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## Chakra's



# Summaries

## **Capricorn Sun ☊ ♑ and ♄ ♋ Taurus Moon man**

([824] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **A Stoic Personality - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Relaxed, sophisticated and uncomplaining;

Negatives: Hedonistic, rigid and pugnacious;

Perfect partner: Someone who appreciates the finest things in life;

Advice: Try not to blame others for your misfortunes.

## **Sun ☉ in VII 7th House**

([865] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **Real charmers - Summary:**

Strengths: Charming, sociable and open-minded;

Challenges: Cautious, cold and distracted;

Advice: They need to learn that their value is not set by what others think.

## **Moon ☾ in XI 11th House**

([882] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **Acting quite sentimentally - Summary:**

Strengths: Friendly, creative and idealistic;

Challenges: Changeable and distracted;

Advice: Work more in collaboration with others.

Neutral: The unconventional types

## **Moon ☾ in 4th Nakshatra: Rohini**

### **Short Version [2]**

Strength: lovely appearance, respectable leader, charming, responsible, helpful, friendly, truthful, affects others, balanced mind, fixed in purpose, well-educated, financially strong, dutiful to the family, gifted at arts, healthy, socialite, goal oriented, gentle, soothing voice, morally oriented, inner strength.

Weakness: materialistic, manipulative, pampered, deceptive, takes advantage of others, sexually or sensually indulgent, critical of others, possessive, jealous, overly sensitive, variable in nature, addictive, indecisive.

### **Pada [1]**

## **Moon ☾ in fourth pada**

(20°00'-23°20' degrees Taurus): Cancer navamsa. You are intuitive and make decisions

best when you follow your gut. Family is very important to you, and you prioritize your family over other things in your life. Material success comes naturally to you — wealth will likely come your way, if you were not already born into it. However, your attachment to what is yours can make you possessive.

[1] = PopularVedicScience.com, [2] = AstroVed.com

### **Mercury ♀ in ♏ Pisces man**

([906] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **The secret sentimental - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Sensitive and communicative;

Negatives: Contradictory and possessive;

Soulmate: Someone who is open to trying new things.

Life lesson: Investing more energy, even when others are not involved.

### **Mercury ♀ in IX 9th House**

([916] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A great mental capacity - Summary:**

Strengths: Analytical, observing and generous;

Challenges: Cynical, cautious and aloof;

Advice: They should put greater effort in understanding others.

### **Venus ♀ in ♉ Taurus man**

([923] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **In a nutshell:**

Positives: Energetic and patient;

Negatives: Domineering and forceful;

Soulmate: Someone who takes life with attention and determination;

Life lesson: Should value their friendships more.

### **Venus ♀ in XI 11th House**

([955] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Only a strong friendship will have them wanting more - Summary:**

Strengths: Friendly, cheerful and devoted;

Challenges: Pretentious and inconsiderate;

Advice: Follow your gut feeling without doubting yourself.

Neutral: Loving but a little naive

### **Mars ♂ in ♐ Sagittarius man**

([973] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A charming companion - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Communicative and ambitious;

Negatives: Sneaky and self-indulgent;

Soulmate: Someone who is patient and understanding with him;  
Life lesson: He should find his purpose to fight for.  
Neutral: Not a big fan of commitment

### **Mars ♂ in VI 6th House**

([986] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Can't stand unfairness - Summary:**

Strengths: Practical, organized and attentive;  
Challenges: Demonstrative and stubborn;  
Advice: Avoid unrealistic expectations.

### **Jupiter ♃ in ♎ Sagittarius man**

([1001] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **It's a matter of luck - In a nutshell:**

Style: Lucky and limitless  
Top qualities: Optimistic, adventurous, truth-seeking  
Weaknesses: Prone to blockages and sometimes naïve  
Advice: Channel positive energy by staying away from other's business.

### **Jupiter ♃ in VI 6th House**

([1010] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **In continuous transformation - Summary:**

Strengths: Witty, generous and talented;  
Challenges: Naïve and distracted;  
Advice: They need to learn how to accept criticism too.

### **Saturn ♄ in ♉ Taurus man**

([1018] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **In a nutshell:**

Style: Practical and generous;  
Top qualities: Possessive, indulgent and friendly;  
Challenges: Stubborn but also indecisive;  
Advice: Try to obtain as much social support as possible.

### **Saturn ♄ in XI 11th House**

([1039] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **They give their friendships a lot of importance - Summary:**

Strengths: Friendly, dependable and warm-hearted;  
Challenges: Confused, scared and untrusting;  
Advice: They should worry less about what others think of them.

### **Uranus ♅ in ♋ Cancer man**

([1044] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Insightful and compassionate;  
Top qualities: Generous and affectionate;  
Challenges: Not using your potential fully;  
Advice: Be careful about burning bridges with estranged friends.

***Uranus ☿ in I 1st House***

([1053] i.thehoroscope.co)

**An enthusiastic personality - Summary:**

Strengths: Eccentric, intuitive and witty;  
Challenges: Gossipy, easily bored and self-deprecating;  
Advice: They should put their impeccable taste in support of others more often.

***Neptune ♆ in ♍ Virgo man***

([1070] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Dedicated and demonstrative;  
Top qualities: Serviable, efficient and healing;  
Challenges: Highly critical, impatient and fussy;  
Advice: You need to put effort to convince your partner of your vision.

***Neptune ♆ in III 3rd House***

([1079] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Creative and charming - Summary:**

Strengths: Intuitive, eloquent and sociable;  
Challenges: Absent-minded, undisciplined and controlling;  
Advice: They shouldn't let other people step over their feelings.

***Pluto ♇ in ♑ Capricorn man***

([1098] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Disciplined and strong;  
Top qualities: Persistent, thoughtful and ambitious;  
Challenges: Overly cautious and stubborn;  
Advice: Exercise caution when it comes to personal risks.

***Pluto ♇ in VII 7th House***

([1107] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Challenging their own identity - Summary:**

Strengths: Intuitive, empathic and strong-willed;  
Challenges: Aggressive, conflictual and distrusting;

Advice: They should allow themselves to express their emotions freely.

**North Node ♍ in ♍ Virgo**

([1118] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Observant, talented and insightful;

Challenges: Secretive and dismissive

Excited about new adventures, A need to be more attentive to details

**South Node ♋ in ♋ Pisces**

([1136] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Idealistic, ambitious, gentle and caring;

Challenges: Disorganized and overly-emotional;

Lots of challenges in their way, Purpose in life

**North Node ♊ in III 3rd House (Gemini)**

([1115] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Straightforward, honest and friendly;

Challenges: Unpredictable and too curious

Charming companions, A need to keep changing

**South Node ♏ in IX 9th House (Sagittarius)**

([1133] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Sociable, honest, adventurous and witty;

Challenges: Obstinate and insecure;

Their soul can be quite conflicted, Looking at the big picture

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♇ in ♏ Scorpio**

([1144] elsaelsa.com)

**Truth Seer**

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♇ in V 5th House**

([1153] elsaelsa.com)

**Dark Creation**

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Mercury - (1°54') ♏3 | ♋9**

([171] astromatrix.org:) Searching for Answers

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Other's Ideas 2. Creating Your Future

Challenges: 1. Accepting Your Past 2. Avoiding Being Overly Subjective

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°23') ♀3 | ♀6

([188] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Fighting To Win

Opportunities: 1. Creating a Nice Home 2. Surrounding Yourself with Beauty

Challenges: 1. Dealing with Life's Practicalities 2. Knowing Yourself

► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (1°46') ♀6 | ♀5

([628] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Owning your Inner Wild

Opportunities: 1. Being a Powerful Creator 2. Becoming an Influential Leader

Challenges: 1. Overcoming untamed aggression 2. Sticking to your commitments

► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☉ Sun** - (1°18' S) ♀7 | ♀7

([149] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Seeking Approval

Opportunities: 1. Working in Teams 2. Leveraging Your Empathetic Skills

Challenges: 1. Finding Your Inner Security 2. Choosing Better who You Admire

► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (6°54' S) ♀11 | ♀11

([16] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Natural Sympathy

Opportunities: 1. Giving Your Maternal Instincts Expression 2. Helping the Public

Challenges: 1. Connecting with Others' Emotions 2. Avoiding Emotional Manipulation

► **Venus ♀ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (8°12' S) ♀11 | ♀5

([634] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);)

Opportunities: 1. Dropping codependency 2. Exploring various relationships

Challenges: 1. Accepting your unique quirks 2. Exploring deeper sexuality

► **Saturn ♄ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (4°15' A) ♀11 | ♀5

([637] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Fear of Rejection

Opportunities: 1. Embracing childlike wonder 2. Being more practical

Challenges: 1. Overcoming fears of rejection 2. Letting go of tradition

► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°46' S) ♀1 | ♀11

([259] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Ease Of Expression

Opportunities: 1. Understanding People 2. Finding a Social Career

Challenges: 1. Avoiding Being Taken Advantage of 2. Giving Yourself Work-Life Balance

► **Midheaven MC Sextile ☉ Sun** - (2°07' S) ♀9 | ♀7

([230] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Clear Objectives

Opportunities: 1. Pursuing Goals over the Long-Term 2. Cultivating Many Interests

Challenges: 1. Making Sacrifices 2. Balancing Independence and Cooperation

► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (1°35' S) ♀9 | ♀11

([260] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Harmoniser

Opportunities: 1. Forming Tight-Knit Bonds 2. Accepting Help

Challenges: 1. Exploring Your Artistic Inclinations 2. Taking Lessons from the Past

► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♌ **Moon** - (7°26' S)    ♃7 | ♎11

([298] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Mutual Love

Opportunities: 1. Learning Lessons from Your Mistakes 2. Leveraging Your Internal Harmony

Challenges: 1. Improving Your Follow-Through 2. Tapping into Your Talents

► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♎ **Lilith** - (1°33' A)    ♀9 | ♍5

([647] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Having Rebellious Views

Opportunities: 1. Being a free spirit 2. Combating criticism and rejection

Challenges: 1. Separating opinions and judgments 2. Facing social non-conformity



# Extra Source

Some interpretations for your chart from real Astrology writers. 10 PDF's I got from Lavette's disk, counting +1000 pages. The Nodal Position interpretations were already used for the other document. This includes Ascendant, Midheaven, the Node's, and the 10 major objects (Sun, moon, etc. ). Also, there are some interpretations missing.

## Object Aspects

The aspects that are shown underneath 'Signs & Houses'.

- 1) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°23')    ♎3 | ♋6
- 2) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (0°17')    ♎11 | ♋6
- 3) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°17')    ♎11 | ♎11
- 4) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (0°09')    ♏9 | ♎11
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°13')    ♏9 | ♎7
- 6) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°22')    ♎11 | ♎7
- 7) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°45')    ♋6 | ♎3
- 8) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°34')    ♋6 | ♎11
- 9) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☉ Sun** - (1°18' S)    ♎7 | ♎7
- 10) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (6°55' A)    ♎7 | ♎7
- 11) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (2°21' S)    ♎3 | ♎3
- 12) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (8°13' A)    ♎7 | ♎7
- 13) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (6°54' S)    ♎11 | ♎11
- 14) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♋ South-Node** - (10°00' A)    ♏9 | ♏9
- 15) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (3°57' S)    ♎11 | ♎11
- 16) ► **Neptune ♆ Conjunct ♋ North-Node** - (1°01' A)    ♎3 | ♎3
- 17) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♃ Jupiter** - (9°20' A)    ♎11 | ♋6
- 18) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♆ Neptune** - (8°59' A)    ♏9 | ♎3
- 19) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♅ Uranus** - (5°54' A)    ♋6 | ♎1
- 20) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°46' S)    ♎1 | ♎11
- 21) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♆ Neptune** - (1°32' S)    ♎1 | ♎3
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (1°35' S)    ♏9 | ♎11
- 23) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (4°01' S)    ♏9 | ♋6
- 24) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ☾ Moon** - (7°26' S)    ♎7 | ♎11
- 25) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♄ Saturn** - (3°25' S)    ♎7 | ♎11
- 26) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♆ Neptune** - (0°14' S)    ♎7 | ♎3
- 27) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♋ North-Node** - (0°47' A)    ♎7 | ♎3

- 28) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (7°40' S) ♄11 | ♃3
- 29) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°47' A) ♄11 | ♃7
- 30) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♁ **North-Node** - (6°39' S) ♄11 | ♃3
- 31) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (3°56' S) ♄09 | ♄1
- 32) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°46' S) ♄11 | ♃3
- 33) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♅ **Pluto** - (7°41' A) ♄11 | ♃7
- 34) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♁ **North-Node** - (0°15' A) ♄11 | ♃3
- 35) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (3°11' A) ♄11 | ♃3
- 36) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♁ **North-Node** - (4°12' A) ♄11 | ♃3
- 37) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Trine** ♁ **North-Node** - (7°26' S) ♃7 | ♃3

## Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

### Sun ☉ in ♑ Capricorn 14° 26'

(Betty Lundsted)

Children born into the mother-dominated sign of Capricorn obtain the values of traditional business and the corporate power structure and the ability to go about attaining power, from the influence of the mother. Father is a passive figure. However, most Capricorns have a father who is a respected member of the family, but one who is untouchable and uninvolved in the family structure. So the immediate decisions about running the family are left in the hands of the mother, and in the child's eyes she runs the universe. When Daddy comes home, he just upsets the applecart, for the little Capricorn is second-in-command during Daddy's absence. Capricorns usually feel apprehensive about confronting the father, unlike the other Earth signs.

Capricorn's mother is very traditional in her attitudes. She runs a Saturninan household where children are to be seen and not heard. Capricorn children are usually quite wellbehaved, and they tend to frown on too much frivolity in life. They take responsibilities seriously. Even their sense of humor is serious - it's often cynical or satirical; funny stories are told with a straight face.

Mother wants to go places in life, and Capricorn children pick up this vibration from her. She instills in them a sense of management, a sense of power, and a need for power and control, for she is a powerful and controlling figure. She uses every piece of information at hand so that she can keep her family in line. Capricorns learn how to do

this from her.

Capricorns go out into the world looking for a place to climb, and want to be the head of something at all costs. What they often don't understand is that they are born leaders. One enters the zodiac in this sign because one is ready to learn about the responsibility of power. If they are in a hurry to get ahead in life, Capricorns will use any means available, including using people to get what they want. This sign is sometimes considered the mercenary of the zodiac. If they will learn to wait, to earn their position, they will be better off. The natural vibration of Capricorn (and Saturn) will put them into positions of authority if they train themselves properly.

When the Capricorn female grows up, she wants to leave home to get away from the strong mother influence. She doesn't immediately realize that she has the same strengths and ability to manipulate others that her mother has. It would be wise of her to select a mate carefully; she needs to unite with a man who has strong power drives and ambitions to match her own. If he doesn't, she'll get angry and will try to destroy him emotionally. She doesn't understand her own strength in her youth. As a teenager, Capricorn often looks like the ugly duckling; for this reason, she may not have a great deal of faith in her femininity. However, after she reaches thirty there's a transformation and she keeps on looking attractive into her seventies. She can be a terrific partner for any man who wants to develop a business or political career, because she will work tirelessly with a man who wants to go somewhere.

She needs to learn how to relate emotionally because she feels uncomfortable with this aspect of herself. Emotional responses imply that one is out of control, and she wants to know what is going on in her universe at all times. She represents that part of the feminine principle that has to do with building and collecting and overseeing the universe. She wants to create boundaries, but emotional expression has to do with letting down boundaries. In order to feel emotionally fulfilled, she will need to learn to let go of some of the control and work with the concept of universal flow. It will never let her down.

The Capricorn male uses his energy a little differently. He has a great deal of respect for his mother, and particularly notices how she handles her husband. He wants to be Daddy when he grows up, but he has to use his mother's habit patterns to get where his father got. She is the strength his Dad relies upon, and he will pattern himself after her. She handles men in a certain way, and he will imitate her particular and individual pattern. He, too, can be so involved with getting to the top that he doesn't notice the means which he uses in order to get there. Materialists seldom do, for the end often justifies the means. However, the Capricorn power trip is a long and powerful one, and he can get to the top of the corporate structure the right way or the wrong way. Again, Capricorn has been given power in the zodiac, and the task he has in this life is to learn the responsibility of power. He must learn how to delegate responsibility to the proper people, and he must learn how to see who these proper people are; he must learn how to

leave emotions and loyalties out of his decisions. He must also learn how to trust people he cares for.

Capricorns tend to want to have absolute control in their relationships. Sometimes they marry for the wrong reasons and feel insecure because of it. The Capricorn male can enhance his life position by marrying the boss's daughter, or the 'right woman' who fits in with the moves he wants to make as he climbs up the social ladder. However, the love and trust part of the relationship may be missing. When this occurs, he has to control her. In a sense he has to be protective of his status and his control, so he wants to be entirely aware of everything going on with his wife. He will resent any friendships she makes, and he can distort the truth so that it looks to be in his favor. When one controls a relationship, this only serves to build more inner feelings of insecurity and, eventually, symptoms of paranoia. When a person is too controlling, he can't think of everything, and sooner or later the situation blows up.

It has been said that Capricorn falls from high places. The symbol for Capricorn is the Mountain Goat, climbing to the top of the mountain. The trick is for Capricorn to develop its sure-footedness in order to climb the mountain without falling. Some people think Capricorns should give up the climb; but the importance here is that of developing the qualities of an experienced mountain climber so that he can reach the top and do some good. The universe needs leadership, guidance into new traditions, and help to establish order and purpose into the social structure. Capricorn is an earth sign; it follows the Fire sign of Sagittarius. Sagittarians bring about theories of law and order and the spiritual or philosophical growth of the individual. Capricorn is here to carry these theories into being and existence. There is good reason for Capricorn types to develop surefootedness; they have the responsibility for building strong traditions and institutions in a symbolic sense. Those of use who use our power in a thoughtless or selfish way will eventually have that power taken from us, for it seems to be the way of the univers.

Capricorn is the most theoretical of the Earth signs. All the Earth signs have something to do with the manifestation of an idea into reality in the universe. The pattern of Earth and Fire around the horoscope wheel shows the union of the masculine and feminine principles. As humanity co-operates with energies present in the universe, each new generation forms its own tao symbol in consciousness. The problem with the material, or feminine, polarity signs stems from a desire to keep everything static in the material universe.

(Haydn Paul)

The Capricorn personality tends to be serious in nature; and you will display a cautious, thoughtful quality, being quite practical, prudent and economical in your affairs, as if you are on the defensive against the vagaries of life. You will usually consider all options before you act decisively. You prefer to express an individual dignity, often assuming a role of authority, as you highly value law and order in daily life and consider that these

aspects are essential in both the individual and the national life. You will be attracted towards positions of authority and social prestige, and will be ambitious to achieve them; this will attract and satisfy you more than just material possessions, although you may also 'use' them to enhance your status.

You will be capable of hard persistent work, designed to achieve your goals, and you should be an efficient organiser. You are usually very reliable at work, being quite conscientious, and you are likely to possess the gift of a lucid and direct writing style which can prove to be an advantage.

You need to feel admired, respected and appreciated by others, in all your efforts at home and work. You are not especially emotionally or physically demonstrative, and although you are compassionate, you may find it difficult to display sympathy openly. You prefer to serve others through action, by physical aid in some way, rather than by emotional support, as you are less comfortable with that part of your nature. You prefer to judge others and be judged by them through actions rather than words; to you, words can be many, but few tend to back them up by action.

You may periodically suffer swings of mood, ranging between the extremes of optimism and pessimism, partly because you have difficulty in always maintaining faith in life. You can often be very reserved and private, keeping a distance between yourself and others, and relaxing your guard only when you have known the person for some time, and feel safe and secure.

When you choose to apply it, you should have a powerful will, which can be used in a concentrated, persistent manner to achieve objectives.

You dislike wasting words, preferring precision and saying only what you want to say, or staying quiet, especially if you are afraid of being misunderstood; there may be some problem in communicating to others, particularly at times when you need to withdraw from excessive social contact. You often believe that you know best for all concerned, be they family, friends, relatives etc.; and at times you may tend to be insistent that your ideas are the right ones to follow. This can lead to domestic or work conflicts as you enter into disagreements, especially if you express yourself dogmatically and authoritatively, as you often do. You may need to learn more about the values of co-operation and joint decision-making at some time in your life.

Marriage evokes your sentimental nature, and you may prefer a partner who is either 'motherly' or 'fatherly', looking for loyalty and reliability in partners and friends. Your view of life is realistic and pragmatic, preferring to establish a stolid pattern of familiar daily routines to offer you a sense of security. You may tend to repress emotions from public expression, as you feel uneasy if they become dominating, and prefer always to feel in control. You may need to open your mind to higher things, to philosophies, fantasies, abstract thinking; as your approach may be too factual, critical, analytical and practical,

and the danger is that this - unless modified - can make you too rigid, dogmatic and narrow-minded. In chasing your ambitions, you will have to ensure that any relative failure does not frustrate or embitter you through your loss of perspective on the totality of life.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Capricorn individuals feel they have the right to authority; to govern and control others in terms of establishing order; to be respected for their achievements and position.

### Static

When you focus on wanting recognition and respect from others for your being in control, you may use your authority to dominate those around you. If you become totally dedicated to appearing authoritative and earning approval for your achievements, you may neglect using your talents to get the job done. This comes about when being in control and getting respect have become more important than actually accomplishing the task. You also may expect others to be as sensitive to your ambitions as you are insensitive to theirs; and when they do not offer the deference expected, you may become defensive and critical.

Tension with co-workers can be aroused if you want your behavior to be sanctioned as perfect in their eyes. You might not use your organizational talents to benefit others, but solely to manipulate them into improving your social image. Thus, you may create, through self-interest, the necessity of having to manage them constantly in order to stay in control of the situation. This might limit success and put a tremendous drain on your energy and vitality, which may leave you in a state of tense watchfulness.

### Dynamic

You can direct your attention to encouraging others with your organizational talents and abilities. This allows your sensitivity to expand into areas in which others are disorganized, and could use the benefits of your natural sense of order. In the process of effectively assisting them, with an awareness of their feelings, you automatically acquire their respect without having to justify it. Recognizing the intangible order and perfection of things can allow you to plan on a material level with less tension.

Awareness of your emotional connection with the whole allows you to organize coworkers effectively. You can do this in a way that improves the situation and increases your vitality and well-being. In managing others to more effectively produce results that are in their best interests, you automatically gain their esteem and admiration for your executive abilities. This eliminates the need for further supervision. Increased self-respect can come through your process of organizing and delegating authority in order to get the

job done most effectively for all concerned.

When your integrity comes to the fore, you cease to justify your position through the regard of other people, allowing you to forcefully channel your energy into accomplishing the task at hand. In so doing, you can produce results that earn you lasting respect.

(Sydney Omarr)

#### Capricorn females

This is an earthy woman, not necessarily demonstrative. But she will not run out on you; she may appear aloof, cold, disinterested; but the fire of passion runs through her veins and she is a woman in the best sense of that word. Look for someone else if you want the frivolous; if you desire someone who can give you a 'line'. This woman has something to offer to someone who is concerned with the future. She is not for you if you are merely dabbling, experimenting, looking for an interlude.

There is energy and strength here; this woman can perceive your character, can know you and love you and be loyal to you. But she does expect you to be a man. This woman is apt to be cautious; she isn't easy to win. She also has a tendency to be curious about the bank account. This is because she is aware of the future, is concerned about tomorrow as well as today. She can accept challenges, is able to work, is disciplined, prefers to avoid sensationalism and publicity, possesses great determination, and usually finishes what she starts.

She is all of the above - but she is not cold. She may appear so, but once she feels you may be the one for her, she is as warm as a Venus - Mars conjunction. She is earthy in temperament; she is basically independent, original in her thinking - and can break from tradition as easily as some persons drink a cup of coffee. It is not always easy for her to do so; the Capricorn woman does have a tendency to hang on to the familiar, to be classical, to adhere to a set line of action. Yet, when necessary, she can break habit patterns. That is a key word for her: necessity. She meets emergencies; she does what is necessary, including the making of sacrifices. She can give up luxuries for loved ones.

This woman is not satisfied to be buried, hidden or relegated to second fiddle. She has her own thoughts and wants to express them. And she most certainly deserves to be heard. This woman has much to offer. If you feel you are not quite ready for her - why not wait until you've really become a man?

#### Capricorn males

This man may start slowly; but you can bet your life that he'll be around at the finish! He is earthy, possesses a keen sense of awareness, is human and warm, and can be depended upon to help the underdog and to fight for loved ones. At times you may have

to prod him, to make him live up to his capabilities - but you will not have to ask for consideration. He would never knowingly hurt you.

This man is more sensitive than you might at first suspect: he often laughs at himself, shrugs off sympathy and gives the impression of being immune to pain. However, he is not only personally sensitive, but transfers this sense of feeling to others; he can look at you, and at others, and somehow know when things are not right. This produces a dissipating effect; he tends to wear down, to worry more about others than about himself. One's first reaction, of course, is admiration for this man's apparent nobility. However, if you are really interested in his welfare, you should encourage him to face his own problems. The Capricorn man sometimes seeks an 'out'. He busies himself in helping others instead of putting his shoulder to the wheel with his own problems. An important hint is this: let him talk about himself and help him to help himself. This will almost assure you of winning him!

Tact is important in dealing with this man. He may sound brash; he may appear tough - but when it comes to women he expects them to be tactful, loving, tender, and aware of his particular charms. The Capricorn man constantly builds for his future: he may not always be aware of his struggle for recognition, but it is a part of him and you must recognize it if you are to be happy with him.

Ambition is keynoted here, although he may deny it. He is not always sure of what he wants to attain - but he is going somewhere. Having a successful association with him means having faith; forget this man if you are looking for quick rewards. The relationship must be rewarding as a whole if it is to mean anything at all. Once you hook up with this man, you may find yourself hooked for good!

(Skye Alexander)

People who have their Suns in Capricorn are usually serious, hard-working, cautious and pragmatic. You may have had to assume adult responsibilities or go to work at an early age; and as a child you always seemed much older and more mature than your years. Your childhood may not have been particularly enjoyable, and perhaps you couldn't wait to grow up. Peers may have thought you were dull or uptight; and even as an adult you sometimes find it hard to relax and have fun. However, you age well, become more comfortable with yourself after turning forty, and seem to get younger as you grow older.

You are conservative with your time, money and other resources, and your philosophy might be 'waste not, want not'. You don't like to do things spontaneously or without adequate planning, and you want your life to be carefully ordered and clearly defined. You are also likely to be conservative in your political and social attitudes. Traditional values and structures that have survived the test of time appeal to you most; you don't trust people, ideas or products that haven't 'proved' themselves yet.



The quintessential career person, you take your job very seriously and are never one to shirk work or duty. You tend to be something of a workaholic. Ambitious and diligent, you climb your way to the top of the corporate ladder with slow, steady steps. You probably won't set the world on fire, and you make your own luck. Your success is based on competence, common sense and perseverance; and employers, employees and clients know they can depend on you.

Though you enjoy being in a position of power, you aren't fond of the limelight and prefer to run things from behind the scenes. You also may be ruthless, unscrupulous, or unconcerned about those you step on as you move upward, adopting an attitude of 'the end justifies the means'.

Your public image is very important to you, and you see your 'role' as the pillar of society. You are the loyal, conscientious and reliable good citizen, the backbone of your family and community, the person who gets things done and holds it all together. Practical and predictable, you support the status quo and rarely go against majority opinion or community standards.

You tend to show your best face to the public. In private, you are less adept. You are quite shy and sensitive, though you try to hide it behind a gruff exterior. As a result, you feel more comfortable with the ordered, detached relationships of the business world than with more personal ones that can be unpredictable and emotionally demanding. Unless your Moon is in a water sign, you might feel awkward and unsure of yourself in intimate situations. Your love relationships can seem more like business partnerships or practical arrangements, and you probably subscribe to traditional attitudes when it comes to male / female roles. Though highly sensual and sexual, you aren't the 'playboy' type, and take your relationships seriously. You also can be something of a moralist, and tend to conceal your lasciviousness behind a refined, well-controlled, even prim exterior.

Your greatest gift is the structure, order and stability you provide, particularly in the public and professional spheres. Your greatest failings usually result from your coldness, rigidity and fear of change.

Like Virgos, these subjects can be too fussy for comfort, seeking perfection in all that they do, being quick to criticise other members of the family. Some of these subjects are dogmatic, opinionated and inflexible, which makes them very hard to live with; while others can be too self-absorbed to be true relaters. This self-absorption and attention to detail may be very hard to live with. Some Capricorns are quite arrogant; and some land their families in trouble through crooked business deals, but this is not the way most Capricorns behave. These people have a gentle manner but a tough centre. They can compromise, but they usually end up getting their own way.

As homemakers, Capricorns are really rather good. They like to invest their money in

bricks and mortar, and they won't allow a property to fall into disrepair. Being an earth sign, they need a bit of land around them, and they can be quite keen gardeners, with an especial penchant for growing food. Capricornian homes are comfortable and well-equipped, but not necessarily with the latest gadgetry. They don't actually spend much time at home, because their work and their many interests keep them on the go; but they do like something comfortable and pleasant to come back to. Earth sign people are usually quite dextrous, and many of them are good cooks. For example, in our family it is my Capricorn step-father who bakes the cakes!

Some Capricorns are very shy and awkward with new people; and this tends to lead some of them to choose a partner who is more outgoing than themselves. In such cases, they don't feel upstaged when their partner is chatting away merrily while they sit quietly in the background. Other Capricorns need to shine in their own right, and choose partners who will complement them rather than outshine them. Most of all, these subjects need a partner who can offer them emotional security. Capricorns somehow seem to miss out on their share of love when young, and they need to be able to rely upon this when they get into a relationship. Capricorns are easily embarrassed, and their dignity is as important to them as it would be to a Leo. This means that they cannot bear the thought of living with a stupid partner who opens his / her mouth without thinking, and a drunken partner is absolutely out of the question. Capricorns are quite intuitive, generally knowing when something is wrong with their loved ones; and they soon learn to trust their intuition. Generally speaking, as long as they are not hell-bent on a life in politics or a grand position in industry, Capricorns make rather good partners.

Most Capricorns are shy, slow to get off the ground with the opposite sex, and definitely not overtly sexual. This doesn't mean that they don't care for sex; remember, this is an earth sign, and all earth signs are sensual. Capricorns are not particularly experimental as far as sex is concerned, possibly because they suffer from old-fashioned feelings of guilt, and partly because some of them actually fear sex. Others are quite happy to make love as long as they are in charge of the proceedings and are in no danger of being faced with something surprising or, worse still, embarrassing. Some Capricorns prefer to remain virgins until well into their thirties, while others give up the whole messy business as soon as they can. Having said this, most Capricorns are quite happy to make love while they are in a safe, wholesome relationship with someone whom they can love and trust. Some astrology books give these subjects a reputation for lechery, but this doesn't seem to be borne out by reality. There are some very flirtatious Capricorns who may well have a soft spot for the opposite sex, but I get the distinct feeling that they use flirtation in order to either gain attention or control the people whom they meet socially. Having said all that, there are some really sexy goats around.

Capricorns are ideal family people because, although they get on well enough with colleagues and acquaintances, they reserve their real affection for their families, which includes parents and grandparents as well as their partners and children. Anyone marrying a Capricorn will have to take their fondness for other members of their family

into consideration. Capricorns need an atmosphere of harmony, and they hate bad feeling or family feuds. Capricorns don't have many friends, but they do have quite a number of acquaintances. It is not easy to get to know these people because they don't share confidences with people whom they know casually.

As parents, these subjects are very loving and a trifle old-fashioned. They are ambitious on behalf of their children, and they will make every effort to see that they have all the things that they need. Capricorns respect authority and will try to teach their children to respect their teachers, youth leaders and so on. These parents are very keen on education, perceiving it as the way forward for their children.

As a child, the Capricorn is shy, retiring and lacking in confidence, but he is sensible, studious and mature for his age. Capricorn children can be quite ambitious, with their goat's feet in the valley and their eyes on the distant hills. Such a child is unlikely to be a problem, but he can be obstinate and distant.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is a sign of contrasts. There is great potential for success in every Capricorn, though sometimes they refuse to recognize it and their outlook can be pessimistic, so the potential may remain undeveloped. On the one hand, some members of this sign are ambitious and aspiring, with the energy and will to succeed in whatever they set themselves to do; on the other, there are those who may have the desire to do well, but are hindered by inhibition and lack of self-confidence (sometimes disguised by a feigned laziness).

Both types of Capricorn are convention, and sometimes even slaves to convention; they want always to be seen to do 'the right thing'. Both have a splendidly offbeat sense of humor, vividly contrasting with a strong tendency to grumble. Both are prudent and methodical. Sometimes the successful Capricorn achievers suffer a lack of selfconfidence, while the less confident and successful may snap out of their negativity and make themselves enjoy life in a remarkable light-hearted way. (The influence of Mercury may be seen under such circumstances: when that planet is in Sagittarius, for instance.)

One of the most endearing characteristics is the dour sense of humor already mentioned: even at their most serious and formal, this can suddenly erupt. Patience is one of their virtues, as is insight, but the less self-confident may not believe this and should be persuaded to develop the ability and rely on it in long-term planning. Confident, aspiring Capricorns are usually very disciplined, but again lack of self-confidence can result in discipline being thrown to the winds. It is not easy to find lovable, tender traits in a Sun sign Capricorn. Fortunately, this is only one side of the character; other elements in the full birth chart will without doubt add warmth to this apparently rather chilly personality.

Capricorns abhor starting married life in a garret, and may postpone emotional commitment until they are firmly established in a career - perhaps quite late in life. They may then choose someone who is a parent figure, or at least commands admiration and respect. They can also marry for money or social status. They have a rather low emotional level and may find it hard to show their true feelings, especially in intimate relationships. They should realize this, and accept that very often their partners need reassurance that they are still loved, especially if the Capricorn is much involved with a career and if time at home is at a premium.

Capricorn children are very loyal, and need to express natural pride in their parents, who in turn must realize that these children are highly conventional, and need a secure, structured and disciplined background. They also need well-reasoned encouragement - one of the best rewards is extra responsibility and pocket money. Their self-confidence, sense of fun and especially their sheer enjoyment of life need constant bolstering if they aren't to grow too serious and old before their time. It shouldn't be depressing if the child hovers near the bottom of the class as long as steady progress is made; sudden leaps towards the top are not likely. The sense of ambition should always be cultivated and encouraged.

Capricorn parents are eager for their children's success, but should always remember to show their love, affection and appreciation openly - not just with impressive presents, but also by giving the children their time. Ambitious Capricorns can be so involved in their careers and in making money (albeit for the benefit of the family) that they have no time to enjoy their home lives; and in extreme cases - especially if the children went to boarding school - they will suddenly find themselves sharing a home with adults they don't know very well. The importance of moral discipline goes without saying, but Capricorn parents can be over-strict and heavy-handed, especially during the teenage years when children naturally rebel against parental control. An unbridgeable generation gap must not be allowed to develop.

While members of many zodiac signs find it hard to cope with responsibility because of the loneliness that is often involved, self-confident Capricorns may welcome the chance to sit in their own offices at their own desks, keeping even their closest colleagues at a distance. They may of course still have to seek and take advice, but they can find this rather irksome, probably because they feel they should know everything, and don't like being reminded otherwise. It is, once again, a question of self-confidence: they find it distressing if anything tends to undermine this. Not all Capricorns may be as autocratic as we suggest, but there is almost always an element of autocracy somewhere in their character.

The Capricorn ladder to success must be steadily climbed; attempts to scale several rungs at once may be disastrous. On the other hand, the top of the ladder is always achievable, and they should set their sights at least as high as its topmost rung.

The attitude to money is a careful one - and, yes, that may be a synonym for meanness! Early in their careers, these people will probably subscribe to savings schemes; and if they are free with their money it will often be spent on people who can help them with their careers - entertaining them to dinner, perhaps. Although Capricorns are found in all walks of life, of course, many do particularly well in local government, banking and finance, estate management, the building trades, the dental profession and osteopathy. The self-made businessman is often a Capricorn.

The Capricorn ability for long-term planning should mean that periods of change will be anticipated. Typically, each change should result in positive material progress, adding to the individual's self-confidence and positive outlook. Prudent saving and investment will ensure a good standard of living on retirement. These people should have no problems in filling their well-earned free time with all the activities they have looked forward to tackling. An earth sign, Capricorn persuades its denizens into the garden - or certainly into the fresh air. But this is also a very musical sign, and a literary one, so music and books will help to fill the days.

Capricorns are on the whole very sensible about their diets, recognizing the drawbacks of self-indulgence, but they should perhaps watch their calcium levels. Perhaps the most important advice one can give them is to keep moving, for many spend long hours behind a desk and can easily develop stiffness in the joints, leading to arthritic conditions. They must take particular care of their knee-joints (this is the Capricorn body area). Teeth and skin are also concerns of this sign and need special care. Rather like their partners across the zodiac, the Cancerians, they should be very careful of their skin when in strong sunlight; a high-grade sun-screen filter should always be used when sun-bathing.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Since they were born under an Earth sign, Capricorns will never be content merely to keep body and soul together. They have a persistent feeling that they must develop into something. They must have some accomplishment to point to, some property to look after, or some obligation to fulfill, which may be in business, politics, or the social or intellectual fields.

They have excellent intuitions and use them in their struggle to achieve personal independence and economic security. Like their symbol, the mountain goat, they are steady and surefooted. They love law and order, and are dogmatic in their view that a rule is a rule and an order is an order. Since they are of the element Earth, everything has to be sensible.

Capricorns have a knowledge of practical affairs, not through formal study so much as from reading articles and talking to people. Their prudent habits predispose them to

utilize everything they see, hear, or learn; but they are not students per se. The key phrase for Capricorn is 'I use'.

Capricorns are never deterred by things that stand in the way of their climb to the top. Their extreme capacity for hard work is linked with their notion that success means material security; and they will work and plan for it. They feel, however, that the world has to give them something in return for what they have contributed.

They have great faith in their own power, and they are worldly and careful. Asking for no mercy from anyone, they drive a hard, but not unjust, bargain. They are extremely apt in finding solutions to the most difficult problems, and are very successful as troubleshooters.

They are neat and methodical in their work, and tend to be slavedrivers at home. Their household, they feel, should be managed with precision, with everything in perfect working order.

Capricorns are excellent executives, and remain in subordinate roles for a short time only. They may appear to be meek as lambs, but they can take the boss's place without snapping a finger if the opportunity arises. They never voluntarily step backward. They move up by alternating security and ambition as their goals.

They desire money, because theirs is a long-lived sign. They fear being dependent on others when they are old. This need for security may cause them to have frugal instincts, which make them stingy and at times greedy.

They are old when they are young and young when they are old. As a child the Capricorn may have had difficulties with health, but once he passes the early years he can live to a ripe old age.

Saturn rules Capricorn, and the natives has a tendency to be melancholic and, at times, lonely. Occasionally, they behave on the principle that the world is a place in which every man is for himself. Yet they have sensitive personalities and want very much to be appreciated.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a dutiful, though potentially calculating, heart. You have the will to use constructively your sense of order - without it crystallizing into rigidity. Your life should be led in a spirit of obedience to responsibility - as opposed to merely being a workhorse. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is thorough and objective, and / or cold and absent.

You generate an aura of worldiness that offers Other a means of becoming more aware

and stronger with regard to material values. You convey a sense of matters being under control, borne of your practical attitude and tried and true values. You have an air of seriousness that bespeaks dependability and single-mindedness.

You can alienate Other with the stress you place upon form and position, especially when you try to pretend otherwise; with your reluctance to entertain a concept or innovation (that threatens your present reality) long enough for it to become a new reality; and with a heaviness borne of a need to control.

You overemphasize the importance of having a quantifiable result and a logical reason for everything; strictness and economy, for fear of anything emerging that is wild, original, or, at least, not of your own making; and your need to be top dog, or underdog by way of compensation, because being so keeps Other where you want him / her.

You can feel weak when you have not got a plan, schedule or explanation for everything, while Other has probably survived quite well without; because you feel mechanical and dull as a result of not dipping into the unknown; and if you have a partner who is apparently beneath you or above you, or have no partner at all (there being no takers).

When you are alone, it is often so even when there is an Other in your life. Capricorn likes to have the trappings of normality and success, and so will invariably have a partner and / or family, etc., but how you actually feel on the inside can be a very different matter. You have a relatively sombre interior (hence the sense of aloneness, whoever you are with), and this needs the light and warmth of a spirited and childlike personality to keep the melancholia at bay. Your dilemma is that this is precisely the kind of personality that you tend not to trust and try to control. In your book, such free spirits are loose cannons, even though they are fun at first or at a distance. And so you are inclined to banish the very 'prison visitor' you like to see the most. If you do not realize this pattern sooner rather than later, your shaft of sunlight will either go behind a cloud for good, or he / she will find someone more appreciative. If you are actually alone, as far as the placement of your Sun is concerned it will be for this very reason.

