jupiter in Ninth House*

**May 15, 2009 1st Pass D> (Age 73 10m)**  
**Jul 15, 2009 2nd Pass R< (Age 74 0m)**  
**Dec 27, 2009 3rd Pass D> (Age 74 5m)**

You find that you can really use your mind to make clear choices and think things through. Career decisions are straightforward and easy to make. You make your way through ideas, concepts, and your ability to communicate and express them to others.

*Jupiter Trine Mercury*

**Jan 10, 2010 3rd Pass D> (Age 74 6m)**

What is a clear career decision (an easy solution) may go against your sense of values, how you feel about the matter. You may find yourself having to choose between your career and your sense of enjoyment, the things you love and appreciate.

*Jupiter Opposition Venus*

**Feb 08, 2010 3rd Pass D> (Age 74 7m)**

A time to take risks and dare to be a little unconventional. You will prosper through new insights, inventions, and an independent point of view. Your career could open up by taking the road less traveled by, daring to be the oddball... new approaches.

*Jupiter Sextile Uranus*

**Feb 28, 2010 1st Pass D> (Age 74 7m)**

Career choices, decisions that should be made, may appear to go against or challenge your current sense of security and home environment. The easy way out may not be beneficial to your health and general well-being. Weigh alternatives with care.

*Jupiter Opposition Moon*

**Mar 01, 2010 1st Pass D> (Age 74 7m)**

A time to buckle down and consolidate your career. Your organizational abilities and sense of responsibility will be what guides you and proves successful. Your career could assume a much more determined and solid form. A firm foundation.

*Jupiter Conjunction Saturn*

**Mar 10, 2010 1st Pass D> (Age 74 8m)**

The career path is open and clear, yet it may go against or challenge some of your ideals and life dreams. Choosing between the leadings of your intuition and the road to success is a toughie. Take care to cut a deal that is a fair compromise.

*Jupiter Opposition Neptune*

**Mar 13, 2010 1st Pass D> (Age 74 8m)**

Everything may be pouring in at once, and it's all good news. Your career direction gets some encouragement, and life's problems should find easy solutions. You may benefit from an older person or one in authority. Life could assume a dreamlike stance.

*Jupiter Trine Sun*

**Mar 15, 2010 1st Pass D> (Age 74 8m)**

A time of good fortune when things open up in a very natural way for you. Situations are almost tailor-made, and it is easy to see which path is the one to take. Opportunities abound, and

you may find yourself wanting (and able) to do almost everything.

*Jupiter Trine Jupiter*

**Apr 21, 2010 1st Pass D> (Age 74 9m)**

Work and career should be a primary focus during this period. An opportunity to make good decisions, clear choices, is yours. You are at your most practical, and what happens now may have a lasting effect on your life direction.

*Jupiter in Tenth House*

**May 08, 2010 1st Pass D> (Age 74 10m)**

You may find that both your personal growth and your career may depend upon how you can handle the very sensitive psychological material that may be coming up now. You will benefit from analytical insights, getting to the heart of things. Penetrating.

*Jupiter Trine Pluto*

**Sep 19, 2009 1st Pass D> (Age 74 2m)**

A good time to make some changes and reach new levels. A lot of personal and sensitive psychological material may be surfacing, but you can handle it and turn it to your advantage. You may look back on these months as very transformative.

*Saturn Sextile Pluto*

**Sep 21, 2009 1st Pass D> (Age 74 2m)**

A lot of mental energy churning around, but it may be hard to put it to work. Circumstances may prove difficult regarding communication, writing, ideas, and the like. Things can get tight, and you may find it hard to think or study during this time.

*Saturn Square Mercury*

**May 03, 2009 1st Pass D> (Age 73 9m)**

**Sep 01, 2009 2nd Pass R< (Age 74 1m)**

**Feb 21, 2010 3rd Pass D> (Age 74 7m)**

A time of sudden insights (maybe jolts) into some of the most sensitive and vulnerable areas of your inner self and psychology. Breakthroughs regarding inner growth and transformation. A time during which you reach new levels in understanding life and death.

