

Standard Natal Report

Astrological Analysis for
Barack Obama



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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.

You always stand out from a crowd, one way or another. At heart, it's because you don't really want to be like everyone else. Fitting in and following along is so boring and predictable, as far as you're concerned. You'd rather be unique, even if it means that you're going alone some of the time. People tend to look on you as somehow ahead of the crowd, avant-garde, maybe even bohemian or futuristic - about as far as anyone can get from being bourgeois. This lack of focus on social structure and expectations doesn't mean you have no interest in socializing per se - just not with the status quo. Others see this in you, and perceive you as someone who is open-minded, fair, tolerant and idealistic. Like George Bernard Shaw, you're not content to see things the way they are and ask, "Why?" Instead you dream things that never were, and ask, "Why not?" In short you're an innovator, a reformer - someone who's always got a better idea, and doesn't keep quiet when there's injustice and inequality. Of course there's a lot more to you than what I've described here, because you're much more than just your rising sign. Consider the many expressions of Aquarius rising represented by people like Lord Baden-Powell (founder of the Scouts movement), writers Judy Blumberg and Truman Capote, choreographer Bob Fosse, comedians Whoopi Goldberg and Harvey Korman, composers George Handel and Stephen Sondheim, American social activists Jesse Jackson and Ralph Nader, US President Barack Obama, actors William Shatner and Martin Sheen, historian Arnold Toynbee, and the historic poet William Butler Yeats.

Aquarius Rising

Your Chart Data

Barack Obama
Aug 04, 1961
07:24:00 PM AHT +10:00
Honolulu, HI
157W51'30" 21N18'25"
House System: Placidus

Planet	Sign	Position	House	House Cusps
Sun	Leo	12°Le33'	06th	01 18°Aq03'
Moon	Gemini	03°Ge21'	04th	02 25°Pi54'
Mercury	Leo	02°Le20'	06th	03 00°Ta18'
Venus	Cancer	01°Ca47'	05th	04 28°Ta54'
Mars	Virgo	22°Vi35'	07th	05 23°Ge59'
Jupiter	Aquarius	00°Aq52' R	12th	06 19°Ca01'
Saturn	Capricorn	25°Cp20' R	12th	07 18°Le03'
Uranus	Leo	25°Le16'	07th	08 25°Vi54'
Neptune	Scorpio	08°Sc36'	09th	09 00°Sc18'
Pluto	Virgo	06°Vi59'	07th	10 28°Sc54'
Midheaven	Scorpio	28°Sc54'		11 23°Sg59'
Ascendant	Aquarius	18°Aq03'		12 19°Cp01'

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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 outgoing, overflowing, and very generous. Always the leader, if not the center of any group, you seldom fail to exhibit strong emotions. You are proud of yourself and of your accomplishments. Dramatic and just plain happy to be here, you are warm of heart, gregarious, outspoken, and independent.

Sun in Leo

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 Semisquare Mars

You find yourself fighting to realize your ambitions amidst a sea of fuzzy dreams. A fear of letting go (and trusting the more mystical side of yourself) keeps you hard at it. You can't seem to let yourself dream a little, don't trust your own idealizations, and struggle between your sense of ideals and your more realistic ambitions. Your practical concerns with getting ahead and

fulfilling your ambitions tend to ignore your more deep-rooted ideals and dreams. You may not trust those in authority.

Sun Square Neptune

Your interest in relationships, romantic and otherwise, is strong and may sometimes work against your personal needs. You could lose yourself in the social world and neglect your ability to present yourself as a separate, unique individual.

Sun Opposition Ascendant

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 at home where there is lots of communication, investigation, and exploration. Fascinated by social interchange (and gossip too) you tend not to be emotional and are somewhat surface-oriented. You enjoy variety and change. Thinking, writing, researching, and science are good. A teacher.

Moon in Gemini

Your ideas and images about the traditional (history in general) and the environment around you make it easy for you to work with and teach others. You understand and perform well with younger people and know what it takes to create a supportive environment. You handle words and tell stories with consummate skill, and others love to hear you speak or entertain. You have a touch of the Blarney Stone about you.

Moon Sextile Mercury

You have a natural appreciation for the past, personal as well as world history -- all that is traditional. You find it easy to work with music, color, fabric, and the arts -- whatever is beautiful and genial. You would make a superb decorator of homes and, in general, all kinds of environments. You enjoy moods and emotions (whatever is psychological), especially in a group setting. Younger people, the helpless, and the needy can always be found under your umbrella.