(Grant Lewi)

Self-preservation aggressively carried into ambition and aspiration is the key to Capricorn activity. Not content with keeping body and soul together, Capricorn must amount to something, must have some accomplishment to point to, some property to take care of, some obligation to fulfill. His mind is subtly balanced between defence and attack; he will rarely risk either, but will pyramid his life by stepping from one to the other. Since he will never voluntarily step backward, he first shoves his security a little above his ambition, and then his ambition a little ahead of his security, till finally he is top of the heap and has taken no risks at all. He is worldly and careful; selfish, but capable of great devotion if he thinks it is merited; a stickler for the proprieties. He drives a hard bargain, but not an unjust one, and he asks for no mercy from anyone. He has plenty of

suspicion, and figures that anyone who can 'put one over' on him has earned what he gets. Not the most ardent of signs in personal relations, Capricorn's love is still a muchto- be-desired thing, stable and steady, able to put up with a good deal for the sake of loyalty if not indeed for affection. He will rarely marry beneath his station, and frequently marries above it. He understands, "Thou shouldst marry for love, but thou canst just as well love where there is money". He is an excellent executive and will not long remain subordinate. He rules by instinct, and sometimes makes those he rules quite angry. He has little interest in seeing their point of view or answering their questions, and believes that "orders is orders: he took 'em once, and now it's someone else's turn". When the main chance requires it, Capricorn can be mild and meek as a lamb; but he'll commandeer the foreman's job if he gets a chance. Once arrived, however, he can be lavishly charitable. He loves the sense of importance it gives him, the feeling that he has made the world give to him, and now he can afford to give something back to it. Underlying all his virtues and faults is the primary instinct to vindicate himself with power; to preserve himself materially in the highest structure he can build; and if some affliction in the Vitasphere doesn't undermine his judgement (which it often does) and cause him to overplay his hand at some critical point, he generally emerges with the world or some considerable portion of it at his feet.

(John Townley)

You are a very steady and reliable partner in a love relationship. When you make a commitment, you intend to stick by it. But you don't commit yourself hastily; in fact, a potential lover has to persuade you that you're ready to be involved.

When you are, you want your lover to live up to all of your expectations, just as you are willing to give completely of yourself. You are not a very easygoing partner, for you are quite demanding of others as well as of yourself. Not everyone is as consistent or strong as you are, however, so try to take human foibles and weaknesses into account before judging your partner.

In fact, for long-term happiness, it would be good to seek a lover whose style and personality are quite different from yours, who will continually inject freshness and originality into the relationship. You may serve as a stabilizing factor and emotional home base for such a partner. And while you are the steadying influence, your lover may be able to draw you out and allow you greater emotional expression within the relationship.

(John Townley) (contd.)

You tend to hold in feelings that you would like to communicate, so you need a fluid and sensitive companion who can explore the depths of your personality without treading on sensitive areas that you are not yet ready to share. Despite your inner vulnerability, you must remain master of your feelings in order to artfully sculpt the relationship.



(Robert Hand)

In youth, you are much more serious than others your age. Even adults notice that you act older than you are. After a while they may expect this of you and ask you to take on responsibilities beyond what is required of other young people. You have two kinds of feelings about this. On the one hand, you like being taken seriously and enjoy having responsibility; but on the other hand you see that other young people aren't saddled with such responsibilities, and you tend to envy them. You feel that everyone should work to get what they want, and it annoys you when others get something they don't deserve.

You may develop a rather odd and unusual sense of humor. Through jokes and humor, you show that you recognize the seriousness of life, but you also escape from its overwhelming effects. Often your jokes are aimed at yourself.

When you grow up, you want to be important and achieve something real that everyone can point to as yours. You are ambitious in everything you do, and will work very hard to excel over others. But you will not take credit for anything that you have not done yourself, to make sure that all your achievements are real.

You are very practical, and always ask what good something is. In school you do best at studies that obviously have some practical application. You are very concerned with what is real and what is not, and are less interested in fantasy and pretending than others. Whatever is not real has little value for you.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of individuality manifests through organizational ability.

Symbol: A mountain climber plants a flag upon a rocky summit.

Capricorn represents the triumph of Saturn's discipline of thrift, industry, and perseverance. Time, that mysterious potency which Pythagoras called 'the soul of the universe', is converted into material accomplishment through the orderly process of evolution. The Capricornian is gifted with a special understanding of time. He knows intuitively that the mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine, and he will wait patiently to receive his rightful reward. Natives of this sign rarely scramble up the ladder of success. Instead, they deliberately and painstakingly shape the conditions that make success inevitable.

Saturn, which is in its fall in Aries, the sign of beginnings, does not come into its own until its exaltation in Libra, the sign which introduces that latter half of the zodiac. Similarly, Capricornians often get off to a slow start in life but gain momentum as they mature, while more precocious people fall by the wayside. These children of Saturn may be shy and delicate in their early years, but they toughen with age and are most vigorous

in later life. They seldom grow fat or lazy, and never cease to work if they can help it. Ingrained habits of prudence and self-discipline serve them well when at last they retire and enjoy the fruits of their labors.

Capricornians can wait for what they want because they are so engrossed in carrying out their duties that time passes quickly. Some members of this sign seem never to have been young. They are liable to moods of depression; but their somber outlook binds them all the more compulsively to their obligations. Under adversity, when other types fall to pieces, Capricornians fall back on organized work habits, thereby weathering the crisis. They may appear dour, but because they cope competently with small troubles they seldom break down when larger ones loom up. Fortunately, many Capricornians have an astringent sense of humor which leavens their basic gravity.

In return for diligent application to their tasks, Capricorn people reap the reward of knowing how to enjoy the pleasures of the senses. Men of this sign will carry on love affairs in old age, even when they have denied themselves in their youth. Although cool and calculating in many respects, they have a reputation for being the most highly sexed members of the zodiac. Some are justifiably called 'old goats'.

Capricornians are astute in business. They also have an affinity for the physical sciences and make admirable doctors, lawyers, and judges. They are natural organizers who may be exacting in their requirements, but who are usually respected for their rectitude. Although quick to seize an advantage, they are seldom dishonest. Their authoritarian ways may drive others to violence, rebellion, or neurosis; but usually they themselves feel justified in what they are doing. Capricornian abuses arise from blindly adhering to the status quo and rigorously upholding conventions that have outlived their usefulness. These people feel that the greatest good is that which maintains the integrity of the social order, and if refractory elements do not conform to the mold, so much the worse for them.

In their religious beliefs, Capricornians tend to be orthodox or to gravitate toward the conservative side of whatever faith they have embraced. They have little use for dreams and visions, and prefer their own solidly grounded, serviceable structures to castles in the air. However, they may want others to abide within the rigid and somewhat narrow walls of their ideological constructs, and can be morosely resentful or harshly retaliatory when their insistence upon conformity provokes insubordination.

Nevertheless, it is fortunate for civilization that its cohesiveness can be maintained by cautious Capricornians who take life seriously, maintain standards of quality in the work for which they are responsible, and uphold principles of law and order. Their reliable ways may sometimes seem dull or uninspired, but they would be sorely missed if they were not working diligently to cement the disparate elements of society.

(Isabel Hickey)

The Sun in Capricorn represents 'the mountain goat, climbing toward the heights, solitary and alone'. Keyword: 'I use'. Rules the bones, the skin and the knees in the physical body.

Capricorn is the natural ruler of the tenth house, the amplifier of what the person attains, or does not attain, in prestige, honor and success before the public. Capricorn is a 'testing' sign; and the tenth house is of deep significance to the soul on its journey to the highlands of spirit. Capricorn is symbolized by the mountain goat, solitary and alone, who climbs to the heights with patient persistence. He faces calculated risks in that climb, but nothing is going to stop him before he attains his objectives. Is it any wonder that Capricorn rules big business?

Capricorn people can exemplify the highest or the lowest qualities of which human nature is capable. They are capable of great strength and have a strong sense of purpose. How they use that strength and what that purpose will be is of utmost importance. Expediency is a Capricorn keynote. 'How can I use this?' differs from 'How can this be of use to others?' These attitudes show the difference between the unevolved and the evolved soul born in Capricorn.

Where Leo rules by the divine right of kings, Capricorn rules by delegated authority. The Capricorn's strength lies in leadership and in humility. Too often their weaknesses lead to false pride and to the assurance that they are the only ones who know what is good for the other fellow. Materialism is very strong in the people of Capricorn. Money is extremely important to them, not for the money itself but for the power it wields in the outer world.

Respect and reward have to be earned in the sign of Capricorn. Great wealth or power entails great responsibilities. Some of the robber-barons that took advantage of the laborers at the turn of the century found this out. They tried to right the wrongs they had done, and gave a great deal of their finances toward humanitarian causes, but their dues had to be paid. They were paid through the instrument that the Capricorn values most - the body. Good health was the one thing their money could not buy. Saturn, the ruler of Capricorn, keeps a perfect set of books. We might break legal laws, but we can't break cosmic laws. Everything in this universe goes back to its source. Everything we do, good or ill, returns to us. This is the Law. Sooner or later, every one of us gets what he deserves, no more and no less.

The positive qualities of the Capricorn people are leadership, patience, persistence, efficiency and practicality. They are ambitious and willing to work and to work hard for what they want. There is strength and integrity in the higher-type Capricorns. They are dependable and confident, and give confidence to others.

Tradition, home, mother, the past (often exemplified through their love of antiques);

these are important to the people of Capricorn. The Capricorn male clings to mother even after marriage. While mother lives, she is at the hub of his life. This can lead to complications in marriage. Too often Capricorns are much nicer to people out on the world than they are to their own family. So many times they have been accused of being a 'street angel and house devil'. Too often this can be true. They are the disciplinarians. 'Do it because I say so.' This is because they do not understand the other fellow's feelings.

Capricorns are accused of being cold and insufficiently concerned about those close to them. This is true if Saturn or the Sun has afflictions in the chart. Then they are apt to want their own way regardless of the other person's feelings. They may not consider the fact that every individual has the right to his own feelings and his own freedom. The antidote for an afflicted Saturn is Venus. Love is the healing force that dissolves arrogance and selfishness.

(Myrna Lofthus)

Capricorn people are happiest in careers calling for organizing ability, integrity, and perseverance. Some of the careers are mathematician, civil servant, osteopath, politician, public administrator, government service, accountant, actors, teachers, and astrologers.

Five positive key words are: ambitious, responsible, practical, efficient, and patient. Five negative keywords are: worry, retaliation, suspicion, stubbornness, and intolerance. The key phrase is 'I use'. The key word is 'attainment'. Their basic nature is 'the organizer, businessman, or conservationist'.

Because of their quiet exterior, Capricorns appear to be loners. This trait is similar to the mountain goat who stands quietly upon his lofty perch, surveying the world far below. The goat appears to be totally unaware of the winds howling around him. But he is not really unaware of the winds; merely impervious to them. Like the goat, Capricorns have built a wall around their innermost being, so that they, too, are impervious to the buffeting winds. But the wall the Capricorns have built is sometimes not strong enough to keep the howling winds from penetrating. Then worries and pessimism flood their being.

For all their quiet exterior, they enjoy the limelight. This is why many Capricorns are attracted to politics and acting careers.

Their strong desire to succeed at whatever they do enables them to be hard-working and patient in the pursuit of their goals. If necessary they will bear considerable hardship in obtaining these goals. Their inferiority complex demands they produce concrete results from their endeavors. Thus, their spare time is spent on practical projects.

Capricorns want to see all sides of an issue before reaching a conclusion. They like to plan in advance, weighing all the pros and cons. Decisions are never made rapidly. They rarely make mistakes. When they do, it is difficult for them to see where they went wrong, since they had carefully planned everything prior to starting the project.

They are dependable, particularly in a crisis. When asked, they give sound, practical advice.

They are, as a rule, not aggressive people, but only express hostility as a defence when attacked. Their sensitivity causes them to be deeply hurt from these attacks. When the earth is dug up, it takes time for it to flatten out and become smooth again. So it is with a Capricorn, when he is battered in any way. It takes a long time for the wound to heal. Because of this, they sometimes seek to pay back hurts.

They need people, but have a tendency to isolate themselves from people due to their reserve and fear of being hurt. Nevertheless, they never really like to be alone. They are very selective in choosing their friends, with only a few intimate ones. These friends receive unswerving loyalty.

They are conservative in their thinking and attitudes, as well as in dress and social mannerisms. They believe in law and order, and respect tradition. It is unusual for them to adopt radical ideas. They are seldom dishonest.

Their fear of being without necessitates their having a regular income. Their attainments in life are accomplished through steady progress rather than through speculation or get-rich-quick schemes.

They are natural organizers and have good leadership ability, which they can use to good advantage. They have a desire for recognition. Because of this, they find it difficult to do good deeds in secret, since they feel that their good deeds should receive some type of attention.

They have strong self-discipline and nothing will sway them from their course if their mind is made up. They will give up many enjoyments in order to reach their goal. Hard work invigorates them. But, they must not overdo, or they will suffer physical exhaustion.

They are ambitious. However, they do not feel a need to keep up with the people next door. Success is usually achieved later in life.

They are thrifty and like to collect things, but this is not a miserly tendency. They abhor waste, which causes them to see the possibilities of using the objects later. Periodically, the objects are discarded, if no practical use has been found for them.

They are quite creative, but can be very pessimistic and negative about their abilities.

They must learn to believe in themselves and to develop optimism.

Capricorns seldom waste time talking needlessly. They speak only when they have something to say. Many people are quite surprised to discover that Capricorns have a dry sense of humor.

The thought patterns of their mind are rational and constructive. Unless other things in their natal chart mitigate this, most Capricorns do not grasp ideas rapidly, but must plod along, slowly absorbing knowledge. However, this attribute assures them of the retainment of everything they learn.

They can be troubled with arthritis of the bones and joints. Because of this, they should eat properly, take vitamins, and engage in some form of physical exercise every day. Calcium and Vitamin C are extremely important supplements.

Capricorns have a lot of patience. This is fortunate, for they are forced to see many of their aims meet with delays, setbacks, and obstacles. The stoicism of the Capricorns helps them face these objectively. If one path is blocked, they will try another. They know intuitively that work is therapeutic. This trait develops their strength of character. And yet, at times, the obstacles will produce pessimism; and some of them will cease trying for fear of failing. Encouragement and praise are essential in motivating a Capricorn to continue.

They are thoughtful, self-contained people. They may not have the personal magnetism of some of the other zodiac signs, but they are tactful, compassionate, and warmhearted. Their own personal sufferings help them identify with the sufferings of others.

The reason for so much personal suffering in their lives is so that Capricorns will seek spiritual attainment rather than personal attainment. The mountaintop the goat climbs represents soul growth rather than personal growth. Once a Capricorn is made aware of this, setbacks and obstacles diminish.

In love, they are as romantic and emotional as anyone else, but they may feel inhibited in expressing their emotions. They are cautious in making a total commitment, until they know that the traits and lifestyle of the possible partner are compatible with theirs. Once married, they seldom divorce, for they feel that any situation can be worked out.

Capricorns are family-oriented, and enjoy their children. They must watch a tendency to want to dominate their children. Since it is easy for them to get sidetracked in their own work or projects, they must make a conscious effort to bring fun into their children's lives. It would help a Capricorn to set aside a certain time each day to do something with their children. Otherwise, time will elapse without their being aware of it. The children can learn much from a Capricorn parent because of their parent's responsibility and from

their dry sense of humor which makes life appear amusing. A Capricorn woman enjoys working but should, if possible, avoid going back to work until the child is in school.

Capricorn children benefit from being introduced to a variety of experiences. They should be praised for effort rather than for achievement. In time, their achievements will be great, if not greater, than their efforts. Allow them to accept responsibilities early. They generally look older than they are. (In later life, they get younger-looking.) Because they appear to be very wise for their age, it is easy for their parents to unburden their troubles to them. This causes the child to lose his / her own small amount of optimism, since he / she is not old enough to help the parent solve the problem.

## Sun ☉ in 7th House

(Haydn Paul)

The sphere of social relationships will assume a high priority and importance in your life; and your path of self-development will be interwoven with experiences within partnerships and relationships.

There is a need to reforge your identity so that you can follow the way indicated by your light, rather than acquiesce to paths imposed by social traditions, or parental or peer-group pressures. By your redefining your self-understanding and taking responsibility for your actions and choices, there will be a corresponding shift in social and intimate relationships. A new perception of the interaction between yourself and the outer world can begin to emerge, and a new type of relationship may be discovered.

Until this shift occurs, you may display dependency tendencies, allowing a reliance on others for a sense of security and life direction, lacking real confidence in your strengths and capabilities. Your solar power may have been projected into the world, so that others are perceived as expressing a quality of power which is actually latent within your own nature. Failing to acknowledge its presence within, you search for its reflection by others and become involved in a variety of relationships. This is not a power that should be dominating, but a power emanating from inner light and personality integration; yet through outer projection and reflection, you misconceive its presence as existing only within others.

The dangers of such a projection are that you are left vulnerable to any tendencies of emotional manipulation and domination by others who may be less sympathetic or even unscrupulous. If you allow a passivity to rise in your relationships, then partners may take advantage of you, until you begin to assert your own strengths.

Issues of domination are often associated with challenging aspects to the Sun in this

house. An alternative expression of this Sun position is to be too assertive, lacking sensitivity to others, and adopting a more self-centred attitude which can ignore the needs and desires of partners. The lesson that requires understanding in this case is the development of a co-operative spirit which recognises the validity of differing styles of self-expression, and a corresponding domination of that impulse to dominate. Sometimes there are needs to attain social prestige or community authority, so that a mark on society is made. The search for 'power' is again externalised into society; and evidence of personal potency is gained from the range of social influence, rather than unfolding the inner solar strength.

You will probably rediscover someone who serves as an inspirational role model to emulate; or you may observe qualities in associates that you would like to express. Part of your unfoldment will come through a process of personality modelling, although this should be only a preparatory phase to convince you of the mutability of the personality and the potential for a conscious reshaping. Later you can begin to work with the totality of your nature, revealing those innate strengths and qualities through your social interaction.

This stage may develop after experiences of relationship conflicts and disappointments have served to awaken you to your independent nature, transforming the nature of your social relationships. It is through participation with others that your new identity will be shaped, and you can discover a renewed sense of power, meaning and direction within your intimate relationships. As insight deepens, self-motivation expands and your life path becomes more illuminated. While external success may not form until after you have created a more successful partnership, inner changes will certainly compensate you for any earlier difficulties. There may be a potential to share your insights about the nature of relationships and the need for individual integration and partnership balance, through some sort of communication to others, perhaps through counselling or writing. But this is a later stage of your possible life path; and unless those earlier and necessary personal modifications are made, you may still be confronted by relationship challenges and disillusionments.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

'Always true to you, dear, in my fashion; always true to you, darling, in my way.' This is a strong position for the Sun, bringing all the qualities that come with an angular Sun; strong sense of self, strong constitution, powerful will, but at this 180 degree angle, these people always need partners in order to put their tremendous capabilities to work. Until they have found the appropriate partner, they will seem to drift from one thing to another. This is true of love partners as well as business or professional partners. Those with the Sun in a fixed sign, no other planets in the seventh house, and no unrelieved afflictions, will probably take their time about finding a partner and then remain with the same person for life. Such people are inclined to be somewhat emotionally dependent and, if the partner breaks off the relationship, leaves, or dies, may feel that their lives are



shattered.

Those with the Sun in cardinal or mutable signs, or with other planets in the seventh, are not likely to remain with one partner; and some will change partners regularly throughout long, lusty lives, perhaps even maintaining several long-term relationships at once. Their need for a partner usually finds them married at a very early age and, as an angular Sun is a sign of life-long growth and development, they often outgrow these early relationships and move on to greater challenges in their love lives as their capacities grow. They usually have a philosophy of life that suits their style and needs, and so will be advocates of free love, open marriage, or something of the sort - privately if not publicly.

As long as they have a dependable nature, these people can support whole tribes of admirers, dependents, employees, and such, standing gladly at the center of movements, special interest groups, cults, etc., as a father or mother figure. They have a great sense of purpose and make good leaders, but whether for good or evil must be indicated by other factors, as their sense of being right is so strong that they can take large numbers of their fellows a long way down the wrong path.

Although this is a strong location for the Sun, it is not so good for a career, as they are so strongly inclined to follow their own private star wherever it may lead. The path of personal development will carry them far from a single career track, and they may end up a long way from where they began.

(Bill Herbst)

Mirrored Awareness: In the 7th house, the Sun indicates that you've come to the Earth to discover yourself through the contact you make with other human beings. This mirroring is crucial, for it's the way you plug into Cosmic Central. Every time you relate to someone, every time you even consider relating, you energize yourself. The pitfall lies in believing that the other person is the energy source. The challenge is to maintain the self-awareness you create through relationship, so that your awareness continues even when relatedness isn't present. In that way, each new encounter, whether with the same or a different person, builds on a previous foundation, the comprehension of who you truly are.

Equal partnerships: The fact that you tap into power through relationships doesn't mean you need to be with a partner twenty-four hours a day. In fact, it is essential that once you have established a significant relationship, you then use the energy it generates to further your own singular pursuits. Thus, the pitfall is the tendency to become overly dependent on your partners, to feel incomplete without them, and, as a result, to diminish your sense of self. The challenge is to create partnerships that are mutually supportive to the unique life-paths of both partners. Do not become One with another, but instead stay in the dynamic, unresolved polarity of two-ness.

Contracts, commitments: Commitment is life-affirming; noncommitment is life-denying. Honoring promises furthers life-purpose; breaking promises damages it. That much is simple. What is not so simple are the intricacies of distinguishing a good commitment from a bad one. Relationships manifest the extraordinary paradoxes of being alone and being together; and it is easy to lose our bearings. Partnership is a two-way street, involving mutuality by two individuals, yet each of us alone must decide for ourself what we want and are willing to promise. Do not commit to someone else, for that surrenders your essence. Instead, commit to the willingness to share yourself with another.

Co-operation: If, for any reason, you experience confrontation rather than negotiation, defiance rather than compromise, or opposition rather than co-operation, your life-purpose falters. The more you are able to see and understand the other's point of view - without giving up your own - the more vital your life becomes. Back away from relatedness when compromise is temporarily impossible. See the ebb and flow as natural, not as winning or losing. Anything can be negotiated between partners if there is sufficient time, interest, and good faith. So look for partners who will negotiate with you, partners who understand that compromise does not - and should not - require winners and losers.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner embodies essential power and visible dignity. This person's life-purpose should affect you deeply; you feel yourself responding, moved by the sense of meaning in your partner's journey. Your mate must have a stronger-than-average will, a central core with real power. There's a radiance that others besides you can see.

A natural partnership stimulates your pride, not the false glory of ego-centered vanity, but the pride that results from recognition of your essential wholeness, and from the increasing ability to express yourself in open and fulfilling ways. It should clarify your life; and though it cannot hold the limelight - that is for the self alone - it must occupy a position near center-stage in your existence. The image is dawn, with the sun breaking through the clouds, rising to warm the earth and evaporate the mists.

(Robert Pelletier)

You must depend largely on others for opportunities to exploit your creative talents. Through the people you meet and deal with, you will achieve recognition for your accomplishments. Once you get the approval that you need to be reassured of your capabilities, you can use your authority to achieve your goals and objectives. You need to gain public support for the programs you initiate, so you must find a way to win converts among your competitors. You are easily intimidated by people who question your motives, and you resent having to explain your actions to anyone. Still, if you try to be understanding of others' motivations, you will have every chance to justify your position on issues and your reasons for acting as you must. Your sweeping command of

language will be an asset when you are challenged, for few can resist the persuasiveness of your delivery. With a formal education, you can win over the most unyielding adversaries. You need to be fully informed at all times so that you don't have to take second place to anyone.

You have a way of convincing people that you are important to them and to their dreams for the future. Your flair for communicating dramatically what people need to know about your skills is formidable, to say the least. No press agent or public relations person could match your ability to promote yourself. You feel that the public needs and wants your product; and your effective salesmanship wins you their patronage. Public relations and sales are two areas in which you could excel. You truly believe in yourself and your ability to serve the public with dedication.

Your most persistent opponent is yourself. Even the slightest doubt about your ability to win in competition can be devastating to your self-image. You unconsciously create situations and foes that stimulate you to prove that you could win in spite of the odds against it. When you were young, you might have had some difficulty in accepting this responsibility, because your training caused you to doubt your ability to compete successfully. With experience, this attitude could change. You will grow more selfconfident and learn to roll with the public criticism that is often levelled at people in authority. On the other hand, the public admires and respects those who distinguish themselves by their achievements.

You should accept the fact that you will earn your living mainly from the services you offer the public. Don't consider this demeaning, for services include a wide variety of products or skills. Instead, consider it an opportunity to exploit your talents and derive much satisfaction and fulfillment in doing so. You don't have to make huge sacrifices to win public recognition for your efforts. Stop comparing your position to other people's; and be grateful for the privilege of utilizing your skills in ways that bring you the greatest benefits.

The public needs your skills much more than you know. Once you realize this, you will be inspired in finding ways to give people what they want and earn a comfortable living at the same time. As long as your partner doesn't threaten your self-image, the relationship will go along well. Don't choose someone who needs you to compensate for his or her deficiencies. You cannot afford to be less qualified than your opponents in any endeavor, or you risk being relegated to insignificance.

(Howard Sasportas)

When the philosopher Martin Buber wrote that 'Man becomes an I through a You', he could have been referring to those with the Sun in the 7th. Almost paradoxically, a sense of their own power, purpose and individuality is found through partnership and relationship. Participating in joint activities raises issues which enable them to define

who they are more clearly. Through the ups and downs and entanglements encountered in the attempt to form vital, honest and life-supporting alliances, the identity is shaped and strengthened. It is a fact of life that something exists more clearly if it can be seen in relation to something else; likewise, a personality has more meaning when seen in relation to other personalities. When the Sun shines in Libra's house, the 'I' needs a 'Thou'.

However, it doesn't always work this way. In some cases, those with the Sun in the 7th may try to abscond with another person's identity by finding someone who will be big and strong for them or who will tell them what to do with their lives. Or they may be preoccupied with gaining prestige and authority through aligning themselves with an important or influential figure, or by looking for a hero or heroine they can serve, worship and forever adore. In a man or woman's chart, the Sun here can indicate a search for a 'daddy' figure. In short, an attempt is made to 'live out' the solar principle through projecting it onto the partner. This is different to discovering the self via the help of another. It is also less productive, and often doesn't succeed for very long.

The 7th house also depicts how we interact with society in general. For the sake of the individuation process, those with the Sun in the 7th need to be involved with people. Some may even find a vocation which deals with the issues of interpersonal relationships - marriage guidance counselling, for instance, or work which requires skill in arbitration and diplomacy. Leo on the Descendant is similar in meaning to the Sun in the 7th.

## Moon ☾ in ♉ Taurus 21° 52'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might habitually seek others to provide the Taurean need for attention, pampering, and love by supplying material and sensual comforts. This dependency may create an impression of personal inadequacy in order to induce others into giving you their tangible resources. By your projecting a helplessness in obtaining material goods, they may furnish you with comforts. When this happens you tend to feel loved, secure, and worthwhile. But in displaying an image of helplessness to others, you also begin to believe it.

Your self-worth can be undermined when others respond by contributing to your sustenance. Their aid reinforces the belief that you lack the energy or abilities to provide your support. When your security is dependent upon the material aid of others, you cannot be creative or capable for fear that these comforts may be taken away. This

results in feeling helpless and unable to actively establish your material sense of worth in the world.

### Dynamic

You may notice that relying on others for creating your self-worth has not worked. Others cannot provide this sense because you possess a supply of personal resources that are not being used. The lesson is to contribute your resources to the world, thus earning the Taurean comforts and establishing self-esteem. You can accomplish this by recognizing other people's emotions coming into expression. This recognition can inspire you to get in touch with your creativity.

You can gain a deeper sense of inner stability and self-worth by supporting and contributing to the material stability of the environment. In choosing to sacrifice the role of pampered child, you create goals and objectives that motivate you to establish a set of values. When you notice that the people who feel good about themselves are those who are contributing their talents and resources in a tangible way, you are inspired to manifest and establish your creativity. When you appreciate your ideals enough to manifest them, you find the confirmation of self-worth that you need.

### General

Your psychology unconsciously draws you to seek material security above all else. You associate having a strong financial base with emotional stability and ease.

Because you are accustomed to accumulation, you can have a difficult time letting go of anything, even things that are holding you back. This can impede the flow of money coming into your life. The first things you need to let go of are your ideas: the idea that you have a difficult time with money; the idea that you have to earn every penny on your own and that it's going to be a tough process; and the idea that you have to do everything yourself, in exactly your way, for your needs to be met.

You can have such a strong fear of losing your material security that you actually create a 'poverty consciousness' in your life, feeling that resources are limited and that you must be careful as to how you spend every penny. Your lesson is to learn to trust the universe and be open to the flow of money coming in and out of your life. You can do this by not focusing so intensely on your financial restrictions (that is, exactly how much this month's bills are) and by simply being open to the universe blessing you with prosperity! You need to focus your creative mind less on financial worry and more on visualizing the universe's just pouring money on you and your joyful response. In this way, you can open yourself at last to the abundance you seek.

You are also learning to accept the gift of money by allowing the resources of others to enrich your life without feeling you have to 'pay back every penny'. You need to be open

to the joy of freely accepting money from other people and releasing the ego identification, not feeling that you have to do something in return.

You have strong physical desires for sensuality, touching, and physical contact in life. Once again you are learning to accept the natural healthiness of your needs and to be open to having them fulfilled by others. In this area as well as in the area of finances, you are learning to focus less on your needs and to be more aware of the enrichment that the universe is offering you through other people.

You are also learning to accept the idea of 'bargaining' and 'discounts', and not assume that you have to pay the 'full dollar amount' for everything you want. Through being aware of others' motives to 'sell', your capacity to 'buy' what you want at discount is enhanced.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Taurus, the Moon indicates that the native has a good idea of what he thinks he desires: he tends to become overinterested in material things and luxuries, and can become bogged down with possessions. At times he has an obsession with collecting things. He is not necessarily a self-starter - he requires stimulation. This comes in the form of an aggressive partner or friend; or it can take the form of actual stimulants, including alcohol. He is attracted to the physical, passionate - he wants to be admired, needs attention and feels there is not so great a need for action if it makes one uncomfortable. The native has the ability to bounce back, to ride with the blows of fate, and to shift and adjust until he is secure.

The Moon in Taurus paints the picture of one who can be determined to the point of obstinacy. Idealism in itself will not move him - but it will show him where he can gain, help himself or make his position more secure. He is reserved, but loves the 'good life', including parties, excellent food and drink. His intuitive intellect, finely honed, has great 'staying power'.

The Moon here takes what comes, analyzes it to suit his own needs, and then 'lives with it'. This includes relations with members of the opposite sex. Some key words are voluptuous, indolent, and self-indulgent.

On the positive side, this lunar position gives the ability to appeal to popular tastes, to adjust to changing social conditions and capture the imagination of the public. The native is romantic, appreciates what he possesses, and can make a little go a long way.

The astrologer would do well (all other factors in chart being considered) to encourage the native to look beyond the immediate to make full use of a fine sense of what people want, need and are capable of obtaining. With the Moon in Taurus, the native should be encouraged to read, to broaden his horizons, and to realize that indeed 'a house is not

necessarily a home'.

(Tracy Marks)

We who have Moon in Taurus need to experience a solid base of self-esteem and internal security, to gain confidence in our internal resources and our capacity to earn what we need and utilize what we have, to experience physical and emotional warmth, to know the pleasures and pains of living within our bodies and sense, and to maintain contact with the earth. When our essential Taurean needs have not been met, we are likely to overcompensate by indulging ourselves, compulsively clinging to other bodies, food, money and external sources of satisfaction. We may become indolent, greedy, overmaterialistic, and bound by our insistence upon security to a routine, risk-free and ultimately sterile existence.

A Taurean parent figure may have influenced our security patterns. Positively, our parent may have been earthy and well-grounded; able to provide the warmth, stability and constancy we needed; to comfort us; and to help us gain confidence functioning in the physical world. Negatively, our parent may have been enslaved by his or her senses, attempting to chain us likewise to a predominantly physical level of existence. We may have been overindulged rather than deprived; provided with excess food, money or other comforts of living without our needing to ask, so that we came to expect to be provided for; or we may have been dominated by a possessive parent and learned to resist intrusion by dawdling or by turning to possessive and clinging behaviors ourselves.

We may repeatedly give ourselves messages about our lack of value or competence; about holding on rather than letting go; about the necessity of earning more money and maintaining our job security; or about the importance of purchasing and enjoying all the comforts and physical pleasures which soothe us. We may coddle ourselves into too easy a lifestyle or defend against our needs by maintaining too rigid a self-sufficiency. To successfully reparent our Taurean inner child, we may have to reassess those internal messages which keep us bound in unsatisfying habits and behaviors, and to develop new messages which: a) build our self-confidence, helping us to trust and discover our internal resources and internal security base; b) encourage us to experience and satisfy the most essential needs of our bodies rather than become mired in patterns of laziness, sensual gratification and physical or material greed; c) allow us to relax and surrender to our deeper beings, so that we may let go of our possessiveness or compulsive self-sufficiency and experience our capacity truly to give and receive warmth and devotion.

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon is exalted in the sign of Taurus, and this will be displayed by an emphasis of Taurus and Moon patterns of personality and behavior. The concept of roots will be extremely important and meaningful for you. Through creating an organized life-style routine, you will feel more secure and inwardly stable.

Change is viewed with unease; you react against external threats to disrupt your established lifestyle and behavior patterns. As you rely on traditional cultural attitudes, beliefs, values, and behavioral standards, you reflect the dominating customs of society and peer-group associations. Those who would bring radical change to this static social pattern are seen as dangerous; and because your identity is so attuned to this social collective consciousness, your attitudes are usually conservative and uphold the status quo. Your peace of mind comes through repetitive routine, where consistency is an important quality. You hate having your habits disturbed, and resist having to make changes at all; in fact, you can find it challenging to alter inner patterns.

You have materialistic and pragmatic views, relying on tangible aspects of life and evaluating things through this perspective. You may tend to dismiss artistic or intellectual styles of expression as too abstract, and feel uncomfortable with more subtle, intuitive types of feelings, as they hint at rather than give clear messages. Financial security is essential to your emotional peace, and you should have good financial skills to satisfy your desires for a physically comfortable environment. Once attained, the enjoyment of sensuality and luxury may make you a little apathetic and lazy. You may need others to prod you into new activities and projects, although, once provoked into action, your commitment and persistence should ensure success.

Intimate relationships are important for emotional well-being; and these have to be well-founded, secure and reliable for you to feel content. Your energies are applied toward creating permanence in life: a comfortable home, economic security, stable employment, marriage, family, and barriers to fend away any threats to this stability.

Within your inner life, the same tendency exists; there may be denial and repression of any impulses or feelings that cannot be easily categorized and fitted into your life pattern. You may try to impose self-control over your emotions, as volatility is considered highly threatening; you will not want anyone close who displays emotional changes, moods, and unpredictability, as this is a reminder that you cannot control everything.

Underlying these tendencies is the probability that you feel personally insecure, having doubts about your self-worth and abilities, afraid of letting go, and an inability to cope without familiar life-style patterns. Such external supports include the family circle, relationship dependency, food addictions, money, and status. While you freely give support and physical affection to your family, you may also treat them possessively; their important role in building your security buffers should not be underemphasized.

You may need more flexibility in both inner and outer behavior patterns. Your security is actually fragile and vulnerable, and liable to be disrupted by the vicissitudes of life. More self-sufficiency and faith in yourself is required, as you become confident of your personal strength and in your ability to exploit talents and personal resources.



Habit patterns should not be perceived as emotionally inviolable; and greater flexibility should ideally be built into them, as a risk-free life is virtually impossible. Possessive tendencies may need to be reduced, as does personal rigidity, which only inhibits experience and self-expression. Slowly, such barriers need to be dismantled, feelings accepted and shared. A willingness to acknowledge the reality of life's more subtle dimensions is required, as this will be enriching. Focusing just on security needs will repress feelings and negatively condition your worldview with fears, anxiety, and insecurities. Learning how to satisfy deeper needs and how to relax into enjoyment will release higher personal qualities and assist in unfolding your potential.

(Skye Alexander)

Easy-going, even-tempered and good-natured, you are a pleasant companion and a devoted friend. It takes a lot to make you mad; you're a lover, not a fighter. You don't waste a lot of emotional energy worrying over trifles or engaging in life's intrigues and melodramas.

Your needs and desires are simple, down-to-earth and of a practical, physical nature. Sensual and strongly sexual, you have a direct and unabashed enjoyment of sex, and an innate understanding of what makes people feel good. You are nurtured by all kinds of physical contact, and are especially fond of hugs and back rubs. With friends and lovers you can be quite demonstrative, and even like to touch casual acquaintances and total strangers when you talk to them.

No lover of yours will ever feel starved for affection, though he / she might feel smothered at times by your possessiveness. You understand the world in terms of material goods and ownership, and tend to forget that people are not possessions. Generous with those you care about, you need to guard against trying to buy love. Not above being 'bought' yourself, you might be of the opinion that it's just as easy to fall in love with a rich man / woman as a poor one; and the road to your heart may lead through Tiffany's. You tend to measure someone by what he / she owns, and are inclined to look only at a partner's physical appearance and portfolio; thus, you can be quite superficial in your choice of mates.

Your fondness for wealth and innate understanding of the material world might result in a natural business sense of a gift for making money.

You need stability, predictability and a sense of permanence in your life. You don't make changes easily, aren't interested in anything new or 'different', and are anything but spontaneous. Once you settle in - to a job, a home or a relationship - you want to stay put, forever. Consequently, you are a loyal and steadfast partner. However, you are also terribly stubborn. Like a large, slow-moving oil tanker, once you've set your course it's almost impossible to turn you around (mentally, physically or emotionally).

This characteristic may show up in your socio-political attitudes. You are inclined to be cautious, conservative, and concerned with material, practical, day-to-day issues.

You love your creature comforts and appreciate beautiful clothing, jewellery, furniture, art, good wine and food. Extremely indulgent, especially when it comes to sensory pleasures, you hate to deny yourself anything and are usually in debt. Your possessions also give you a sense of self-worth and stability.

You have innate good taste; your home seems to be waiting for House Beautiful's photographers, and your wardrobe is right out of Vogue magazine. Your 'good taste' usually includes fine food and drink, and if you aren't a gourmet chef, you at least enjoy cooking and eating well. Your motto might be 'eat, drink and be merry'. And since you're not fond of exercise, you have a tendency to put on weight.

Most probably, you possess some artistic ability and good color sense. Your natural talents probably lean toward sculpture, interior decorating, theatre set design, pottery, or other art forms that involve three-dimensional objects and the use of physical space.

The home in which you were raised was probably stable, materially secure and relatively placid (unless Mars, Uranus or Pluto is in hard aspect to your Moon). Intellectual stimulation may have been minimal, but your physical needs were always taken care of (unless the Moon and Saturn are in hard aspect). Your parents might have emphasized material things; either they were financially well-off, or they were eager to appear so. Your mother, in particular (or your nurturing parent) was probably affectionate, attentive to your needs and dependable. She also may have been a good cook and was dedicated to making the home as pleasurable as possible.

However, you might have felt a bit limited or smothered by your mother, and she probably tried to keep you tied tightly to her apron strings.

With your own children, you also are loving, affectionate and overly protective. You can't imagine your children as independent entities, and might even think of them as your possessions. You want them to have the best of everything, lavish them with gifts, and probably spoil them shamelessly.

Women usually respond to this energy easily and openly. Men sometimes project it onto the women in their lives, and may be attracted to women who are affectionate, domestic, earthy, strongly sexual and sensual.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

Centered in the material plane, your emotions are attracted to material comforts and possessions. With a Taurus Moon you want the best of everything, and you rarely settle for less. The Moon is exalted in Taurus; this brings out the reflective and steady side of

the Moon and de-emphasizes the Moon's changeable side.

You will stick to your ideals through thick and thin. You are blindly faithful, sentimental, affectionate and basically timid. You may lack originality, so try not to be too fixed in your ways.

Your reactions to sense impressions are slow but strong. You have an accurate memory. You will ponder over an action for a long time, using premises, ethics and ideals; and you assimilate and act upon information in a slow and steady manner. It is difficult for you to change your mind, and you resent any interference once you have reached a decision. You are a determined person, with well-developed intuition and sound judgement. You want to excel in whatever you do. You are acquisitive, not only in land, art and other possessions, but also in friendship.