*Uranus Trine Pluto*

**Aug 01, 2009 2nd Pass R< (Age 74 0m)**

**Jan 28, 2010 3rd Pass D> (Age 74 6m)**

You are at your most poet, able to put your dreams and ideals into words and communicate them through speaking and writing. Your whole mental environment takes on an almost other-worldly hue during this time. Your muse wakes.

*Neptune Trine Mercury*

**Apr 21, 2010 1st Pass D> (Age 74 9m)**  
**Jul 12, 2010 2nd Pass R< (Age 75 0m)**

Others may not appreciate your expressed ideals and goals or may challenge them. You could find it easy to get carried away and be indiscriminate or lose hold of your sense of values. You could do something that goes against your own sense of good taste.

*Neptune Opposition Venus*

**Feb 25, 2010 1st Pass D> (Age 74 7m)**  
**May 19, 2010 2nd Pass R< (Age 74 10m)**

A time to break the mold and try what is unconventional, but with real passion or persistence. You may be relentless in your quest to discover new insights, trying new and different things. A much more independent and adventurous you results.

*Pluto Trine Uranus*

## Notes on Astrological Terms

### Creating the Natal Chart

The astrological, or natal, chart is a method of mapping the space surrounding our Earth for a birth moment. A natal chart is simply a snapshot of the cosmos at the time of birth -- a cosmic portrait. We know that all things are in motion. Not only do the planets move slowly at different speeds in great elongated orbits around the Sun, but the Earth itself turns on its axis once in 24 hours. As the Earth turns during a day, each one of us is exposed to the entire 360 degrees of the zodiac. The natal chart is a diagram or picture that stops the cosmic clock and captures the universe as it exists at a particular moment.

A natal chart is your individual cosmic portrait or mandala. It is what the universe has to say about who you are and what you may become. The seeds of the future are always sown in the present, but can we read them? This is what the study of astrology is all about: reading the signs of the times and listening to what they have to say about ourselves, now and in the future. Your cosmic portrait is ready any time you are.

The Sun sign interpretations that we find in most newspapers are a far cry from the work of professional astrologers. For one, the sign the Sun was in on the day of your birth (for example Aries, Taurus, or Gemini) is only one of many factors that are looked at by professionals. In addition to the day and year of birth, most professionals use the time and place of birth as well. Birthdate, year, time and place are all needed to pinpoint your place in time and space. Given this information, an astrologer creates what is called a natal or birth chart (erroneously called a horoscope by some).

Each natal chart includes the exact position of the Sun, Moon, and the planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. These planets are then placed in a circular diagram called a chart wheel. This wheel is a miniature diagram of what the sky looked like at the moment of birth as seen from the birthplace.

The very top of the chart, or MC (Medium Coeli -- short for midheaven) is that part of the zodiac directly overhead, while the bottom of the chart, or IC (Imum Coeli, or lower heaven) is the part beneath your feet and on the other side of the Earth from you. At the extreme left-hand side of the wheel is the ascendant, or rising sign -- the part of the zodiac that is on the horizon or rising at the birth moment. Conversely, the descendant is on the right-hand side of the chart. This is the part of the zodiac that is setting. These four points, the ascendant, descendant, midheaven, and IC are very important to astrologers. They are sensitive points.

What follows is a brief introduction to some of the terms and concepts used in astrology. Reading through this material may make your deluxe natal report more useful and understandable.

## Elements and Modalities

The 12 zodiac signs have different qualities. Certain groups of signs share similar qualities. The two most popular methods for sign grouping are elements and modalities. Astrologers like to see which of the groups their natal planets fall in and add them up to produce counts, or totals. It's fun to tally up your Sun, Moon, and planets and check out your elemental and modality balance. The basic thing to keep in mind while doing this is that we become what we want (or lack) and we do what we can (or have to do). Our highest totals, which show what we can or have to do, are often not held dear. Most people are obsessed by what they lack or want -- their lowest totals. They tend to study their wants, imitate, and even fake them. They become or turn towards what they want or lack.

**Elements.** A very popular grouping of the signs is that of the four elements -- fire, earth, air, and water.

**Fire Signs:** Aries, Leo, Sagittarius. People with lots of fire in their chart are very active and involved and "can do" all kinds of things. Those with little fire can't get started and may need someone to light a fire under them.