Moon Semisextile Venus

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 Trine Jupiter

Your sense of responsibility is so well developed that you always end up managing any situation you become involved in. You are disciplined, work hard, and are good at getting others

to work with and for you. Perhaps a little too serious and frugal, you enjoy getting along on less. Essentials are what count. You like to keep to yourself and tend to avoid too much socializing. Others may prefer keeping some distance too.

Moon Trine Saturn

Your insistence on being different and the general nonconformity you display often result in your being cut off from those who would otherwise support you. You indulge your cravings for independence, which often creates a lot of emotional tension. Autonomy at the expense of your home and surroundings is nothing new for you. Your attempts to be different often end up in hurt feelings, yours and those of someone who would care for you.

Moon Square Uranus

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 Square Pluto

You flee from crowds and are most happy when surrounded by home, family, and all that is private. Your home life is most important. It matters not to you that you are not a public person and not at your best when in a crowd.

Moon Opposition Midheaven

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.

You are dynamic and always expressive in thought and speech -- dramatic. You appreciate your own ideas, and tend to be outgoing in speech and manner. Fresh. Warm. You put forth strong views and are hard to influence or change. Emotional and a good entertainer, you are louder than average and tend to exaggerate. You are a lover. There are always plenty of tears and laughter.

Mercury in Leo

A great speaker or entertainer. At the very least, the gift of gab. Working with or teaching others and communicating via the mind in general are indicated. A natural storyteller, you are at home in the world of myths and dreams.

Moon Sextile Mercury

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 Semisextile Venus

You may have to learn to think with more care when it comes to making career moves -- decisions that affect your life's direction. The fact is that you spend a lot of time on thoughts that have nothing to do with the real world. Many of these thoughts and ideas tend to be impractical and prove more trouble than they are worth. You are better off seeking advice than giving it, at least when it comes to matters of vocation.

Mercury Opposition Jupiter

Your thinking is probably anything but organized, and you could find it hard to study or exercise any real mental discipline. You run on and on in the word department, finding it difficult to limit yourself to the message at hand. Others may end up setting limits for you. Your free-form approach to conversations lacks responsibility and could result in confrontations with authorities. In other words, what you say could get you in trouble. At the very least, others find much of what you say and think impractical.

Mercury Opposition Saturn

You find talk of the other world, and mysticism in general, to be a real hassle. You struggle to keep this and any spiritual material at bay and, like your mind, down-to-earth and quite conventional. It may be hard for you to think about spiritual matters, much less express them in words or thoughts. You like your dreams neat and are troubled when thoughts of other lives and what-not intrude. You would rather not talk about it.

Mercury Square Neptune

Your mind is full of practical ideas, especially related to your job or skills. Always coming up with new ideas to manage things better, make things work -- practical thoughts.

Mercury Trine 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.

Homeward bound! With you, the domestic scene is ideal. Marriage, children, animals, gardens -- the whole works. You like to feel secure. Sensitive too. You are dependent on others and like to be taken care of, even mothered. You love music, can be very emotional, and tend to be protective.

Venus in Cancer

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

A born charmer with an innate love and appreciation for other people, especially children. A sense of color, of music and all of the arts -- the beautiful and the comfortable. Always welcome in a group, you are a connoisseur of things bright and kind.

Moon Semisextile 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 Semisextile Venus

You have the gift of working with others, helping them to sense and feel the unity of life. Your love of the spiritual and the eternal is clear to all who meet you. You love to solve the problems of the world, at least in words and images, and when you tell it, all are enchanted. Dreams and images are your stock and trade.

Venus Trine Neptune

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 Sesquiquadrate 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 innate urge to save, salvage and conserve, and can make a silk purse from a sow's ear. You always want to help and to be of service -- be fully used. You hate waste and are very thorough and precise. For the most part, you are understanding and accepting, but this can turn into criticism and pettiness. You are careful and a perfectionist.

Mars in Virgo

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 Semisquare Mars

The word here is accomplishment. If there is a job, you can do it. A prodigious worker, you pour yourself into any task with absolute determination. You are responsible to the extreme and take on obligations as though you just can't get enough. You enjoy discipline, and limitations are seen as opportunities rather than as handicaps. You would make a good teacher of others in matters of organization, practical competence, and the like. You have a great desire and drive to be thorough and responsible down to the smallest details. You always know what is essential and what is not. You love the routine.

Mars Trine Saturn

You put a lot of thought and energy into being different, avoiding the commonplace with great determination. Your drive to innovate, invent, and find new ways to use things is both well coordinated and intense. You could be an excellent teacher and innovator in areas connected to electronics, computers, and communications. You may love to travel and are quite energetic, even athletic. You have a strong urge to be different, to do something different.