Your sense of touch and taste is highly developed, and you probably have a pleasant speaking and singing voice. Fond of music, art, dancing and all the things that make life more pleasureable, you need to gratify your physical appetites. You only welcome those ideas which are compatible with your stable temperament. You may be narrow-minded, and you are conservative and conventional. Pride, laziness, jealousy and too much stubbornness must be guarded against. Once set on a course, you forge ahead slowly but unswervingly.

You seldom succeed in leaving the family tradition or training and ideals that were imposed upon you by your mother, with whom you are closely, though not necessarily happily, linked. You have loyal and lasting relationships in friendship, love and marriage.

This position of the Moon may indicate gardening ability. In a man's chart it attracts a loyal partner who encourages his ambitions.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is fairly comfortable in Taurus, adding a measure of stability to the personality and bestowing an uncomplicated response to sensual pleasures. You enjoy eating, drinking, making love and listening to music. The feminine aspect of this placement prevents you from being much of an initiator; indeed, you prefer to spend your life sailing along a steady course rather than for it to be full of storms and disruption. The fixity of Taurus stabilizes the natural restlessness of the Moon, making you very purposeful and determined, particularly when it comes to getting what you want or hanging on to what you have. You try at all times to maintain the status quo; you may find that the circumstances of your life force you into this position. You might even find yourself putting up with a long-term lifestyle which is not of your choosing. The Moon is said to be 'exalted' in the sign of Taurus, which gives an inner sense of strength and resilience. Lunar Taureans, therefore, are noted for their generally robust health and their ability to obtain practical results in all that they undertake.

People who have the Moon in an Earth sign love the natural world, which means that you make a hobby out of botany or animal biology. You could become involved in some scheme that seeks to preserve the countryside (this is more likely if there is any Aquarius on your birth chart). Even if you are not actively involved with these pursuits, you will love getting out into the fresh air and into your garden. Many lunar Taureans choose to work as representatives or even milkmen, so that they can be out and about and keep in tune with the seasons. You have a strong need to build for the future and create things which will be useful and long-lasting; this could be reflected in your choice of a career. You like the sea, but not with the same intensity as the solar or lunar Cancerian; you wouldn't have any great urge to run off and join the navy. Your affinity with nature could lead you to take an interest in the old religions of earth magic and the 'craft'.

You don't enter into relationships lightly; the fixity of Taurus plus your inner urge to build and preserve leads you to take any form of emotional commitment very seriously. Most astrology books tell us that this Moon position leads to possessiveness and jealousy; and, to some extent, this is true. Possessiveness is more of a problem than envy or jealousy, but this is a rather subtle concept to grasp. You don't envy the things that other people have or the relationships that they enjoy, but if your partner were to leave you for another, you would be very jealous indeed. If the object of your love promised to leave his or her partner for you, you would believe him / her;; if you then found him / her dragging his / her feet, you would become very upset and would remain that way for years. It is not easy for you to give in gracefully and accept defeat, especially in the face of what you see as a form of betrayal. This tenacity and endurance are both the strengths and the weaknesses of this particular Moon sign placement.

Your senses are strong, especially touch and smell; you love the scent of flowers and the feel of velvet. Your musical taste is well-developed; one Moon in Taurus lady told me that she hates the sound of a 'murdered song' but loves the sound of laughter. Obviously this sensuality leads to a love of sex with all its scents, textures and passions; however, relating is more important to you than sex for its own sake. You love to be cuddled and stroked in both a sexual and an affectionate manner; and ideally for you all this snuggling should take place within marriage.

You are, under normal circumstances, reliable and steady in relationships. You prefer to be faithful to your partner, but if for some reason you find this impossible, then you would try hard to wait for your children to grow up before actually leaving the family home; you try to do your duty for however long it takes. Oddly enough you are quite a flirt but this is 'social' flirting which is not intended to be taken seriously. You don't flirt in order to make your partner jealous; you do it just for the fun of it. You can appear to be intrusive or possessive to those who are close to you ('Where are you going, and when do you intend to be back?'); this is not intended to irritate them or to show any lack of trust on your part; you just need to make sure that your family is safe. My Moon in Taurus

husband, Tony, likes me to be around. He isn't afraid that I will run off with someone else; he just worries about me. When a friend commented to him about this he told them, 'If Sasha is not home at the time she says that she will be, I start to think that she has had an accident. I have to get up early for my work, and if I am kept awake worrying about her, then I get annoyed'. There is no way of changing this person's nature; one just has to be grateful that they care - there are plenty who don't.

You take naturally to parenthood; you love your own children and have patience with those of others. If you marry someone who already has a family, you cope with this very well. You take a responsible attitude towards those who depend upon you, both older and younger members of the family, even pets, without making heavy weather of this. You are very loving and caring, and really enjoy looking after, even waiting upon, those you love; but you become understandably resentful if this care is taken for granted and not appreciated. You are good with sick people as long as there is not too much mess to clear up; the one thing you really hate is the sight of blood (especially your own). Sometimes this practical type of caring is not enough and you may miss some essential element in your partner's make-up and fail to give him or her the understanding that he / she needs. Bethany, a really sensitive and intelligent friend of mine, summed this up by telling me that 'I just couldn't figure out what it was that my ex-husband really wanted from me half the time. I obviously missed something but, even now, I'm not sure that I can see what it was.'

You yourself strongly need the closeness of a family around you. Your sense of loyalty makes you jump to the defence of any member of your family who is criticized by an outsider. However, you yourself are convinced that you have every right to criticize them! Your own deep attachment to your family, your occasional misplaced pride in them, and your desire for them to have the best and be the best, can make you overcritical and even tyrannical at times (especially when you are in a bad mood). A strange fault of yours is that you seem unable to cope with people who lack confidence in themselves. You could even squash the little that they have. You need a certain amount of standing up to. You could actually belittle a partner, even belittle your own children if you suspected too much weakness. You respect strength, possibly because you need to 'tap into' the strength of the other person. You are not necessarily competitive though, and would help a partner or workmate to get ahead. Above all you need a stimulating partner who has similar interests to yourself. You are emotionally habit-forming, not keen on too much change or excitement. You must beware that monotony does not seep into your sexual behaviour.

You are attracted to beauty and people who have cheerful, pleasant natures. Your pet hates are fatness, ugliness and people who wear dirty, tatty clothing. Both the people around you and your own surroundings must be clean and attractive.

You have the quality of basic common sense (rare sense perhaps?). You like your bills to be paid on time, are careful with money, and like to have some savings to fall back on;

but despite this, you are not unduly lucky with money and can be taken in by a confidence trickster. There are times when your judgement deserts you. Occasionally your patience deserts you and this can be an interesting experience for those around you as your temper is really fearful when it is unleashed; it can overwhelm you and cause you to cut your nose off to spite your face.

You control your feelings very well and are adept at hiding them from others, probably due to childhood training; Taurus being a feminine and emotional sign, this repression can lead to moodiness. You may break out in a sudden angry response; if someone were to push in front of you in a queue, for instance, you may react differently from one day to another. Being naturally rather cautious, you prefer to allow new acquaintances to do the talking; it is only when you know people better that you can relax and open up. You are not above a bit of manipulation in social circumstances, but will generally use it in the form of humour to defuse a tense situation. You usually guard your tongue well, and rarely run off at the mouth. Once you have formed an opinion it is hard for you to alter it. You can have the rather unfortunate habit of laying the law down to others.

You are undoubtedly ambitious, both for yourself and for your family. Women with this placement seem to be given the message by their parents that they should stick to the old-fashioned idea of the feminine role; and, therefore, often start out as secretaries, nurses or children's nannies. All the lunar Taurean women to whom I have spoken tell me that they resented this bitterly, and also resented the associated implication that they were not as bright or as important as their brothers. They have all subsequently drifted towards less overtly feminine forms of work.

In common with the other Earth signs of Capricorn and Virgo, lunar Taureans of both sexes have to put aside their dreams and ambitions for the sake of practicalities. Later on in life they may not bother to revive those dreams, which I think is rather a shame. One lady told me that she always dreamed of carrying the Olympic torch. Many of you dream about being a musician, dancer or singer; but with a bit of luck from elsewhere on your birthchart, you may just be able to make it into showbusiness. Your practical side leads you to supply people with the things that they need; therefore you may deal in food, furniture, household objects, or even the things which help people make themselves and their homes attractive. Other typical Taurean trades are building, architecture, farming, market gardening, make-up artist, musician, artist and dancer. Because it is the Moon that we are dealing with here, you will not necessarily follow a Taurean trade at all; however, the need to be useful, get out and about and help to create something which is both durable and pleasing to the eye is a strong motivating force. You are not drawn to speculative ventures, which is just as well as you are neither a lucky gambler nor particularly good at handling business crises. You are not keen on sending memo.s or making up office reports - for one thing, you hate anything to be too cut-and-dried; however, if you have to produce these, you will do so thoroughly.

A couple of final comments on attitude to work. You prefer to find a steady job and stick

to it. You finish practically everything you start; and although not terrifically analytical, you can deal with details without becoming bored. Your persistence makes you good in the field of sales; your flair for beauty could lead to a career in marketing (especially luxury products). A lot of this depends upon the rest of the chart, as a touch of Pisces, Aquarius or Sagittarius for instance would add the ingredient of imagination. You hate to be rushed; you can cope with anything when left to work at your own pace.

According to most astrology books you should have good parents and have enjoyed a happy and peaceful childhood. My experience as an astrologer tells me that this is just not so. Whenever the Moon is in a fixed sign there is at least one parent who has a bullying or intransigent attitude towards the subject. This may be due to the fact that the parent has had a hard life him- / herself, and has subsequently developed a hard and unsympathetic outlook. A high proportion of lunar Taureans have at least one parent born under the sign of Aquarius, which leads to total lack of understanding and communication. All this leads to an almost Scorpionic ability to keep your thoughts and feelings away from your parents. This is fair enough as a survival mechanism, but the danger is that this behaviour will be carried over into other relationships or later dealings with 'authority' figures.

It seems that one of your parents grew up in some kind of deprived circumstances. This is more likely to have been poverty, a lack of opportunity and a lack of material security than lack of love (although that could apply too.) This parent, therefore, is left with the feeling that things are safer than people, and that one must obtain goods and money in order to survive. There seems to be little space in the parent's head for love, understanding and sensitivity to the child. You may have come from a comfortable home where your practical needs were taken care of but there will have been some lack of understanding. One of your parents may have been ill, a hypochondriac or just weak-willed. You probably harbour feelings of contempt for this parent, and these are very well-hidden - even from yourself. You may feel that the weaker parent could have done more for you, and more for him- / herself as well.

Most women with this Moon placement marry quite young and have children early. Lunar Taurean judgement being what it is, the first marriage might well turn out to be a mistake. It appears that you are attracted to exciting types who in your eyes complement your own stodginess. These types are too exciting to be good family men; therefore the disappointments are a kind of double blow. The result of this can push female Taureans into exciting careers as a result of the need for financial survival.

Insofar as the Moon influences health on a birthchart, an afflicted Moon in Taurus would bring problems in the area of the lower jaw, ears, throat, voice and tonsils. There may be thyroid problems and even, just possible, diabetes. You may have that famous Taurean tendency to gain weight, but this will be mitigated if there is a lot of air on your chart.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

According to tradition, the influence of the Moon is particularly powerful in this sign, because it is exalted. Bear this in mind when reaching conclusions about the interpretation of the Moon in Taurus.

A secure background to life is needed by Moon sign Taureans, both materially and emotionally, and those with this placing will respond very quickly and defensively when their background is threatened. Even if they are not particularly concerned with building up a good bank balance, or if they rely too heavily on their partner for support, their instinct will be to spring into action when in difficulties, and do everything in their power to ensure that their world is kept intact.

The conservatism and conventionality of Taurus may well clash with other areas of the subject's chart. Self-absorption will definitely be seen; and an independent, freedom-loving person can suddenly make a complete about-face.

If a strict adherence to convention is indicated elsewhere in the chart (a Capricorn Sun or Ascendant sign, for instance), the characteristics of this placing will blend into the personality, and the instinctive responses will not be a source of conflict.

The emergence of possessiveness, the worst Taurean fault, may need countering, but this will be hard to do. Practicality will be considerable, and a common sense approach to life will be a great asset, especially if a certain adventurousness is indicated by other planetary positions.

The stubbornness common to this sign will be present, but again this may only be an immediate reaction, with flexibility present on other levels. If there is a preponderance of fixed signs, bloody-mindedness and getting in a rut can become ongoing problems.

The Taurean love of good food and living, and a need to surround the self with beautiful, comfortable objects, may be apparent. Since the Moon is related to the health, it is necessary for the subject to realize that - especially when under stress - he or she is likely to indulge in chocolate bars and other comfort food. Weight gain can be the result. The throat, too, is rather vulnerable - link any such comments in your interpretation to the fact that this area of the subject's body may easily react to stress or general infection.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in the sign Taurus indicates a need for financial and material security in order to attain emotional well-being. The Moon in Taurus is very strong because it is in the sign of its exaltation. The emotions tend to be steady and placid. There is a great deal of common sense in handling financial and domestic affairs. This is also the 'green thumb' position. The position demands stimulation from other people to launch new projects, but



once projects are begun there is steadfastness, and the persistence to see matters through to their end. New endeavors are not usually started until old ones have been completed.

This position of the Moon attracts wealth and the good things of life. As a rule, natives are fond of good food and seek material comforts. A stable domestic situation is important to their emotional security.

If the Moon is afflicted in Taurus, there can be unwillingness to change established emotional attitudes. Often this affliction can indicate a tendency to laziness and an excess attachment to material comforts.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a steady though stubborn soul. You need to be physically satisfied, but this may give rise to your being psychologically unaware. You have the instinct to find material security - which could necessitate enduring emotional limitations. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is a provider, but could also be seen as a burden.

You naturally respond towards Other with a sense of emotional permanence and stability; in a physical, material or sensuous manner, providing Other with the necessary creature comforts; and in a very real, substantial way, giving value for value.

Your inner child reacts with a great resistance to any change that might threaten, even when such changes are in aid of (re-)establishing security; by withholding or overlooking emotional and intangible favours; and by wanting to possess Other as if he / she were personal property.

You are unconsciously drawn towards relationships that are based upon material stability and physical gratification rather than spiritual growth. You gravitate towards the pleasures of the flesh, or Others who spice up your life, by way of compensation. And you are drawn to Others who are in great need of material support or physical affection or attention.

You can get caught up in relationships where Other is more dependent upon what you have than what you are; in relationships where stagnation and meaninglessness begin to reign, forcing you to review your motivations, or to stray; and in being heavily depended upon.

When you are alone, or simply being made to feel alone, it will be down to the factor of worth. Taurus Moon emphasizes the importance of material stability and of relationships having a permanence to them. This is all very well, but 'man does not live by bread alone', meaning that what is also needed to keep a relationship alive are more intangible qualities like mutual creative involvement (as opposed to childrearing), personal growth

and change, or romance (whatever that might mean to you). And so there can come a time when the absence of one or more such qualities in your relationship starts to make the relationship 'bottom-heavy' in that it has all the 'things and trappings' but no zing or meaning to it. It just rumbles along, very slowly, and eventually comes to a halt. If you have not found a suitable Other at all, it will be because such overly basic values have prevented this from happening. Alternatively, you may lack a sense of self-worth and therefore not attract an Other. But it would still come down to assessing yourself merely by material values.

(Grant Lewi)

Your image of yourself is flattering not because of any special quality you select so much as because you just think well of yourself. This can make for smugness, conceit and laziness; and it always warns you not to take too seriously what you tell yourself, but to keep your eye on what other people think of you. Follow your Sun-nature energetically or you will be lost in relaxation and uselessness. You have such a good time being pleased with life! You need to stimulate yourself consciously, for you are not a self-starter. You're likely to be popular because, demanding little of yourself, you also demand little of others and are the most agreeable of companions. You are not likely to be ardent in human relations; you take what comes, especially if it isn't too much trouble. Your assumption that you have the good things of life coming to you generally is carried out by the facts; you seem to make your picture of yourself as a luxurious creature come true in material affairs. When you have learned to follow your solar urges aggressively, when you are determined to be the best that your Sun sign has to offer, you go far. You then turn self-satisfaction into active selfconfidence, and you can have the world at your feet. The danger is that, sensing this, you won't ever do anything about it, will remain content in knowing you could do if you would, and thus never be anything but a gracious, affable and charming person. And, of course, that's not to be sneezed at.

(Robert Hand)

You like warmth, comfort, and the security of familiar surroundings. You like to be near a fire or in a favorite chair, and you enjoy good food. A very loving and affectionate person, you also need love and affection from the people around you. It is important for you to know that everything around you is going on as usual. you are not very fond of changes, especially in your own little world.

But you are very patient and do not get upset easily. When other people are angry and emotional, you can keep calm and make everything all right again. Even while you are young, others may come to you for help and advice because you are supportive.

Sometimes you find it hard to get going. You may be reluctant to leave a comfortable situation and go out to get some work done, or you may have trouble getting up in the morning. And when you do get going, you move a bit more slowly than most people,

which may be rather annoying to others, but that is just your way.

Emotionally you are very stubborn. It is hard for you to change an attitude that is fixed in your mind, even when you have learned that it is not a correct attitude. You prefer familiar attitudes, just as you prefer familiar objects.

When you have money, you spend it very conservatively, except on things that you really like. You hold on to money, and you try to find ways of earning more, not because you are selfish, but because you like security.

(John Townley)

You are a person of great emotional substance, and you provide an excellent shoulder for an upset lover to cry on. You are not easily or quickly angered, but once your ire is aroused, you are a formidable antagonist with a long memory for grievances. Therefore it is a good idea to air any differences with your lover right away, because otherwise they may mount up and damage the relationship later.

You do not rush into a love affair, preferring to build it in careful stages. Then, even after the affair is over, a warm and lasting friendship will continue.

Your preference is for straightforward simplicity in a relationship. Elaborate courting rituals are not your style, for they just seem to confuse the situation. You may not insist on total fidelity, but you want your partner to tell you the truth at all times so you know right where you stand. In return, you are scrupulously honest with your lover, even when it hurts, for you believe that a long-lasting relationship must be based on honesty and must live up to that ideal.

In a relationship, you are the salt of the earth; a friend and lover your partner can always depend on, even in difficult times. You don't commit yourself lightly, and when you give your word, you stand by it, particularly a commitment given in love.

(Arlene Robertson)

Since the Moon is exalted in the Venus-ruled, fixed earth sign of Taurus, this placement is generally a comfortable one. The usual insecurities of the Cancer influence fade into the misty distance; and in their place comes a stabilized, solid response to the variables of daily living. You, with the Moon in Taurus, react to everyday events with an earthy practicality based on the belief that common sense will bring any upheavals or unpleasantness into line with everything perking along at its accustomed pace. You are probably a delight to have around - a refreshing antidote to the hysterics and dramatics manifested in other Moon signs.

Because you are so practical, your securities rest in the possessions which you collect in

order to function, and, in some instances, to function superbly. Owning many valuable things makes you feel secure. Anything involving real estate, which primarily means a home, is a joy - for what could be more secure than a home to return to at the end of the day - your own home and your own plot of ground? The Taurus bull needs the earth to give him sustenance. Here you share something in common with the Cancer Moon position as ruler of the fourth house where your roots come from, for surely your roots in your own home go deep into the ground and feed your soul.

Using your native practicality, you often say, 'What is more practical than money in the bank?' - or, as a second choice, valuable belongings like gold and jewellery which can be traded for money. When you are assured that the bills will get paid and that no bank will foreclose on your mortgage, you can relax and enjoy your emotional life.

Your ability to size up business opportunities is invaluable, for here your common sense takes over. With your strong feeling of self-worth, you know instinctively that none of life's favors is going to drop pell mell in your lap, that they are invariably acquired through hard work, not from some nebulous fairy godmother. You also know that you are capable of the labors needed to attain them, and the security so necessary for your peace of mind.

A negative reaction to the lack of possessions would result in clutching, hoarding, holding on to even the most meager of your belongings. You might also become miserly and so fixed in response as to become rigid in your feelings.

You, the Taurus Moon person, expect others, especially family members, to behave toward you in a predictable way in your daily association. When on occasion a loved one responds in an unexpected manner, unfamiliar or alien to your expectations, you are emotionally wounded. 'You're doing that to hurt me', you might say. Or, 'If you really appreciated me you wouldn't act that way'. Your embarrassment mingles with your sense of disappointment and loss of power.

If you are a female with this placement, you look for a mate who will bring you financial security which, in turn, assures your emotional security. Or, if you are one of the new breed of career women, you are capable of climbing the ladder of success on your own and are thus able to obtain this necessary stability. If you are a mother at home with your children, you bestow on them a steady strong affection, a warmth, a sense of always being there when they need you.

If you are a male with this placement, your feeling of self-worth is very strong as you toil steadily for your family, your home, your piece of real estate. Deep within, you understand that the success you crave will come to you only because of your hard work.

Once this is achieved, you are also capable of relaxing and enjoying all your fruits - a beautiful home, bountiful food and wine, expensive clothes, the sleek luxurious

automobile resplendent in the garage. As a father, you are indulgent, proud of your children and eager to give them every opportunity to enjoy life. But you also teach them how imperative it is for them to earn their own way.

If both partners in a marriage or close relationship have this same need for emotional security, achieved through love of home and possessions, their life together will be far smoother and more rewarding than one in which one partner is indifferent to possessions.

Keynote: An abundance of materials suggests constructive activities.

Symbol: A housewife, surveying her food-laden shelves, plans a party.

A person with the Moon in Taurus generally has a faculty for being both resourceful and well-equipped. This is a fortunate position since the Moon, which rules the realm of responses, can make use of the substance supplied by this sign of material plenitude.

Just as the power of the Sun is reinforced by the outgoing energy of Mars, the absorbing capacity of the Moon is supplemented by the ingathering magnetism of Venus. Consequently, the Sun is exalted in Mars-ruled Aries, and the Moon is exalted in Venus-ruled Taurus.

In Taurus, the inconstancy of the ever-changing Moon is made reliable. The emotional sensitivity of the lunar temperament is steadied by the earthy sensibility of this pragmatic sign. The female of the species is reputed to be capricious, yet women everywhere are remarkably unwavering in their desire for domestic tranquillity. In general, the negative or feminine signs serve as conserving forces in the economy of the zodiac. The restraint which the slow rhythm of Taurus imposes upon the Moon's fluctuations can be a steadying influence, just as a certain degree of reticence is becoming to a woman.

Lunar Taureans are attached to their families, and are often preoccupied with their ancestral homes and traditions. They have an instinct for business which enables them to amass money and invest it sensibly. Even when not personally wealthy, they are assisted by well-to-do supporters. Funds are plowed into worthy enterprises which grow, bear fruit, and propagate. These individuals can sense what the public wants and is willing to purchase. They prosper in work connected with food, such as restaurants, grocery stores, and farming. They also take an interest in real estate, and like to deal with tangible assets, such as land and houses.

People with the Moon in Taurus are often attracted to occupations involving the use of the voice, such as singing, public speaking, and broadcasting. A pleasing appearance and an agreeable manner contribute to their success. Their memories are retentive; and once something has impressed them, it is seldom forgotten.

Wherever Taurus dominates the scene, difficulties can arise because of an undue

fondness for the good things in life. Overindulgence in food and drink may lead to a weight problem.

Lunar Taureans hesitate to launch new ventures. The Moon needs to be stimulated by outside forces since it has no initiating power of its own. The prudent Taurean seldom welcomes new ideas, although he enjoys seeing the old ones dressed up as the latest thing. Often, he will persist in a course of action merely to avoid upsetting the status quo. Taurus is one of the four zodiacal 'power signs', but much of its potency depends on sheer physical bulk. The charging bull, once aroused to action, is not easily swerved from its course. Similarly, Taurus makes up in momentum what it lacks in maneuverability.

The prototype of the undeveloped lunar Taurean is the stolid peasant who cannot see why it should not be possible for him to have more of the things he wants without the mental discomfort of having to make radical changes to his ingrained habits. The Moon represents the pull of the past, which in Taurus can harden into stubborn prejudice. However, the higher types of Taureans are deeply sympathetic and ready to give practical help to all who are in need. They do not offer lip service to their ideals, but faithfully nourish, sustain and maintain the verities they hold dear.

## Moon ☾ in 11th House

Howard Sasportas

Those with the Moon in the 11th seek security, comfort and a sense of belonging through friends, groups and organizations. They could be very impressionable and should exercise some discrimination in the choice of people or circles with whom they associate. Unless the Moon is strongly fixed, they have the capacity to blend in with many different crowds.

They may like to 'mother' friends and likewise expect a fair degree of support and nurturing from others when needed. Some may keep friends as far back as childhood. If the Moon is in a mutable sign there may be some changing acquaintances and fewer lasting friendships. Early hurts or disappointments with friends are worth exploring if the Moon is difficultly aspected as problems may have established patterns which need to be examined and cleared. Women with hard aspects to the Moon in the 11th often complain about getting along with other women. It is possible that 'unfinished business' with the mother could be projected onto female friendships with women. The mother may be experienced more as a friend than an actual mother.

Many people with the Moon in the 11th involve themselves in group activities and social outings as a way of relaxing and unwinding from the struggles in other areas of life.

Others join groups which promote causes about which they feel very emotional. Some may play 'mother' in the group, making sure everyone else is comfortable or they may even open their own home as a meeting place. There is the potential to stir the feelings of large groups of people.

Goals and ambitions could fluctuate with moods, and are perhaps too easily influenced by other people's opinions about what would be best for them. Provided heated emotional issues don't cause too many problems with others, this placement is indication of those who could accumulate a 'family of friends' with whom they share ties as strong as those of blood.

## Mercury ♀ in ♓ Pisces 5° 13'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

When you indulge in Pisces fears of losing a vision of how perfect the ideal could be, you may sacrifice reality for a private world of fantasy. You may withhold intuitive perceptions for fear of being invalidated by others. Then the ability to communicate clearly becomes muddled and lost in the distractions of your emotional world. When you retreat into your private reality and exclude interaction with others, you may lose those relevant perceptions that can help to make your thought manifest.

### Dynamic

You can focus your attention on the reality of spiritual poverty and confusion that is seen in daily life. This vision inspires you to rise above fears and make a real contribution to others. Communicating your creative and intuitive abilities allows others to enter through into your psychic perceptions. Ideals can become a healing reality in the world when you make a tangible contribution by communicating your intuitive vision.

(Grant Lewi)

Your sensitiveness to impressions from the outer world is conditioned by the use they can be to you personally. You see, hear, feel and taste what you want to. If you want to like a pie (because someone you love made it for you, it will actually taste to you like the best pie in the world. If you want to dislike a drawing (because someone you dislike drew it, it will look hideous to you. Your approach to things is far from scientific; you have to struggle to exercise an objective judgement - to see anything for its own sake, without the intrusion of some personal irrelevancy that alters your vision and therefore your judgement. If your best friend has the voice of a screech owl, you'll think it music; and if

your worst enemy were a Caruso, you'd actually believe he was singing off-key. Depersonalization of the approach to life is what you need to study, if you are to see the world as it is and not always in it a reflection of yourself. You probably think you are the fairest-minded person in the world, and may be as far as abstract justice is concerned. But in what reaches you through your senses, beware of the intrusion of personal biases. Let a spade be a spade. Even if it is digging your own grave, you can't make it into a screwdriver by wishing you didn't have to die!

(Skye Alexander)

You rarely pay attention to the here-and-now or the sidewalk in front of you. A dreamer, you are more concerned with your fantasies, your creations or the spiritual world than with remembering to pay your 'phone bill or studying for an exam.. The day-to-day functioning of the mundane world doesn't interest you in the slightest; and sometimes it's hard to determine if you really live here on Earth or are just visiting.

At times it can be difficult talking with you. You drift in and out of conversations; and your mind always seems to be preoccupied with something else. Your thoughts are not expressed completely or coherently; and often what you say is so highly personal, muddled or abstracted from reality that others have trouble understanding you.

You probably have a fantastic imagination and are artistically oriented. You see and hear things others don't, and are acutely sensitive to color and sound. Communicating with images or music is easier for you than using language skills; even if you can barely write a coherent sentence, you are able to get your point across brilliantly in other ways. You need to be careful, however, not to let your imagination run away with you. In the extreme, this Mercury placement can signify someone who loses all touch with reality, communicating with spirits, seeing hallucinations or retreating into a fantasy world of his / her own making.

Your keen sensitivity might put you in touch with the unseen realms. Often you 'know' what others are thinking or feeling, and you are quite psychic, or at least intuitive and perceptive. Because you are not so tightly bound to the physical world, it is easier for you than for most people to develop higher consciousness and connection to the Source. You find solace in meditation, prayer and spiritual thought, and might be interested in religious pursuits.

Your retreat from the harsh demands of the physical world may take the form of escapism, rather than spiritual involvement - Mercury in Pisces tends to be lazy, and the spiritual life is demanding and requires much discipline. In some cases, this placement can signify a person who uses alcohol, drugs or other escapist tactics as a way of avoiding responsibilities or facing up to truths about his / her life. Or, you simply may find daily life boring and seek to heighten your experience of it with mind-altering substances instead of working to develop your talents in interesting ways.



Your lack of involvement with the 'real world' can cause you to be extremely idealistic and naive; and you tend to look at life through the proverbial 'rose-tinted glasses'. Gentle, sympathetic and trusting, you usually see the good in everyone and miss the bad. As a result, it is easy to fool you; and you can be taken in by unscrupulous people. You are especially susceptible to hard-luck stories. Impressionable and lacking in discrimination, you let others influence you too much and rarely make up your own mind. You can be swayed by any half-baked argument or idea. Often your opinions are based on hazy impressions or romantic notions, and lack substance or logic. You need to exercise special care in important business or personal decisions, signing contracts, making investments, etc..

If Saturn aspects your Mercury, you'll be more practical, realistic and mentally disciplined. Mars aspects will make you more assertive and individualistic.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Pisces indicates a vivid imagination and a photographic ability to visualize thoughts and memories. People with this position are highly intuitive and telepathic on the unconscious level; they are, therefore, easily influenced in their thinking through subliminal suggestion, as they tune in unconsciously to the thoughts and moods of those around them. They arrive at conclusions not through logical reasoning but rather on the basis of intuitive perceptions that float up from the unconscious mind. They learn more by osmosis than through disciplined study.

The mind can be biased by unconscious emotional patterns based on past experiences, as is Mercury in Cancer. If Mercury is afflicted in Pisces, the mind will be in danger of being trapped in memories, to the point that the perception of present reality is distorted. This can lead to neurotic conditions in extreme cases. Because of the extreme sensitivity and imagination of Mercury in Pisces, poetic and artistic abilities are often manifested. These people are sympathetic; they can imagine how it is to be in another person's situation because they have been in similar situations themselves. At times their emotions are too easily preyed upon.

Pisces is a mutable sign, and fluctuating emotions can cause vacillation in thinking, decision-making, and communication. There can also be a tendency to daydream and woolgather. The fact that the natives like to be secretive and keep their private thoughts to themselves can result in shyness and seclusion.

Mercury afflicted in Pisces can mean a morbid imagination and a persecution complex. The individual may be oversensitive, and may sense personal criticism even when it was not intended. He needs to become more impersonal in his thinking and perception of reality; in this respect, this position is similar to Mercury in Cancer.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The mind works in a disorganised and intuitive way; decisions and opinions will emerge rather than be consciously taken. Kindness, sympathy and empathy for others is considerable, but often there is forgetfulness and even carelessness, leading to confusing situations that the individual finds difficult to resolve. It is difficult to develop constructive thinking and practicality. However, a practical approach is not entirely necessary, for the subject's strong intuitions are usually right. Much care is needed when coping with worry, for there is vivid imagination which can make the subject fear the worst. A tendency to take the line of least resistance is sometimes combined with deceitfulness. Usually when untruths are told it is in order not to hurt others, but cunning is not altogether absent. This placing does not support selfconfidence; and shyness or self-effacement is sometimes present.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, the rather brittle Aquarian traits are softened, and the humanitarian qualities of Pisces are warmed and sympathetically expressed. The creative and very original imagination must find specific areas of expression, perhaps through some unusual, off-beat hobby or career. There is much more flexibility of mind and opinion, and usually the emotional level is greatly heightened, perhaps with less ability to be detached from the feelings. Aquarian perversity and unpredictability are less evident, since Mercury in Pisces contributes considerable sensitivity towards other people's feelings.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, the subject often becomes rather scatter-brained, surrounded by confusion and muddle. However, here is also great kindness and sympathy, and a wonderful imagination which must be channelled and constructively used. When under stress, there may be a tendency to deceive the self and others by falling back on negative escapism. Parents whose children have this placing must gently but firmly encourage truthfulness. Any indication of creative potential should be encouraged, as self-expression through the arts (especially photography) is desirable.

If the Sun sign is Aries, Arian assertiveness is softened, and selfishness is less likely to be a problem (but consider the Venus sign in this respect). Arian decisiveness will not be quite so strong; and forgetfulness, especially over small matters, can cause great annoyance to the active, energetic Arian. This is most likely when he or she is being unduly hasty. The increased intuition of the placing is a help, particularly when assessing competitors' actions and reactions to situations. The emotional level of Aries is increased, but the subject is less likely to be easily roused to anger.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Pisces, Mercury presents the picture of a native whose fears may prove to be his greatest assets. Once the native recognizes fear as a challenge, he overcomes it and becomes a dynamic, useful member of society. Otherwise, he is obsessed by lack of

security, lack of confidence, and a feeling of unworthiness.

He must face issues squarely, and be willing to admit mistakes, and to accept credit for a job well done. He should be helped to overcome false modesty. This native must learn to speak out, and to stand up for his convictions. He is able to analyze the problems of others but is shy about calling the shots on his own difficulties. He is fascinated by secrets, and would make a wonderful historian because he enjoys digging for facts. He is receptive to the needs of others, but must be helped to help himself.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a sensitive, though potentially deluded, mind.

You see life in terms of myriad impressions from which you are able to gain uncannily accurate insights into Other's emotional and mental states, thereby making him / her feel that you are very much in tune with him / her. You also see it in terms of intuitive images rather than logical interpretations, so you express yourself best visually, poetically or suggestively.

You tend not to see what the reality of a situation is when you become over-sensitized by your own desires and fears regarding Other, and so you consequently get the wrong end of the stick. You also tend not to see how you bend the truth in order to avoid confronting what Other is thinking, feeling, saying or being, because mistakenly you fear your own weaknesses being brought to light.

(John Townley)

You don't talk about sex very much, not because you are inhibited or uninterested, but because words don't seem necessary and can't really express your feelings on the subject. Your style of loving is very tender; and in expressing it you give yourself totally to your lover. All you really need for fulfillment is a quiet understanding of the love you share.

Although giving of yourself is your clearest expression of love for your partner, do not give, particularly sexually, unless you really feel like it. If you do, sex will become a task and an obligation rather than a free and open expression of loving. If you want to be heavily self-sacrificing sexually, express it in bedroom games for that purpose rather than in emotional servitude, which will only hurt your relationship.

You don't necessarily need to be in a relationship all the time, because you are able to sublimate your sexual energies through a variety of other channels when the right lover isn't around.

It may take time and care to find just the right person; but when you do make up your

mind, it will probably happen in a flash. Ideally, in such a partnership you both will use sexuality to uplift and transcend your personalities, making your oneness greater than the sum of its parts.

(Robert Hand)

You have a very rich imagination, and you love to spend time daydreaming and making up fantasies. However, you may have to put more effort into thinking about the real world, because you can't live in dreams all the time. But you can put your imagination to good use in writing stories or poems, for you can see the world in ways that are hidden from many others. Your biggest task is to learn to communicate your ideas clearly to others. Sometimes you find it hard to speak or write clearly, for that requires you to present your ideas one at a time and in order. But your ideas don't come to you in an orderly way - you think with feelings and images.

Sometimes it is difficult for you to be objective, because your emotions influence your thinking so much. This means that making decisions is difficult, but it also means that you are unusually sensitive to other people's feelings. You are able to sense their moods and emotions even before they say anything.

You are not interested in subjects like science and math, and you may find them difficult because they seem cold and unfeeling. Their careful logic is colorless and boring to you.

Sometimes this position means that you are easily influenced by other people. Certainly you pick up their ideas very quickly, even without knowing it. As you get older, you will have to be more aware of this tendency, because without knowing it you may be influenced by beliefs that you do not agree with.

(Freda Edis)

Those people with Mercury in Pisces may be intuitive thinkers with impressionable imaginations. Highly receptive to the thoughts and feelings of others, their mental processes may reflect not logical thought of their own, but almost visual perceptions which they have unconsciously received from others. Sometimes they have difficulty recognizing quite where their knowledge comes from. Their minds operate with a sensitivity so great that they can misinterpret reality, particularly when the contents of the unconscious are stirred up by present emotional experiences. They can vacillate between two modes of thought, often expressing themselves as optimistic at one moment and pessimistic the next, communicating these states of mind in a very subjective way. Others may interpret this tendency as wool-gathering and indecision, being unable to see the enormous empathy and compassion of which these people are capable. Recognizing the occasional need to draw boundaries between themselves and others and to trust their own mental processes would help those with Mercury in Pisces to connect with unconscious personal and collective emotional influences in a more

realistic manner.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The mind is impressionable and intuitive.

Symbol: A child listens to the sound of the sea in a shell.

Although Mercury is in detriment in Pisces, this position does not impair intelligence. It merely suggests that the mind resists the rule of pure logic and refuses to be pinned down to hard facts. There are, on the other hand, soft facts pertaining to the realms of instinct and intuition which are no less significant realities in the scheme of existence.

Mercury is also in its fall in this sign, showing that ultimately criticism and analysis must be dissolved in compassion, thereby making love rather than intellect the guiding principle of life. The attitude characteristic of this placement is expressed in the following anonymous quatrain: 'Reason has moons, but moons not hers lie mirrored on the sea, confounding her astronomers, but oh, delighting me'.

Whimsical and poetic, Mercurial Pisceans are likely to succeed in fields which allow them to make use of their creative imagination and love of fantasy. Sometimes they are aware of circumstances and events without knowing how or why. Ideas filter through the pores of their minds, coming unbidden for obscure reasons. Pisceans may also have psychic or mediumistic talents.

Members of this sign are well suited to be writers, musicians, actors, or entertainers. Because of their mental permeability, they excel in any capacity in which the mind serves as a sounding board for the transmission of subtle impulses and impressions. Literally, their conduct depends upon the quality of the energies they conduct through their sensitive nervous systems. Often they appear to be absent-minded and indecisive simply because they are functioning as instruments for, rather than originators of, the thoughts that waft them hither and yon.

If the Sun is in Aquarius and Mercury is in Pisces, vision and imagination can be turned to widescale humanitarian enterprises. These people, although basically rational, may have unusual ideas which are in advance of conventional modes of thinking; and they are fascinated by the unsolved mysteries of science and what they may imply.

When the Sun and Mercury are both in Pisces, the mind is more inspired, but it is also edged with a certain flightiness unless the ability to concentrate is shown elsewhere in the chart. These susceptible souls often suffer emotionally as a result of their thin-skinned impressionability. Frequently misunderstood, they may withdraw into themselves and become reclusive. Yet they are generally kind, helpful, and eager to be of assistance to people in trouble. They need protection because, due to their willingness to listen to any tale of woe, they are easily duped.

The Sun in Aries and Mercury in Pisces endow a person with less vulnerability to deception and a more positive disposition. He is better adapted to translate intuitive ideas into action and to give overt expression to the impulses which arise out of the unconscious.

According to tradition, Pisces is the sign of illusion and limitation. These two concepts go together because most of man's limitations stem from his illusions. Reality knows no bounds; it is only the world of phenomenal appearances which is hemmed in by limitations. The only reason these illusions have so much potency is that they have some connection, however tenuous, with the reality they veil.

Metaphysically, the significance of the astrological dictum that Mercury is in its detriment and also its fall in Pisces lies in the fact that the spiritually evolved person can begin to transcend the ratiocinations of the concrete mind and start to function on the plane of pure reason and intuition. He grasps the implications of the ancient Oriental maxim, 'The mind is the slayer of the real', and its corollary, 'Slay thou the slayer'.

Throughout the zodiac, the mind has functioned as a bridge to reality. Once traversed, however, this bridge can be left behind. The Piscean appreciates the need for logic, just as a traveller is grateful for the bridge which spans a river, but he has no need to pick the bridge up and carry it along with him after it has served its purpose. He is now ready to ascend into the highlands of consciousness from which the light of the spirit may be more directly approached. He ceases to need intermediaries because he becomes the thing he seeks. Love was the means and love the goal; and now the two are one.