**Earth Signs:** Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn. People with lots of earth are very practical. They can see how to do and use things. Those with little earth can't be objective, aren't grounded or practical.

**Air Signs:** Gemini, Libra, Aquarius. People with lots of air are analytical; they are able to resolve and draw conclusions. Those with little air have trouble with abstractions and ideas -- getting the "big picture."

**Water Signs:** Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces. People with lots of water are very feeling and "sense"-ative. Those with little water can't get a feel for things; they run cool.

**Modalities.** Another popular way of grouping the zodiac signs is by cardinal, fixed, and mutable.

**Cardinal Signs:** Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn. People with a heavy emphasis in cardinal signs are self-starters, doers. They initiate and get things moving. Folks with few planets in cardinal signs may have trouble getting the ball rolling.

**Fixed Signs:** Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius. People with a heavy emphasis in fixed signs hang onto and preserve life. They are at the center of things and are hard to budge. Folks with few planets in fixed signs may have trouble persevering and lack stick-to-it-ive-ness.

**Mutable Signs:** Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces. People with a heavy emphasis in mutable signs are on the move and transformative. They communicate and assist things to change. Folks with few planets in mutable signs may have trouble adapting or being flexible.

## Aspects

Aspects are an important part of modern astrology. As the planets move in their elongated

orbits around the Sun, they form various angular relationships with one another, using the Sun (or Earth) as the center. These are called aspects. The most popular aspects result from dividing the circle by numbers like 1, 2, 3, 4, resulting in aspects such as the conjunction (0 degrees), opposition (180 degrees), trine (120 degrees), square (90 degrees), and so forth. When two planets form an aspect with one another, their energies and natures are said to combine and work in harmony or discord. For example, when two planets are exactly on opposite sides of the Sun (Earth), they are in opposition.

The most popular aspects can be divided into three main categories:

The **"emphatic" aspects**: The emphatic aspects are those that emphasize or align two planetary energies with one another.

Conjunction (0 degrees) Two planets at the same point in the zodiac are said to be in conjunction. Their natures are fused or blended into one.

Opposition (180 degrees) Two planets at opposite sides of the zodiac. The energies are in alignment with each other. They can pull together or apart, depending upon the nature of the planets involved.

The **"hard" aspects**: square (90 degrees) and semi-square (45 degrees). These represent challenge, obstacles, and substance. They provide meat and potatoes in our life. Too many can block or obstruct the life flow, yet too few can cause life to be weak or thin.

The **"soft" aspects**: trine (120 degrees) and sextile (60 degrees) The soft aspects bring ease, clarity, and vision to our lives. We can see, grasp, and understand what is happening. Too few of the soft aspects means we don't know what we are doing or what is happening in our lives, while too many soft aspects make for a life that runs cool, is overly mental, and lacking in substance.

"Exact" aspects and aspect's "orbs" Aspects between planets gradually form, become exact, and separate. When an aspect is exact, it has its greatest impact. Yet, the effect of most aspects can be felt for some time before and after the moment when it is exact. The range within which an aspect is in operation is called its "orb of influence," or simply its orb. An orb of one or two degrees of arc on either side of the exact aspect is considered a close or tight orb, while an orb of 10 degrees is loose.

Also worthy of consideration when looking at aspects are the planets involved. Aspects to the Sun and Moon (the lights) are most important, followed by the planetary aspects involving Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. If your natal chart has an accurate birth time, then aspects to the chart angles (ascendant and midheaven) are also important. The particular combination can make a difference too. Aspects between planets such as Saturn and Mars (traditional malefics) are obviously more potentially explosive than the same aspect between Venus and Jupiter (traditional benefics).

## The Planets

In astrology, the larger life of our solar system as a whole tells us something about our own personal Earth life. The interplay and relationship of the planets with one another as they circle the Sun is carefully studied. Of particular interest to astrologers are the Sun, the Moon, and the

planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. These are the celestial bodies used most often by modern astrologers for natal interpretation. Each of these planets represents or refers to a part of our life and self. Here are some of the concepts and key words associated with each planet:

**Sun.** The heart and center of it all. The father, guru, teacher or figure of authority. Anyone older or living in an experience more disciplined than our own. That which we look up to and receive light from. That which we may become.