Mars Semisextile Uranus

You hate a lack of clarity, especially when it comes to your feelings and emotions. This is a less than ideal world as far as you are concerned, and you are for making the best of it. Whatever dreams and ideals you may have had are somehow shut off from the day-to-day realities you face. You would rather ignore your dreams than be tortured by their remoteness. You are suspicious of pie-in-the-sky and have an abnormal fear of being deceived, in particular in matters of love and feelings. A sign of emotional tension.

Mars Semisquare Neptune

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.

A true progressive, especially in community or group work, you are democratic to the point of being radical -- an idealist. You are cool and impersonal when it comes to being fair or just, with a great interest in new trends and world affairs. You are future-oriented. Application-minded.

Jupiter in Aquarius

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 Trine Jupiter

Your ideas, thoughts, and words are not always the most practical. You tend to go off in directions that are counterproductive and not in your best interest. Any career moves had best be considered well, until you can separate the wheat from the chaff.

Mercury Opposition Jupiter

You are very "bearish" when it comes to security and seldom make a move that does not strengthen your position. You pursue responsibilities the way others pursue pleasure, and you even invite obligations. Career moves are always solid, based on sound principles, and may be tied in with the law or authorities -- all that is solid and well-reasoned. You don't invest in anything that is not tried and tested. Truth, religion, and philosophy are subjects of great interest.

Jupiter Conjunction Saturn

Your tendency to compromise and settle for less than you dreamed can be a problem. Given the opportunity, you may choose the path of least resistance, willing to bypass some of the things you always wanted in favor of expediency. Career moves must be given special attention. Tension results when you ignore your own desires (the things you need and want) and take a course of action, job, career, or whatever that can never satisfy. Or worse, you may find yourself in a job that is compromising.

Jupiter Square Neptune

You are gifted and even "lucky" when it comes to career decisions. Things almost always manage to work out for you.

Jupiter Sextile Midheaven

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.

Organizational problems. You have a tendency to avoid taking charge or responsibility and may need to accept a more disciplined and serious approach to life. Learn to enjoy hard work. Persevere. Learn how to manage. You may feel uncomfortable when in the public eye.

Saturn in Capricorn

A tireless and disciplined worker, you have a tendency to be serious and to prefer being alone over entering the social scene. You can get the most out of others, get them to work under you. A wisdom that comes from simple needs. Conservative. Careful.

Moon Trine Saturn

You can at times be unorganized and lack discipline in the idea and mental department. You have difficulty limiting and defining what you say or think and may tend to impractical schemes. It could be hard for you to concentrate and to study.

Mercury Opposition Saturn

Applied force. Practical competence. Tremendous discipline and a love of routine work. Ability to simplify, code, and reduce a subject to its essential elements. Inner drive to be thorough and responsible in minute details. Self-disciplined.

Mars Trine Saturn

Your career moves are always solid, responsible, and based on sound principles. When you make a decision, it is one you can build on and take to the bank. Not frivolous, you don't get involved with superficial projects. You like solid investments.

Jupiter Conjunction Saturn

You enjoy working hard and being organized, and you exercise skill and discipline in anything that affects your career and reputation. A perfect combination for an excellent manager.

Saturn Sextile Midheaven

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 great insight into matters of personal freedom. You come up with brilliant ways to express, emote or act things out. New methods of lovemaking, raising kids, caring for animals are yours. You are outspoken, very dramatic, impressive, and even regal. You relax with children, sports, acting, singing, and such. You really like yourself.

Uranus in Leo

Your flair for the unusual and the unconventional may not receive as much support as you might wish from those around you. Independence at the expense of your feelings is a struggle you know well, and emotional tension a price you may have to pay.

Moon Square Uranus

Powerful urge to be an innovator. Sudden breakthroughs, flashes, or insights. Avoid the common and seek out the unusual, exotic, and unique. Travel to far-off or out-of-the-way places. Energetic/athletic. Inventions with computers and electronics.

Mars Semisextile Uranus

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 and seem to establish unusual and different relationships.

Uranus Opposition Ascendant

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Uranus Square 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.

Unafraid of the "dark" side of life, you are interested in esoteric religion, everything mystical or occult, and so on. Sexuality and physical desires are encouraged and seen as spiritual. Money, power, and things of this world are O.K. too. The physical is ideal. Possessions.

Neptune in Scorpio

You struggle between your sense of ideals and your more practical ambitions. Your self-image and dreams are kept apart from the day-to-day practical concerns. They continue to confront one another. Authorities may not trust you, and vice versa.