## Mercury ♀ in 9th House

(Freda Edis)

When Mercury is placed in the ninth house, it can indicate an intelligent use of a broad jupiterian mind which seeks to make connections between philosophical, religious and moral issues. Discovering the meaning of the underlying laws of life is important to these people. This placement can give great depth to study and higher education, and can give an indication of the principles to be met as a result of widening mental perspectives or taking long journeys. People with this placement may have some intuition about needing to submit their egos to a broader form of wisdom which has the effect of being a divine law, often inspired by a jupiterian recognition of order and regulation. At a concrete level, the study of the laws governing wider social structures can be of some appeal; but these people may need to become aware of the tendency always to take the long perspective and ignore issues closer to hand. At another level, Mercury aids the capacity to understand, in some cases transmute, the laws of conventional life when he

is placed in his father's house.

In myth, the effect is miraculous on occasions. Where the ninth house impulse is too strong, and where Mercury here might rise too high and risk offending the gods, then there is, inevitably, a fall.

The sign on the house cusp may rule the way in which wider perspectives are reached. Mercury with Virgo here may indicate the powers of a discriminating mind which can meaningfully distinguish between important and less important philosophical issues; the fall would be into criticism and denigration of others if the wider perspective were lost. Mercury with Aquarius in this position may concentrate on developing a mind detached enough to examine new and unconventional ideas which may benefit humanity; too much Aquarius detachment could lead to the tyranny of ideas over emotion - a further example of the fall.

Aspects to other planets may also influence the way Mercury operates in the ninth.

The acquisition of greater knowledge is important to people with a ninth house Mercury placement; but they may need to guard against developing dogmatic intellectual attitudes or an over-insistence on their need to be the best-qualified interpreters of moral law. There may be an intuitive approach to systems of belief and a tendency to ignore any facts that are not consistent with strongly held opinions. These people may have a visionary and prophetic quality of mind; and this can be enhanced by ensuring that their views are based on strong ethical foundations, or they may fall.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here there is great upward striving, especially when Mercury is in a Fire, fixed, or Earth sign. There is a desire to always appear at one's best, never to be outdone or made to look bad. Whatever storms may blow in these people's lives, they usually manage to land on their feet.

A ninth house Mercury often shows a rise in life through difficult circumstances, sometimes to considerable power. There is a mental restlessness with this position, a hunger for knowledge and experience that may lead to travel or long-term mental effort, some great study or piece of research or perfected virtuosity. There is also a loneliness here, the loneliness of the traveler, of the explorer. Actually, there is a need for aloneness, under the stars, alone with God, alone with Nature.

There is a need to experience the extremes of the human potential, to know how good one can be and how bad, how much one can learn about something, how much pain one can bear. This person will seek out friendships with those who have experienced all kinds of extremes. This is a very good position for ministers; and anyone with this Mercury will have moments when they will preach to anyone who will listen, about God,

life, or other significant matters.

These people can be quite reckless. They are usually not afraid of dying, though they'd rather not; and they will run risks in order to have deeply moving experiences. Women with this position have a royal bearing and great dignity. If Mercury is in Leo, they will rise to power if other aspects support it. If the mentality takes a religious turn, their upward striving may lead them away from the herd to holy places where they will strive to know God or be absorbed by nature. If not religious, they will be political, in which case they will work hard for a better society and for more personal power so that they can help change to come about.

If villified, they will rarely stoop to defend themselves. They will speak out for causes; but about themselves they are usually silent. They will study and learn all their lives.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: With Mercury in the 9th house, you collect abstract systems as some people collect stamps, creating a network that links all systems together. You love nothing better than a good old down-home philosophical discussion, preferably a debate. It won't matter what position you're defending, as long as the conversation stays lively. The pitfalls are numerous. Your mind is incredibly quick, but not always logical; and you leap to broad conclusions, often from a skimpy base of experiential knowledge. You'd like to know everything; but failing that, you settle for infinite variations on a particular theme. You have an answer for every occasion. A virtual master of rationalization, you can whip up a philosophy on the spur of the moment to satisfy the demands of convenience. Your challenge is to become a true librarian of philosophy.

Cultural perspective: You can never learn too much, see too much, travel too far. Everything you've experienced is connected to everything else, making your mind a central switchboard. You love long-distance contact; often even the telephone will suffice. All media are interesting to you: magazines, travel brochures, foreign films, anything to feed the mind's curiosity. You're interested in Brain Earth, in feeling that your nervous system is well-connected to a network that extends over the globe. You regard strangers as potential friends, new outposts in your network. You want to be expanded, spread out, everywhere at once and nowhere in particular.

Higher education: You aren't likely to pursue a single path of knowledge; yours is not a path of expertise in one specific field. Much more likely is an interest in diverse areas of education, taking a little from this, a little from that, more a survey than a study in depth. This broadly-based education is modified by the placement of the Sun in the natal chart. If it is in the 10th house, there may be greater specialization, or at least aiming your educational pursuits toward a more singular area, funneling knowledge into career. If the Sun occupies the 9th, you tend toward greater breadth in your mental interests. In the 8th, it can go either way, depending on other factors. The challenge is to remember that



dialogue is more important than pure study. Learning is most alive in interaction and two-way communication, a vital exchange of inspiration and stimulus.

The search for truth: You're fascinated by the infinite forms of truth. It's natural to explore all the forks in the river, knowing that each will eventually reach the sea. You hold information in your mind's eye, turning it, squeezing it and stretching it to see it change shape, cutting it into a thousand pieces, looking for distinctions, contradictions, and paradoxes. You don't arrive at a final product, a finished truth. Instead, you stay in the laboratory - testing, refining, experimenting. It's more natural for you to talk about the quest for truth than to tell it directly. Your challenge is to communicate the structures through which we approach wisdom. Truth is an endless source of curiosity, a study in relativity.

Ideal society: You idealize a society where people are taught to express their thoughts more effectively. Depending on Mercury's sign and the Sun's condition, you believe either in total access to information or in solid control of information, with the former more probable than the latter. However, in either case, free movement from place to place would always be permitted. The perfect society would be in a state of constant change. As Ruler of the World, you would be the ultimate nexus of information, connected to everything, yet constantly mobile, exploring your Kingdom.

(Robert Pelletier)

The circumstances of your life allow you to develop your mental faculties extensively and give you the privilege of utilizing your creative potentials to best advantage. You are eager to share your knowledge with those who want information; and you are skillful in your presentation. You look for ways to dramatize your own creative potentials, as well as your children's. They look up to you for inspiration as they seek to fulfill all your expectations of their creative talents. If they choose to follow in your footsteps, you will be deeply satisfied. In your professional pursuits, you know that if you understand yourself, you will probably have a better understanding of the people you deal with. You may occasionally wonder whether you will gain your objectives; but with your naturally self-confident nature, you are very likely to succeed.

You get along well with people because you understand them; and you know how to interpret what they need from you. You can help them see their difficulties with objective clarity, for which they are generally appreciative. Your wide circle of friends and associates is an asset in your career. It is important to define new goals periodically, as the old ones are realized. Your ability to earn a comfortable income in your career will help you achieve the independence you seek. Your partner will be a distinct asset, as long as communication flows freely between you. You want a mate who understands your goals and shares your enthusiasm in reaching them.

You don't pursue physical work if you can avoid it, preferring to utilize your ability to

solve problems and resolve crises in your daily responsibilities. Conditions beyond your control may force you to accept duties you don't particularly like; but the chances are that when you demonstrate your special talents, you will be offered a job at the management level, for which you are better suited. While it bothers you when you don't know the answer to a question, it merely shows that you must learn more in some areas. Be especially alert to the danger of being undermined in your job by fellow workers, although this can occur only if you are not well informed. You understand people's failings and liabilities, and you should seek a career that is related to helping solve those problems.

Your education is the base on which you can build the material security you want. Getting an education may not have been easy if your parents did not support your desire for it; and you probably had to extend yourself to get it. While being able to make more money may have been your principal reason for getting formal training, the resulting character development and polish are also important. But all your education will amount to very little if you aren't willing to use it to help people who require your skills. This will advance your position before the public.

You probably worked very hard to gain the knowledge that you have, so it is all the more urgent to apply it wisely. You should make sure your ethical standards are always at the highest level in your dealings with people. Lack of sufficient selfdiscipline in this area can erode the results of all the hard work you've invested to achieve your ambitions.

(Howard Sasportas)

When Mercury wanders into the 9th, he takes his wings along with him, for this is expansive territory to cover. An 8th house Mercury burrows deep down and peers closely into things; in the 9th, Mercury gains his perceptions and awareness by 'zooming up' or standing back and looking at it all from a distance and a higher perspective. Believing that life and the cosmos can be 'figured out' intellectually, those with Mercury in this house attempt (or should attempt) to discover and understand the laws and principles which govern existence by scrutinizing the larger patterns at work. A natural urge to expand and broaden the mind through study, reading and travel keeps those with this placement as busy as ever in this domain.

Usually, there is a desire to teach and share what they perceive and discover, and to inspire others with what has inspired them. This placement suits philosophers, clergymen, writers, publishers, educators and public relations people.

Adhering too fanatically to their own beliefs or version of the truth is the danger of a difficultly aspected Mercury in this house. Facts which support the cherished belief system are readily received, but the others are handily overlooked.

In some cases, relatives who live abroad may figure in the life, or a long journey might

significantly influence how the person thinks. Problems with Mercury in the 9th can also mean bickering and gossip among in-laws.

## Venus ♀ in ♉ Taurus 14° 58'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

If you place an obsessive value on comfort in social situations, it may result in withholding possessions from others. This deprives you both of the the benefits of sharing your Taurus talents for accumulating material things. Repressing the obligation to share your belongings leads to a lack of confidence in your ability to acquire more material goods for yourself.

At certain times, you might hold back your special sensitivities to the tactile, sensual part of life due to feeling unable to share them. This may result in a lack of enjoyment in relations with others.

### Dynamic

You can take the initiative to share both your material possessions and your ability for the organization and accumulation of goods. Initiative well-taken leads to the stabilizing effect of reflected merit. Additionally, you gain a feeling of social worth and material security in your life by verbally sharing value systems that have brought you stability.

As you become aware of other people's psychological insecurities concerning their own importance, you are able to validate them. Consequently, the realization of your true benefit to others can emerge. When you share your gift of sensual sensitivity to life through a form of sensual contact with others, you experience the pleasure and satisfaction of physically extending yourself to add comfort to the social environment.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Venus is in dignity in Taurus; and someone with this placement will have the most developed sensuality of all the signs. Someone with Venus in Taurus will take pleasure in his / her own body and be grounded in all his / her physical needs, for food, warmth, comfort and physical contact. He / she will be tuned in to all that touch can convey. He / she will use touch in everyday life to express love, to show care and concern, and to give comfort and reassurance, as well as to give pleasure.

Like all the Earth signs, Venus in Taurus is slow to get involved in a relationship; and commitment will be very important to him / her. These people are capable of great

loyalty to a partner, and will want this reciprocated. Once involved, they remain steadfast in their affections. They are likely to be possessive, and easily become very jealous if anyone threatens their relationship. People with Venus in Taurus tend to regard a partner as a possession, wanting to retain his / her affection inasmuch as they value and want to hold on to all that they acquire. Once involved, they do not easily give up on a relationship, even one that has become quite bad.

Sensual contact will be an important part of a relationship for someone with Venus in Taurus. There is a propensity for decadence and laziness here; an ability to simply 'be' and do nothing for long stretches of time. If anyone is expert in the art of relaxation, it is someone with Venus in Taurus.

Venus in Taurus people will be very security-conscious, particularly when it comes to material security, and will want stable and comfortable surroundings. Some will have very high standards of comfort, leaning towards the luxurious, while others will be more basic and have the ability to make even the humblest surroundings comfortable. Within a relationship, they will also show their love and affection by tending to their partner's comfort.

People with Venus in Taurus can have very expensive tastes. They may enjoy good food and expensive restaurants. They may use and prefer the more exclusive perfumes or aftershaves. There may be a genuine appreciation of the best things in life. They value their attractiveness and enhance it. They will dress well and will appreciate well-cut, well-made clothes, preferring the textures of natural fabrics. Their sensitivity to touch will mean they appreciate the feel of silk and cashmere, as well as cotton and wool. They will notice how clothes hang and move; and for these reasons, if they can afford to, they may prefer to buy designer clothes.

Money, and a prospective partner's wealth, may be important to someone with Venus in Taurus, particularly insofar as it impinges on him / her feeling appreciated and valued. These people appreciate tangible love tokens, preferring gifts that have permanence, that they can hold onto, and that show how much they are loved. While a gift does not have to be expensive, and anything that is invested with meaning can act in this way, nevertheless the saying 'diamonds are a girl's best friend' must have been said of a woman with Venus in Taurus.

(Skye Alexander)

With Venus in this earthy, luxury-loving sign, you have a tendency to indulge yourself in all sorts of sensual pleasures. You love good food and wine, beautiful clothing, fine furnishings, good sex, massage - everything that delights the senses. You appreciate the physical world as no other sign can, and experience it in a straight-forward, tactile way. If you can't touch it, taste it, hear it, smell it, you're not satisfied.

Because you so love beautiful things (and want to own as many as possible), you often find yourself in debt. You rarely ask how much something costs and have to deny yourself anything. You have innate good taste, dress well, and decorate your home opulently, proudly displaying your possessions rather as an athlete showcases trophies. Because of your luxury-loving lifestyle, you might put a prospective partner's financial portfolio first on your list of desirable qualities.

You may express your love of beauty in some artistic way, such as painting or sculpture, music (especially singing, since Taurus rules the throat), dance, architecture, interior or fashion design, landscaping, or floral arranging. Most probably, you have an affinity with nature and love plants and flowers.

Love relationships are extremely important to you; so important that you aren't always very discriminating in your choice of partners and often settle for any 'warm body'. You want constant companionship, and aren't willing to give a partner much space. At times, your lover may feel he / she is just another one of your possessions. Faithful and devoted to those you love, you keep on showering him / her with affection; once you've set your sights on someone, you won't take 'no' for an answer. Often you succeed in wearing down your loved one's resistance with your dogged persistence; but you need to guard against being too cloying and demanding.

You have a strong sex drive and a down-to-earth, natural attitude toward sexual expression; for you, satisfying your sexual desires is just like satisfying any other appetite. You also are affectionate and romantic, and seem to possess an innate understanding of how to please a partner physically.

With those you care about, you are generous to a fault, always buying them gifts, fixing them gourmet meals, and taking care of all their physical needs. Nothing makes you happier than caring for your loved ones; and unless you have planets in some of the more individualistic signs such as Aries, Leo or Aquarius, you may sacrifice your own best interests for others'.

Women with Venus in Taurus tend to hold traditional views of relationships and a 'woman's place' in life. You look at a relationship as an investment, and expect a good return; there's no reason to waste time on a love affair that won't lead to marriage and security. This planetary placement suggests a degree of dependency, and it is quite likely that you want your partner to support you in high style. The career world doesn't beckon to you as it does your Arien or Aquarian sisters. You are concerned with presenting a conventionally feminine image, and probably spend much time and money on your appearance. However, you don't like exercise much (unless your Sun is in Aries), and can be quite lazy. Thus, you may have a problem keeping your weight down, since you probably like to cook and enjoy rich food.

Men with this planetary position find the Rubenesque woman most appealing. No

modelthin, androgynous females for you - you like your women voluptuous, even plump. Nor do you enjoy partners who are independent or assertive. Your feminine ideal is sweettempered, sensual, seductive and passive. If she's also a good cook, all the better.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Taurus gives constant, lasting affections. Emotional security and stability in love are important for the natives. They are loyal and steadfast, although they can be possessive and jealous if their emotional security is threatened. Their sense of touch is highly developed, and they enjoy physical contact with their loved ones; but they are sensual in a passive way, seeking to attract rather than pursue the love object.

Venus in Taurus gives a love of comfort, luxury, beautiful surroundings, good food, and opulence in general. Therefore, the money that makes such things possible is important to these people. Because the Moon, which rules the domestic scene, is exalted in Taurus, they seek to make their homes beautiful and artistic. Personal beauty is important to them too, and they seek to make themselves as attractive and youthful as possible. Even hippies with this Venus position will wear beautiful jewellery or an expensive piece of clothing.

With this position of Venus, there is an innate sense of the value of material objects, and an ability to make purchases of beauty and long-lasting quality. Because these people tend to like material things, they may engage in businesses dealing with art and luxury goods. They can be attracted to artistic expressions in which they can directly mold the materials; painters and sculptors often have Venus placed in this sign.

Natives feel a close kinship with the earth, and gain pleasure and solace from flowers, trees, and other plants. They may take up gardening or growing flowers as a hobby.

As Taurus rules the throat and larynx, and Venus confers grace and beauty, many people with Venus in Taurus have rich, melodious voices. Talented singers are likely to have this placement of Venus.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Venus rules this sign, so its influence will be increased by this placing. The individual is loving, warm and affectionate, and makes a passive, sensual and romantic partner; but the Taurean possessiveness will incline him or her to think of the loved one as another much-cherished belonging. Material possessions will be extremely important, since they contribute a measure of security and stability. There will be much hard work to achieve luxury and comfort, but if it is possible to make money easily, the subject will be keen to do so, since a liking for relaxation is common. Often there is talent for, and appreciation of, music, combined with a general love of beauty, art and good living - especially for food.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, Venus here adds stability, and is a good counter to Piscean elusiveness. The emotions are steady and tempered with common sense and fiscal ability. A practical approach to both love and financial matters is often present, and the placing will add to the creative flair of Pisces, helping to give it concrete form. As a friend, the subject is more reliable than most Sun sign Pisceans, but an element of possessiveness may emerge within relationships.

If the Sun sign is Aries, this placing will increase the affection and add seething passion. The subject approaches love affairs with surprising caution, but must realize that selfishness and possessiveness can cause more damage than might be imagined. Enthusiasm and prudence should be combined to get the best of this placing, both emotionally and materially. Here is an excellent friend who is good company, with an infectious enjoyment of life. Financial enterprise is combined with care.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, the Taurean characteristics are very prominent and could outweigh the power of the Ascendant. Love and the attitude towards money and its making are as described for Venus in Taurus generally above, with all Sun sign characteristics complementing, enhancing or exaggerating those of Venus in Taurus. The metabolism could be slow, and Taurean ailments may be present. The weight should be strictly controlled by restricting the intake of rich food. Financial and emotional security are of vital importance.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, Venus in Taurus increases the Gemini emotional level, but can cause problems, since the individual must learn to express his or her emotions and not over-rationalize them. The subject will try very hard to counter any possessiveness. Here is a lively, talkative friend who will enjoy organizing events. A liking for luxury will prove expensive. Quick Gemini wit will complement the Taurean business ability.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, there is marvellous potential for being a caring, sensitive and extremely sensual lover. However, the Cancerian tendency to cherish and protect, combined with a Taurean leaning toward possessiveness, can create highly claustrophobic conditions within a relationship and have an adverse effect on family life. This is a friend who is faithful but easily offended. Business potential is superb, with Cancerian shrewdness adding to Venusian flair.

(Grant Lewi)

You have a robust, physical, sensuous (or sensual) response to emotional vibrations. You are demonstrative, affectionate and passionate. You love to touch, to hold and to be held by the loved one. You are both sensational and passionate; to know the difference, and to let the true instinct replace the false one, is to achieve mastery of yourself and of others. Plenty of love addicts have this position; to them, love means physical enjoyment and little more. Raised to its best, this position of Venus enables you to elevate physical

earthly love to a high spiritual plane and to understand the beauty of true union in a union of true beauty. You understand love deeply; you accept it with your whole being, are content to express it wordlessly, and value love's silences more than its speeches. You know both ecstasy and despair of love; and you cling to a love once given and received with unbelievable tenacity, even in the face of great obstacles. You believe in love, in its earthly as well as its spiritual form, and will not be content till you have found both in one individual. Your emotional responses color your whole life; all sense reactions are intensified by this position, and your love of color, art, music and beauty in any form relates directly to the creative impulse which draws on, and interpretes to you, all the experiences that earth has to offer.

(Syndey Omarr)

Venus in Taurus paints the picture of strong emotions - the native is more intuitive than intellectual. There is a need for greater self-control of his emotions. He tends to give of himself too much and thus is 'taken in'. He must learn to think as well as feel. The astrologer should help him realize that he cannot be all things to all people. He feels he needs things, people, emotions - when, in actuality, what he may need is a more simple, direct approach to life and its problems and joys. He is physically attractive, and responsive to physical attraction. This trait can spell trouble if it goes unchecked.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a loyal, though potentially possessive, lover. Love for you is something that has to be physical and sensual, and to involve some material comforts and wherewithal too. You also want it to be solid and lasting, with possibly traditional or close-to-Nature undertones. However, without taking a look at the more spiritual aspects of relating, you could be consigning yourself to being in a dull, gross and possessive relationship. Such blind indulgence would amount to mere fancy.

You attract with a rich, earthy appeal that promises pleasure and ultimate satisfaction; with a feeling that you are solid and reliable and not given to flightiness or unpredictability; and with a natural beauty or handsomeness that is erotic but not threatening.

You repel with a possessiveness that prevents you from seeing who Other is as a person in his / her own right; with a need for security that eclipses any sense of mystery or excitement; and with jealousy born of lacking a sense of your inner worth.

You are attracted to very tactile types who display a traditional sense of the romantic; to Others who have artistic talent / awareness, and especially good singing or speaking voices; and to natural qualities, good living, creature comforts and material stability.

You are repelled by a lack of physical affection or a poor sense of touch; by philistines



with no sense of beauty or love of Nature; and by synthetic, ultra-modern or newfangled lifestyles, and Others who have such.

When you are alone, it is quite likely that you are still actually with someone but are alone in the sense that Other is no longer the company he / she was, or even the company in which you wish to be. The reason for this is that in concentrating, consciously or unconsciously, on having material stability or outer appeal in a relationship and partner, you have overlooked the importance of the inner person or quality. Your aloneness, whether you are still with someone or not, is in aid of forcing this spiritual or psychological consideration upon you. A variation upon this theme, which applies mainly if you are entirely alone, is that you hold Other to be some object of love that you wish to own or admire from afar. Such an attitude is bound to maintain that very distance interminable, so you need to get down to a more honest, physical level of loving and relating.

(John Townley)

Your appetite for love is fairly consistent, and ideally you should have a lover whose attentions are unflagging and whose style is consistent from day to day. For this same reason, it is a good idea always to have a partner, even if the relationship is not permanent. Prolonged abstinence is very hard for you to endure, and you may compensate by overindulging in some other area, such as eating.

You take great delight in surrounding your lovemaking with a varied array of sensory pleasures; heavy velvet fabrics or musty perfumes enrich the experience and prolong the atmosphere well after physical loving is over, allowing both of you to savor and review your intimacy. Physical surroundings can be a gold mine of sensory potential for enhancing sexuality, and you can delight in and take advantage of that fact.

You admire strength in a lover, not necessarily physical power but inner stamina, a heart of oak. You need to admire your partner and feel sure that he or she is durable and independent, someone who can love you without leaning on you. It would take a larger-than-life personality to fulfill your ideal, so try to be understanding when your partner doesn't live up to your highest expectations - nobody's perfect.

(Robert Hand)

You are a very warm person who forms lasting attachments to others. Your affections don't change easily; and even if you lose respect for a friend, you will continue to like that person in spite of his or her faults. The only problem is that you want the friend you are with to pay attention to you alone and not be with anyone else at the same time. You will have to learn to be less possessive.

You are very fond of beautiful things and luxury. You like a good, comfortable chair

where you can relax and have a delicious snack. But be careful about snacks, for you probably have a sweet tooth, and too many sweets are not good for you. Also, you may tend to put on weight. You may even eat too much of foods that are not good for you. Try not to indulge yourself so much, not only in eating but also in buying things. In general, you find it difficult to say 'no' to anything you want, and you often justify this by saying you deserve it. You must realize that you will have to work to get the things you desire, even though they seem to come to you a bit more easily than to others. People like you enough to be willing to do favors for you, which may strengthen your tendency to be lazy. But you should act for yourself and not depend upon other people.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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The comfortable and beneficent position of Venus in its own sign of Taurus brings out the attributes that align the planet with the great agrarian fertility Goddess. According to Sumerian legend, it was only when Inanna derived sexual pleasure and loyalty from Dumuzi, the Vegetable Lord, that she was capable of watering the earth - thereby providing a surplus of grain from which the Sumerians could profit and prosper. This fortuitous position supplies the talents, skills and 'lucky' circumstances necessary to attain the prosperity and respect by which these individuals gauge security and selfworth. Like the Sumerian Inanna, Plato's Aphrodite Pandemos and Titan's luxuriating women, these people do not live in the world of ideas, but utilise their strong Venusian magnetism, sensuality and power to attract people who will provide the lifestyle they require.

Just as the egocentricity of Venus in Aries prevents individuals from maintaining harmonious, co-operative relationships, Venus in Taurus is completely geared towards amassing affluence and assurance from lovers, friends and colleagues. Due to an obsession with material security and maintaining control over their own lives, individuals with Venus in Taurus guard their assets and, like Inanna, can be as possessive, jealous and wrathful as they are generous, should they sense that they've been neglected or betrayed. Just as Venus in Aries people are inspired by constant change, Venus in Taurus individuals are pragmatic rather than romantic. They can only begin to express themselves lovingly and creatively in an environment that provides economic security and the certainty of partners, friends and family. Given the devotion and trust they demand, these people are, in return, generous, loving and dependable friends, colleagues, spouses and parents.

If Venus is positively aspected, their fruitfulness, sensuality, practicality and perseverance are qualities to which they aspire; and, as a result, they are innately drawn to relationships that will provide them with a secure environment in which these attributes can flourish. Their monetary acumen and foresight allow them to manage their finances successfully and attain the level of prosperity that provides costly, beautiful

possessions, a luxurious lifestyle, and, most importantly, autonomy. If this goal cannot effectively be reached, they will use every wile at their disposal to attract a partner who can guarantee success and its accompanying comforts.

If Venus is poorly aspected, however, they may doubt their own appearance, earning capacity, and / or creative abilities. Operating from a position of insecurity, they may alternately exhibit obstinacy, indulgence, jealousy and bossiness resulting from an inordinate need for control.

Because this placement emphasises the quintessential Taurean Venus, it is obviously one of the most sensual positions in the zodiac as well as the most stubborn, controlling and inflexible. Obsessed with beauty and economic security, they are methodical, patient and persevering in pursuit of a romantic or business partner with whom they can share their financial or creative goals, and, as a result, afford themselves the lifestyle they so desire. Due to their steadfastness and intensity, these people have the potential to summon all their resources to reach their objective - whether it be the attainment of prosperity, commitment to a loved one, or the fulfilment of their creative dreams.

Just as Venus in Aries associates love with passion and independence, Venus in Taurus links partnership with sensual enjoyment and financial security, commonly appearing in the charts of those who marry established - sometimes older - partners. Charming, sensual, sophisticated and attractive, Venus in Taurus also appears in the charts of people who make excellent escorts or are used as ornaments to aid their partners in their business dealings.

Eating disorders - the dark and vulnerable side of this placement - are one of many possible indulgences that beset individuals with an afflicted Venus in Taurus.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual is learning the lessons of devotion, loyalty and richness of meaning as he seeks the enduring value of physical possessions and the comfort, pleasure and security of lasting love.

He has a warm, affectionate nature, sensitive to all the beauty that life has to offer. Yet, he is vulnerable because of his sense of innocence to the deceptions, guiles and disguises of others.

Venus is in its negative rulership here. It promises the individual all of the natural beauty and pleasure of the planet's finer essence, while at the same time testing his morality, his human weaknesses and his sense of values. Eventually, he must realize the essence of life's inner substance, the inner truth which has the strength to endure. To do this, however, he will learn many lessons from the signs Libra and Sagittarius (both of which form inconjuncts to his Venus).

From Libra, he develops a sense of perspective, balance and lightness which helps him to deal with his over-possessive tendencies. He must learn not to stubbornly clutch at things, collecting more than he needs, or staying in relationships longer than their meaning is valuable. From this sign, he learns to see himself as part of the 'forces that be'. This helps him to become more objectively sensitive to the needs and feelings of others while creating an awakening sense of co-operative harmony which raises him above these negative traits as he learns to give and share the love he feels.

From the sign, Sagittarius, he must learn how to open his consciousness to nature, expand his horizons, and see the broad perspective of life through a larger context. When he does this, his natural feelings begin to spread outward into a divine harmony with his environment, the society he lives in and the collective goodness of humanity.

When the Venus Yod is balanced through Libra and Sagittarius, the fair justness of life is weighed and brought to truth, so that the individual, rather than using himself up in wasteful overindulgence, or closing himself in through overpossessiveness, learns to experience life in the perspective of open fullness which is the very essence of love's substance.

The sensitivities are refined through Libra, while the higher mind is enlightened through Sagittarius. When this occurs, the individual begins to experience the true value of the Venus in Taurus placement. His natural affinity for music and the arts, his sense of constructive and creative output, and his feelings for life become connected to the larger whole. From this, he learns about graciousness, appreciation, gratitude, and the true value of possessions as they symbolize his harmony with the universe.

Many with this placement experience a period in life when they are deprived or separated from the things or people they cherish the most. It is during this time that they learn their greatest lessons. The possessive holding onto things, money and people becomes changed (through Libra) into an acceptance not only of the needs of others, but also of life's circumstances, while through Sagittarius, the individual reaches for nature and natural law to provide his answers.

When this occurs, the individual is usually reunited with the past. Yet, his outlook is changed, for he has learned to differentiate between the small, closed sense of possessiveness he originally sought and the expansive eternity of love (Sagittarius-Libra sextile) which has taught him that if he holds on much more lightly and easily to the things and people he treasures, their meaning and value to him will be more enduring.

As these lessons are learned, the real beauty of the Venus in Taurus placement begins to unfold. The individual realizes that only through an honest and optimistic sense of faith in natural increase (Sagittarius) along with a balanced sense of perspective and fairness to himself and others (Libra) does the true value of all he is seeking in life begin

to manifest.

His own very special Gift of Love comes from the ways in which his natural affinity for beauty is refined by his awareness of the spiritual needs of others. From this, he begins to loosen his stoic possessiveness, and instead starts to experience the true quality of love through a sense of appreciation and gratitude for the beauty in people, music, the arts, the aesthetics, and the tender caring he feels for the goodness of all earthly things.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Beauty is sustained by bountiful resources.

Symbol: The goddess of nature clothes the land with springtime green.

Venus in Taurus, which it rules, is like a woman who owns her own home and has the means and taste to furnish it sumptuously. The goddess of beauty is felicitously domiciled in this sign, whose material resources supply the wherewithal for her to make the most of her natural endowments. A basic affinity between the planet of attraction and the sign of possessions generally proves fortunate in matters relating to love and security.

People with Venus in Taurus are inclined to marry for money, since they find it so much easier to be affectionate in a comfortable environment. They have an instinct for art, and enjoy good companionship and the leisurely pursuit of pleasure. They blossom when they have the wealth to live luxuriously but, even when not richly endowed, they have an amiable manner which spreads warmth and cheer wherever they go. They revel in being materially generous, but are quite capable of giving comfort to others merely by being sympathetic and encouraging.

Despite its earthiness, Venus is less utilitarian in Taurus than in some other locations such as Virgo, Scorpio, or Capricorn. The combination of planet and sign imparts the desire to create pleasing effects in fresh, wholesome, and enjoyable ways. Such people may be connoisseurs, but they are seldom dilettantes, and will work assiduously to cultivate their own gardens, both literally and figuratively. They want to enjoy the best of everything, and feel that it is their natural right to do so.

Women born with Venus in Taurus have an artless and ingenuous kind of sex appeal, but they also attract men through a willingness to appreciate masculine qualities. Consequently, they are almost sure to marry. Most men with this combination like and understand women. They make generous providers who take pleasure in sharing the fruits of their labors. The uxorious temperament of the Venus-Taurus male serves as a reminder that, despite his power and potency, the bull is a domesticated animal.

Taureans feel instinctively that nature will supply their needs if sufficient use can be made of the goods which have already been provided. Even when strictly budget-bound,

they can generate a psychological sense of abundance which magnetically attracts the sustenance required. One such individual practised the art of prosperity by blessing all the money passing through his hands. By this means, he sought to balance his account with the powers-that-be by offering the gift of gratitude in return for favors bestowed.

People with the Venus-Taurus combination are usually natural and spontaneous in their mode of living, even when they have a background of wealth. They replenish themselves by staying close to the good earth, whether by farming, camping, hiking, or beautifying their homes and grounds. Often they keep pets, raise flowers, and like to eat outdoors.

Both Venus and Taurus are associated with money and art. While people with these influences prominent in their natal charts may struggle for financial security and success, they are also likely to seek personal fulfillment through artistic endeavors. They crave the satisfaction of contributing something to the world which enriches their environment as well as the gratification of consuming that which has already been given.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus is the ruler of Taurus, and is powerful in an earthy sense in this sign. Physical and sensual responses to emotions and feelings are strongly accentuated. Demonstrative and affectionate as well as passionate and extremely possessive. Material possessions are important because Taurus is the sign that brings everything into focus on the material plane. Emotions color the life. Fond of comfort. Can have a pleasing voice. Strong domesticity. Good disposition if not heavily afflicted. Very stubborn in a quiet and unassuming way. Loyal in friendships and in love if jealousy and resentment do not enter in.

(Donna van Toen)

This could mean a love of - and need for - possessions, financial stability, and / or physical comfort in a relationship. Certainly you need a steady income, so a seasonal worker, a struggling artist, or a mate who refuses to contribute to material well-being probably isn't going to lead to happiness ever after. On the other hand, you need - and expect - a lot of tender loving care, so a mate / lover who's totally caught up in career and money isn't a good bet either. You need someone you can admire, someone you see as strong, stable, and a good provider. Provider of what, of course, would depend on your upbringing and values (and possibly your sex if you're over thirty).

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern from birth, Venus in Taurus people have learned to deeply internalize themselves in order to understand who they are and what they need in order to have a sense of meaning in their lives. As a result, these individuals are quite introspective and self-possessed. They have learned, in the last analysis, that the only

person that they can truly rely on is themselves. Thus, these people are more or less self-reliant and self-sustaining, and can be extremely resourceful and resilient in their ability to sustain themselves, even in the face of overwhelming problems or circumstances.

These people have learned to limit what they value relative to what life means to them. Thus, their sense of meaning, of what life means, determines what they value. Consequently, they can have a limited value system that is more or less fixed and static - one that works for them. In terms of relating to other people, these individuals tend to evaluate and hear others relative to their own value system. If there is no common thread between their value system and another's value system, then these people will generally be unable to relate. In other words, there is an inherent resistance to others whose values are different from their own, whose sense of what life means is at odds with their own. They simply 'tune out' and do not hear what the other is saying. As a result of their intrinsic resistance to embracing other values, ideas, knowledge, or other forms of reality, these people tend to evolve or grow very slowly. In social situations as an example, Venus in Taurus people will typically remain silent and self-enclosed unless there is a commonality of values in which they can then relate to someone else. When there is a basis of relating to another through shared values, then the Venus in Taurus person can appear very warm, engaging, deep, intense, and highly focused, and can have an absorbing quality wherein others can feel drawn into their inner reality, which now appears magnetic and solid.

Whatever the Venus in Taurus person values, including other people to whom they have given meaning and value, they will want to maintain and possess. It is very difficult for these people to give up or let go of anything that holds meaning and value to them, because that correlates to their sense of purpose for living. In intimate relationships, as a result, Venus in Taurus people can be highly possessive of their partners, and attempt to limit what their partners do because of their fear of losing them. Because of this, they can be quite controlling in covert and overt ways, the sense of ownership or possession of that which they value generating an emotional psychology of jealousy. Unless other astrological factors are indicated, this way of controlling or limiting their partners' activities manifests as psychological withdrawal and inner isolation from the partner. Vibrating inwardly in this way, Venus in Taurus people can also attract others who are very possessive of them, and who can also feel very threatened when they manifest any interest in other people. They can attract others who attempt to limit their own development, others who unconsciously expect them to be vicarious extensions of their own reality, to have no real life of their own, to simply be a prize possession like a trophy on the wall. Interestingly enough, when the Venus in Taurus people have projected value and meaning on such a partner, they will allow themselves to be limited in this way even if it means limiting their own development. This means that the Venus in Taurus person has projected too much meaning and value into such a partner, because of their need for stability in life at all costs. Over time, when this occurs, the Venus in Taurus person will create a progressive build-up of resentment towards the partner, which can

lead into very explosive confrontations. Conversely, if the Venus in Taurus person attempts to break free from the limits of a controlling and possessive partner, then that partner can manifest very explosive behavior, motivated by jealousy and the fear of losing the person.

Venus in Taurus people will also have a very strong sexual instinct or nature. This is because part of the human survival instinct in all forms of life, including human, is to procreate the species. Consequently, their sexual needs and desires are constant. Sexual energy, and the expression of it, correlates in a very strong way to their sense of the meaning and relatedness of life itself. They have a strong, magnetic, earthy sexual energy that reflects a strong integration into their physical bodies. Whereas Venus in Aries desires strong, passionate, and relatively quick sexual expression, Venus in Taurus desires long, sustained, intense and permeating sexual expression. This way serves to 'ground' them, and serves as a way of releasing their cyclic build-up of internalized emotional and psychological energy. Sexuality will symbolize a great deal of meaning to them; and they find themselves thinking about sex a great deal of the time. It is very important for Venus in Taurus people to have a strong, positive, and ongoing sex life. When they do not, then their overall reality will seem negative and stagnated. Their psychology will be inwardly compressed and withdrawn; and their life force will be weak and heavy.

When this occurs, the Venus in Taurus person is forced to remember, or must come to understand, that the primary intention of Taurus is one of self-reliance and self-sustainment. As a result of this intention, the Venus in Taurus people can create periods of cycles in their lives in which their sexual needs are not met, if those needs have become too dependent on another person. When this occurs, either the person that they are with appears to lose sexual interest in them, or there is no-one in their life at certain times that they desire to be sexual with. In either case, the intention is for the Venus in Taurus people to take matters into their own hands, so to speak - to sustain themselves sexually through masturbation.

Many individuals with Venus in Taurus have a strong masturbatory instinct that manifest even when they are in a relationship with another. Sometimes this can create confusion for such individuals, because of the fact that they are in a relationship with someone, yet still desire this form of sexual expression. The reason that this can occur, again, is because the primary intention in this symbolism is self-empowerment and self-sustainment. For others, this instinctual need can create confrontations with their partners when those partners feel threatened by this need. The partner can feel insecure and inadequate, especially when the Venus in Taurus person 'isolates' him- / herself from the relationship in order to fulfill this need. Conversely, the Venus in Taurus person can attract partners who desire to masturbate even though they are in a relationship with him / her. The Venus in Taurus person can now feel threatened, inadequate, and so on. This condition will occur to the Venus in Taurus people for one of two reasons. Either they have become too possessive of or too dependent on the partner, or they have



attracted a partner who is also learning the Taurus lesson of self-empowerment which dictates this need. Because of this, many people with this symbol have learned to incorporate sexual self-stimulation within their sexual dynamics with another person. For some with Venus in Taurus, masturbation has become an art form in which they have learned to create highly erotic rituals that involve various kinds of sexual symbols and 'tools' that serve the intention of self-sustainment and self-empowerment. For some, depending on their evolutionary condition, this means that they have learned to use themselves as their own vehicle or symbol of metamorphic transformation. Some with Venus in Taurus will attract partners who will encourage them to learn to do this, partners who try to teach them about the power that exists within them.

Their sexual values and orientation are primary and basic. There is not too much of a desire or need to 'experiment'. The Venus in Taurus people will desire to sexually possess or own their partners; and they can attract partners who want to sexually possess and own them. Because there is such a high value given to sexuality, if they are with a partner who does not honor their need for monogamy, who has sex with someone else behind their backs, then their inner relatedness will suffer. They will feel insecure and unworthy, create a negative self-esteem, become withdrawn, and compare themselves to whatever qualities or traits their partner has been attracted to in the 'other person'. Even though the Venus in Taurus people inherently desire monogamy, they can involve themselves in an 'affair' when their partners are not monogamous with them. The motivation is one of vindictiveness, and also to rebuild a positive self-image through making themselves desirable to someone else.

In evolutionary terms, the Venus in Taurus person desires to stabilize him- or herself. To do so, these people have necessarily had to narrow their focus to that which is specific to their own life purpose, and that which supports that purpose. Any other aspect of life in general that is not relevant to that purpose is 'tuned out'. This creates a 'frog in the well' effect - the frog can only see the segment of the sky that is observable from the bottom of the well. The frog is stable at the bottom of its well. It can control and feel secure within that well. Accordingly, there is a compressed internalization leading to a highly subjective reality that defines a pre-existing pattern of inner and outer relatedness. This creates a block to growing, learning, and evolving beyond the parameters of the well. In a relationship, this can create a polarized state between the two people. For a positive evolution to proceed, the Venus in Taurus person must embrace its polarity: Scorpio.