**Moon.** Our surroundings, the environment out of which we came. Our past and childhood. Our formative years and self. The background. That out of which we emerged.

**Mercury.** Communication at light speed. Linkage. Thought. Ideas. The light of the mind. Logos, direct voice.

**Venus.** How we respond, appreciate, cherish or value something. The way we love. Love, but not attraction. Compassion.

**Mars.** Energy. What drives or moves us. Our emotions. Urge to unify or become one, therefore yoga, union, or marriage.

**Jupiter.** The way through or on. Continuing, continuity, succession, success. The pathfinder or lamp through the trials of time. Luck.

**Saturn.** The giver of laws or rules. The prince of time and the material world. Satan. Laws. Sometimes obstacles, authority.

**Uranus.** Insight, invention, breakthrough. Good uses for Saturn. "To see eternity in a grain of sand."

**Neptune.** Cherish, solve, compassion. "The dewdrop slips into the shining sea". Unity, solution, one.

**Pluto.** Transformation. Sensitivity to the impermanence of life. Intimations of mortality.

**Lunar north node.** Vocation or application point. Right-of-way.

### **The Lights**

The Sun and Moon (or lights, as they are called) are the two most important bodies. It is sometimes easier to understand what they represent in astrology if we consider how they interrelate with the Earth.

A good analogy is the following. Each of us is on Earth. The bright and shining Sun represents someone older, someone we look up to -- whether that be a teacher or guru. The Moon represents someone younger, especially the groups that we used to belong to. That is the analogy. Here is how we might think about it:

We can't live either on the Sun or Moon. We have grown out of and beyond the younger generation (Moon). Out of it we once came or were born. This is why the Moon is said to be a mystery. It is both our parent and our child. Regardless, we no longer are alive to what moves the

younger generation. The same kind of reasoning is true of those older than us, who have taken more degrees of experience. We are still too young... not yet ready to live in the solar environment. We receive light from the Sun, and it makes life grow.

We each have both a Sun and a Moon. In the course of a month, these two bodies take up various positions in relation to where we are on Earth. At the Full Moon, the Moon is beyond the orbit of the Earth (farther out) and reflecting sunlight back on us. At the New Moon, the Moon is within the Earth's orbit and lost in the Sun. Tradition suggests that we start (or may receive) an impulse at the New Moon, build and develop it for two weeks until the Full Moon, and then gradually understand or draw some conclusions from the experience during the two weeks after the moon is full.

### **The Planets (esoteric meaning)**

The key to the planets, or the chakras: Here is a planetary key to personal natal chart interpretation that any beginning astrological student can use with confidence. The natural ordering of the planets that can be seen easily with the naked eye can serve as a key to their interpretation. As we know, the planetary order out from the Sun is Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. These are the naked-eye planets. Beyond Saturn are the planets Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

We will start with Saturn and work our way in towards the Sun. The key thought necessary in order to use these planets in your own horoscope is this: the inner planet is always the key to the outer. In every case, in order to reveal, open, and use the outer, we go within. In other words, each inner planet is the meaning and key to the planet beyond its orbit. For example, we live on Earth. The next planet inside the orbit of the Earth is Venus. Therefore, Venus will be the key to the Earth experience. If we stop and think about it, Venus (or love) has been held up as the key to life on this Earth throughout the ages. If we have obstacles and problems in our life (Saturn), then studying one's Jupiter will give us the key to the planet Saturn in our natal chart... Mars will be the key to Jupiter, and so on. Let's begin.