Sun Square Neptune

Your ideas, thoughts, and mentality may struggle to keep a damper on a tendency towards mysticism and the spirit. Your dreams and ideals may be difficult for you to express or talk about, but are a source of much energy and not a little tension.

Mercury Square Neptune

A mother to every animal, child, or needy person. Generous to the extreme with others. Always sensing the unity in life, as in the phrase "the dewdrop slips into the shining sea." You love movies, myths, and long thoughts. No doubt a dreamer... a lover.

Venus Trine Neptune

You can be self-defeating, often pushing in directions that go against your own stated ideals and dreams. You have an aversion to foggy mindedness and lack of clarity, a fear of being misled or duped. Your feelings tend to compromise your own self-image.

Mars Semisquare Neptune

Your goals and ideals are often in contrast to the actual decisions you make, in particular those regarding career. Your tendency to head in directions that are less than ideal, that don't fit your own dreams and self-image, causes tension.

Jupiter Square Neptune

You work with real imagination and understanding in areas of the mind that are the most personal or private -- depth psychology. You are like a midwife of the spirit, assisting at the birth of each individual going through a spiritual or re-birth process. You accept the natural process of birth, spiritual and physical, and have dedicated yourself to helping it along. You would make a great teacher in these areas.

Neptune Sextile Pluto

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 tend to be radical when it comes to self-analysis, which means health care, food, physical well-being, and so on. Serving and caring for yourself and others are primary sources of inner growth and changes. You are sensitive to criticism.

Pluto in Virgo

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 Square Pluto

A searing vision that cuts through what passes for conventional religion. A vision of the endless process of life ever being born afresh. Great acceptance and faith in the natural process and next generation. Love of children and animals.

Neptune Sextile Pluto

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

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

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

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.

Pisces

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.

Third House

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nurturing and fertile sign in that any seed or impulse is cradled, bringing forth growth and development. Taurus is the way we "have" things, how we possess and acquire things. There is something gentle, regular, steadfast, and determined about Taurus. Always accepting, mothering, providing a base for... a matrix or womb where growth takes place.

Taurus

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.

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You look to home and family for support and encouragement. History (personal or otherwise) interests you, and you tend toward nostalgia. Security is very important and you need to have real roots in order to be productive.

Moon 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

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

You probably love the theater and all that is creative, expressive, and artsy. You appreciate the dramatic, and emotional scenes are a sign of life to you. You love action, sports, and putting your heart and feelings on the line.

Venus 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

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 are a good worker, always thinking and caring for things. You are naturally service-oriented and enjoy taking care of the needs of others. You are very discriminating and can sort out the good apples from the bad.

Sun in Sixth House

You are skilled at using your mind in an analytical manner, always discriminating. An expert at quality control, you can spot the bad apples every time. You may be skillful when it comes to health-related matters (mental or physical).

Mercury in Sixth House

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

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

You are highly motivated when it comes to relationships (social or private) and strive to rise above personalities. An urge to see unity in everything, to marry or join all disparities, may find you going overboard now and again.

Mars in Seventh House

You seem to assert your independence in relationships and the social scene. Unconventional, to say the least, you may well enjoy a different kind of marriage or friendship. You have insight into marriage or yoga -- the ties that bind.

Uranus in Seventh House

Change and inner growth tend to come through your relationships with both friends and lovers. Marriage, union (yoga) will be very intense and not at all superficial. You get to the heart

of a relationship each and every time.

Pluto in Seventh House

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

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

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.

Ninth House

Scorpio is the most famous sign. Intense, passionate, and very personal, Scorpio rushes past superficialities and right to the heart of any matter. A loyal friend but a fanatic foe, this sign does well in politics and all areas where someone who dares is rewarded. Often associated with sexual energy, perhaps due to its tendency to strip away veneer, laying bare anything that is there.

Scorpio

Your dreams and ideals rest in whatever is pure and true. Philosophy and religion are your escape and refuge from the mundane world. An almost mystical imagination provides you with visions into the world as a community -- a sense of unity.

Neptune 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.

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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

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

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

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

You could excel in a career that involves understanding and self-sacrifice. Psychology, counseling -- guiding others to be forgiving and accepting -- may be a special skill that you have. Work with mental patients, prison inmates, and the like is possible.

Jupiter in Twelfth House

You are very serious when it comes to self-sacrifice and doing all you can to make things easier for other people. You pursue psychology, the human psyche, and things mystical. You are quite painstaking when it comes to giving and helping others.

Saturn in Twelfth House