Essentially, this means that they must learn how to listen to other people in such a way as to objectively identify what motivates other people, and learn how other people are psychologically constructed. In this way, they will learn how to evaluate others objectively, which will, in turn, allow them to evaluate their own inner / outer reality in an objective way. In order to do this, the Venus in Taurus person must learn to open up to the totality of reality that lies beyond the parameters of their own 'frog in the well' reality. They will then remove the bottleneck of their own inwardly compressed reality, one that

generates a fixity of subjective perception and interpretation of their own and others' behaviors, motivations, intentions, and what life means in general. by learning how to listen to others objectively, to hear what others need and desire, and to support their development, they will attract others who do this for them, and who do not want to possess, control, or limit their own development.

## Venus ♀ in 11th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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Just as the placement of Venus in the third and seventh Air houses focuses on the ease with which individuals form interpersonal relationships, its position in the airy eleventh house encourages group activities that accommodate creative ideas, love, and the need to be associated with a unit. Because the eleventh sign / house represents an attempt to align with a force greater than the self, that is, the 'limiting' sphere of home and family, those with Venus in this house only value themselves if they can identify with a particular group - whether it be their circle of friends, the community, the nation or their belief system - political, philosophical or religious. In fact, the placement of Venus in this area of the chart almost guarantees that part of the reason one attracts or is attracted to a particular partner lies in shared political, social, cultural and / or artistic ideals.

Passionate, diplomatic, charming and well-spoken, those with Venus in the eleventh house are often called upon to mediate or be spokespeople for an organisation, idea or product. Dedicated to the improvement of their social, political and cultural milieu, they often devote more time to community activism than to their own families, whom they are often accused of neglecting. For this reason, it is vital for them to select socially concerned partners, who either share or, at least, respect their ideological points of view. Most important, their partners must provide the friendship, intellectual stimulation and freedom of expression that go beyond the sensual enjoyment and monetary security so important to other placements of Venus. (The need for a spouse or partner who is valued as a friend is particularly acute if Venus is the ruler or the descendant - that is, if Taurus or Libra is on the seventh house cusp.)

While Aquarius (the eleventh sign) and the eleventh house are often promulgated as representing social, political and religious values, the placement of Venus describes the precise relationship formed within the group, community or organisation espousing those ideals. Because Venus is directed towards harmony, artistry and beautification, individuals with this planet in the eleventh house are attracted to creative arts organisations or troupes whose vision may also extend to the social and political arenas. Their functions within the group structure may range from being observers to being a vital part of the group's artistic or public relations staff - each role utilises their powers of

persuasion.

While traditional astrological texts infer that one's friendships (eleventh house) are primarily with women (Venus), it is more appropriate to describe Venus in the eleventh house as the ability to maintain long-lasting friendships (eleventh house) with individuals (regardless of sex) who are creative, passionate and loyal (Venus). This position also suggests that the ideal situation is one in which the spouse or love interest is also a friend and / or colleague - because people with Venus in this house tend to spend a fair amount of time away from home.

Since the eleventh house is categorised as one of Air, the placement of Venus there epitomises the ethereal, cerebral Goddess who assigns more importance to platonic love than to physical love. Since the eleventh house signifies one's hopes and dreams, those with Venus in this house have extremely high and often unrealistic expectations for their partners, whom they expect to live up to the ethical standards of the organisations to which they belong - an almost impossible task. It is very important that these individuals separate everyday reality from their exaggerated idealism without relinquishing their dedication and activism. On the other hand, an afflicted Venus may cause such devotion to causes or even to friends that elements of insecurity and jealousy may enter their relationships, thus jeopardising otherwise meaningful associations in both the personal and the professional sphere.

The impracticality of those with Venus in this house may also result in a misuse or neglect of their finances, which can simply be overlooked in favour of indulging (Venus) their social activism (eleventh house). On the other hand, they may just be donating their earnings to their favourite charitable causes. It may be advisable for these individuals to choose efficient, level-headed partners to handle their practical affairs and balance out their idealism.

As the second house (finances) from the tenth house (profession), the eleventh house represents, according to Hindu (Vedic) astrology, that which we have earned. With Venus placed in the eleventh house, there is not only the ability to profit from the fruits of one's labour, but also a tendency to squander it just as easily. Because the eleventh house is impractical, these people will probably not amass possessions but will contribute to charitable causes or support worthwhile organisations.

Because self-affirmation is often measured by the group with whom we identify or 'belong', individuals with this placement of Venus are often hesitant to take on family responsibilities for fear these will complicate or interfere with their social, political and / or religious obligations. While there may be an innate conflict and even trepidation about settling down into domesticity, the eleventh house has, according to ancient tradition, long been regarded (along with the fifth house) as an indicator of fertility and the timing of childbirth. To this end, if a well-aspected Venus or Jupiter is situated in the eleventh house, circumstances revolving around the birth of a child should be beneficial. By the

same token, if the aforementioned planets transit the eleventh house, the time is ripe for planning a pregnancy.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

People with Venus in the eleventh house will derive pleasure and happiness from a large circle of friends and acquaintances. They may be a part of several different social networks, as they are capable of interacting with a wide variety of people.

Friends will be a high priority for people with Venus in the eleventh; and they will spend a lot of time maintaining friendships. Their happiness is very dependent on their circle of friends. Discord between others can adversely affect them; they want everyone to like and get on with everyone else.

People with this placement who have not developed their own friendships may expect their partner to provide them with a circle of friends. They may come to see their partner's friends as theirs, not recognizing that they only know these people through their partner, and that they do not have their own friends.

They are likely to find a partner through their social activities. If they do have their own circle of friends, they will want to draw their partner into their social sphere, and will similarly move in on their partner's social life. These are not likely to be individuals who have separate friends.

In a relationship, shared hopes and wishes will also matter to them. They will want their partner to enter into their dreams for the future, and will want to be involved in and share in their partner's vision of their future. This, more than anything, will be what binds them to another.

They may be people who get a lot of their relating needs met through their participation in an organization. This could be an ideologically based group such as Friends of the Earth or a political party; or one representing something else they feel strongly about. They will derive well-being from involvement in group activities, and they enjoy the camaraderie offered by a shared ideal. They may find a love relationship with someone they meet in this setting. Whether in this context or not, they may be drawn to someone who displays strong convictions.

They enjoy and perform well in any group situation where co-operation is required. They do well when working as part of a team. They tend to thrive in co-operative ventures. They may enjoy group holidays. This is a very sociable person who has a high degree of tolerance and acceptance for each individual within a group. People with this placement are able to act as a mediator between others in order to achieve group cohesion, and contribute immensely to the smooth running of any organization.

These are people who may place their friends and involvement in groups above any romantic involvement. Platonic love may matter as much to them; and anyone they become intimately involved with will have to be capable of being their best friend too.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is found in the idealistic wonder of man's cosmic spirit, the beauty of his universal resourcefulness, and the lofty aspirations which elevate his consciousness to a progressive visionary understanding of life. He admires the beauty of individual differences while at the same time being capable of realizing the aspirations of group consciousness. Thus, through a liberal and humanitarian outlook on life, he makes friendships easily, while contributing the beauty of his universal ideas towards groups, associations or philosophies which harmoniously unfold through social change. He seeks the kind of love which is forever evolving towards a hopeful future. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are realized, he has much to learn about how his impersonal values affect his ability to feel love on a personal level.

He can chase for years the obtuse fantasies of a personal need for freedom, finding it easier to relate to others casually than intimately. Thus, he can allow his feelings to get somewhat remote through a tendency to ease himself out of the center of warmth and affection through which his true beauty comes.

Many with this placement prefer to isolate themselves from established values, living instead through an idle nature by which they seek to experience the easy pleasure of life. With this attitude, the individual can easily lose himself in strange or curious pursuits whose unconventional directions tend to warp his outlook. Thus, in searching for harmony with himself, he can be incredibly naive about his own personal relationship with life.

If his friendships, acquaintances and group affiliations are anything less than idealistically founded in the higher concepts of humanity, he can easily dissipate himself in wasteful philosophies or subcultures whose libertine values contribute little to human need. Thus, more than any other placement in the zodiac, it is important for this individual to choose friends who are in harmony with the uplifting ideals through which humanity reaches universal goodness.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, the individual begins to realize the true essence of universal love. He becomes attracted to culturally progressive thinkers, artists, poets, musicians - the givers of beauty and the lifters of society, whose special sense of caring helps him to feel the harmony of human idealism as it unfolds towards an enlightened future. From this sense of cosmic harmony, he learns how to blend his hopes and dreams into the fibre of universal love, which becomes the foundation of all he will give to others. Being especially sensitive to social injustice, or the 'underdog', his sincere feelings for mankind seek to balance human

equality.

Thus, he sees how love fosters the evolution of his race. He learns how to devote himself to the furtherance of worthy causes which bring out man's humanity to man. Many with this placement direct their lives towards expressing a message of humanitarian love, for the individual is capable of feeling how everything in the universe is in harmony with everything else. As a result, he realizes the beauty of individual freedom, yet at the same time sees the common thread through which all is connected to the whole.

His very special Gift of Love is his ability to realize man's individual awakening to the essence of cosmic beauty, through which he helps to discover a veritable renaissance of social change as it unfolds through the Golden Rule of equality which makes each man his brother.

(Howard Sasportas)

A planet's house position instructs how the person can best approach life in that area. Those with Venus in the 11th, then, should encourage and develop a natural inclination to unite and co-operate with others in friendship and group situations.

They have the capacity to bring positive influences into any group they join and receive the same back in return, although aspects to Venus will show if other things get in the way of this happening. Usually there will be a fondness for social life and cultural openings. If Venus is difficulty aspected by Jupiter or Neptune, too much energy may be dissipated in social situations, and greater discrimination is required.

The image of the beloved and that which is beautiful might be projected onto a friend or a group. Some people with Venus in the 11th only feel beautiful if they are seen with and accepted by the 'right' group or crowd. There may be an eye to personal social advancement through choosing groups or friends who are helpful in achieving their goals and objectives in life. Unlike Neptune, Venus doesn't always put on her girdle for nothing back in return.

For others, however, there is an interest in those groups or organizations which propose to better or improve life in some way. Venus in the 11th gives and expects quite a high standard of friendship or group involvement, and may be disappointed if others don't share or live up to these ideals. Sometimes, issues of rivalry and competitiveness may surface with friends or in group situations.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

People with Venus in the eleventh house are dreamers, weavers of fantasies, eloquent speakers, and good storytellers. They have elegant manners, and move through the

crowd with cheerful authority. They exude confidence in speech and manner, and act as though born to the purple, with an air of casual elegance that others seek to emulate. Frequently they are inheritors of wealth and position; but, if not, they have the opportunity to observe those who are, and learn their style and manner.

They are extremely inventive; and their active imaginations are put to use inventing anything from get-rich-quick schemes to science fiction to more or less useful and lucrative inventions.

They have pleasant, mellow voices, and are usually good singers, able to accompany themselves on a piano or guitar and to amuse themselves and their companions without a whole lot of effort or training. They love to party and hang out, which, with other partyhearted placements, can get to be too much of a good thing.

This is a good position in any chart, because it assures a certain amount of success in almost any endeavor and the granting of at least one major wish. However, without an iron will (strong Sun, Mars, Saturn or Pluto aspects), there is the danger of resting too long on the laurels, of drifting with pleasing circumstance with little effort beyond what is necessary just to keep floating along. A strong Mars is needed, and a well-placed Saturn or Uranus, for these people to mobilize their energies, from merely enhancing the passing moment, into something more permanent. Without pressure aspects, they have a tendency to live in their dreams and imaginations while doing their best to steer clear of cold, hard reality. It is too bad if they do, because any effort on their part will bring results unusually quickly.

This position of Venus doesn't modify stronger and more ambitious aspects and locations, but it adds a veneer of bonhomie, of good fellowship and charm, that can hide an iron will, if it is there, and create the illusion that the climb to the top has been without effort.

They always benefit greatly from the admiration and assistance of women and young people of wealth and position. As for a career, these people can benefit more from a round of parties than most can from months or even years of hard work.

(Bill Herbst)

Group participation: You love the whole experience of socialization; and very little in life is more pleasing to you than group involvement. You fit in easily, naturally, comfortably. Mediation is your natural posture in groups. But accept the inevitability of some conflict, since egos clash in even the smoothest organizations. The challenge is to lubricate the gears of social organizations with grace and charm, but without compromising personal values.

Appropriate behavior: You enjoy the rituals of social existence, and you look forward to

opportunities to demonstrate your sense of class, your flair for high society. You're especially suited to formal gatherings with elaborate rules of order, for the 'politics of the court' (whether serious or soap opera) are a source of joy. You're sensitive to what others seem to want you to be, since you want to please, but avoid the pitfall of artificiality. The challenge is to be both charming and sincere.

Friendship, social circle: Friendship is linked with personal affection. There is a greater-than-average likelihood of romances growing out of friendships, or vice versa. You may be drawn to artistic types; and physical beauty is very compelling, as are those devoted to beauty. Appreciation of social ritual is important. There is a sweetness to your friendships, a gentle delicacy. You want your friends to be pleased with you all the time, and pleasing to you as well. The challenge is to make your social circle a source and an outlet for the love and beauty in your life.

Shared creativity: Shared creativity is a high priority and a great satisfaction. Your talent is polishing the ideas and structures other group members provide. Being sensitive to harmony, you operate in a way that smooths over rough edges, soothes ego conflicts, and alerts the group to the necessity of allowing creativity to happen rather than straining to create it. Your creative role is to provide beautiful forms for the group's expression.

Receiving love: You feel loved when your beauty is recognized, when you're showered with affection or gifts. You may require that you be placed on a pedestal, although you're much too sophisticated to overtly express such egotism. The question is sincerity. You love being charmed, and you're certainly charming in response. Being the beloved is a role you relish. But do your suitors really love you, or are they too meekly acting the part? Are you in their hearts, or simply in the script? It may not make any difference at all, though this varies according to Venus's sign and aspects. The challenge is to experience the archetypes of courtier and beloved in all their glory, but then to go beyond your infatuation with the rites of loving, to feel the flesh-and-blood human beings who can make love more than a dance. Finally, love is a sacrament.

(Robert Pelletier)

You focus strongly on achieving a comfortable and abundant lifestyle, enriched by a rewarding career and good friends. In order to fit into the social environment you aspire to, you may have to overspend to acquire the right social image. Being accepted is very important to you. But you fit quite naturally into the mainstream of society; and because of your easygoing manner and flair for communication, you generally qualify for the groups you want to join. You know how to make people feel comfortable, which endears you to them. You enhance your partner's social position; and he or she shares your dreams for the future. When given the opportunity, you prove that you can promote your ideas to achieve the goals you've established. You are especially skilled in dealing with people in your personal and professional affairs.



In your struggle to achieve your goals, it is important to recognize your limitations so that you don't waste your time and energy in unrewarding enterprises. You know what you want out of life, and you have a feel for how to go about getting it. You know that a formal education will further qualify you to accept a responsible and rewarding position. You are willing to make any necessary adjustments in your plans to get the training you need to satisfy your objectives.

You are attracted to persons who seem destined to succeed in their endeavors, and you will probably select your partner from this group. It is important to you that you and your partner have equal opportunities to demonstrate individual talents in your respective careers. You look for situations in which you can promote your creative talents to the maximum. You may have to curtail your plans to satisfy your family's more immediate needs. In time, you will find a way to achieve your long-range plans. You must be content to build slowly and consistently, expanding as your resources allow. Much of your desire for financial independence and a rewarding lifestyle comes from observing those around you who have arrived at those goals. You may get many helpful suggestions from your associates.

You don't generally discuss your writings and early environment, for you consider those matters private and privileged. Nevertheless, your early environment stimulated you to improve the quality of your life. You may have had to put up with some obligations to your family, which indicates how strong your parents' influence was. You will accept and endure routine physical tasks if they give you a chance to improve your skills. Though you are generous in helping others, you resent it when people demand that you help them.

Don't underestimate your qualifications for helping improve the quality of life of others. The people you help will remember you fondly for your efforts; and being appreciated does wonders for your self-image. You would prefer a career that gives you social status and allows you to mingle with people who have distinguished themselves by their accomplishments. Don't forget those who helped you in your struggle to achieve your goals; remember, you could meet them again on the way down. You will undoubtedly acquire the finer things in life, for which you have a deep appreciation.

## **Mars** **in** **Sagittarius** 25° 23'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high physical energies, adequate mental and emotional energies, and low practical energies. Your energy is freedom-seeking, erratic and speculative. It is often channeled into gambling of a literal or figurative nature, publishing, and giving advice to others. Your strengths include hope, optimism and enthusiasm. You lack discrimination, endurance and consistency.

You have a strong sense of justice and an inner strength based on a positive philosophy of life. You're also courageous and very good at debating, persuading, and popularizing. Your spontaneity is a plus, although at times it can contribute to sloppiness or slapdash work. And should your Mars be under severe stress - in a Grand Cross, for example - your tendency to act without thinking can get you into a fair amount of difficulty.

Sexually, you're expansive and undoubtedly not the sort to 'save yourself for marriage'. You tend to approach any kind of sexual encounter optimistically, and sometimes with not a lot of discrimination. If it's offered, after all, it must be a sign that somebody 'up there' thinks you need it. If it's not offered, men with Mars in Sagittarius can be quite bold, blunt, and even crude about asking for it. And they have few qualms about one-night or even one-hour stands. What they do have qualms about is committing and taking responsibility; they are not, by nature, Boy Scouts, and hence do not always come prepared. Women with this Mars placement tend not to be really good at 'feminine wiles' and often wind up being the best friend rather than the lover. They do, however, enjoy sex - although they sometimes, to their detriment, get it mixed up with love.

It's hard to say what you want, except that you want what you believe in. And you'll fight to get it. 'It' might be foreign travel, higher education, specialized knowledge, or merely freedom to come and go as you please with no strings. You tend to approach virtually any involvement in a wide-open, anything-goes fashion. For this reason, a lot depends on your philosophy of life. There can be beautifully spontaneous relationships that deepen without losing their zest as time goes on, or there can merely be a series of rather superficial relationships - fun while they last, but not lasting long. Your best chances of happiness would come from involvement with someone who has Venus in a Fire sign, Venus in the 9th house, or a Venus / Jupiter conjunction. People with Fire or Air predominating in their charts will probably be more compatible with you than those who have Earth or Water predominating.

You're best off working for someone else in a salaried job. You have a high energy level and are a self-starter, but meeting deadlines isn't your strong suit. You have a tendency to get side-tracked and spread yourself too thin. In a corporation, this tendency will be squashed pretty quickly, and therefore will be kept under control by you if you value your job. But when self-employed, or working freelance, with no-one to account for your time, your unreliability can lead to more than one setback. Curb that tendency to scatter your energies, and success will be yours! With proper training, you could do well in the following areas: legal work, religious work, publishing, diplomatic work, publicity, communications, lecturing, philosophy, travel, exploring, or flight engineering.

Unless an activity has tremendous potential to improve your life, your interest in it passes quickly and your motivation remains on low. Trips to little-explored foreign places and opportunities to teach or do research in new, wide-open fields would be typical of the sort of activity that motivates you strongly. On a smaller scale, social activity

involving shared creative or intellectual interests, or meeting people who expand your mind somehow, can lead to lucky breaks. So can romance. Fads, especially those of a recreational nature, can provide you with good opportunities, as can any action on your part that's designed purposely to remove restrictions from your life.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

#### Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by competitively pitting your philosophical understanding against another's intelligence. You can inadvertently imply that the beliefs of others are based on inferior understanding and intellectual ability. You may lose energy for expanded insights by using the power of Sagittarius intellect to intimidate others with demonstrations of self-righteousness.

#### Dynamic

You can assert a powerful intellect by inspiring others to attain their intellectual heights. When you are willing to learn as well as teach, you can accept the views of others and incorporate their ideas with yours. Taking the time to understand another's point of view first allows you to establish a line of communication. You can gain energy by acknowledging the intellectual contributions of others and actively inspiring them to reach out and expand their goals and ideals.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

People with Mars in Sagittarius tend to have huge expectations of sex. Believing it to be a path to self-knowledge, many are looking for sex to give meaning to life, and they may elevate it to the status of a religious belief. This can lead to restless promiscuity as they search for the spiritual enlightenment they crave. They can make a religion out of their own need for sexual freedom in order to pursue this illusive goal. On the surface, they appear to be happy and easy-going; but underneath there may be emptiness, despair, and a sense of having been cheated, as life constantly fails to match up to expectations. This provokes an endless search for the deep sexual healing that they believe could soothe this inner pain.

As with all Fire signs, but most intensely with Sagittarius, there is a propensity to feel limited by the body, which holds them down when they want to be all spirit; and this can lead to a total rejection of the physical. This manifestation of Mars in Sagittarius can indicate someone who despises the ways of the flesh and aspires to devote him- / herself to the concerns of the mind and spirit, therefore renouncing sex completely.

On a more ordinary everyday level, most people with Mars in Sagittarius do not live in such an extreme way, but they do all have the need for sex to bring meaning to life,

together with a strong belief in personal freedom. There is a common desire for sex to enrich their lives spiritually and offer a gateway to personal development. They are stimulated by differences and challenge, and so are often attracted to those who come from very different backgrounds who can give them a new perspective and widen their horizons.

The impulsive nature of Mars in Sagittarius people means that they often jump too quickly into close relationships and then immediately feel restricted, so that often they have no sooner started a relationship than they have dreams of leaving. There is a tendency to run away from difficult situations rather than face up to the consequences of their own action. Indeed, they often find it hard to accept responsibility for what happens, believing that they have acted with the best of intentions and that therefore it must be the other person's fault.

In order to enjoy sex, these people need to feel free to act spontaneously. Within a relationship that offers this, they are very active and enthusiastic sexual partners, uninhibited and keen to experiment. They need the stimulation of variety, and tend to become bored if sex is too predictable.

The person with Mars in Sagittarius will want to get a lot of fun out of his / her relationships, and will enjoy going out to the cinema, concerts, and other entertainments with his / her partner. These people are also likely to enjoy their partners participating in sporting activities with them, so that a shared morning job or a tough game of tennis could be quite an aphrodisiac!

People with Mars in this sign are able to make their partners feel really good. They have a warm enthusiasm which they give out freely - if they want you, they really show it. Generous-spirited and optimistic, they expect to be desired, and so act in an open, confident way. If they are rebuffed, they will just try again or turn their attention elsewhere. They can, however, be rather careless with other people's feelings, tending to act first and think later, which can be very painful to those who are more sensitive. They find it hard to focus on the here and now or empathize with other people, as their gaze is firmly fixed on the distant horizon. They prefer to ignore difficulties, and that includes people's hurt feelings. Rather than grapple with present problems, they will concentrate on their visions for the future and chase their dreams. For someone who shares these dreams, it can be an exciting road to travel.

(Skye Alexander)

Restless and energetic, you need lots of physical activity, and have trouble sitting still for long. You want to be on the move as much as possible. Your boundless curiosity and adventurousness may inspire you to explore distant realms; and you enjoy nothing better than travelling.

You probably enjoy sports and have natural athletic ability as well as energy, speed and enthusiasm. Since Sagittarius is associated with the legs, you might excel at skiing, running, soccer, basketball or bicycling. Or, your love of speed and gambling could make you an auto- or horse-racing enthusiast. Unless you have some stabilizing factors in your birth chart, though, you may not have the discipline and determination to develop your talent fully; you want to have a good time, and once it becomes work you lose interest.

You have a tendency to scatter your energy, to try to do too many things at the same time, and to spread yourself too thinly. Because your attention span is short and your interests are many, you often start things but fail to finish them, and are inclined to promise more than you can deliver. It seems that you are always late and rushing madly from place to place, like the rabbit in Alice in Wonderland.

Friendly, witty and good-natured, you have many associates, people with whom you like to do things and have fun. You love to talk, but prefer to keep the subjects light and humorous, and often entertain friends with jokes and amusing stories. You have a vivid imagination, and might channel your energy and enthusiasm into creating a colorful fantasy world. Too often, however, you prefer the fantasy land you've imagined to the responsibilities of the material world.

You believe that you are invincible; and your irrepressible confidence and optimism usually get you through the tough times, so that it seems as though you were born under a lucky star. Often you succeed because you never stop to think about failing. You are the quintessential salesperson or con artist, and sometimes even manage to convince yourself that your snake oil really works. Even if one of your fanciful schemes doesn't pan out, however, you bounce back from defeats with hope in your heart and a smile on your face, and it's hard to stay mad at you for long. To you, it's all a game, and the playing is what counts.

You approach sex as if it, too, were a game to be enjoyed, but not taken too seriously. It's difficult for you to commit to one person, partly because you don't want to limit your opportunities and partly because you are afraid of serious involvements. You are terrified of being 'trapped' in a relationship. In this area as in so many others, you are better at starting things than finishing them.

Men with this planetary combination are proud of their sense of humor, positive attitude, athletic ability and playfulness, and see wit and optimism as desirable qualities in a man. You enjoy nothing more than watching a ball game or going out drinking with the boys. But when things get too serious you become uncomfortable and you fill your life with activity to avoid dealing with important issues. Free and easy with your money and time, you like to impress others with your generosity. Responsibility, however, isn't your strong suit, and things like mortgage payments and business meetings tend to slip your mind.

Women with Mars in Sagittarius find humorous, upbeat, fun-loving men most appealing. You want a partner with whom you can go places and do things, not someone who will sit quietly with you in front of the fireplace. In particular, you might be attracted to athletes and / or tall, active, robust men who make you laugh.

## Mars in 6th House

(Donna van Toen)

When working with others, you're inclined to be bossy; but as you're a hard worker, you'll be respected if not always liked. If you employ others, you'd tend to attract energetic workers. You have a tremendous amount of vitality if Mars is in a Fire or Earth sign; and even in Air and Water signs this placing can increase physical energy a bit. You may suffer from headaches as a result of this Mars, especially if it's under stress. And if Mars is part of a Grand Cross, you may overwork to the point where your health is adversely affected.

Mars here says you have quite specific requirements; notably you want a mate who is discriminating, enjoys going into details and is sexually cautious without being hungup and inhibited.

You're reasonably energetic, a hard worker, and are motivated by praise. There can be a problem with this placing: since Mars here says the primary use of your energy is to serve others, these others can keep you from getting the breaks you deserve if you don't choose your 'masters' wisely. Co-workers, relatives, your mate - all can enslave you or conspire against you (consciously or otherwise) if they feel your progress wouldn't be to their advantage. You have to be aware of this, and should refuse to let anyone become too dependent on you in any capacity. Opportunities tend to come in the areas of health, writing, and / or service or support staff positions.

The sixth house is that of health and improvement. Planets in the 6th house symbolize things we haven't done well - misguided efforts. The chances are your intentions were good but your ideas were flawed. Or perhaps you chose to attempt things that were for one reason or another beyond your capabilities. If Mars is here, there'd be a tendency to try to push your way through life, to try to make up for lost time in the past. This could also mean that your karma involves a great deal of physical work or work involving machinery. There would be a tendency to run high fevers when ill. Illnesses may or may not be of karmic origin, depending on your overall chart.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

With Mars in the sixth, energy is directed largely towards work, and this person may be something of a workaholic. Hence, these people often meet their sexual partners

through work. Being of service to others is of great importance to them; and they like to do practical things for those they desire, and enjoy looking after them. They, need their partner to show, in turn, that he or she wants them in practical ways; and they enjoy working alongside their lover, doing things together. It is hard for these people to relax and just enjoy life. It is vital for them that their work is stimulating and physically active. If they are doing dull sedentary work, they are likely to become apathetic, losing their vitality and sexual desire.

They can be very self-denying, putting work and duty before pleasure. They will want to feel that everything is in order and well-organized before they can enjoy a relationship, and will put things off if there is something they need to accomplish first, deferring gratification until things are right.

These people can be very anxious, and tend to worry a lot, which can interfere with their sexuality. Problems at work are often translated into sexual difficulties as the two are closely bound up for them. Overwork and stress can cause ill-health too, and they may suffer from a lot of minor illnesses. This is often the only way that they can allow themselves to let up from their punishing work schedules and give themselves a rest.

People with Mars in the sixth can be very analytical about sex, seeing it as a skill that has to be learned properly, so that they become obsessed by techniques and lose sight of pleasure and passion. Sometimes they see sex as a duty, and relationships may develop out of obligation rather than desire. They become involved with people they work with or who are useful to them, and find it difficult to extricate themselves because they are so conscientious. They also tend to fall into comfortable routines with people; and this too can make it hard to break away.

These people can be fitness fanatics, channelling their sexual energy into sports or exercise. They find these things a turn-on, and get sensual pleasure from them. If they are in a relationship, they will find it stimulating to share these activities with their partner. They will also enjoy things like massage, which they may use as a lead-in to sex.

They may use sex like some kind of physical therapy to relax and restore themselves; and sex with them can be a very healing experience for their partner. They can be extremely considerate lovers who give a lot of time and energy to those they desire, helping them in every way possible and showing genuine concern for their welfare.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a placement of obedience. Mars in the sixth house gives these people the ability to work diligently; but they must find a field they like, or they'll suffer from psychosomatic ills, accidents in the workplace, or fights with co-workers. Mars here is more or less trine the Midheaven, but inconjunct the Ascendant, so the energy moves more easily from the ninth and tenth houses, the houses of bosses and 'superiors', than it does from the first,

that of the self, with the result that this is inclined to be somewhat of a self-sacrificing position. These people will often work themselves into the ground for the good of the company. With tenth-house planets, this is a good placement for a team athlete or coach, a member of a ballet corps, or a ballet teacher. Most men with this Mars location spend some time in military service. Some make it a career.

These people are slow and hard to train as children; but, once trained, they become good, dependable workers at whatever they do. This Mars is good in any field where daily practice is necessary. They may take a long time learning to practise; but once the habit is developed, they will adhere to it religiously from then on.

As children, they are the opposite of those with Mars in the fifth; they must be pushed. They need early training and discipline, as the older they get, the more ingrained bad habits will become. They may seek to avoid work if Mars is in Leo, Sagittarius, Libra, or Pisces, or if it is conjunct or opposite Saturn, the Moon, or Neptune. There can be trouble with relatives and bosses over lack of work effort until they find their true field. Those with Mars in Aries, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, or Capricorn can work hard at anything, if they must.

A sixth-house Mars needs a square or other hard aspect to give it a kick from time to time, or these people may fall into a rut, working for too long at the same job and living a life that leads nowhere. One way out is to develop a hobby by constant practice. Eventually, this will lead to a freer and more satisfying existence.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is linked with the sharp edges of reality. Fevers, rashes, cuts, and other sudden or dramatic conditions are more likely here; and the relation of infection to deeper disorders is more pronounced than with other planets. Excess or misdirected heat is a relevant pitfall. Psychologically, desire and maleness are possible areas of misunderstanding or oversensitivity. This is true with both your own desires and those expressed by others. The particular pattern of vulnerability depends on other factors in Mars's condition (sign placement, aspects, and the overall planetary pattern), but we presume that you'll struggle with 'wanting'. The challenge is to cleanse the pathways of desire. Both the causes of and treatments for disease involve vital self-expression.

Unequal relationships: You fight over inequality, and struggle with others over authority. Otherwise normal exchanges can result in affront to personal dignity. This occurs in both directions: in your feelings, or in the feelings of others who are relating to you. It's as if there's a chip on your shoulder where power is concerned, a built-in red flag waving in front of a bull. Your challenge is to learn to judge which rituals of submission are appropriate and which represent abuses. Opposing abuse is imperative. However, to fight simply because two individuals are not equal is a waste of precious life-energy.



Duty and service: There is an urgency to helping others. It has the feel of surgery: you want to penetrate and cut away obstructions with the sharp edge of your own desire. You're compelled to seek out blockage or resistance, to break through those walls, however hard you have to push. However, keep in mind that others are people, not problems to be solved, not walls to be smashed. You'll want to perform miracles; don't bite off more than you can chew. Service is a basic desire, so you'd be well advised to consider a helping profession as a full-time career. This enables you to spread your heat over many interactions with numerous individuals, allowing you to hone your scalpel into a fine tool, while insuring that you don't overwhelm any single individual by too many repeated 'operations'.

Technical mind: Thinking is passionate and direct. The speed of your mind is impressive; you learn voraciously if you can get a foothold in basic understanding of an issue or idea or process. But be aware that the very desire that drives you mentally can also trip you up. You push so hard to reach the end of a logical sequence that you're prone to error, sometimes glossing over an important step. Remember, the program won't run unless every bug is isolated and replaced by the correct instruction. Your mind is best suited to basic and direct problem-solving; it's where you shine. If the situation is too inverted or laced with complexity, frustration may override desire, and you'll lose interest before a solution is found. The challenge is to keep your mind focused in the present.

Discipline and routines: Routines are often experienced as a continuing series of confrontations. You stay with one issue until it is solved or exhausted, then turn your attention to the next urgency. With Mars, lifestyle is not so much regular as it is imperative. You could be downright irregular, always backed up, having more to accomplish than you can possibly achieve; but as long as your days are full and your ratio of victories is high enough, you're happy.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your willingness to really apply yourself in your chosen field of activity helps assure your success. You work hard to develop your creative potentials, for you believe that your skills will be appreciated. You are able to effectively capitalize on your basic resources to increase earnings. You have confidence in the value of your creative abilities, so you don't hesitate to take a chance when you know there are material benefits to be gained. But you can significantly reduce the risks you take by getting a formal education. Being better informed increases your options and gives you more leverage in dealing with competitors on your terms rather than theirs. It is especially satisfying to know that you can succeed honestly and gain the respect you deserve for a job well done.

You are grateful for your early parental conditioning, which taught you to be self-reliant in making your own way in life. You've accepted the responsibility for your actions, and you understand that you must apply yourself with determination in order to succeed. With

this belief, you respond to people's needs and give them the services they require, for which they will pay you well. This is how your future security will be achieved. Your partner gives you the co-operation you need, which makes the effort worthwhile.

Until you have greater self-confidence in your ability to succeed, you may have to work without getting recognition from those you hope to impress. But if you are patient, recognition will come as your capabilities grow and you take on more responsibilities. You don't have to accept obscurity if you are geared to take advantage of your creative resources. Most of the people you deal with know how competent you are to assist them with their needs, and they appreciate your efforts in their behalf. Your skills are especially valuable in helping those who can't help themselves. As your talents are recognized, your services will be increasingly in demand. People know that they can trust you to do your very best, and that you take responsibility for your actions. The sincerity and dedication you bring to your career endears you to everyone; and they know they can depend on you.

Take care not to make a nuisance of yourself by trying to do tasks for others that they can do for themselves. It's fine to be helpful; but some people resent the inference that they can't succeed without you. Find people who have real deficiencies, and let them ask for your help. You can get yourself into a lot of trouble by taking on more work than you should, which may lower your physical vitality. You only have to prove yourself to you. You will win your partner's respect and admiration for your accomplishments when you compensate for his or her inadequacies. The bond between you will be strengthened when you know your mate considers you indispensable.

Always strive to improve your skills, for this will assure your future security, increase your self-worth and improve your image. You hope to win the affection of your loved one by showing that you expend a great deal of energy to earn a comfortable living and that you are sufficiently motivated to get ahead. You hope that your children will take advantage of the benefits you've provided and that they will succeed in achieving their goals. If they appreciate your efforts, you will feel amply rewarded.

(Howard Sasportas)

The possible manifestations of Mars in the 6th house become clearer if we compare and contrast the ways in which the Greek Ares and the Roman Mars would approach the affairs of this house.

First, picture Ares mounting an attack on the housework. Within ten minutes, he would have whizzed through every room and nearly all the corners as quickly as possible, it is to be hoped not knocking over too many things in the process. His motto might be 'A job worth doing is a job worth doing in a hurry'. Or, after losing yet another battle with his sister Athene, he might immediately take out his rage 6thhouse- fashion by furiously scrubbing the kitchen floor, yelling at a servant, or kicking the dog.

Ares would push his body hard. Besides exhausting himself continually chasing around from one thing to another, he could attract accidents due to recklessness and inner discord.

Although it is not like Ares, if he did hold in his anger, he would probably suffer regularly from headaches or more generally turn his aggression against the body. (With the planet Mars in the 6th, feelings and impulses register very strongly in the body and must find some sort of expression if it is not going to short-circuit and blow a fuse.)

Of course, Ares would be a big hit at the office. Unlikely to tolerate someone lording over him, and probably exhibiting a tendency to run roughshod over co-workers, it's fortunate that he prefers to attend to his job independently.

In striking contrast, the Roman God Mars handles the affairs of the 6th house very differently. Seeing every little thing he does as a reflection of who he is, he would take fastidious pride in his work down to the last detail. Concerned with achieving independence and self-sufficiency in the running of everyday affairs, he would welcome the opportunity to learn new skills, and gain great satisfaction mastering tasks which challenged him.

Although he could be obsessive at times about the body's smooth functioning, much energy would be directed into caring for and maintaining the body. He recognizes the body as the vehicle through which he can express himself and prove his power, and naturally he wants to keep it in good shape.

Somewhat reminiscent of his Greek counterpart, and due to a strong belief about how something should be done, the Roman Mars (in the 6th) may experience difficulty and impatience with co-workers, although in the right situations a joint effort could prove stimulating. But usually Mars in the 6th wants to run the show himself. He might, however, fight battles for workers' rights or stand up for a colleague whom he believes is being mistreated. Mars in the 6th might equally support an animal rights group.

In general, a well-aspected Mars in the 6th tends to act like the Roman Mars. But difficult aspects to Mars in this house (hard angles to it from the Sun, Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto especially) are more likely to manifest, initially at least, as the Greek Ares.

## Jupiter ♃ in ♐ Sagittarius 1° 12'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you postpone participating with others in deep philosophical pursuits, you may instead fritter away the time as a perpetual traveller, in both mind and body. If you are content to be motivated by superficial reasons and internal reflections, you can inadvertently create a situation of intellectual isolation by presuming you know the answers to everything.

Dynamic

When you decide to involve yourself seriously with deep philosophical study and communication with other people, trusting your knowledge to flow spontaneously, you can experience the joy and personal expansion in learning and teaching. Consequently, when you take the leap in faith and let yourself share new ideas (rather than using knowledge to establish intellectual authority), you can truly become a teacher. Self-trust increases as you take the initiative in sharing your positive outlook and philosophical insights with others.

(Marilyn Waram)

With Jupiter at home in its own sign, its expression is easier and purer than when it is displaced in other signs. This does not mean better, just easier. The manifestations tend to be both the best and the worst of Jupiterian tendencies, depending on the character of the individual.

Jupiter placed in Sagittarius indicates double emphasis on restlessness, both physical and mental; and emphasis on the need to search for and formulate systems of thought, values and philosophy, the tendency to live according to high-minded principles, or the tendency to succumb to self-justification, rationalization, arrogance, and inflated expectations. An individual with this placement usually has a strong awareness of his personal search for meaning and significance in life. He may have spent considerable time contemplating his life purpose. He may have felt higher education was an absolute must. He could place a great deal of faith in education, knowledge, religion or political understanding, or even sports, and expect any or all of those areas of life to provide him with ultimate fulfillment. He may wear himself out looking for a belief structure which is completely perfect, totally inviolate, and beyond challenge or dispute; and be persistently dissatisfied at the imperfect, inadequate religions which are the reality of the world.

With Jupiter in Sagittarius, the person stands a good chance of developing an awareness of the vital importance of knowing what the first principles are and of living according to them. He has the potential to develop great faith in the principles, and to have complete confidence that they bring out the best in him and in others. He may have an ardent conviction that he - and other humans - are a superior species who need to live according to superior ideas and ideals. He could expect himself - and others - to reach not only for the truth, but also for the highest good within.

He may tend to project this onto teachers, especially those in post-secondary education, or onto religious leaders, seeing them as gurus with all the answers. He may think them brilliant in their intellectual acuity. However, this placement may also indicate the worst expressions of Jupiterian traits. The person may be convinced he already has truth - that is, being 'right' is turned into a god and he will not tolerate suggestions that there are other perspectives and values besides his own.

He may personify the arrogance, inflated expectations and demands, and self-justifying realizations to which the Jupiter side of human nature is prone. He could consider that he fully deserves whatever he wishes, and fly into an unbridled and possibly even violent rage if thwarted, wherein he believes anything he says or does is completely warranted. Afterwards, he rarely feels any remorse for the damage he has done. Instead, he points his finger sanctimoniously at his supposed enemy and blames him for the dispute. It is entirely the other's fault. The whole situation can be proven to his satisfaction, and is enough to exonerate the Jupiterian, in his own minds. A person who has given himself up to such a degree of self-justification is a terrifying spectacle to others with more balanced perspectives, because he so adamantly refuses to accept responsibility for either his behavior or its consequences. If society punishes such an individual because he has broken laws, he merely feels badly mistreated and may become murderously vengeful. He cannot be reached on the basis of reason. He has abdicated this very talent of his Jupiterian nature and given all the power to his own sense of his rights.