#### **Saturn, or law:**

Almost every astrologer wants to know where Saturn is in the chart because here we are sure to gain insight into some of the major obstacles and challenges of life. Saturn, or Satan (as it is sometimes called), is the prince of time and of the material world. We don't break nature's laws, they break us. The laws of Saturn are much feared, for it is here that we are bound to learn. The laws of Saturn are often seen as standing between us and an easy life. But Saturn also provides the walls that make homes possible. Gravity is an example -- the law that holds things in place. We come across the influence of Saturn every time we break nature's law. We are subjected and tested by these laws until such time as we learn to use them. Saturn is so important in the chart because it shows us where we must be disciplined and where we are bound to learn something; therefore, everyone always wants to know how to come to grips with Saturn in the natal chart. The key to the realm of Saturn in our chart can be found by studying our natal Jupiter.

#### **Jupiter, or life path:**

If Saturn is our life's test, then Jupiter is the key, guide, and light that sees us through the

darkness of time (or Saturn). It is the straight and narrow path by which we pass through Saturn's test. Jupiter is the particular way we go or continue in life -- continuity. It is our "luck" or solution to time's test. In astrology, Jupiter is the great benefic as it shows us how to find our way through Saturn and the tests of time -- how to use Saturn. Jupiter is our key to succession through time, to success. It is the way through or on. Jupiter is the key, or antidote, to Saturn; therefore, Jupiter has to do with how we are to be successful in life in our particular battle against the forces of time (Saturn). Jupiter often describes our vocation or the way we must go through life, since that through which we have to pass (Saturn) dictates the way we must go through life (our vocation). We have mastered our Jupiter when we are a physical success.

Once we have learned to master our Saturn, to be successful, our mind is free to explore our situation. The freedom of Jupiter is eternal vigilance toward the law or rules of Saturn. We go from victory to victory over time, or Saturn, which translates into day-to-day success. We make a living.

Now that we are free within time, or Saturn, our mind begins to wonder what it all means. What's the purpose of all this? We begin to penetrate into the next chakra, that of Mars. The key to our success (Jupiter) will be the planet Mars -- how we feel about our life.

### **Mars, or the marriage:**

Mars is the energy that moves us, the way we feel -- our emotions. It is what drives us and the way we are driven. And it is the kind of energy or drive that we have which determines our personal atmosphere or aura: the kind of room or space in which we have to live -- our living room. The kind of room we have determines how we feel about our life, comfortable or cramped. After Jupiter fades to an easy repetition, our mind turns to thoughts of unity, oneness -- marriage.

We are driven to marriage, or yoga, of one kind or another. It is the way the two become one. Everyone chooses a form of yoga, union, or marriage... some way to join or yoke the two opposing parts of ourselves together and to perceive them as one life -- ours.

We master each planet or chakra, maintain it, and move on or penetrate into the next, inner one. The Jupiter chakra is a tremendous war between us and them. Dichotomy. When we seek to understand the secret of "us" and "them," we penetrate into the Mars chakra -- what it all means. Meaning drives us across the Earth until we can see the end of all difference, that it is all one.

We are free at last from the bonds of Saturn (Satan). We have learned what we must do to survive or to succeed in life. Yet the world we live in is not a unity. It is us against them. And still this somehow does not feel right.

Our life becomes a process of gathering meanings and hints of a possible unity between the opposing parties. This is the yoga, union, or marriage that each must negotiate. The entire Mars chakra has to do with dealing with all the motion, emotion, and meanings of life. Following them out, understanding them. Mars, therefore, is the sphere of all things meaningful, everything that moves us: music, poetry, drama, movies -- the works. Anything that gets a rise out of us. We are working with our Mars as long as we have not completed our yoga, or marriage, as long as the two have not become one. As long as we are intrigued and drawn hither and yon, we are working on our Mars. This mysterious person beckons, that piece of music or poem captures our attention, moves us.

Mars is our marriage or union. It is the systematic making friends with everything that is foreign (other than us). At some point in this journey, we get the message. We cease to be blown hither and yon by every passing emotion. We discover that life is its own meaning. We have penetrated to the Earth, or heart chakra.

**Earth, or the heart:**

We ourselves are the meaning. "I AM THAT I AM," and for no other reason. We take refuge in life itself with no referrals. This is it!

"I am in it to the end, and that's all, And the 'ever' it's coming to be. And in me is out, the shadow of doubt, And the 'in' that is 'out', Well, that's me!"