There is a little bit of this in every person with this placement. Those who have Jupiter strongly emphasized in their charts will see him appear - at least in their thoughts - from time to time, though he generally only comes out when the person feels very threatened by a situation he / she judges to be profoundly unfair. More commonly, he stirs up trouble at income tax time, when he motivates people to get away with whatever they possibly can, on the justification that the government is unfair and burdensome anyway. He also has other habits which undermine an individual's sense of self-worth and integrity: little stretches of the truth, a focus on his own rights at the expense of others', unwillingness to see other perspectives in a dispute or disagreement, and a sneaky little 'wipe them all out' attitude toward those whose values and cultural mores clash powerfully with his own.

Many times, this is a strongly transpersonal placement for Jupiter. The individual's focus may be on educational improvements as a way to bring about better social conditions. He may focus his high ideals on society as a whole, and exhort with fiery rhetoric religious or ethical principles which would, if lived by, greatly ameliorate many of society's more stubborn ills. He may expect law or politics to provide the answers. He tends to believe absolutely whatever it is he believes, for the moment; and he can convey in most articulate terms the depth of his passion and faith, sometimes even when he doesn't believe that strongly himself. It seems like a good idea at the time, though!

Jupiter in Sagittarius is a signal that problems to do with faith, morals, beliefs, and the

search for truth might be due to gross overemphasis on rights as opposed to responsibilities, on being right instead of discovering the truth, and on underdevelopment of personal values due to too strong a focus on the transpersonal values and on society.

With Jupiter in Sagittarius, the individual has the capacity to put us back in touch with the timeless principles of self-conduct which may ultimately prove to be mankind's salvation from himself. That is, the principles of right conduct are so fundamental that they appear as ideals in every successful culture that history records. Historically, the more individual citizens could be motivated to live by these principles, the more the culture prospered. They seem to be the only concepts which hold any true hope for world peace. Jupiter in Sagittarius people stand at the crossroads between personal behavior and transpersonal consequences, proclaiming that only when individuals live according to the highest good within themselves will humankind as a whole be able to live in peace and harmony and prosperity.

(Skye Alexander)

You believe that you are here to learn and experience everything life has to offer, and your motto might be 'the sky's the limit'. Restless and curious, you want to see the world; and nothing makes you happier than being on the road, meeting new people and exploring new territories. You expand your understanding of the Universe and your place in it through travelling; for you, travelling is not just a form of entertainment, but a quest for truth and wisdom. Not only do you benefit personally through your travels, but also you might open up new worlds for others and thus expand their knowledge too.

Your thirst for knowledge makes you a lifelong student. You love learning new things; and if you aren't enrolled in a formal study program, you probably are an avid reader, watch educational television programs, listen to radio talk shows, or take correspondence courses. You also enjoy sharing what you know with others, and might excel as a teacher, writer, publisher or lecturer. Being a foreign correspondent might be your ideal profession, allowing you to travel widely and write about your adventures. Although you are interested in practically everything, you often lack the focus and perseverance to finish what you start. Thus, you probably know a little bit about many things and have a broad overview, but aren't proficient in any one area.

Your desire to understand the Universe and your place in it could inspire an interest in philosophy and / or religion. The modern state of Israel, which was established for religious purposes, has its Jupiter in Sagittarius. Once you believe you've found the truth, you long to spread the word to one and all and have a tendency toward proselytizing. It is quite likely that you are an eloquent and inspirational - though somewhat verbose - public speaker. Though your intent may be to educate and enlighten, in your zeal you can be self-righteous and intolerant of others' freedom to believe as they choose.

This placement of Jupiter also can signify natural athletic ability. You have an abundance of energy, speed and agility; and since Sagittarius is associated with the legs you might excel at sports such as running, bicycling, soccer, basketball or ice skating. Perhaps even more important, though, are the optimism, self-confidence and fun-loving enthusiasm you bring to the sports arena; you never lose your childlike love of the game and your belief that you can win, regardless of the odds. However, you may lack discipline and determination, unless this is provided by other factors in your chart, such as a prominent Saturn or Pluto.

In its own sign, Jupiter's tendency toward exaggeration and excess is even more in evidence. In the extreme, your gregariousness and 'good time' attitude can lead to laziness, over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs and socializing, escapism to avoid work or responsibilities, and possibly compulsive gambling. Unchecked, your restlessness and fun-loving spirit might make you a rolling stone, unable to keep a steady job, hold on to a dime or commit to a relationship.

(Grant Lewi)

Opportunity appeals to you only if closely related to ideals. Work for its own sake means little, for to you the prime opportunity of life is not labor, but knowledge, philosophy, adventure. If, however, work gets related to a philosophical ideal (such as duty, security, making the best of things, or whatever), then you can throw yourself into it - but only for so long as the ideal sustains you; if this fails, you gravitate to your nature, which is to seek opportunity along non-material lines. To relate the necessities of life to some philosophic or religious code of your own is your way to success and happiness, for without some such union of the ideal and the material, you are likely to drift with the alluring currents of your imagination.

(Robert Hand)

Traditionally, this has been considered the sign in which Jupiter is most at home, because the sign and the planet are very similar in nature. This placement indicates that very early in life you will develop strong ethical and moral principles, although they may be quite unorthodox. However, those who interpret your unorthodox beliefs as a lack of morality will be very mistaken indeed. In your own way, you can be very self-righteous about what you believe is right, and you may even preach to people about it when your morals are challenged. Otherwise you are very tolerant, knowing that a variety of viewpoints and lifestyles is necessary and even desirable.

You have a strong desire to be free to experience life in your own way. Probably you resent any attempts by your parents to warn you away from doing certain things, even though you know that they mean well. You need to have a great deal of direct experience in as many different areas of life as possible. You don't want to be confined to one place or one way of living. When you settle down, it will be after trying out as many

alternatives as possible.

A very idealistic person, you will develop a strong spiritual sense very early in life. You need to look up to something or someone, to know that there is something higher than yourself in the universe.

After a period in your youth of being very unconventional and free, however, you are likely to settle down and identify with the established order. Then you must remember how much you needed freedom when you were young, and grant it to those who follow after you.

(Sydney Omarr)

Jupiter in Sagittarius makes the native appear to possess keen insight; he invariably seems to know what is happening and what caused it to happen. His intuitive intellect is sharp. He is attracted to higher learning, but his knowledge is not based primarily on formal education. There is an expansiveness connected with him; it seems to cover all of his activities. He 'leans into' a subject and absorbs it.

Benefit from overseas journeys is indicated. The native is attracted to games of speculation. He has faith in his own, personal kind of luck - and no amount of reasoning seems to discourage him. This is harmless, of course, if not carried to extremes. The astrologer must make certain the native does not try to substitute luck for work, knowledge and determination.

The native is idealistic, and has a tendency to drift along with the tide. He should be encouraged to create his own opportunities and not merely wait, speculate and philosophize. He is attracted to sports and would be excellent as a sportswriter, thus combining literary talents with his 'second love'. He is not easy to corrupt; he will stick to his ideals in the face of adversity. But he does not seem to have enough get-up-and-go! He needs a push and very often gets it from his mate. Too often, after the 'pushing' is finished, marital difficulties begin in earnest. It would be best for him to be a self-starter!

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Sagittarius indicates a love of philosophy, religion, education, travel, and foreign cultures. Intense involvement in matters concerning the codification of social thought may lead people with this position to embrace some philosophy or system of thought by which to regulate their lives. Traditionally this means some form of religious belief; but Sagittarian, intellectual types may take up Freudian psychoanalysis, Marxian dialectics, or bohemianism. Jupiter in Sagittarius merely shows the need for a system for governing one's conduct and way of life; the form that system takes depends on the overall tenor of the chart and the social milieu of the individual, which he may be either accepting or reacting against. The desire to make personal conduct conform to an



impartial set of moral principles brings these natives the respect and admiration of many, including their enemies.

These people tend to have far-reaching metaphysical thoughts. They wish to know about the nature of man's consciousness, how he can successfully adjust to society, the purpose of the individual in the universe, and what is the ultimate creative force behind physical manifestation and the evolutionary process. This questioning leads in most cases to religious belief and an acknowledgement of a Supreme Being.

Once a particular set of religious or philosophic values is adopted, satisfaction is gained from efforts to convert friends and associates to a similar way of thinking; acceptance of a system of belief confers the security to operate in a larger social context. However, these people are deep thinkers, and will formulate their own standards within the context of the ethical system to which they subscribe or which has been a part of their family upbringing.

Jupiter in Sagittarius gives an interest in foreign cultures, religions, races, and social systems, often expressed both through study and through long trips to foreign countries - especially if the natives can afford it. There is also a deep interest in the social and philosophic ideas that have shaped history. This breadth of understanding produces a farsighted outlook on life and often prophetic insights into the future.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Sagittarius, these people can have narrow-minded views to which they expect all to conform; they regard those who do not as unworthy of approval. A common accompaniment is a self-righteous attitude of the type that has promulgated religious wars throughout history. Personal egotism disguised as religious, national, social or racial chauvinism is often the motivating factor behind such an attitude.

If Jupiter in Sagittarius is not balanced by sufficient mental development and faculties of impartial discrimination, as would be indicated by a well-aspected Mercury, Saturn, and Uranus, there is danger of superstitious adherence to dogmatic religious beliefs. These beliefs are inculcated in early childhood and are used as an unconscious defence mechanism against the frightening aspects of the unknown, confrontation which could upset the psychological security of a neatly packaged doctrine. The tendency to get enmeshed in a system applies equally to radicals and conservatives with this Jupiter position.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Jupiter rules Sagittarius, so the planet will be a very powerful element of the chart when it is in this sign. You are very likely to see some of the Sun sign characteristics of Sagittarius in the individual with this placement. In addition, he or she will have some superb intellectual potential, although this may not emerge in early life, for this placing also contributes a very happy-go-lucky attitude, and one which, when the individual is

adventurous, encourages him or her to take risks and be rather careless. The outlook is optimistic and there will be abundant enthusiasm - both extremely positive traits unless they are overexpressed and become blind optimism. This is most likely if Jupiter is afflicted by opposition or square aspects from the Sun, Mercury or Mars. This is certainly a placing that needs countering by some steady influence from Saturn, or perhaps a personal planet in an Earth sign.

As these subjects grow a little older, both intellectually and physically, they will become wiser and develop an ever-strengthening philosophical attitude. It is essential for them always to study something, as there is a strong element of the eternal student here, and this trait must be fulfilled. There may also be a wonderful sense of justice, a flair for languages and a love of travel.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an expansive, though potentially hollow, giver. You have the goodness to create good vibrations, yet should do so without becoming smug or complacent. You have the morality to practise and promote ethical behaviour - yet should do so without being sanctimonious. You have reverence for some Higher Power guiding us all - and preventing you going astray.

You can be trusted to take the highest moral ground that you are aware of; or at least to find the easiest way out of or through a tricky situation, and to be optimistic most of the time; or, failing that, to seek out some good reason for or higher meaning to life that will promote faith and optimism.

You may be excessively pompous and assume a kind of spiritual superiority, as if you know something that most Others do not; excessively irresponsible in dealing with your more mundane characteristics, trusting things to work when really it is Others who make sure that they do; and excessively God-trusting or God-denying.

You believe that life is a continuous process of growth and expansion on all levels of existence, leading to ultimate bliss. However, if you fail to see your part in this for some reason, it can make you feel resentful and forsaken, as though 'If there is a God and he's not doing much for me, I must be damned'.

You disagree with Other disagreeing with you over matters of morality, religion, God, etc.. You also disagree with taking a negative viewpoint, for that is inclined to remind you of your own doubts. Be aware that all rivers meet up in the ocean, and that all beliefs (or non-beliefs even) eventually amount to the same basic truths.

When you are alone, you are probably out in the wilderness somewhere in an effort, consciously or unconsciously, to find out what you believe, or if there is something or someone to believe in (any more). If you are looking for someone to believe in, then you

are setting yourself up for a fall (again). it is vital for you to understand that a belief in some Higher Power or overall guiding intelligence is natural to you. But, owing to the nature of God, religion, etc., you may have become heavily disenchanted at some stage. Yet still that inner memory or notion that there is a God persists, but because you have denied it on the inside you look for it on the outside in some Other. However, being a mere mortal, Other cannot deliver what you are after, falls from grace in your eyes, and confirms your doubts. The whole thing could be the reverse way around, with you being the 'believer' who attracts an Other who worships you only to inevitably see or make you fall from grace. Your aloneness, arrived at either way, is God's way of getting you to see what God's truth is.

(John Townley)

You are at your best when sexuality is relaxed and open, not beset by restrictions or confining demands. You find that a detailed scenario drains your sexual energies by drawing your attention to performance rather than enjoyment.

A new affair starts robustly without artful technique or subtlety. You require plenty of good spirit and the assurance of warmth and friendship between you and your lover. Later you can develop different approaches to physical love, which you both may enjoy, but first you want to commit yourself to comradeship.

You are happiest with a partner who appreciates honesty, as your direct attitude may unintentionally hurt someone who is more inhibited and sensitive. In that case, you should be more restrained or find a partner who communicates more directly.

Once involved in a relationship, you should make an extra effort to become aware of your lover's specific needs and faithfully fulfill them, even if they seem puzzling or superfluous at times. Although some of your lover's pleasures may not particularly excite you, mutual consideration is essential in building a stable and loving relationship.

## Jupiter ♃ in 6th House

(Marilyn Waram)

A person who has Jupiter in the sixth house connects ultimate values and the search for truth to work, productivity, efficiency, and the mundane, routine little jobs which keep life running smoothly. This may be expressed as an extreme fussiness, where all details must be attended to perfectly. Nothing else will do. The perfectionism which Jupiter can indicate can combine with the sixth house attention to specifics to produce a particular perfectionist who will readily criticize both her own performance and others. She can have a sharp eye, all right, but may have a sharp tongue as well. She does not intend to

hurt, but considers accuracy and precision so important that she often does not distinguish between situations where those qualities are important and those situations where they are not. She may also assume that it is her responsibility to correct mistakes.

As an example, to criticize a child's first attempt to make her own bed is inappropriate. Her level of competence is naturally far less than an adult's. That is not the issue - most people would agree that the child's self-esteem is important here. She needs praise for her attempt, and encouragement and appreciation for her help. However, the person with Jupiter in the sixth house may lose all sight of that, focus on the rumpled blankets, and either redo the job herself or point out all the mistakes. Such treatment tends to produce withdrawn, defeated children who may form the belief that nothing they do is ever good enough.

With Jupiter in the sixth, a person often expects herself to always do her job perfectly. She may also add pressure to herself and expect all her daily routines to be done perfectly all the time, as well. She can become chronically dissatisfied with herself and her job if she cannot meet her expectations. The likelihood is, however, that she will keep trying. It may be a long time before she will entertain the idea that she needs to lower her standards, or apply them with more discretion.

Eventually, as the sixth house is one of the keys to practicality, she will be likely to find that she is more willing to accept the realities of time and energy limits, and will start to reassess her expectations. She may also realize that her talent - and it is a valuable one - for finding mistakes and seeing what needs to be corrected is very constructive when used in a work context, on objects, projects or even concepts. That talent is proportionately destructive when used on people. Her zest for fixing things needs to be handled with discretion: used on objects and ideas, but not on individuals. When she learns this, she will learn that her ability is only a cross when she does it too much, too often or in the wrong place.

The sixth house is also one of the keys to health, an interest in natural foods and supplements, and a pure lifestyle. Jupiter here may mean that the person considers any or all of these extremely important, perhaps even as ultimate values. She may have health problems herself, particularly allergies, if she works too hard and permits herself no time to relax. Eventually her body rebels and forces her to take a rest. This may lead to a passion for healthy, pure foods; and she may expound their virtues to anyone who will listen and many who won't.

Jupiter in the sixth is a natural square. There is a conflict between the sixth house association with discrimination, picking among the details, and demand for practicality, and the Jupiter association with generalization, looking at the overall picture and intellectual approach. There can be a pull between the need for purity, accuracy and correctness and the tendency to want to wrap matters up quickly, to disregard details and assume things. This can lead to a chronically stressed-out nervous system.

At work, she can develop her passion for detail, and either be an extremely valued employee, or take it too far and be known as the office critic, or the one who is never satisfied. She may need to learn to appreciate small things. Her tendency to overlook benefits (rather than flaws) occurs when she makes criticism an ultimate value.

With Jupiter in the sixth, the individual may expect her job to be perfect. In other words, she looks to her job for the ultimate fulfillment in terms of salary, environment, coworkers and so on. She may be continually disappointed that none of her jobs live up to her expectations. She may leave them - a covert way to retain her freedom. She may expect the job to be one which greatly improves the world - which is a way to find a practical expression of the idealism associated with Jupiter. She may find she enjoys work where she gets to spread the truth in some way; thus, publishing, writing, religious work and so forth are all avenues she may pursue. Teaching is also a strong possibility, especially philosophy. She will be happiest in a job which she judges to have importance and significance, which makes a difference to the world in some way. She may feel freest when able to travel in connection with her work. She definitely needs a lot of intellectual stimulation or a spiritual outlook in her work, or she will get bored and disappointed. She will also need a lot of physical space at work. Cooped up in a tiny back room, she will tend not to stay there, but will find excuses to leave all the time, visiting with co-workers, out to do errands, etc.. She will be dissatisfied with such an arrangement, and will not long tolerate it. Illness is one way to get out of a too-limiting or limited job.

Jupiter is also associated with politics, so she could work in a job which is political, or she could be a very political person at work. If projected, one's co-workers may seem initially attractive because of their positive, expansive outlook and ability to see the larger picture, plus their confidence in the future, their cleverness and wisdom. However, after a while it becomes apparent that they talk more than work; they philosophize endlessly but actually produce very little. Or they may make every mistake a moral failure, be jovial at inappropriate times, or have a cavalier attitude toward those all-important details. They may make promises they can't keep, or pull the individual into grandiose schemes, gambling, or rash, arrogant behavior. When Jupiter in the sixth is projected, one's coworkers tend to be politically oriented, or office politics play a large part in the work environment.

Handled with balance, always a challenge with Jupiter, this placement can be expressed as constant study into natural foods, health supplements, and pure lifestyles, without obnoxious preaching. It may manifest as someone who values her job highly, feels it has importance and significance, and enjoys its continual growth and expansion, but does not expect to get all of her fulfillment from it, nor does she expect it will always be perfect. She can do her job to a high standard without expecting herself to be perfect. She learns to accept some mistakes in her work, from time to time. Jupiter is associated with goodwill and generosity; she can express both of these towards her co-workers. She may also learn to bring the positive, optimistic, hopeful view of the future, and the

faith in her ability to take on challenges, to the work environment. She can become quite an inspiration to those with whom she works.

(Eve Jackson)

From Virgo's point of view, the ideal working day would be ordered yet flexible, coordinating the numerous necessary tasks as smoothly as possible for minimum effort and maximum efficiency, each item on the agenda having its place in a quasi-organic system. There would be very little chance of things getting out of control. Those with Jupiter in the sixth house are likely to feel imprisoned in such a highly organized world. There is impatience with routine, a preference for working according to the inspiration of the moment without such irksome restrictions as clocking in and out. There is a need to feel that the daily round points to something beyond itself, that there is scope for new discovery in it. Sixth house planets have a way of manifesting in those we work with; and Jupiter here often brings people in touch with colleagues who enliven the routine day and open doors to new experiences.

To synthesize Jupiter's vision with sixth house ordinariness is not particularly easy, and perhaps requires something of a Zen approach, according to which nothing is more significant than the trivial round of ordinary life, from clearing teeth to filing papers. An element of ritual can be helpful; whereas Virgo creates rituals to keep chaos at bay, Jupiter develops rituals aimed at bringing the divine into manifestation.

The routine operations of the physical body are also a sixth house concern; we might say that ultimately this house has to do with an inner sense of order. Jupiter here seems to incline towards an intuitive and sometimes even spiritual approach to health and healing, and turns up often in the charts of holistic practitioners.

(Howard Sasportas)

Jupiter may seem a little cramped in the 6th house of health, adjustment to necessity, and the management of mundane affairs. But regardless of what he does with his time, he always manages to make something significant of it. Those with Jupiter in this house seek (or should seek) to experience meaning in life through work and service to others. Selfpurification and the refinement of their skills and abilities affrd them a greater sense of well-being and satisfaction.

As in the 3rd house, Jupiter may manifest in different ways. In a bid to do as much as possible for themselves or others, some might hurry through one task in order to move quickly onto the next. Others, however, will apply themselves to any small matter with the utmost concern and diligence. As in the traditional Japanese tea ceremony, a tiny detail can assume cosmic importance.

Pride will be taken in their work; and they usually have a great deal of energy to

contribute to any employment situation. Although Jupiter is prone to believe that his way of doing things is best, they will normally have good relationships with co-workers. This position could indicate work of a Jupiterian nature - involving travel, public relations, educational activities, the promotion of art, culture, sports, religion, etc..

Some may burden themselves with too many duties in life and not leave the time to care for their own bodies. Others may become almost obsessed with health or making the body a better vessel for the spirit. These people might undertake any new diet, technique or exercise which promises heaven on earth. In fact, the whole day may be strewn with such activities: waking up at seven, taking several deep cleansing breaths, a two-mile jog, a hot and cold shower, some yoga, meditation, and then a breakfast of bran, grapefruit and one walnut. Although Jupiter in the 6th is normally associated with excesses of food and drink, I have noticed the extremes of Jupiter just as frequently operating the other way - week-long fasts eating nothing but grapes, for instance.

In a number of instances, I have run across Jupiter in the 6th in the charts of people who developed cancer; but in a good proportion of these cases they have overcome the disease. By nature this planet represents over-production; and in these cases, it is the cells in the body which proliferate. There is an intimate relationship between mind and body, or psyche and soma; and any planet in the 6th has an influence to bear on this coupling. For instance, if too much time is spent serving others, then a hidden resentment could build up in the person: 'When is it my turn?' or 'What about me?' Sickness may be the only way the person can justify getting some attention for the self. Jupiter asks that we grow, expand and develop in different areas of our life; and if for any reason we are avoiding doing so, then the cells in the body may assume the job for us, and they start growing and expanding. Fortunately, it is not difficult for people with Jupiter in the sixth to understand illness symbolically and see it in the context of their lives as a whole. In the pursuit of a cure, they make significant alterations and changes in their entire lifestyle and philosophy of living. Those with Jupiter in the 6th could be the people who inspire others to participate more positively in their own self-help. By contrast, a poorly aspected 6th house Jupiter is sometimes an indication of the kind of person who falls ill on holidays or trips abroad.

(Stephen Arroyo)

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Jupiter in the sixth house gives not only a prodigious capacity for work, but also the ability to carry out one's duties and daily routines with an unusually cheerful outlook. Daily work, or at least being of practical use in the world and / or of service to others, is inordinately important to these folks, so much so that they may - in their boundless optimism - take on far too much for their constitution to bear.

I personally have seen this placement expressed as that most rare of qualities: the ability

to balance enthusiasm with humility. (Even Leo Sun individuals seem to express themselves in a more humble way when their Sun is in the sixth house!) These people usually feel optimistic about their daily routines, and are eager to help. As Charles Carter wrote in 'Essays on the Foundations of Astrology', those with Jupiter in this house exemplify a 'cheery or philosophical outlook'; and he goes on to explain another one of his original insights into human psychology: that the sixth house has 'a very strong (but apparently overlooked) relation with the disposition, especially one's moods, temper and manners'. Carter connects the sixth house not only with the traditional meanings that we find in all text books, but also with the temperament, even overriding the Ascendant to some extent. I would add that it is especially the temperament and moods as expressed in performing one's daily routine duties that are illuminated by the sixth house; but of course most of us spend the majority of our waking hours performing just such activities. The connection of the sixth house with Virgo, and hence with the nervous system, further confirms his insight; we have all noticed how a person with 'afflicted Virgo planets' can be 'cranky', peevish, or overly critical toward others. The same nervous tension may be indicated by 6th house planets whose aspects are less than harmonious.

The Virgo connection with this house also manifests in other little-known expressions of planets in this house. For example, craftsmanship is often notable in those with an emphasis on the sixth. This house is also known for an analytical focus of the mind. Technical expertise and enthusiasm for scientific developments are often shown by Jupiter in this house. Moore and Douglas connect Jupiter in the sixth with 'loyal and devoted service'.

(Stephen Arroyo) (contd.)

The sixth house is also traditionally known for having a major concern with one's health. One might say concisely that Jupiter in the sixth should encourage the person to take care of his physical (and nervous system's) health enthusiastically, but that - as always with Jupiter - some kind of moderation should be used.

Craftsmanship, as well as a precision in the use of language, is evident in numerous writers who have Jupiter in this Mercurian house.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Without strong aspects from above the horizon, this can be a weak position for Jupiter, not bringing the rewards from transits that come from other locations. Those with a sixth house Jupiter will get their greatest pleasure from the work they do. Most of their good times occur in the workplace or with fellow workers. They make good managers because they are kind to subordinates and are usually loved and respected by them.

They have great sympathy for others less fortunate than themselves, and may give away more than they can afford (unless Jupiter is in Capricorn). They are inclined to align



themselves with hopeless or outworn causes, techniques or individuals, and may sacrifice much out of loyalty. Their politics is truly the politics of love. They are inclined to work by fits and starts, and need a well-placed Saturn and Sun to help keep them moving steadily forward.

Their line of work is very important to them. It must be valuable work, something of significant use to humanity. They cannot be happy with frivolous or purely commercial work for long.

A good placement of Mercury or Uranus is necessary to give perspective, because Jupiter here doesn't have much. If Mercury is not strong, this person can suffer some big errors in judgement somewhere along the line

There will be more power, more follow-through, if Jupiter is in the fixed signs, particularly Scorpio. There is little strength in the mutable signs for furthering selfinterests, but much for helping others.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is induced by physical or psychological excess. There is a tendency to attempt too much in a given time period, both in overt behavior and more subtly in mental attitude. You assume that no amount of stimulation is ever too much; that the self can and will 'digest' any amount of experience. Do not expand too fast, or your system could blow out and collapse, forcing you back inside yourself. The result is breakdown through exhaustion. Your liver is an especially vulnerable organ. The challenge is to discover and correct misunderstandings in the regulation of personal experience. Relax back into the self, gradually exhaling your excesses.

Unequal relationships: You are not especially sensitive to unequal status relationships; instead, there is a comfortable awareness of the pragmatic necessity for inequality; an acceptance of the natural social order. With this acceptance comes an attitude of opportunism, gliding through the levels, riding on Teflon surfaces of good manners and easy likability. If you feel resentment toward superiors, you rarely show it. If you feel condescension toward inferiors, you mask it, although not as well as in the reverse situation. The pitfall involves unconscious abuse of privilege through feigned sincerity. Don't take advantage of your position too often. Remain humble and friendly, and make sure your sincerity is authentic. The challenge is to use hierarchies of power for the greater good - for yourself, certainly, but for others as well.

Duty and service: Helping is natural, a source of social pride. You offer to share the bounty of your life, however great or small it may be. The more you share what you've amassed, the greater is your future reward. Your particular method of helping is to remind us that God is on our side, that within ourselves are all the tools needed to create a whole and happy life. At times you may not even believe this yourself; but if you

counter the pessimism around you with positive attitudes, then you'll return to an optimistic and confident state. In reminding us, you remind yourself. The pitfalls lie in empty promises and dashed hopes. Be certain that your message of good faith has some basis in pragmatic fact, for there is little in life more discouraging than being told that things will get better, only to have them grow worse. The challenge is to tell the truth in the best possible way.

Technical mind: Mental discipline is 'a natural addiction'. The feedback loop of nervous stimulation and mental activity dovetail in perpetual rhythm. If you are left on your own, there's little to stem the flow of increasing self-absorption with mental stimuli. Even in a social situation, once you've begun revving on logical processes, only dramatically negative feedback from others brings you back to reality. Free association is entertaining, but not necessarily productive. Lack of precision is a major pitfall. The challenge is to observe how people behave socially, and to organize observations into a coherent body of information.

Discipline and routines: You can embrace regular routines, a solid nine-to-five life, or an independent flow with no schedule at all. It's all the same to you as long as the tasks you're addressing plug you into the larger worlds of social activity. Your work is not so much based on literal tasks, although these will naturally be part of your day, but more on issues in the realm of culture. As much as possible, let others take care of the details.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a strong desire to have all of life's comforts, and you accept the necessity of working to get them. You know you will succeed, because you have the necessary potentials, and you are willing to develop them to serve your purposes. This isn't easy, however; and circumstances sometimes force you to take on an extra job to meet expenses. You accept this situation with resignation, since you believe in an honest day's pay for an honest day's work. Not that you won't accept gifts, but you don't depend on them. You feel it's your duty to do everything that's expected of you, so you often do more than your share. You could improve this picture by getting a higher education, which will allow you to earn more while working less, with more free time for yourself.

With your parents' help, you learned to take advantage of opportunities and to grow and develop from the experience. You believe in yourself, just as your parents did; and you have no doubts that you will succeed. Looking ahead, you want to do what you can for those who seek your services. Others appreciate it when you help them, and they are further impressed by your dedication and sincerity. Because you had to work for what you have, you understand what it means to be in need.

Although you believe in yourself, you have some doubts that your ideas are as good as others say they are, and you often fail to promote them as fully as you should. Consider it this way: if you try them and they succeed, all's well. If they don't, at least you won't

have to waste any more time with them. You could help solve important social problems if you respond to society's needs. Your understanding and natural desire to be helpful could be effective tools to help those in need. It is quite likely that the career you choose will require you to serve the public.

You owe it to yourself to take good care of yourself. Avoid depleting your vitality by taking on too many responsibilities; and discipline yourself to get enough rest and relaxation. You owe it to others to use your skills and talents to help solve their problems. When you know that there is a future for you in the field you've chosen, you will understand that spending any amount of time and energy will be a wise investment in your future. You never let down anyone who has come to depend on you; and they appreciate your obvious commitment to serving their best interests.

If you fail to respond by helping those who need your professional skills, you will seriously undermine your chances of winning recognition, and you would affront those who cannot help themselves. The excuse that you don't feel you are capable is unacceptable, because deep inside you know you are. This is your opportunity to prove yourself by using the creative talents you've developed. You wouldn't think of turning your back on your mate in similar circumstances, which proves that you can do something about these problems. You tend to compare yourself unfavorably with competitors and to undersell yourself. To fail others is to fail yourself.

## Saturn ♄ in ♉ Taurus 11° 1'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

You might try to accumulate money or possessions for the purpose of standing out as a separate identity and justifying your worth to others. This motive results in poverty consciousness and a feeling of being victimized by the material world in relation to your personal security and self-esteem. The upshot is feeling continually thwarted from accumulating the money, comfort, and status you seek. If you struggle to avoid pursuing practical Taurean ambitions, frustration with material status might ensue.

### Dynamic

You possess the social skills to manifest material abundance, comfort, and security in the world. You can recognize yourself as creating the limitations stemming from your values, which brings about circumstances that render you unable to regenerate your financial situation. Then your self-worth can be expanded to include new methods for making money.

Once you are willing to use your abilities to build tangible resources, you can experience the worldly abundance and sensual satisfaction that you seek.

#### General

You must build a foundation that will give strength, stability and support to your identity. Material resources can be scanty until you gain a clear sense of what is really important; what has meaning and value in your life; what principles, when manifested, will give you an internal sense of stability, comfort and self-worth. Then material resources know no limitation, and you can become wealthy through your own efforts.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Taurus forms a natural trine, so individuals with this combination may be very successful in handling the material world. When driven by a small to moderate fear of the world's power or insecurity about their own power, they may make money and also hold on to it. Or they may collect possessions. Often the career may involve beauty in some way, whether they create it or sell the creations of others. Material security, pleasure, and comfort are usually important. Major conflict aspects to Saturn would suggest that there are lessons around making or handling money, possessions, or appetites. The Saturn potential for a Puritan conscience can conflict with the pleasure drives of Taurus; so individuals may swing between excesses and asceticism, between spending and saving, hoarding and generosity, etc.. But the combination is normally practical and capable.

An artistic career is possible, whether as an artist or dealing with things that give pleasure to people, including home furnishings, clothing, cosmetics, jewellery, or, of course, the money that buys them. The instinct of Taurus is to conserve and to savor.

The father and other authority figures may be pleasant and comfortable, or very focused on the material world of money, possessions and pleasures, or quite artistic, or simply practical. If Saturn has conflict aspects, the father may have problems with money or sensuality, or he could just be stubborn.

(Skye Alexander)

Your tests in life are likely to revolve around issues of material possessions and physical resources. How you acquire and use your resources will be important, and you may learn many significant - though perhaps difficult - lessons in this area.

Probably you will have to work for whatever you get, rather than being born to wealth or winning a fortune in the lottery. If money does come to you as a result of something other than your own efforts, it may turn out to be a burden in some way, so that you don't

really enjoy your wealth. Perhaps your freedoms are limited by material responsibilities and you feel trapped by your possessions. Or, you might find that your financial position isolates you from other people.

At some time in your life, you probably experienced poverty; and as a result, you might live in fear of being needy again. If you were born into a poor family, you may feel you are inferior to those who have more money than you do. You might connect personal wealth with material worth and be very sensitive and defensive about what you see as a deficiency in yourself. Therefore, as an adult, you might try to build the self-respect you so desire by accumulating wealth. You also may value others in direct relationship to their portfolios.

Money and possessions give you a sense of security that goes beyond the ability to provide for yourself and your family; and even if you have more money than you could ever spend, you never seem to get enough. You may be avaricious and greedy, stubbornly holding on to your possessions as if your life depended on them - for to you, at some deep inner level, it does. However, if you compromise your principles to obtain wealth or profit through the misfortune of others, you might end up losing everything. Thus, the test of Saturn in this life might be what are you willing to do for money? Your attachment to your possessions, too, may be tested and, if you don't come to realize this easily, you could be forced painfully to face up to the fact that security does not come from material things.

Your body, too, is one of your physical resources; and how you treat it and use it will be significant in your life. If you neglect or abuse your body, or use your sexuality to control or manipulate others, however, you are likely to suffer for it, for Saturn always insists that you assume responsibility for your actions.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Taurus indicates people who need discipline and hard work if they are to acquire material possessions; they come to feel a strong need for financial and emotional security. They cannot be at peace if their practical affairs are not in order. If Saturn is well aspected in Taurus, enduring patience, steadfast adherence to principle, and practical management ability in business affairs will be characteristics.

When they are about twenty-nine years old, these people seek stable career positions that will ensure financial and domestic security, which they require for their well-being. They are likely to be reliable and persistent in their careers. Often they enter professions in banking, investment, insurance, or business management. Since they tend to be frugal, they usually make purchases of lasting value, with primary consideration for their utilitarian qualities. They save money for future emergencies and for security in old age. They must develop a well-balanced sense of the value of material resources.

If Saturn is afflicted in Taurus, there can be obstinacy and excessive materialism. In extreme cases, the result is either miserliness or - conversely - a burdening of oneself with material possessions, instead of allowing things to flow from one so that new things can flow in as needed.

(Grant Lewi)

This position presents the simplest and most direct manifestation of the instinct of selfpreservation, which you satisfy by material comfort and security. If you have these, life cannot attack you in any way that matters deeply. The need to defend yourself in emotional, intellectual matters is not deep, and you are therefore an easy person to live with because your deep ego centres don't bristle and writhe at imagined affronts or offences. You are secure if your body is secure; and are able to bring a great deal of idealism to bear on all of life's other problems in which you, unlike many others, can be detached and gracious. When you're materially secure, you have to look out for smugness and self-satisfaction and for a tendency to identify yourself and your work too closely with your possessions and your material status. You are deeply a conservative in finance and can be a penny pincher. You will rarely gamble or lose property because of your own actions, unless through taking security too much for granted you feel it can't possibly be lost. Self-satisfaction then becomes overconfidence, and is, of course, dangerous. The tendency to take things too much for granted can also lead you to trust some less careful person with your security and to lose it through the bad judgement of others on whom you have, because of oversureness, not exercised the proper control. Losing security throws you entirely off balance, and you cannot be yourself till you get it back again. You can be secure on little, for stretching money is your long suit, but what little there is must be established as firmly as the Rock of Gibraltar. Needless to say, you are a pillar of society, a believer in life insurance, and a sure-fire customer for gilt-edged government bonds.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Taurus, like the man whose left hand doesn't know what his right is doing, often succeeds in spite of himself. The native tends to wait too long, to lack confidence, to brood over money matters, to trust the wrong people and accuse the right ones. He gains by being frugal, but often has to spend what he saved because his saving created an unhappy domestic situation. He is not easy to understand, but is determined, able to collect facts and figures, stocks and bonds; he is capable of responding well under pressure. The astrologer must help relieve him of numerous anxieties concerning security, money and love. He must help him to open up and express emotions with a greater degree of freedom and enthusiasm.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The patience of Taurus, plus the ability to be careful and cautious which is so much a

part of Saturn's influence, complement each other here. The individual is long-suffering and will patiently cope and plod on to accomplish whatever most concerns him or her. However, the combination of the luxury-loving side of Taurus and the prudence of Saturn (too often turning into meanness or frugality) can cause considerable conflict.

How is it possible, then, for subjects to take advantage of this placing? There is little doubt that they are ambitious and want to make money. Saturn also brings a tendency to social climbing within the context of its ambitious qualities. As a result, this placing can encourage a steady (and no doubt comfortable!) climb toward the objectives in life. However, Saturn's negative inner voice will sound accusations of being extravagant, of eating too much and too expensively, and will constantly ask 'Do you really need that?' Individuals must come up with their own answers, but must also learn to enjoy the Taurean side of this placement. If, on the whole, the chart is extrovert in influence, this should not be too hard; but if the subject is rather shy and generally inhibited this will be far more difficult, as feelings of guilt will recur and must be tempered by stronger qualities. Usually, a justification of pleasure should not be necessary; perhaps a lesson that those with this placing must learn.

Caution, patience, persistence and sometimes an overrigid routine and discipline are common. Parents with this placing, while wanting to give their children the best, may tend to be overstrict with them. The way in which the emotions are expressed may also be inhibited, although the individual is usually very kind. Generally, objects that are functional will be preferred to those that are beautiful.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a steady rock, though may potentially suffer a money block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to consolidate self-worth and finances - and so not be materially dependent; the time take / allowed to establish material security - thus assuaging fears of being without; and the building of relationships that are physically loyal - yet not boringly predictable.

You can get stuck with relationships where you are very dependent upon Other for your material welfare and position; with an Other who has little or not material wherewithal and is dependent upon you; and with situations where money becomes a major issues and a block to emotional accord.

You are learning to either become more materially self-sufficient or be happy with what you have got; to be generous but prudent with regard to Other; and to look at what is emotionally lacking in your relationship, which the material state reflects.

You commit to an Other who is materially stable, or is at least practical and has the potential to be so; to an Other who is not at all well off materially, thereby calling upon you to organize or alleviate such matters; and to an Other who is aware of your true

worth and loves you solely for that, and will pass any tests that set out to prove this point.

You are or should be wary of feckless types who always seem to be one step (or less) away from ruin; of Others who are merely interested in you for your money or position, or conversely, who think they can buy you; and of situations where money and what it can buy seem to be the only criteria of worth.

When you are alone, it is mainly for one of two reasons. Firstly, being alone is in aid of forcing you to take serious stock of your material position, earning power, and whatever talents you have. Behind this is a case of your never really realizing or making the most of what you've got. Perhaps there was always an Other there to support you or bail you out. Secondly, it would be a case of having everything that money can buy - and nothing else. And so aloneness would eventually confront you with the realization that it is only the non-material or spiritual qualities of life that have any true and lasting worth. And like the first case, it may now be time for you to develop your own potential. If you are alone but still in a relationship, then it would be a kind of mixture of the above two cases. That is to say that you are staying together for material reasons only and consequently not discovering or appreciating the true worth of yourself or Other.

(John Townley)

You can be particularly patient in judging your partner, giving him or her plenty of room to make mistakes before you get angry or hurt or make and condemnations.

This is an admirable quality, but it must be tempered with insight, for you could be taken advantage of by the wrong partner. However, although you are slow to take offence, once you have been hurt it is difficult to erase it from your mind. If you want to make up with an estranged lover, you will have to make an extra effort.

Some misunderstandings may stem from forgetfulness or reluctance to let your partner know what seems wrong. You may expect your lover to sense the difficulties without a word from you, which is likely to lead to greater problems. Before being judgemental, make sure your partner understands your problem and how you want to deal with it.

Also you should try to be more amenable to your lover's suggestions, particularly about how to add more variety to your love experience in order to rejuvenate the relationship. In this area you may have considerable capacity for enjoyment, but your partner probably has more talent for initiating the changes.