Earth/Sun represent the end of meaning, the heart of it all. The two are one. The marriage is consummated, the child is born. The Earth is us as we are in our oneness. The Sun is the essence of what it all means.

The planets inside the orbit of the Earth, Venus and Mercury, are very misunderstood in modern astrology. Both are beyond any physical depiction.

**Venus, or compassion:**

Inside Earth. Compassion. Infinite response and attention. Cherishing. How we respond to life. How we find ourselves in response to life. Love, in the sense of responding or attending to.

**Mercury, or light:**

Messenger truth. First out from the Sun. The light of knowing or seeing in our eyes. Communication itself. Essence of communication.

**Sun, or system:**

The Sun is not a planet. The description for the Earth given above is the traditional meaning for the Sun. The true Sun is the whole solar system.

### **The Signs of the Zodiac**

**Aries.**The Ram. Spring. The pioneer, adventurer. Courage, daring, boldness. The fountainhead or source. The word of Logos. Impulse, energetic, start, beginning, manifestation.

**Taurus.**The Bull. The universe's response, reaction to the new impulse at Aries. Aries draws forth in Taurus a body or environment to match the impulse. Every new thought or impulse draws forth a response from the universe. Taurus is the body that comes forth. It is all kinds of having, fielding, response. The field. The ear. Taurus is the steady, deliberate, determined response of life to new ideas, impulses, and so on -- possessing them, embodying them.

**Gemini.** The Twins. The endless search for experience, substance, and limits. Always in motion, communicating, inquiring, investigating, exploring. "Getting to know you, getting to know all about you." Nervous, versatile, inventive, curious, linking, reasoning, making connections.

**Cancer.** The Crab. The experience, vehicle, or body itself. The house and home -- The

Chariot. The experience as in feeling, living, and sensing life. Protective, domestic, sympathetic.

**Leo.** The Lion. Self-awareness, ownership, pride. Discovery. Emotion (emote: to move out from, migrate), expression. Acting, creative, children, sports. Fullness, power, pride of ownership. I have lived, I live! Regal.

**Virgo.** The Virgin. Concern, care for. Conservation of life. Salvage, harvesting, repair, maintenance. The drive to conserve and maintain life -- salvage, salvation. Attention to details, repair, craftsmanship. Busy, concerned, careful. Worrying. Practical, analytical, discriminating.

**Libra.** The Scale. Marriage and union. (Yoga: to join, or yoke.) Marriage is the most common form of yoga. Unconditional acceptance or response. Diplomatic. Compassionate, attentive.

**Scorpio.** The Scorpion. Purgatory, the furnace, phoenix. The adjustments of marriage or union. Responsibility. Removing excess, purification. Reduction of personality to essentials. Intense, penetrating, elimination, metamorphosis, genuine.

**Sagittarius.** The Archer. What remains after the furnace of Scorpio. The remains, relics, embers. That which cannot be further reduced. Thus the truth, religion, philosophy. Enthusiastic, profound, generous, frank. Projection.

**Capricorn.** The Goat. The purified essence bursts into light. Clairvoyance, clear-seeing. Practical vision. Unemotional. Sober, orderly, control, manipulating, power.

**Aquarius.** The Water Bearer. Carrying the spiritual light of Capricorn into actuality. "For spirit must be made to matter." The resolve to implement our clearest vision. The will to do it. Impersonal, willing to work with anyone and any vehicle, thus, group or team work. Aspiring, unconventional, humane associations.

**Pisces.** The Fishes. Intuitive. Accepting, understanding, willing to sacrifice. Accepting what is for the sake of what could be made of it.

### **The Chartwheel and the Zodiac**

The astrological wheel, or mandala, is a map of the space surrounding us at the time of our birth. The wheel is divided into twelve sections called houses -- six houses in the sky above, six beneath the Earth below. These houses are numbered counterclockwise, starting with the 1st house and the direction east, on the left-hand side of the wheel. Planets in the heavens are placed on the chart wheel in the houses that correspond to where they actually are in the sky. Of the 12 houses, astrologers find the four most important are the one directly above our heads (10th), the one under our feet (4th), the one on the left and to the east (1st), and the one on the right and to the west (7th). These four are called angular, because they mark the corners of the chart: south, north, east, and west.