(Robert Hand)

This placement is most important to you personally if Saturn is near opposition or conjunction with the Ascendant or Midheaven or closely aspecting the Sun or Moon. You



have a great need to establish a firm foundation in your life. When you have total freedom to do what you want, you feel uneasy. You need a secure centre in your life, a place or set of conditions that you can count on as long as you live. However, this drive for security may make you become rigid and fearful about approaching anything new in your life. Even at best, it is sometimes difficult for you to change and adapt. On the other hand, you are incredibly resistant to adversity and hard times.

You may find it difficult to share with others, not because you are selfish, especially, but because you are afraid that there may not be enough to go round. Consequently you hold onto your share for dear life. You should trust the world to take care of you a bit more. It is important that your parents make you feel that their support and your resources are not likely to be taken away. And they shouldn't make you feel that you have to work terrifically hard to get what you need. Of course, you will have to work; but if you do so from fear, it will be all the harder. Everything will work out for you if you believe that it will.

All through your youth, you need lots of support and love from your parents. You need to know that you are loved and that you have a right to be here. Don't be jealous of your friends or afraid that someone will take a friend away from you. There is plenty of love and enough material resources to go around.

## Saturn ♄ in 11th House

(Liz Greene)

It has been said of Aquarius that everything may be seen in the shop window but nothing is to be found in the shop, and it is easy enough to draw this conclusion when confronted with the textbook descriptions of the sign and the association of the eleventh house with hopes and wishes, clubs, and societies. The immense depth and wisdom which are revealed by a study of astrology are not so apparent in this rather incomplete interpretation of the eleventh house and sign. With Saturn and Uranus as its rulers, Aquarius is perhaps entitled to a more complex meaning, and it is possible that the eleventh house is also more complicated and more abstruse than it is traditionally considered.

The tenth house is both the high point of achievement for the individual and his place of burial, for it symbolises his deepest immersion in the material world and demands of him the sacrifices of his private and personal desires in order to obtain his goal. If the circles of the twelve houses is seen as a cycle of progressively more complex steps in the unfoldment of the individual's outer life, the tenth house, which belongs to Saturn, may be considered the end of the climb of the personality. In the remaining two houses, both of which are connected with the 'higher octave' planets and therefore with states of

consciousness that are collective or transpersonal rather than personal in nature, the individual loses himself in the group and shoulders his responsibility as a cell in the larger body of humanity. His tests have been met, he has developed personal integration to the point where his mind, emotions, and body function as a disciplined and finely balanced tool to serve his inner purposes, and he is now free to join in the larger task of group integration and development. The passage from Saturn to Uranus marks the transition from the supremacy of the personal will to the development of group consciousness. Group consciousness is not mass consciousness for with the former the contribution is voluntary and the worth of the individual is not lost. This may appear to be a rather esoterically inclined interpretation of what is apparently a superficial house and sign. But if we are ever to make any sense of Saturn and his houses and signs from any viewpoint other than a fatalistic one, or are ever to understand the real nature and extent of the individual's free will and purpose, it is possible that in the esoteric tradition of Saturn some information may be found which helps us to live freer lives.

People who are strongly Aquarian or Piscean in temperament, yet who have not yet developed a purpose which permits them participation in a larger expression, are often lost creatures, and it is perhaps more difficult for this kind of temperament now because the idea of group consciousness is not yet a reality. It is reasonably common to find the average Taurean personality concerned with his security for this is his natural outlet of expression - or for the average Libran to concern himself with his personal relationships, or the Geminian with his education. But the Aquarian and Piscean temperaments have no personal concerns. And if they are not yet sensitive to the more universal concerns which are the natural expressions of these signs, they are left with no concerns at all. It is small wonder that so many alcoholics and drug addicts are strongly Piscean or Neptunian by temperament and that so many of the mentally ill must cope with Aquarian or Uranian energies. To balance this, it must be considered that we owe some of our greatest scientific and psychological discoveries to the Uranian type and some of our greatest poetry, music, and spiritual vision to the Neptunian. It is somewhat easier to understand the great potential and the great failure of these two types in light of the urge toward group involvement and contribution which motivates them both.

If we then look past the level of clubs and societies when considering the eleventh house and apply the idea of group in this area as a possible additional meaning for this house, more insight may be gained into the meaning of Saturn's placement here.

The more ordinary meaning of the eleventh house is often in evidence with its connotation of friendships and social acceptance; and Saturn in the eleventh may display his usual aloofness and isolation and thereby mark the individual as a 'lone wolf', one who somehow does not fit into the group. He may find difficulty in making casual friendships and in functioning at the more superficial social level which, in our present society, is considered of such value. He may feel himself to be an outsider, and will often behave as one; and his separateness is deeper than a mere inability to conform to popular standards of behaviour. The group which is presented to him as the 'acceptable'

one - those people whom he meets through family, business, religion, or interests - rarely receives him warmly; and he rarely feels himself to be a part of any artificially structured social unit. He is looking for another kind of group, a deeper group; but he rarely understands that the bounds which link this more abstruse group are of an inner, not an outer, nature.

Saturn is often painfully self-conscious and hopelessly inept at the social graces, but he is always the enemy of superficiality when he is expressing his true nature. His presence in the eleventh house is made doubly difficult because the nature of our present ideas about friendship and group activities can be eminently superficial. Saturn may often feel awkward and uncomfortable as he often indicates an introverted and shy tendency. Thus the usual effect of Saturn in the eleventh house is a deep, although often concealed, feeling of loneliness. He may want badly to feel himself a significant part of a larger whole, to be released from the burden of self-consciousness and 'differentness'. Yet he is often unable to express his need, and will sometimes not even admit to it himself.

We consider man to be a gregarious animal, a communal creature rather than a solitary one; and the man who spends long periods alone or rejects the opportunity for social intercourse is somewhat suspect to the average individual. We are brought up to believe that there is something neurotic or unwholesome about aloneness, yet it is probably far more painful to carry the sense of separateness into a crowd than to be physically alone yet experience a sense of belonging. The man with Saturn in the eleventh house is often compulsively driven to be alone, and he may draw back from friendships because he is afraid he will not be accepted. It is frequently necessary for him to balance this fear and sense of inadequacy with a need to glamourise his uniqueness so that out of pride his separateness is demonstrated to be a virtue rather than a shortcoming. It is probably neither a virtue nor a lack, but the unconscious man with Saturn in the eleventh house is not aware that he has more choices than this. So one of the most typical reactions of an eleventh house Saturn may be demonstrated: he must be superior; he can have no equals. Just as Saturn in Leo finds it painfully difficult to express his uniqueness in an open way, Saturn in Aquarius often finds it painfully difficult to express his ordinariness, his similarity with every other human being - although it is this ordinariness, this blending with the group, which he desires the most. Saturn in the eleventh house is often interpreted as giving few and faithful friends; and it is the quality, rather than the quantity, which is important.

Overcompensation is often expressed by this Saturnian placement; and it is common to find the individual who crams his life full of social activities so that he scarcely has time to be alone. He will often fill his time so that he rarely needs to have personal confrontations, and it is often so important to him that he demonstrate his belonging that he will subdue his own individuality in order to cater to the standards and ideas of the group. So Saturn in the eleventh house may become a follower rather than the leader which he essentially needs to be. His own ideals, his wishes, and his dreams are worthless when compared to the final and inexorable word of the great They. Saturn in

the eleventh house may sometimes symbolise this kind of social butterfly in the same way that Saturn in the third house may suggest a chatterer and Saturn in the seventh a perpetual Don Juan. But this butterfly often has wings of lead. He remains as essentially isolated and apart, as if he were alone, because inwardly he seeks a deeper and more meaningful sharing. But the work involved in achieving that deeper level of interchange would lead him into himself and into a search for a different set of social values as well as a deeper understanding of society itself and its purpose.

The opportunity which is offered by Saturn in the eleventh is not easily utilised without the kind of broad view of human oneness and gradual evolution and unfoldment which marks the truly progressive mind. This has little to do directly with political involvement although this area is a natural adjunct to the kind of vision which is often found in the Aquarian temperament. But Saturn has little to do with theories; he offers his wisdom through the more difficult but more meaningful channel of personal experience and realisation; and the understanding of the psychology of the group and the direction in which man's consciousness is slowly striving is an understanding which can be the inner illumination of the individual who has Saturn in the eleventh house. Esoteric literature speaks repeatedly of 'the Plan' for man, and this plan must remain in the realm of the theoretical and the visionary for the majority of people. To the discerning eye of an eleventh house Saturn, it is possible that the reality and nature of this plan may become visible if he seeks long enough and deeply enough the inner group which means so much to him.

If he permits his vision to narrow, Saturn will rarely find the solution to his isolation, and we may then observe the fulfilment of the prophecy of hard luck through friends which is said to accompany this placement: for one who sets himself apart to such a degree, and who feels such mistrust of others, is bound to attract something similar in return from his fellows. Like forever attracts like; and the bristly defensiveness which may often be seen in an eleventh house Saturn - even in those who have polished the surface of social charm until it shines but who cannot permit deeper friendships - usually attracts defensiveness back.

Each individual contains the potential of the higher or more universal meaning of the eleventh house to unfold along with the more personal. Few people are conscious of this potential because a more careful investigation of values and a more inclusive interest in humanity is generally a prerequisite for its unfoldment; however, the eleventh house is present on every birth chart, and the challenge of finding meaningful expression for the urges which are symbolised is present in every life. This becomes more urgent a task for the person who has Saturn in the eleventh house, because as with any other Saturnian position, second choice is not acceptable, and with this placement the sense of commitment to and participation in group life must be real.

(Bil Tierney)

Saturn in this house has a basic fear of the potential chaos large groups of people can cause. Mobs running wild or anarchists on an uncontrolled path of destruction could be two of an Eleventh House Saturn's worst nightmares. There is something about unregulated group energy on the move that repels this planet. We could at least get claustrophobic in crowds. The Eleventh House is where we find people coming together to support progressive and even futuristic ideals. Large groups of individuals get to pool their energies, form powerful alliances, and operate as an even greater social force, for better or worse, than any one person could alone. Saturn, looking at this complex of egos fortifying each other's power and will, starts to panic. That's because Saturn is such a separatist at heart and is not eager to lose its identity to any group. It will not surrender itself unconditionally to any abstract cause, especially when in this house. Total, unquestioned loyalty is not what Saturn is willing to give (although Saturn / Neptune patterns might). Yet there are many others facets of the Eleventh House experience that can help Saturn feel connected to people in a broader and more purposeful sense.

While it's probably true that many of us with this position feel uneasy in crowds or being around throngs of people, we seem to be very observant regarding our peer group dynamic, starting as early as preschool or kindergarten. The Eleventh House invites us to participate in activities where we work together as a controllable unit with everyone on equal footing, no one with greater privileges. But Saturn doesn't buy this 'all for one and one for all' approach, and we find ourselves wanting to back away from too much team involvement (even though no-one on the team was all that excited to pick us anyway). We either reject or are rejected by the group, the clique, the membership, the gang, etc.. We over-achievers usually don't like being rejected at all; and, determined not to be excluded, will try to prove our worthiness by doing whatever it takes to fit in and be accepted. But what the group may not realize is that we may also harbor ambitions to later take over the leadership role and be in control. Conversely, we self-inhibitors may take not being included too much to heart, feel crushed, and learn to resent anything dealing with groups, teams, networks, and other such alliances.

It is unlikely that we stood out among our peers as being highly popular and sought after. One reason, especially in our youth, is that we felt older and more mature than many others our age. This was very apparent in high school, when we probably were studious and conservative while many others were rowdy and unfocused. Yet it is ironic how some of us stilled those wilder kids that both fascinated and scared us. There is something very alluring about those free-spirited ones who break the rules and still do not get struck by lightning (the way we assume we would if we stepped out of line). And so, a dilemma occurs: whether to conform to social standards, ensuring our safety and the approval of authorities, or to flirt with experimental behavior and be like those who thumb their noses at convention in favor of more original and defiant social expression. Saturn often feels caught in the middle of these contrasting urges when in the Eleventh House.

It would seem most likely during the school years that we were very picky about who we

hung out with. Quality friendships are what we sought then and now. We may claim we have only a handful of real friends that we really can count on and who know some of our deeper facets.

The types of friends represented by the Eleventh House are not the same shown by our Seventh House, who are more our bosom buddies - those best firends with whom we have established intimate, personalized relationships. These are our loving, long-term companions with whom we share so much of our real self. Such unions become a marriage of sorts. But such intimacy is not part of the Eleventh House or Principle Eleven in general. When people claim to have invited about 100 of their 'best' friends to their wedding, you know they are coming from their Eleventh House experience, not their Seventh.

(Bil Tierney) (contd.)

Our Eleventh House friends are more correctly described as acquaintances. They can also be people we congregate with in structured group settings like clubs, monthly meetings, associations, political fundraisers, and even bowling teams (group therapy is more a Twelfth House issue). These relationships have an element of friendly impersonality that is nevertheless very enjoyable when everyone is networking smoothly. We just know enough about one another to keep things sociable and upbeat. Saturn needs to be exposed to such group harmony to know it is possible to achieve. But Saturn will not get chummy with anyone it still regards as having 'stranger' status. Saturn realizes there is something about all group arrangements that lends itself to strictly surface interaction, where nothing gets too deep or too real, and the associations seldom remain permanent. Eleventh House people tend to come and go, replaced by new faces.

Saturn, not being a natural joiner, approaches these social setups with caution and reserve. We probably would like the secure structure of a well-defined group that has been established for some time (no crazy anarchists here!). We may feel safe with all those familiar faces we get together with on a regular basis. It will take us time to warm up to all these new but seemingly interesting people; but at least they believe in the preservation of the blue-throated mountain swallow or red-spotted river chipmunk or are working to support serious social issues. Such activist groups calling for responsible action are appealing to us. If everyone gets together to fulfill a worthy purpose, rather than just wasting time casually mingling, this would justify our membership or participation.

Saturn could be drawn to volunteering time and energy when needed since it has a serviceable nature and likes to be put to good use. We might even sign up to head certain committees when asked, especially when others sense our above-average organizational abilities and our willingness to work hard for an important cause. But we really have to like and trust the group we serve before we let things get this far. We are

not under Neptune's spell here, so our sense of service is tied in with our sense of realistic limits. The group has to make sure it doesn't push us too far with its demands, and most importantly to never take us for granted! We may look like we are humble; but inwardly we crave recognition for our good works, loyalty, dedication, and overall perseverance. The fact is the Eleventh House is not a zone where people get sentimental about things or huggy-kissy, especially with Saturn positioned here. If we do things just to get a special warm response from fellow members, it may not be forthcoming (unless we also have the Moon in the Eleventh House, but in a different sign and not conjunct Saturn).

Still, we could take on a dutiful parental role in those groups we do relate to. Many will depend on us to keep things afloat and bring order to the way things run. But again, if we are over-achievers, we may like controlling the show too much and others may sense we have a problem being truly democratic, or even flexible. Why should little changes in the club's monthly procedures bother us too much? There is something spontaneous about the way things like to go in the Eleventh House, but we have to be careful not to bring our own Saturnian rigidity to these experiences. Self-inhibitors may feel guilty not wanting to volunteer, but we either do so reluctantly or are pushed into it by others who try to pump us up with confidence or assurance that we can do tasks required. If we don't undergo a real attitude adjustment, we later may complain about how we are carrying too much of the load and not getting the right kind of team support.

Again, it's a feeling of being used without being appreciated by people who are somewhat detached from the sacrifices we undergo to fulfill our role. Some of us might simply quit the group and not seek similar involvements again for a long, long time, if at all. It seems the lesson here is not to drop out, but to establish clear boundaries and let other members realize what we need in return for all the work we do. It's not selfish of us to ask for co-operation. It's sensible. We are only being unreasonable when we expect everyone to be mindreaders who should already know when they are imposing on us, or pressuring too much, or piling on too many responsibilities. All they do know instead is that we seem to take on all the little jobs they shove our way and not gripe about it. If this scenario is not suitable, then Saturn says we need to squawk about things politely but firmly, and not just retreat and get our feelings hurt. Saturn can be such a touchy planet sometimes!

Saturn gets too easily unnerved by people who look too unusual or do things that go against tradition (think of the conservative bent of Saturn in Taurus, Cancer, or Virgo). The Eleventh House is one life department where we have an opportunity to meet a wide range of people from all walks of life (the United Nations is an Eleventh House organization, although ideally its politics are Ninth House issues). This house challenges us to readjust our thinking about finding security only through people who are familiar to us (that's why it quincunxes the Fourth House in the Natural Wheel). We have the potential to embrace a larger 'family' of friends in the Eleventh House. Saturn actually is no big embracer of anything, but in this house it often hungers for solid connection with

members of society. It doesn't want to feel like an outsider who observes groups only from a safe distance, not daring to participate. In fact, Saturn can be a loner, but it doesn't always like being alone when in this house. It's a contradiction we need to work out.

Many of us will probably find we have adopted certain assumptions from our parents (maybe father more than mother) that anyone who is different is weird, and that weird can be dangerous. We are not supposed to trust strangeness in any form, much less allow ourselves to associate with it. There are many Uranian elements of the Eleventh House that Saturn finds both fascinating and disruptive. It's a house of anti-Establishment activities and protest movements that defy the cultural status quo. Even defining what is normal becomes a big question for the Eleventh House. Saturn always thinks it knows without a doubt what 'normal' looks like when it sees it, but the Eleventh House is where our culture has a chance to re-invent itself and try out new ways of looking and behaving. Ironically, what is called bizarre today may be passé a few decades later. So we with Saturn here are going to be getting an eyeful and an earful of what a progressive society can look like and sound like; and a lot of it will go against what we have been taught to reject while growing up.

The challenge is to find value in people and things different from ourselves and our background. We need to be more socially experimental in the Eleventh House. For example, if we have the chance to either go to an out-of-state university versus a local college only twenty miles away, we should opt for going out of state, because that might ensure that we get to have the culture shock needed to help us alter any rigid social assumptions. Even if we did choose to play it safe and stay local, the universe may surprise us by picking a room-mate who comes from the opposite side of the country, has slightly magenta-hued hair, loves exploring virtual reality, or even was raised by a parent who is gay (Uranus could be transiting our Saturn at the time). The point is that if we need to be exposed to different realities out there in the big world, the experience will come to us somehow.

Once we continue to have repeated encounters with unusual types with far-out views of living more freely, we get to listen to our inner critic who has so quickly sought to judge and condemn people who don't fit the mold. A lesson in true tolerance is to be learned with an Eleventh House Saturn; but it's a tolerance based on a deeper understanding of why certain people dare to live the ways they do. What Saturn can offer us here is real objectivity, where we play the social scientist who observes and records the unlimited variations of human behavior. We simply take it all in without feeling like we have to protect ourselves from such exposure. It would appear that the more we continue to educate ourselves and exercise our intelligence, the better. People with lots of planetary focus in this house (similar to the Third, Sixth, and Ninth Houses) usually want to feed their minds new data. Saturn may be challenged to do so to avoid being too narrowminded to appreciate current social overviews.



Saturn in this house literally means old friends - as in the elderly, the aged, those advanced in years. Actually, older associates might be a more accurate term in most instances (people about seven or more years older than us). We might befriend such people because they represent for us stability, maturity, settledness, experience. We gravitate toward those who have been successful with their material objectives or have made a name for themselves in society. Maybe we have a few old famous friends. We feel safe relating to people who know where they are going in life and who don't waste their time or ours with nonsensical behavior. What may make these relationships work best for us is when both sides know their boundaries and observe considerate behavior. These would be people who just don't pop over for a surprise visit. Or ask us for inappropriate favors. Or talk about us behind our back. We need to trust that our friendship will be honored and respected.

Actually, much depends on our Saturn aspects as to whether such old friends are to be a source of security for us or a burden. Saturn / Moon or Saturn / Venus stress aspects do not sound like we are dealing with older people who are also self-reliant or confident in their outlooks. They could drain us with their sad stories of how life doesn't give them any lucky breaks. Of course, we could attract someone of any age who could sound like a bowl of sour grapes. So it's not as much a matter of old friends as it is a case of friends whose life patterns start to get old on us after a while. We take on some of their chronic problems and it can exhaust us. This could be a test of learning to be more selective in choosing acquaintances. With the right choices, our lives can be quietly enriched.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Like Saturn in the tenth house, Saturn in the eleventh house is another common pattern in the charts of people who seek careers in public service. The eleventh house deals with more equalitarian organizations and with the expansion of knowledge, with humanitarian issues including equality and freedom, with casual friends and the legislature in a democracy. Where Saturn describes the limits, the eleventh house seeks to go beyond the limits. Where Saturn is the epitome of hierarchy, the eleventh house demands equality. Where Saturn insists on staying grounded, the eleventh house builds rockets to go to Mars and beyond. Saturn is the law; and the eleventh house rebels against it.

Obviously, Saturn in the eleventh house calls for integration if we want to avoid constant inner conflict. But what a great team they are when they work together. It takes the innovation and the willingness to take risks of the eleventh house to build rockets, but it also takes the understanding of gravity and other forces in our physical universe. The practicality of earth and the abstract intellectual skills of air are magnificent when they work together. Once we accept the necessary limits which let us survive in and cope with a material world, we can be free to do what we please. We can choose any career which expands or disseminates knowledge, and, if possible, lets us be our own boss working with peers.

Eleventh house fathers can be Aquarian in many ways, from intellectually brilliant and verbal to defiantly different, from being a friend with their children to being cool, indifferent, and sometimes just physically gone or emotionally unavailable. The father may be theoretically learning to be equalitarian, understanding, and accepting, the air principles, but may actually still be dogmatic or controlling. He might also just be unpredictable or rather strange. Whatever his version of the principle, the child has a chance to learn what to do or what not to do.

## Uranus ♅ in ♋ Cancer 1° 17'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Uranus in Cancer have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new emotional states that cause trauma or transformation on a very personal level. The insights received about the potential of these new emotional states can be upsetting to the home life and traditional roots of personal security. Disruption occurs through being attached to or relying upon the traditional forms of security, such as home and family on a private, noncollective level.

(Joan Negus)

With Uranus in the sign Cancer, we are linking the freedom-oriented and revolutionary qualities associated with Uranus to the nurturing, security- and homeoriented sign of Cancer. This seems an unlikely combination, and one might expect discomfort with this placing. But there are always ways in which factors can be positively combined. And certain issues that were important in the US and the world from 1948 until the mid-fifties illustrate this. They also explain how people with this placement are likely to behave when Uranian matters are prominent in their lives.

Harry Truman became President in 1945. World War II was in progress, and international matters took precedence over domestic issues. Shortly after Truman took office, the war ended and he began to develop his own policy. His policy was called 'The Fair Deal' and focused on domestic reform. It included such matters as the minimum wage, low income housing and Social Security benefits, all of which are clearly connected to security and taking care of one's own.

The war of the Uranus in Cancer period was the Korean War, which had parental overtones. The United Nations forces were sent to protect South Korea (which represented the helpless child) against North Korea (the aggressor). In World War II, countries were defending their own territories, evoking the idea of self-preservation. In the Korean War, the United Nations forces were protecting land which was not theirs -

similar to a father or mother fighting his or her child's battles.

Another Uranian phenomenon of this period was the crusade launched by Senator Joseph McCarthy against what he viewed as domestic corruption in the form of Communism. In the early 1950s, as chairman of a subcommittee in Congress, he investigated more than 150 individuals from various walks of life to expose their controversial activities. They included people in government service, educational institutions, and the field of entertainment. Hysteria, fuelled by the desire to protect the US on the home front, resulted in unfounded character assassination and a great deal of damage done to the lives of many people.

In 1954, he charged that Communists had infiltrated the Army. The Army-McCarthy hearings were televised and the tide of public opinion turned against Senator Joseph McCarthy. He fell from grace, was censured by the Senate within the next year, and left the public scene. All this occurred as Uranus was in the last degrees of Cancer, and moving into Leo.

One more example that came to the fore during this period, and is appropriate for Uranus in Cancer, involved native Americans. In 1950, Dillon S. Myer was made commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He began removing federal assistance from the tribes and started selling Indian land. Forty percent of the Indians became city dwellers, and preservation of the Indian culture suffered as a result. Although there was strong objection to what he was doing, his policies remained in effect for the rest of the decade. And only after the Democrats came into power in 1960 were they changed.

This example shows that one's roots or ancestry, which are associated with the sign of Cancer, can be focal points in Uranian issues. It therefore provides some insight into factors that might be considered when someone with Uranus in Cancer is dealing with issues of freedom, individuality and revolutionary change. The impact of both Myer and McCarthy on society during the 1950s illustrates another point as well. Emotions formed the basis of action, and public response catapulted these men into prominence. Whether this prominence was fame or infamy depends on your personal viewpoint.

Because Cancer is a Water sign, it makes sense that emotions trigger Uranian activities. Joseph McCarthy was able to rise to power by capitalizing on the public's fear of Communism. He tapped into the emotional climate in the country, and evoked and fed on hysteria. People with Uranus in Cancer have the potential to react in the same manner as the general populace did when they were born. However, hysteria is not inevitable. With Uranus in Cancer, it is only a certainty that matters involving freedom, individuality and revolutionary changes trigger your emotions. And you will probably use your feelings and instincts in resolving such issues. You need not, however, be frantic or out of control in your response.

Even if you are an extremely down-to-earth person according to your horoscope and

your behavior, with Uranus in Cancer you will be most likely not to need specific examples in forming decisions connected with Uranian matters, and nor will you be likely to respond to the common sense approach. Your feelings will guide you, and it is through appeal to your emotions that others can reach you.

If you understand and accept what needs to be considered when you are dealing with Uranian issues, you might be able to respond faster and thereby avoid the impatience and restlessness that can be connected with Uranus. The self-centered quality of Uranus will be modified by the desire to nurture and protect others. Don't waste your time wondering why you are not thinking of yourself first. It is not enough for you to say 'I want it' or 'I need it'. It is easiest to express your individuality if you are convinced that it is in the best interests of other people. And you can use unusual means to move in new directions if the welfare and security of someone else is involved.

You will probably align yourself with unusual people whom you consider to need nurturing. They may look or act in a manner that does not bring out sympathy in other people; but they touch your mothering instincts, so you begin to take care of them. But you do not want to help them forever. If they hang around for too long, you become impatient. You may begin to feel trapped and want to rid yourself of them. And it is possible that your feelings keep building until one day you suddenly end the relationship with a display of emotions. You can probably avoid this occurring if you set a time frame (preferably a rather short one) for tending to these individuals. If you have not nurtured enough when the deadline arrives, you can always extend it. But, you will feel less trapped if you know the end is in sight.

Since Uranus is also a planet of creativity, your emotions need to be aroused for you to be inventive or to execute something artistic. You will also use your intuition to guide you. The results of your efforts could come in the form of ideas, but you might also produce something quite tangible and practical. It is only the procedure that is based on feelings.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Cancer this century from September to November 1948, again between June 1949 and August 1955, and from February until June 1956. Those of you born during this period are responsible for making changes in the family structure; and these changes have provided greater freedom, openness and equality in this area.

Many of you in this 'mini-generation' were raised in families with a rigid and unquestioned hierarchy. Father was the breadwinner and head of the household, mother was the nurturer, and the children (usually three or more) were the possessions of their parents. It seemed to you that there was very little diversity or flexibility in this well-established order - especially if you were white and middleclass. Nor was there much in the way of equality in the family unit. Father, as wage-earner, had decision-making

power; mother was expected to acquiesce to him; and the children had virtually no say over their lives.

You found this condition limiting, even stifling, and questioned its validity. Out of curiosity as much as rebellion, you began experimenting with all sorts of 'alternative' lifestyles, breaking through the walls of tradition and shocking the more conservative older generations with your ideas and behavior.

As your Uranus-group became a significant force in society, you destroyed the old patterns and attitudes about what constituted a 'family' and replaced the traditional model with a variety of options that had been inconceivable before: single parents, blended families, homosexual couples, unmarried men and women living together openly, interracial marriages, househusbands, career mothers, and many others.

Most notable among the changes you effected was creating new and broader roles for women. Though this revolution was begun by members of earlier Uranus-groups, the Uranus-in-Cancer people were the first to live these changes on a wide scale and to be comfortable with these new concepts. Along with the changes in women's roles came greater equity in the family structure, for as women became wage-earners their independence grew - and so did their power. No longer totally dependent on men to support them, the Uranus-in-Cancer women have demanded more egalitarian relationships.

Children of Uranus-in-Cancer people are seen as unique individuals with rights and options, too, rather than simply being the property of their parents. You and your Uranus-group tend to be more open with your children and less authoritarian, and you allow your children greater autonomy, freedom and choices. You are more likely to consult your children before making decisions that will affect their lives, and give them a voice in the daily operation of the family, rather than leaving all power in the hands of the Father.

However, you may be a bit lax when it comes to discipline, and probably expect your children to be more independent than they are capable of being. Perhaps you feel confined by the demands and restrictions of parenthood, and refuse to sacrifice your individual goals and desires for the benefit of your children. Or, you might decide not to have children at all because you feel they would tie you down. Women in this Uranus-group spend more time apart from their children - working or pursuing other activities - than their mothers did, so that the children must become self-sufficient and self-determining at an earlier age.

People with Uranus in Cancer are more likely than previous generations to break away from the lifestyles, ideas and expectations of their own parents. You pursue the career directions, friendships and behaviors that please you, rather than succumbing to parental pressures to 'follow in their footsteps' or to fulfill their dreams. Thus your

relationship with your parents might be somewhat tense, or you may distance yourself from your parents and other family members. Instead of viewing blood relatives as your family, you could feel a greater kinship with your friends and relate to them as your 'family'.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Cancer indicates a generation of people who seek freedom and excitement through emotional expression. They will have untraditional ideas about home and family life, and they seek independence and freedom from a too strict parental authority; they prefer to be friends with their parents. However, when they leave home they make certain that they can return if the new territory they are exploring is untenable. Most of the people today born between June 1949 and June 1956, with Uranus in Cancer, have been known to leave their homes in order to have more freedom than family life allows.

Those with Uranus in Cancer run their homes in an unusual way. They have a taste for modern architecture or uniquely styled buildings, and they will fill their homes with electronic gadgets and striking décor. They like to use their homes as meeting places for friends and group activities. They may also be interested in communal living or in other family arrangements besides the traditional nuclear family. In many cases, their friends become members of the family. There is considerable psychic sensitivity with Uranus in Cancer. Occult activities are likely to be part of the domestic scene.

If Uranus is afflicted in Cancer, there can be an erratic temperament and sudden changes in mood.

(Grant Lewi)

Your genius is exerted along lines of material expansion. Inventions increase your comforts of living, and the wonder of new things influences you greatly. Your originality finds its most characteristic expression in seeking security in change and improvement; you are restless, a pioneer eager to move your home (literally or figuratively onward to new frontiers), never so happy as when you are applying your individualism to an upheaval of some sort, as a result of which you see living conditions bettered. Plenty of unsettlement has accompanied your life as a result of this urge to go upward and onward. However, the adventurous spirit has been yours, and even if your impatient genius has upset your world, you wouldn't live your life any other way.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The changeable moodiness of Cancer, combined with the unpredictability of Uranus, may at times cause problems. While, of course, planets in more powerful positions will hold sway over this generation sign influence, when Uranus is contacted by transit the

influence of its natal position may emerge, and perhaps at times the subject will be a little confused at some of his or her quirky and even uncharacteristic behavior patterns. However, if Cancer is a prominent sign or Uranus a personal planet, these indications will definitely make their mark, and must be controlled if the individual is not to heap problems on herself because loved ones and colleagues never know where they stand with her. At its best, however, this placing enhances the imagination, which will have a wonderfully original slant. In a creative chart, it is definitely an asset, while more generally the trait is useful.

Uranus is a cold, unemotional planet, always encouraging logical, clear-cut action, while Cancer is all intuition and very emotional. Unless Uranus is personalized or Cancer is the Sun, Moon or Ascending sign, this dilemma is unlikely to surface. However, when Uranus is a personal planet it can be quite a source of tension, with the individual not knowing which area to develop. It is obvious that she should let one complement the other, but because they are such opposing forces this will be difficult, and there may be persistent conflict. She should decide whether her emotions and intuitions overrule logic or vice versa, and allow the stronger to take precedent.

(John Townley)

Like many others in this generation, you probably seek to express your love through the stalwart and traditional values of home and family. You tend to be less than adventurous in forming love relationships.

A secure home and family-style love relationship can be very rewarding and enjoyable. But that may not be the most profitable direction for your particular personality. At any rate, you will profit from understanding these motivations. Probably your own self-discoveries result from personal and private experience rather than from larger group situations.

Your growth will be heightened by creating a very special, intimate world for yourself and your partner, protected from other people's thoughts or influences. You may find that sharing your inner feelings with others diffuses them, thus slowing their development.

On the other hand, by keeping your personal life very private, you can take all the credit and rightful pride in the emotional relationships that you develop. Their success or failure will be the major factor in how you develop or change the patterns of your emotional expression.

(Robert Hand)

Children born with this placement generally need less security at home and want to be free of old ideas and traditions. But even though they require less emotional support than other children, they may suffer from a home environment that is too unstable to

provide a secure sense of well-being. The parents of these children cannot cling to them or be possessive; but they cannot ignore them either. They still need love and attention. When they grow up, they will want to be free of entangling relationships.

## Uranus ♅ in 1st House

(Joan Negus)

If you have Uranus in the first house, Uranian qualities will be strongly exhibited in your personality. So when people describe you they will include such words as impatient, original, possibly eccentric. There is also an objectivity or aloofness that will be likely to be prominent in your character. This may attract those who want an impartial opinion because you can understand everyone's point of view. You will usually be fair and not take sides.

This detachment can be a self-protective device as well. If someone interferes for too long with your need for freedom and becomes too demanding of your time or space, inwardly a veil will come down separating you from the other person. Outwardly it will be perceived as an impenetrable wall. Once this wall is in place, your attitude toward that individual will be cold. And the more your emotions are appealed to, the more detached you can become.

Another facet of the detachment is that you do tend not to be judgemental. You have a laissez faire attitude. If another person does not try to interfere with who you are or what you believe in, you will reciprocate. You will accept that individual as is and not try to place your standards or values on him or her. Most of us would mention an unusual characteristic about someone but the Uranus in the first house person might not even notice it, let alone mention it. For example, if someone without Uranus in the first house were describing an individual who had green hair, he or she would tell you that this person had green hair immediately because it is not the norm in our society. The Uranus in the first house person would not think of using such standards. There might be an awareness of green hair being different, but it would be accepted as an integral part of that person being described.

On the other hand, if other people try to inflict their standards on you (which you would never do to them), you would probably develop a distaste for their company, and be most likely to try to avoid them as much as possible. I have a client with this placement and I have seen this reaction a number of times in the years I have known her. She seems to like and accept everyone who does not interfere with her, but has no time for people who try to control her. However, I have also noticed that if the interfering people become more accepting, my client usually mellows a bit toward them. This shows that those with Uranus in the first house can change their attitudes. It should be added that



the change may take time, but at least it can occur.

The impatience you experience with Uranus in the first house may be mental or physical. You could have difficulty sitting still or you might have a short attention span. So although you can be cool, objective, aloof, you will not be seen as sedentary. An air of electricity and a flurry of activity frequently surround you. Even if you are not constantly on the move, your active mind is evident. You might sometimes say that you wish life were more peaceful, but you can become easily bored. In fact, if your environment is too serene, you will probably stir up some excitement. Therefore, the flurry of activity that is always in your vicinity may be self-generated.

Since the first house represents physical appearance as well as personality, your nonconformity may be apparent in your dress or in the way you wear your hair. So you may be individualistic in your behavior, and / or the way you look. You could even take pride in your nonconformity and independence whether it is in your actions or in your dress. If you think that you are not expressing the independent side of your nature, you might consciously try to change your appearance before you take more drastic action. If you make great changes spontaneously, without thinking about the consequences, you could end up feeling disoriented rather than free.

Accepting the facts that you enjoy being different, that you need excitement and that you want to be creative, is essential to make the most of your first house Uranus. You don't have to waste your time looking for excuses for your uniqueness.

In order to capitalize on your individuality, you have to determine what standard behavior is, and / or what the fashionable trends in dress are. As you examine what is considered acceptable behavior, you can determine what you want to conform to and what you would like to change. You need not do everything differently from others. You may need your freedom of expression, but if you are too bizarre, people may not take you seriously. If you really want to make a difference, you could have a greater degree of credibility and a stronger impact on changing the standards of acceptable behavior by conforming to the parts of present standards that are agreeable to you. This is true of dress as well. If you are aware of the styles most people are wearing, you can make noticeable changes but not so different that you will be considered weird.

In regard to the possible short attention span connected with Uranus in the first house - you need not consider this a flaw in your character. Do not try to force yourself to spend long hours concentrating. It will probably be frustrating if you do. Instead, capitalize on it. Make sure you have a variety of activities that you can alternate with each other. You will accomplish much more by doing this than worrying why you cannot spend many hours on a single task.

Your need for personal freedom is another fact that you have to recognize. Recently a client with this placement came in for a reading and asked why she was unable to

maintain close friendships for long periods of time. It was an issue that concerned her and she wanted to know what was wrong with her. There were other factors in her horoscope that indicated she needed closeness as well; otherwise, she might have been quite content being a 'loner'. The pattern she had established was that she would meet someone she liked, find herself spending more and more time with that person, and then begin to feel restricted. So, somehow the two people would have an argument, and my client would be free again. This cycle had prevailed for a number of years.

When she first became aware of the pattern, she blamed the other person; but when the scenario was repeated several times she began to know that she must be contributing to the problem as well. The solution was not really that difficult. Once she understood the dilemma, she accepted the idea that she needed both togetherness and time alone. And now she arranges her schedule in such a way that if she spends a long period of time with someone on one day, the next day she will seek solitude.

You should avoid such things as placing yourself under the domination of another individual, or taking on long-term commitments that make you feel trapped. You should take pride in your individuality. If you seek ways to express your creativity and find areas in which you can have space and feel independent, you can make the most of your first house Uranus.

(Haydn Paul)

The 1st house is the sphere of self-discovery and the expression of that unique individuality. As the commencement of this house is the point of the Ascendant, it symbolises the birth of the new person; and the remainder of the 'house wheel' covers the areas of daily living that will be explored and expressed over the course of the lifetime.

Uranus in this position will tend to be disruptive in the attempt to form a relatively stable personality; and for anyone with this placing, it will be an ongoing challenge to feel inwardly at ease with his or her own nature, due to that sense of flux and mutability.

What is probably required is a new perception and relationship with the inner self beyond the ever-changeable personality. It should be clearly understood that the personality is a mask and façade for social living, and that its very nature is multifaceted and variable. One should not identify with that persona, and a degree of detachment from the superficial levels of mind and emotions and body may need to be made, so that a deeper point of stability can be found within the self. There are many techniques to achieve this new integration; and one that can be usefully performed is the exercise of dis-identification used in psychosynthesis.

Uranus will stimulate you to be highly 'unique', eccentric and erratic, possibly feeling forced into performing so that the impression of difference is conveyed to an audience. If

left alone, you are likely to experience some inner difficulty and unease, feeling that there is no stable or permanent centre. To avoid this, you may perceive yourself and infer a 'centre' through the mirroring of other people's reactions; also, it diminishes the time available to become self-preoccupied and to experience this sense of lack.

A revolution of identity is required by Uranus. This message may be conveyed to you through a variety of sources; there may be sudden surprise shocks which awaken personal insights and realisations; opportunities may be offered 'out of the blue', especially those which could take you to new environments and create the possibility to recreate your individuality with unknown people, shaking you out of habit patterns of behaviour; there may be drastic, life-changing experiences, which offer temporary chaos which forces changes upon you. Uranus will periodically 'prod you' into response, trying to redirect you towards that transformation.

Freedom and a need for unconventional living will be motivating factors, and will work against you settling for a staid, routine-bound lifestyle. Change and variety excite you; and with that restless spirit, your life will have many alterations in attitudes, directions, beliefs, relationships. Caught up in your own needs and often selfish tendencies, you can act with a lack of sensitivity and concern for others; and that obstinate streak in you can create friction with intimate partners.

Your personality can confuse and frustrate others. It has a mutability and quicksilver style at times, which, amplified by that urge for newness, can add an element of inconsistency and unreliability. This may need to be consciously moderated, especially as you are likely to feel attracted towards involvements with futuristic alternative groups, where you may aspire towards leadership positions. If you have succeeded in finding a deeper centre beyond the superficial personality, then directing your energies into these channels could be ideal.