Life continues after the birth moment. Astrologers watch the planets (as they continue on in the sky after a birth) move through the houses of the natal chart. Their movement is counterclockwise as they go from the upper hemisphere (houses 7-12), across the ascendant, (1st house cusp) into the lower hemisphere (houses 1-6), and on around.

In the chart wheel, the planets are placed in their zodiac positions. The zodiac stretches in a circle through all 360 degrees of the surrounding sky, and this circle is divided into sections of 30 degrees -- the familiar 12 signs. Planet positions are measured within signs by degrees, minutes, and seconds of circular arc. Each degree contains 60 minutes of arc and each minute of arc contains 60 seconds of arc. For example, I might tell you that my Moon (Moon at birth) is in the sign Taurus (2nd sign). More exactly it is in the 23rd degree of Taurus. It is actually at 23 degrees and 28 minutes of the sign Taurus.

The chart wheel is usually divided into 12 sections called houses. The houses are numbered (counterclockwise) from 1 to 12. The pie-like lines that divide one house from the next are called house cusps. For example, the cusp of the 1st house is the horizontal line on the left-hand (east) side of the wheel.

Keep in mind that our Earth makes a complete turn on its axis once in 24 hours. The chart wheel represents the space surrounding where we were born. It is as if we were standing outside with the sky above us (upper part of chart) and the Earth beneath our feet (lower hemisphere). As the Earth turns, it brings each of the 360 degrees of the zodiac overhead (or to any part of the wheel) once in 24 hours -- a new degree of the zodiac every four minutes.

As you can see, the symbols for the planets have been placed in the part of the sky (the house) in which they were at the time of your birth. For example, if you were born in the daytime, then the symbol for the Sun will be somewhere in the upper half of the wheel. If you were born at noon, the sun would be almost right overhead or at the top of the chart, while if you were born at midnight it would be at the bottom (4th house) of the chart.

The wheel is also seen as two hemispheres -- a top and a bottom. The upper part of the chart (houses 7-12) represents that part of the sky that was overhead and above the horizon at the time of our birth. It has to do with the world of thoughts, ideas, ideals, and planning. The lower hemisphere (houses 1-6) marks that part of the heavens that we have under us -- and cannot see -- below the horizon and on the other side of the Earth from us. It has to do with experiences, embodiments, incarnation, and so forth. In other words, the sky above and the Earth below.

### **The Wheel of Houses**

The chart wheel or mandala of 12 houses can be seen as a circle, or cycle, with each house leading to the next house, and so on, in a counterclockwise direction. Let's start at the very top of the wheel, the MC and the cusp of the 10th house.

**10th House.** The 10th house at the peak of the chart, represents the most ideal or out-of-the-body part of the wheel. It is directly overhead, up-there, and to the south. It is the house of clear, practical vision (clairvoyance). Ideas can take their start here as planets pass through the 10th house. In the natal chart, the 10th house represents where we have our head above water and can see what to do -- clear practical vision. It is therefore associated with career, vocation, and the like. The tenth house holds a clear idea about something -- what is often called an out-of-the-body vision or experience, a time when we really get an insight in its totality.

**11th House.** The 11th house is a movement away from the 10th and down towards the lower hemisphere of the chart. The 11th house takes the clear idea seen in the 10th and resolves to put

it to work, to keep it in mind or make it "matter." We make a commitment to carry the idea into our daily life; that is, carry it across the ascendant (1st house cusp) and into the lower part of the chart, our personal life. The 11th house has to do with plans for action, group goals, cooperation.

**12th House.** The 12th house is even closer to the ascendant and the sphere of action. The bright idea that we had in the 10th, and the resolve to do something about it that we made in the 11th, is coming up against the status quo of the ascendant in the 12th -- our day-to-day reality. In the 12th house we are faced with a choice. We are about to cross over from the more impersonal realm of ideas and planning into our actual day-to-day circumstances. In the 12th, we begin to face the difference between our idea and our reality. We can either forget the whole thing and let the idea go, or we can care enough about making the idea matter in our life to buckle down and accept the way things are (status quo) and try to overcome them... to bring our new idea through and get it across the ascendant.

The 1st house marks the division between the upper and lower houses, between the mind and the body. If the upper houses show what is going on in our minds, the lower houses refer to our bodies -- the experience of life.

**1st House.** The 1st house shows the result of what we managed to bring across from the world of ideas, plans, and commitments. It's what remains when our new idea and impulse meet our reality. It is what overflows the status quo. It is a direct indication of how much we are able to accept.

**2nd House.** The 2nd house is the reaction of our life and environment to whatever was new in the 1st. It has to do with how our life changes because of, or in response to, this new energy. It has to do with how we adapt to, possess, or have something.

**3rd House.** The 3rd house continues the drama set forth in the 1st and 2nd. The 1st is the new start, the 2nd is the new body or what is drawn forth in response to the 1st, and the 3rd is how the situation develops to its fullness. It has to do with the working out and exploring of all the details and ramifications of what is forming.

**4th House.** The 4th house marks the extent to which this body develops its limits. It is also one of the angular houses and starts a new series of three. The 4th house has to do with fullness of experience -- the body or meat of it. Development has reached its physical peak and can go no further. Instead, we can feel or move within the experience.

**5th House.** The 5th house signals the end of the simple feeling of the experience and the beginning of consciousness of what it is that we have experienced. We are pouring forth or leaving the body. Emote, emotions. Offspring, self-consciousness, pride, and the like.

**6th House.** The 6th house signals the end of the vitality of the body and marks attempts to prolong, conserve, and take care of the experience or body. The experience or "party" is over.

**7th House.** The 7th house, another angular house, marks the beginning of a new series of three houses. Here we cross over from the personal houses to the impersonal houses. The personal experience of the first 6 houses is finished. It falls away from us and we see it as a complete stage in our development or whole. We leave the body and start into the mind. A

turning away from the attempt for personal salvation toward a concern for others. Marriage.

**8th House.** The 8th house results from our fully grasping the nature of the completed personal experience in the first six houses... what was right about it and what was wrong. Here we strip away and can do without what was wrong. The extra baggage is unloaded.

**9th House.** The 9th house has to do with what remains when all extra is stripped away. It is what remains or is enduring from the entire episode. The seed essence. It becomes the light for a new idea in the 10th, where the whole cycle repeats itself.

### **The Chart Wheel, or Mandala:**

Here are some brief descriptions of the 12 houses and what they mean to astrologers. We will start with the 10th house -- the house of clear, practical vision.

**Tenth house.** Career. Practical talents. Ideals. Where you see most clearly, clairvoyance. Thus your particular management, practical vision, and supervisory skills. Where you can see to do.

**Eleventh house.** Larger goals. Putting ideas to work. Impersonal drive to realize your ideals. Working with others in groups, organization, friends. Planning. Humanitarian, community to improve.

**Twelfth house.** Limits, confines, hidden faults. Therefore confinement, prisons, dues, karma. Attitude, psychology, acceptance, sacrifice, forbearance.

**First house.** News, impulse, start. Live action, what's "happening" or fresh. The way you come across, thus appearance, persona, head, identity.

**Second house.** Possessions, money. How you receive, have, value, or embody things.

**Third house.** Searches, investigations, inquiries, explorations. Communications -- thinking, writing, letters, gossip, media.

**Fourth house.** Home and property. Environment, sensate body, experience, heart of the matter. Prime of life or center of an experience -- body, incarnation. Finding.

**Fifth house.** Awareness, pride, self-discovery. Self-expression, emotions, stepping-out. Offspring, creations, teaching, acting, playing. Sports.

**Sixth house.** Maintenance, salvage, conservation, purity, harvesting, service, repair. Working for others. Analytical skills. Health and sickness. Detailed work, crafts.

**Seventh house.** Your marriage, partner, union, and yoga. Compassion, response. Spirit of cooperation.

**Eighth house.** Obligations, debts and assets, excess, death. Initiation, purification, purgatory. Dross, furnace.

**Ninth house.** Seed essence, bare facts, relics, religion, philosophy. Enduring thoughts, ideas. Long thoughts, long journeys.