The challenge facing you is to allow the Uranian energy to transform that understanding and sense of self. It involves a search to discover what you are, who you are, and then to assert your uniqueness. An unconscious reaction to these needs will revolve around that fragile superficial personality, the 'actor' self; and a deeper integration is what is really required to embody the new life creativity of Uranus.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetype within human consciousness that the 1st house correlates to is the instinct to become, the instinct to become what one is as an independent entity, independent from all that may restrict, impede, or in some way stifle the development of the inherent individuality within all human consciousness. This archetype reflects the continual and ongoing process of self-discovery at every moment in time. Accordingly, Uranus here correlates to individuals who will instinctually feel different from the consensus social reality constituting their immediate reality. This instinct creates a

consciousness that is fundamentally detached from the immediacy of the environment within which it finds itself living. The sense of separateness from the environment that this detachment induces and the environment's detachment from the individual thus allow for an intensified and instinctual sense of self-observation that promotes the ongoing awareness of the uniqueness of the individual's own inherent individuality.

The instinct to become creates a condition of cyclic or perpetual identity crisis, as the individual's consciousness is bombarded with an array of instinctual urges, desires, or thoughts that manifest like lightning into his / her existing state of awareness, consciousness, or reality. The cyclic or perpetual condition is determined or reflected in the nature of the Fixed, Mutable, and Cardinal archetypes. The sense of identity and individuality is being cyclically or perpetually reformulated because the individual must rebel against any inner or outer dynamic or condition that is restricting his / her instinct to become ever more aware of his / her essential nature, which is being continuously discovered. The identity crisis manifests because of the inherent tension reflected between the 1st house and the 4th house. The fourth house needs self-consistency in order to feel emotionally secure; it needs to stabilise, to secure that which is. Uranus in the first house continuously challenges this self-consistency archetype because of the instinctual urges, desires, or thoughts that manifest into the individual's consciousness and lead the individual into ever new directions, experiences, or conditions that promote self-discovery. The identity crisis manifests when the individual attempts to resist the Uranian demand for continuous reformulation and discovery of his or her essential nature.

The liberation and freedom from the known of Uranus in the first house means that it is necessary for the individual to act upon, not resist, the instinctual desires that lead into ever new conditions that allow for the ongoing discovery of his or her essential nature. The liberation of Uranus here means to walk alone if necessary, to offer oneself as an example to others that life can be lived differently from the prevailing status quo.

A natural stress can occur in the hypothalamus, thalamus, pituitary, and pineal glands. There can be pressure in the medullar region that manifests as balls of energy, tightness, underlying to severe headaches, pressure within the eyes leading to various eye problems like glaucoma, a detached retina, seeing 'spots' of black or white, all types of dysfunctional brain (as an organ) conditions, dryness of the scalp, skin eruptions on the face, a high-pitched ringing within the ears and associated difficulties of the ears: inflammation of the tubes, excessive wax build-up, and eardrum-related conditions. Adrenal exhaustion leading to imbalances in the levels of adrenaline, cortisols, and the sexual hormones can also happen.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Uranus rising gives an intensity to the nature that is sometimes masked by a genial easy-come, easy-go social manner; but, as close friends know, behind the mask is a

restless, relentless, questioning intellect, concerned with answers to all questions on all levels. Tremendously inventive, they are the ones who come up with new ideas, new ways of doing things. They act as collectors of the needs and concerns of their day - and out of the pressure that builds up through this continual collection come answers and ways of satisfying those needs. Whatever field they choose to work in, it will be the same.

The overpowering nature of this great planet of the intellect keeps them continually on edge and makes it very difficult for them to relax - or for anyone who lives with them to relax. The intellectual orientation of Uranus makes them head people, not heart people. They may believe in loving one's fellow man, and may even go to great lengths to practise this belief; but, without a powerful Moon and / or Venus, they will not really feel the love (some of the worst villains in history have this position). They are not sentimentalists - quite the reverse - and kindness and compassion are things they must learn to practise. This they often do, as they are great learners and growers, and will learn much from living, reading, and thinking about life and what is good and what is not. Their contribution is of the mind, inventions to make work easier, systems to alleviate social pressures. For instance, Coco Chanel designed a new style of clothing for working women, at once practical, comfortable and elegant. They are always radical in the true sense of the word (which comes from the Latin for 'root') in that they see more clearly than others to the core of things, clearing away the accumulation of outworn methods and no longer meaningful forms, and calling for a return to basic principles.

Although they may mask their intensity with geniality, they do not suffer fools gladly and can be ruthless about putting them in their place. Often considered eccentric, particularly later in life, they continue to follow their own inner voice, doing things the way they want in a lifelong experiment with style and method. Although their means are intellectual, their methods are intuitive; often they will do things in a certain way and for a purpose that they themselves may not understand until much later.

The rising Uranus generally gives a long face with a high forehead, a wide mouth with thin lips, and very intense eyes, sometimes slightly bug-eyed, or pop-eyed.

(Robert Pelletier)

Basically a rebel, you demand the right to grow and develop in your own way. More inhibited people consider you unstable because of your revolutionary behavior and your ability to detach yourself from responsibility. You aren't afraid of responsibility, but you want to know whether your freedom will be curtailed if you accept it. You don't generally make rules for others, and you wish people would remember this before they ask you to obey theirs. You really enjoy people who think for themselves. You have a great regard for education because it helps think more clearly and to live with greater self-determination. You also realize that formal education is the best way to develop your creative potentials so that you can use them more productively. Your children may

resent you for being permissive, assuming that you don't really care what happens to them.

You have an exciting array of friends, ranging from genteel to coarse. You have a unique ability to remain relatively unaffected by the lifestyles of those around you. Your cool detachment may cause you some anxiety later on because you don't plan ahead, assuming that everything will turn out well. With your abundance of ideas, you can do so much more to shape your future. With a little foresight, your financial security and independence can be assured.

Your emotional indifference and disregard for the facts of life may delay your rise to a position of prominence. You expect others to let you do everything in your own way; and you resent their authority over you. This resentment may be left over from the frustrations of dealing with your parents early in life. Learn to compromise so you can gain the support you need for your endeavors. Your partner must be willing to let you be yourself, and never try to dominate you in any way.

On a personal level, you are quite uninhibited in seeking to satisfy your physical needs and sexual appetite. You feel that everyone has to live according to his or her own code of behavior. On a more impersonal level, you can accomplish a great deal when you use your innovative ability to serve the needs of the people you deal with. If you want your ideas and suggestions to win greater approval, you may have to make some sacrifices to show that you understand other people's problems. Plan your actions more carefully so you won't be in danger of nervous exhaustion from pushing yourself to meet deadlines.

With your belief that everyone should have the freedom you enjoy, you may dedicate yourself to help people who are in need or disadvantaged. While it isn't easy for you to put others before yourself, you would derive much satisfaction and spiritual uplift if you did. Money alone cannot tell you whether your efforts are truly productive, although you may sometimes be preoccupied with financial matters. You must apply yourself to some significant human need. In that case, you might even think of money as a major burden, because you dislike the obligations that come with large amounts of it. On the whole, you are not overly concerned with money as an end in itself, but as a means to achieve more rewarding objectives.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with Uranus in the 1st best meet life by having the courage to determine their own truths for themselves. If there is no path, they should make one. Highly original and inventive, they offer new insights or ideas into their various fields of interests. Obviously, those with Uranus in the 1st are better in leadership roles - they just can't cope very well being followers. Nor should they, with the highly individualistic Uranus in the natural house of Aries and Mars.

Talk about electricity - they usually have it. Often this can be seen in their eyes, face or around their hair - something about them crackles and buzzes. If Uranus is difficultly aspected, they can be extremely obstinate and unreasonably dissenting, revelling in being different simply for the sake of it.

Nonetheless, they must be given a great deal of personal freedom to find themselves. Most of us derive our sense of who we are from being somebody's wife, mother, child, boss, lover, etc.. However, for those with Uranus in the 1st, these traditional collective representations of identity are just not enough. There is always something better or different that they could be; and therefore they have great difficulty settling into any one definite sense of who they are. Others may find this wonderfully exciting or painfully irritating. Basically, they just want to be left alone to get on with what they want to do without people bothering them. It's no use trying to stop them anyway. Unwilling to adhere to conventional forms or standards of behaviour, they 'cut through' anything which is phony or stifling with laser-like alacrity. To others, they sometimes appear shocking.

If Uranus is close to the Ascendant, there may be something unusual about the birth or early upbringing. One way or another with Uranus in the 1st, life is not going to be ordinary.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-expression: Uranus in the 1st house reveals you to be radical in natural expression, revolutionary in radiance. Your personality can alternate quickly between quiet calm and nervous electricity. There is willfulness in great measure, triggered at any time by the semi-conscious need for total freedom. And there is almost certain eccentricity of expression, an idiosyncratic feeling that will be noticed by others more than by the self. Even the calm is pregnant, charged, waiting for the right moment to pop open like a jack-in-the-box. The pitfall is needless iconoclasm, while the challenge is to be truly unique.

Natural persona: The face you show is unpredictable, marked by sudden and occasionally extreme shifts. Nervous energy shapes your persona, even though it may not always appear as an active presence. It is a symbolic mask of paradox and distance, conveying the sense of standing apart, of being a cool, dispassionate observer.

Your name-tag is a neon sign that changes messages drastically at the most unexpected times; but the basic message is "I am an unusual individual".

Self-awareness: Your central self can be awakened when the radiance of personality is uniquely individual, unpredictable, and crisp. Awareness always occurs in bursts. When you are quiet and calm, as you are much of the time, you are merely observing, "on

hold", waiting for the trigger. When you are ordinary, you vanish. It is only when you suddenly explode into extraordinary aliveness that you become truly conscious of yourself. You must carry a strong sense of independence in order to know who you really are.

Boundaries: You don't so much build bridges as leap back and forth between your inner reality and the outer world. Consistency or passive obedience disrupt the contact, but disruptive behavior for its own sake defeats the necessary distinction between the two different worlds. In the first case you are ignored, not taken seriously, and in the second you are ostracized, ridden out of town on a rail. Your challenge is to inject into the world new and freer forms of selfhood without provoking blind, knee-jerk opposition.

Vitality: Uranus in the 1st indicates the possibility of sudden or radical shifts in both health and vitality. The placement is especially prone to nervous disorders, and like Mercury and Mars, there is a likelihood of higher-than-normal susceptibility to stress, since your personality is especially high-strung. You need to learn to roll with the life's punches, taking as well as you give. In a crisis, marshal your energies and detach from the situation, to observe - separate from your body, separate from the world.

## Neptune ♆ in ♍ Virgo 14° 12'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation of Neptune in Virgo have the potential for realizing the higher aspects of health and service on a planetary level. They are infused with the vision of plans to make perfect health available to everyone. Growing world concern over the effects of pollution, environmental hazards, and devitalized foods has increased through the efforts of this generation. On a personal level, it indicates the dilemma of dealing with idealistic expectations of automatic emotional fulfillment coming from one's job in life. It offers the choice of accepting or denying the responsibility of serving one's fellow man in whatever capacity one may find oneself. A sense of true inner joy is possible through the conscious dedication of manifesting one's ideals of service in one's line of work.

(Skye Alexander)

Neptune was in Virgo last century from September 1928 to February 1929, between July 1929 and September 1942, and from April until July 1943. Virgo is associated with work, service, health and nutrition, ordinary life and the 'common man'. Whenever Neptune passes through this sign, the public becomes sensitized to these things and they take on special significance.



Neptune's most recent trip through Virgo coincided with the Great Depression in the United States, a period of economic instability and disintegration unparalleled in this country. Twenty-five percent of the population was unemployed, and finding work became the most important thing in life for the average person. In the American prairie states, the Dust Bowl reached peak proportions, wiping out crops and bankrupting farmers. To provide some sort of relief for the millions affected by loss of income, the government instituted the Social Security Act of 1935, Unemployment Insurance and the Works Projects Administration. Europe's economy, too, was undermined at this time; and in Germany inflation was devastating. Those of you who were born during this period of economic disaster idealize work; and job security is extremely important to you.

An earlier Neptune transit of Virgo between approximately 1764 and 1779 corresponded with the American Revolution, a revolt of the common people against the British Crown, which was based in part on the colonists' dissatisfaction with the economic situation. This same period saw France's economy decaying due to a large public debt and government inefficiency; and the underprivileged were growing increasingly unhappy with the extravagances of the royalty. In both countries, food played a role: France's bread famine, America's boycott of British goods, and particularly the Boston Tea Party.

For people born with Neptune in Virgo in their birth charts, nutrition and health can be areas of much concern. Perhaps you dream of a time when all people have enough to eat. Your generation was in the forefront of health consciousness in the late sixties and early seventies. Or, you might hold misconceptions and illusions about diet and health, of worry incessantly about germs and disease. Perhaps poor eating habits have caused your health to deteriorate.

Neptune also rules chemicals; and while it was in Virgo chemical fertilizers and food additives were introduced into the food chain. Although the manufacturers of these products intended to improve food quality and quantity, in typical Neptunian fashion their good intentions were misguided and led to environmental pollution and illnesses in people and animals. Neptune's most recent trip through Virgo also brought new discoveries in the area of medicine, most notable the introduction of penicillin in 1939. However, some of the drugs developed during this period were found to cause bigger problems than they relieved. Those of you who have this planetary placement in your birth charts could have a fascination with the medical field, and the use of drug therapy in particular. Your idealization of the medical profession and your desire for quick cures might cause you to avoid responsibility for your own health and to rely too heavily on doctors and drugs to remedy your ills.

Finally, Virgo's relationship with everyday life was highlighted when Neptune passed through this sign; and suddenly ordinary household objects were idealized. The Art Deco movement of this period glorified common items; and artists and manufacturers paid special attention to the design of such things as toasters, vacuum cleaners, dishes and cigarette trays. For those of you who have Neptune in Virgo in your birth charts, function

is probably more important than form. You idealize efficiency and practicality, and see beauty in usefulness. For example, nylon, one of the first synthetic textile introduced to make clothing care easier, was developed in 1938; and as your Neptune-group reached adulthood the use of synthetic fabrics proliferated.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune in Virgo is in its detriment, indicating a generation whose creative, imaginative faculties are thwarted by adverse material circumstances. Neptune in Virgo encompasses much of the generation that grew up during the Great Depression of the 1930s. This was a time of chaos throughout the economic system resulting in scarcity of employment, which is ruled by Virgo.

The negative side of Neptune in Virgo can manifest itself as a tendency to psychosomatic illness and excessive emotional preoccupation with inconsequential detail. Also there is likely to be doubt or negativity toward intuitive impulses, which is manifested in materialism. Unwise dietary habits are typical of Neptune in Virgo if it is afflicted. Much of the chemical adulteration of our food began during this period.

(Grant Lewi)

This position of Neptune brought the depression and the beginnings of a new age. Those born under it will have come to maturity with a new slant on social and political matters, a new assurance of the dignity of work, a new consecration to humanity and to service. Your deepest wells of consciousness understand these things; and throughout your life unselfishness will be the keynote of your best expression. to learn early that the ego is of only secondary importance is to give yourself your surest foundation for happiness and success. You work best, you play best, you love best when your mind isn't on yourself. Learn the value of work for its own sake, and you give yourself the best key to contentment. If your Uranus is in Aries, make your individual genius work to promote some ideal of service. If your Uranus is in Taurus, individual and collective security can be made mutually to serve each other. In any case, awareness of big social, collective, political, economic forces, and identification of yourself with them, enables you to get the detached view of the world and yourself which will encourage you to draw on the deep and abiding strength within yourself and use it to gain the peace of mind and happiness you need.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here is the first modern generation seriously to criticize accepted religious beliefs. Neptune, ruler of Pisces - a sign closely linked with Christianity - was at this time travelling through Virgo, which is Pisces's polar sign. Virgo, ruled by Mercury, is analytical and critical. In addition, one of the most interesting generation influences of this planet is that at precisely the time Neptune first entered Virgo the cinema, which had

until then been silent, discovered sound. (Remember that Mercury is the planet that rules communications.) In general, people enjoyed greater and easier communication, and the medium of radio also increased this.

If Neptune is personalized or Virgo is a prominent sign in the birth chart, the imagination is stimulated and can be expressed well (perhaps through literary work). Since Virgo is an Earth sign, the subject may also have a flair for horticulture.

At worst, Neptune in Virgo tends to lower the self-confidence, since the subject's critical faculty can undermine his or her belief in what is achieved, and this can result in a lack of inner fulfillment. Discontent and restlessness may also be present, especially if these tendencies are indicated in other areas of the chart.

(John Townley)

People in your age group are quite particular about what they demand of partners and relationships. They tend to search endlessly for the 'perfect match' instead of growing and changing within a relationship.

This has resulted in a rather high divorce rate because couples find that they can't fit the mold of a perfect match without significant personal change. Thus, you might do well to avoid this generational attitude, although it is necessarily an ingrained part of your upbringing.

Thus, you may feel impatient if a relationship does not seem to be working out, or if it seems that you will have to reshape your own personality to make it viable. Few marriages are made in heaven, however, and mutual change and growth are necessary in almost every relationship. Expecting your partner to fit you exactly, or vice-versa, is a folly that is encouraged by movies and romantic novels. Often it is hard to completely get away from that attitude. You tend to feel that somehow it's just not right if the relationship doesn't go smoothly all the time. 'Perhaps we really weren't meant for each other' is the feeling that surfaces, even though that may not be the case at all.

However, understanding this prejudice that is part of your upbringing is half the battle in overcoming it.

(Robert Hand)

This was the silent generation of the 1950s, whose ideal was to settle down, get good jobs with security and become responsible members of society. They idealized work and duty somewhat, which weakened their desire to protest even when things went wrong in the world around them. The influence of Virgo made them feel that they were too insignificant to protest. Even so, some of them were in the vanguard of the protest movement of the 1960s. However, their approach to large-scale social organization was

a great deal more disciplined and in some ways conventional than that of the generation immediately following.

## Neptune ♆ in 3rd House

No interpretation.

## Pluto ♇ in ♑ Capricorn 22° 39'

No interpretation.

## Pluto ♇ in 7th House

(Ginger Chalford)

This house initially belongs to the child; and very often when people exhibit childish behaviour one can find planets which represent that behaviour pattern in the natal seventh house. As the young child begins to grow socially, she / he discovers that by imitating the adults in his or her environment, she / he is learning about personality patterns and growth-oriented interactions with others. This gives the child a sense of security. After all, there's no need to figure out how to act and what to do, for models of behaviour abound all around. Children with Pluto in the seventh house learn their lessons well, and can become accomplished mimics of adults. As they practise their new behaviours, they receive responses from parents, adults, and older children, which tell them whether the actions are pleasing or not. Children do want to please, for that assures them that the world is moving along smoothly, that they will have plenty to eat and other children to play with, etc.. This original sellout is necessary, since children cannot truly fend for themselves. The personal power is, as commonly happens with Pluto, exchanged for security. With this placement however, it is often more difficult to take that power back once adulthood is reached. It is here in the seventh house that social experiments are made, that the learning cycle on how to get along and fit in is begun. It is here that children establish their limits, the boundaries that demarcate what they can and cannot do.

With Pluto here, these boundaries can be very confining, which sets up a repression of energy that could either explode later or else seem to disappear entirely into the personality. Since children are rewarded for imitating adults and older children around them, the behaviour is reinforced and there is a tendency to continue it. These children look for validation of their self-image from others, hoping that they look right, act

normally, dress within the mode (or code), and generally fit in with society. This process of learning is a seemingly long one, taking all of the early life to accomplish. Yet, the behavioural tools necessary to deal with unforeseen situations remain limited, even into adulthood. When disaster strikes, it is usually because of the environmental situation or someone else, rather than the Pluto native. This seeming passivity is a logical result of thought processes that set up other people as the source of power in life. (If others can give the self value, they can destroy it as well.) This child gets in touch with the emotional content of relationships very early in life. He or she may have been picked on by older children or siblings, or victimised by them in some way. One such case was a boy who was encouraged to participate in some naughty activities by an older brother. When the child was caught he was punished, but his older brother was not. (He had sworn to secrecy as part of the deal.) His loyalty to his word kept the parents in the dark as to why their younger son was such a troublesome case, until years and years later. Yet, such experiences can leave emotional scars on young children, and they may try to avoid any intimacy or close involvement with another person as much as possible. They may withdraw and spend more time watching than actually participating in relationships, even though to have a friend or closer relationship is the one thing they desire most in life. Unfortunately, the child assumes that others have all the answers, and transfers the awe of parents and adult authority figures to other individuals who are older and / or seem stronger and more powerful. If someone else becomes angry with them, the impact on these Pluto people will be very strong. They will either meekly submit, while fuming secretly within; or they will become an aggressive, rebellious underdog and resist openly. Power plays in relationships seem to occur frequently, but that is the natural attempt of the Pluto individual to find the limits of his or her own power. Over time however, those with this placement may still not have discovered their own personal power, and may still be waiting for an okay from someone else before proceeding with their own life. All this activity can be subconscious, for the original feelings associated with the early adaptations have been lost. They have floated out of sight, only to run the show from a booth on the side rather than taking their place on centre stage. These patterns have a nasty habit of sliding by unnoticed through adolescence and into adulthood very easily, as they are strongly reinforced by the peer group (which is an adolescent replacement for the parental authority figures).

The person still has a tendency to expect someone outside himself or herself to know all the answers - a mentor, a teacher, a spouse or an angel from God. She / he may remain a passive resister of the first rank, leaving to someone else the responsibility for any messes that may occur in life. She / he will even move out of the familiar neighbourhood to be with someone who gives him or her that special feeling. Instead of adolescent games, the seventh house Pluto individual will have discovered a broader spectrum of games in the marketplace with other (apparent) adults. Just as this person was inadvertently abused as a child, now his / her business opponents give him / her a rough time. This can manifest as getting in trouble with his boss, a loved one or the bank! In order to appear as successful and 'together' as others, these Pluto people will try to have all the answers themselves. The unfortunate aspect of it all is that, due to their limited

self-expansion and experimentation as children, they don't have that many answers. Somehow, somewhere, they will foul up and someone else will get the cake - the raise, the relationship, etc.. This can set up a pattern of frustration and anger at certain other manipulating individuals, which can fester over long periods of time. Whether they treat others nicely or not doesn't mean that the lesson of this placement has been learned. Being rebellious, treating others like dirt (a possible extreme manifestation) is still a reaction to the belief that the desires of others must always come first.

What these people have to learn is that by becoming the very opposite of what they were trained to be, they are not really rebelling. Instead, they are only confirming that their training was valid, that the parents and other adult authority figures were right. These negative actions are merely saying that the Plutonian is angry about it and wants to punish others for having more important desires and activities than he or she does.

The other mode of response is that of the quiet, introverted, passive resister. These Pluto individuals can explore the opposite extreme of their unruly brothers and sisters, by trying to appease everyone they meet, cringing with anger and / or sacrificing the self for the hope of a harmonious relationship. These people will do anything to stay at home with someone in order to keep the game going, to keep the relationship alive. There can be a terrible fear that the relationship could end (generally when the other party walks out) - and then they will be alone, without someone of power around them to assure them that they are all right, etc.. They will also refuse to see the major impact they have on the partner's life, thinking themselves somehow invisible and unobtrusive. That's hard to be when you have this Pluto placement! Not trusting themselves, they look for someone else on whom they can rely.

Fortunately, many people with this Pluto placement do grow up and begin to make choices for themselves. This can create profound relationships, from exciting and synergistic business partnerships to soulmates. Even though the partner is usually a strong-willed person, there is an appreciation of his or her spunkiness and strength, and a willingness to make the relationship a special or even magical one. The two heads, like rams, may butt each other every once in a while, but the relationship definitely won't suffer from boredom! To others, these people may appear to have nasty fights, but instead it is a healthy way for them to let off steam, and the anger is quickly forgiven and forgotten. Both partners will acknowledge the power and impact they have on each other, and will be willing to commit themselves to working out solutions that don't hurt the other one or break his or her trust. These Plutonian natives have learned to balance their own desires with the other person's. They neither consistently demand to have their own way, nor do they give in to the wishes of the partner all the time. They have learned a great deal about life through relationships, and they have a healthy self-image. This placement is very good for those in the legal profession, including judges, because these people are very fair. They are also good psychologists, having come into that subject with an intense curiosity about what was happening in their own life and relationships. These Plutonians make many conscious choices during the day, without

needing the advice of others. And they can keep up their positive energy, because they are confident in their public image.

Those with Pluto here can also do well in mass communications, should the rest of the chart favour that, because the public image can be powerful and their message can move multitudes. They take responsibility for their lives, and they have indeed grown up.

Situations that seem to accompany this placement can include disaster on the home front; separations, domination by partners and spouses, bitter ending of relationships, fighting futilely, vengeful partners, sudden disappearance of important people in their lives, and persistent difficulty in getting and keeping a mate. Generally, as was said earlier, events with this placement seem to come out of the individual environment, and this can feel scary and evoke deep feelings of insecurity about possible future heavy events also catching them off guard.

When Pluto transits individuals realise they have a choice in the matter, the tables turn. But then they will have to accept responsibility for the tremendous power they have chosen. The partner is often the most significant person in this individual's life - particularly the romantic partner. Heavy karmic tie-ins to the past are possible if Pluto rules house ten or house four. In that case, the individual with this placement may be looking for a replacement parent. If you have this Pluto position, beware of falling into that trap! While Pluto transits this house, relationships will have to be overhauled. At the very least, the way the individual looks at the relationships will have to be transformed. Often, this can manifest as the disruption of a personal relationship or business partnership. It doesn't have to end however, if both parties can go through this transformation together. But the responsibility for communicating to the partner about needs and changes still lies with the Pluto person.

Legal hassles and tendencies to evade the law can come up at this time also. But generally, most of the results of this transit will directly or indirectly reflect the powerful impact of the person's overhaul on his or her environment. If seen that way, then something can be done about it. The crises must ease up, and this process must start with the individual who is affected by the seventh house Pluto, either natively or by transit. To change the negative impact of Pluto in the seventh house, one must stop being a martyr or victim. Forgive others (partners, ex-spouses) for what they've done to you, and clear that emotional debris from the past. See the fourth house for forgiveness techniques. Then look at your current life. Monitor a few days of your life, and note how many times you conceded or compromised your views for those of another person. Start paying attention to how you feel at those times. In many instances there are fine, practical reasons why you take the other person's ideas or activities so seriously. But in some instances, you will find that you have a nagging doubt, a resentment or a moment of indecision. It's this kind of situation you will need to focus on and change. Changing doesn't mean that you must now insist on doing something different from what the people around you are doing. That would only indicate that you have still failed to make a clear

decision on your own, and are simply reacting to others in a negative way. What you really need to do is to regain conscious control over your thoughts and actions.

Every time you fail to clarify your preference, your own inner sense of security and trust suffers a bit. It's far better to say 'Wait, let me think about it' than to go along with someone else merely because that person seems to have stronger, more pronounced views and motivations than you. Don't submit to pressure from others through intimidation, anger, guilt, etc.. If someone is manipulating you, put them on hold until you have discovered what it is that you really want to do. Go off by yourself if necessary, and make them wait. If the situation is a crisis that can't wait, then let your instinct take over. But there will be very few real crises coming your way once you begin tuning into how you deny your own choices.

If you are the type of person who is blustery, and you don't feel well-liked or appreciated, then it may be that you have been playing the rebellious but passive resister all these years. Monitor yourself for a few days, and you'll discover that you may believe one thing but act just the opposite way. If this happens, you know that your assertion of independence and identity is not real. You still haven't discovered what you want from yourself.

When you disagree with someone, check within yourself to see whether it's an automatic negative reaction or not. Is it a habit? If so, remember incidents in which you disagreed with others, but eventually went along with them. Replay the scenes and rewrite the endings in your imagination, and then ask yourself how you could have handled the situation differently, so as to get the results you wanted. Learn the contemporary methods of personal assertion; how to get what you want while the other fellow is not manipulating or being manipulated. It's a wonderful new frontier! Now is the time to explore it, and discover the depth and vibrancy of your relationships.

(Liz Greene, *The Twelve Houses*, June 1, 2009)

The Greek sovereign of the underworld was only seen to leave his kingdom for the upper world twice: once to heal a wound inflicted on him by Hercules, and once to abduct Persephone into his realm. Similarly, the workings of Pluto can be observed most clearly in illness and in the sphere of close relationships.

With Pluto in the 7th, it is in the area of partnerships that Pluto is encountered. Rather than viewing marriage or close union as merely a 'happily ever after' affair, it is wiser for those with this placement to understand relationships as catalysts or agents for personal transformation, growth and change.

Liz Greene says of Pluto in this house that 'the entry into the underworld comes through somebody else.' In other words, relationships will plunge them into deep emotional complexes which have lurked in the recesses of the psyche from as far back as early



childhood (or even further, if one believes in karma and reincarnation). Through issues connected to partnership, parts of the nature which have been buried, repressed or kept under control by the ego will erupt messily into the everyday life. After the blast, there is the task of putting themselves back together again, hopefully with greater awareness and understanding of their own complexities.

If they are not wholly in touch with their own darker or undifferentiated sides, then they may project these qualities onto the partner. If they have not acknowledged their potential for ruthlessness, treachery, betrayal, jealousy, envy and possessiveness, they seem to attract or constellate such traits in other people. Again, the nature of life is towards wholeness: if we are not living that wholeness, then the outside brings it to us.

Wherever Pluto falls in the chart is where the god of death and destruction can be found. Some with this placement sense their own proclivities for destructiveness in the area of relationships and consequently live in fear that others might be capable of the same kind of behaviour. Or they may totally disown their own destructive energy by just attributing it to the other person. Because of a nagging apprehension that sooner or later the other person is going to disrupt the relationship, they have difficulty trusting the partner or feeling safe in a union. Attempting to avert such a catastrophe, they may try to dominate, possess and control the partner. Unfortunately, such behaviour often serves to drive the other person away, thereby bringing about the situation which they most dreaded. As in the case with Pluto in any house, the deity which brings the illness is also the one who brings the cure. To clean up the mess that our own unconscious complexes land us in, Pluto hands us a shovel and says 'Start digging. In the process we may even unearth some very good reasons why it all had to happen that way.

I have seen many instances where those with Pluto in the 7th wanted to end a relationship but were afraid to do it for various reasons. Invariably, they somehow provoked the other person to do it for them.

Some may meet Pluto in the 7th through the death of a partner. If the partnership was a close, good one, then picking up the pieces after such a misfortune is a slow, gradual process with many phases. But wherever Pluto is, the capacity to rise again, like the Phoenix out of the ashes, is also present; although Pluto may teach them to be more careful next time about deriving their identities wholly from something external to the self. Even if the relationship was fraught with fights and bitterness, the loss of a partner through death can still be devastating - especially if the person feels partially responsible for what has happened, or the partner died before pressing interpersonal issues could be resolved. It will be important for the remaining partner to do what he or she can to work through these feelings; otherwise any later relationship may be tainted by them. Pluto's house is easily haunted.

Pluto is a planet of extremes and in this sense it is oddly placed in the house which is concerned with balance, sharing and learning co-operation. The issue of who has the

power in the relationship is brought sharply into focus. Some will give all their power over to the other person, as if they want to be swallowed up by the relationship. Others will not feel safe unless they are the ones in charge. In either case, the balance of power is unevenly shared and lessons of true mutuality are still to be learned. Sooner or later one or the other of the partners may feel the need to break free in order to grow beyond the constrictions of such an arrangement.

In many cases I have seen, those with Pluto in the 7th actually have difficulty eliminating or letting go of a relationship. For some, this evinces a kind of loyalty which is determined to keep working at it. For others, their identity may be so tied up in the partnership that to lose it would be like death. In mythology, Pluto, compared to the other gods, was a relatively constant husband to Persephone, and was only unfaithful twice. In the first instance, he developed a mad passion for the nymph Minthe, but in his wild pursuit of her, he accidentally crushed her underfoot. (It is possible that those with Pluto in the 7th can actually destroy a relationship because of their own intensity about it.) In the second case, he abducted one of the daughters of Oceanus into his kingdom, where she lived until she died a natural death.

Pluto may require the complete breakdown and elimination of an existing relationship to allow for the continuing individuation of each party. On the other hand, however, Pluto also suggests that a relationship can endure a number of mini-deaths and rebirths, coming up stronger each time, and lasting many, many years.

Those with Pluto in the 7th have the ability to help others through painful times of crises and transition. Some may have a profound influence on society in general. Two examples illustrate the social face of Pluto in the 7th. The Fascist Italian dictator, Mussolini, had Pluto here ruling the 12th house of collective movements. By contrast, Betty Friedan, the indefatigable women's liberation leader, has Pluto in the 7th ruling Scorpio on both the 11th and 12th house cusps. This house placement of Pluto is also useful in the charts of lawyers, healers, counsellors and psychologists.

(Jeff Green, *Pluto: The Evolutionary Journey of the Soul*, 1985)

As in all natural cardinal houses, Pluto in the Seventh House or in Libra demonstrates that a new evolutionary cycle has been and is still underway. These individuals have been learning how to develop an objective awareness of themselves and to understand their sense of individuality in a social context. In addition, they have been learning lessons of equality, relativity, and of listening. They have been learning how to listen to another's reality as it exists for them. In so doing, they have been learning how to give in relation to what others need according to that reality. Within these lessons, they have been learning how to participate in relationships as an equal.

In order to experience this evolutionary intent, those with Pluto in the Seventh House necessarily have had to be involved in a wide variety of relationships. Through

involvements with a variety of people comes exposure to many different value systems, intellectual systems, emotional patterns and spiritual beliefs. Through this process these individuals have been learning how to understand their own intrinsic individuality through comparison or evaluation of the relationships that they form. In other words, it is through comparison with others that they become aware of who they are as unique individuals. In this way, these people have been learning, on a preliminary basis, the evolutionary lesson of objectivity versus subjectivity.

A fundamental lesson because of this prior evolutionary intent, is how to participate in relationships. From the First through Sixth Houses, Aries through Virgo, the focus was on the subjective development of the individual, which necessitated a self-centered orientation to life. The egocentric seed of individuality was planted in Aries. From Aries through Leo, the First House through the Fifth House, this seed progressively expanded and grew in ever widening circles of development. In Leo and the Fifth House the egocentric seed had blossomed into the creative self-actualization of intrinsic individuality. In the Sixth House and Virgo, the archetypal need was to experience essential aloneness, and to purge or purify the egocentric balloon of self-importance. In addition, it was necessary to learn the practical skills or techniques that allowed for an appropriate harnessing, focusing and channeling of the inherent work capacities of the individual to serve the needs of the culture, tribe, or society in a practical way. This archetype produced an inverted pyramid effect upon the subjective development of the individual, purging the ego of delusions of grandeur and promoting essential humility.

In the Seventh House and in Libra, the potentially purified individual is now ready to relate with others on an equal basis, rather than on a subservient or dominant basis. Those with Pluto in the Seventh House will have felt in the past, and will feel coming into this life, a compelling need to be involved in relationships. This compelling need is rooted in the desire to complete the self through relations with others and to unite one's life with another's. Because of this prior evolutionary intent, the unconscious emotional security structure of these individuals is rooted in their need to be involved in relationships in order to feel fulfilled and complete.

Because Pluto in the Seventh House or in Libra represents a relatively new evolutionary cycle, these individuals have literally been learning the ongoing lesson of how to be involved in relationships with others on an equal basis. Most of these individuals have not learned how to do this. On the one hand, these individuals will need to take in information and differing points of view from many diverse types of people. This situation sets up the need to listen objectively to others in order to determine how to relate with them. By exposing themselves to the diversity of others, these individuals have been learning to understand objectively the relativity of human nature.

A potential problem that this prior life pattern promotes is one wherein the individual becomes overly involved with too many relationships, and takes in too many differing points of view and values. Becoming overly involved in this way, the individual can lose

sight of his or her own individuality; he or she can become overly absorbed in the differing realities of others. When this occurs, the Seventh House Pluto individual can become compulsively dependent on the opinions, advice, or knowledge of others as a means of determining who they are, or what they should or should not be doing with their lives. The dependency is put in motion as soon as the individual loses sight of his or her own individuality.

In this condition, these individuals cannot relate to themselves without relating to others. They are not comfortable unless others are around. In addition, once the individual loses sight of his or her own individuality, the stage is set wherein the individual will be subconsciously attracted to very powerful individuals who appear to be very strong, stable, sure of themselves, and who have the ability (and perhaps the need) to guide or control the formation and development of the Seventh House Pluto person.

In this situation, the individual has reached an extreme imbalance in which they are utterly dependent on the partner or people they are involved with. In the worst cases, this situation promotes the alter ego effect wherein the Seventh House Pluto person is promoting or fulfilling the needs of another to the exclusion of their own needs. The other person has manipulated the dynamics of the relationship above, the individual would necessarily have had to recoil or react to the imbalance through evolutionary necessity. In both situations described above, this reaction can manifest itself in one of three ways:

1. The Seventh House Pluto individual leaves the partner because the needs that created the relationship have been fulfilled. This situation sets up new needs, and therefore a desire for a new relationship. The process of leaving is not necessarily positive or easy. Often, the partner does not feel that the relationship should end, especially for the reasons that the individual claims. The relationship ends with the partner feeling unresolved as to why it ended. This unresolved condition sets up the karma to be fulfilled with that person at some other time.
2. The partner leaves because they do not feel that there is any more need for the relationship, or that they are not getting out of the relationship what they are putting into it. Their needs have been fulfilled. The Seventh House Pluto person does not feel this. They feel unresolved about why the relationship has ended. This situation also sets up the karma to be fulfilled with that person at some other time.
3. Both partners become mutually dependent on each other in whatever way it is defined relative to the two extremes mentioned above. The degree of dependency becomes so extreme that further growth for each individual cannot occur. In this situation the roles within the two extremes can be cyclically exchanged within the relationship, or they can remain polarized within the fixed positions of the extremes: one partner playing the dominant role, the other playing the subservient and alter ego role. In this situation one of the partners may be forcefully removed from the relationship, sometimes meaning death. The enforced removal creates growth for each through the intense pain, remorse

and reflection upon the nature of their individual lives, and the nature of their relationship. Neither one was consciously ready for the relationship to end. Thus, unresolved, they will find each other again at some other time.

These reactions to the imbalance of relationships are to enforce the lessons of equality, balance, and relativity. A common astrological misconception about Libra and the Seventh House is that it is balanced by nature. The fact is, the Seventh House or Libra means learning balance. Very commonly, those with Pluto in the Seventh House have approached relationships in extreme ways in the past. In one relationship they will be the dominant partner, and in another they will be the needy, or alter ego person. And, of course, some of these individuals have been in relationships in which the roles of being in control, and being controlled, have been interchanged within the same relationship.

Any kind of imbalance within a relationship will produce necessary confrontations, either between the partners, or internally within the individual. The internal confrontations are manifested in order to force the individual to examine the nature of every difficulty or problem within him or herself, the relationship, and/or the partner. The nature of the difficulty or problem will always be linked to a need that is not being met. External confrontation between the partners will occur for the same reason. The essence of this evolutionary lesson is to learn how to give to another what they need and in so doing to have one's own needs met. Yet, because this evolutionary impulse is relatively new, the majority of these individuals do not know how to relate to themselves or others in this way. This produces not only the problem of imbalance, but also the phenomenon of conditional giving, or conditional love. Needs are linked to expectations, and expectations are projected upon a partner, or expectations are projected upon the individual by the partner. When the projected needs are not successfully met by another, then the withholding of love or giving can occur.

Because this evolutionary impulse is also teaching the individual how to receive love or giving from others, they may not be able to accept or recognize what comes their way because of emotional distortions that are linked to the problems associated with the unmet expectations or needs. Similarly, the individual may desire to give to another, yet the other may not receive, recognize, or accept the giving due to their own emotional distortions linked to similar projected expectations or needs not previously met.

This evolutionary dilemma is necessary in order for these individuals to learn how to relate to themselves and others in a balanced and equal way. The confrontations, the conditional love, the leaving or being left by another, the shock of losing a partner through death, the alternating of dominant and subservient roles within the relationship, relationships that are formed upon the fixed roles of dominance and subservience, all occur to enforce the lessons of balance and equality, objectivity and understanding one's individuality in a social context.

These situations also occur to teach the individual what their essential needs are in a

relationship, who they are because of relationships, and to develop social values regarding how people should relate to each other. These situations occur to enforce the lesson of minimizing dependency on another person, and to overcome the tendency to make another person the god of one's reality, or to allow oneself to be made into a god by the partner.

These individuals will finally come to the realization that they need to be needed, and they will realize how this need controls the formation or dynamics of their relationships. Recognizing this dynamic they will also understand their compelling need to give to others, and to be given to. The ongoing evolutionary lesson will teach them when to give and when not to, and when giving, what to give, and when not giving, why they should not give. They can also realize that by appearing not to give in certain situations, they are actually practicing a form of supreme giving. In other words, in certain conditions these individuals must learn how to withhold giving to others. The nature of these conditions will be when another keeps coming back for more without applying or working with what was given before. By learning how not to give in these conditions, these individuals will learn how to stop promoting dependencies upon themselves by others. This is utterly necessary from an evolutionary point of view. In the very same way, these individuals can learn how to receive that which is being given to them without becoming dependent on those that are giving.

# Object Aspects

- 1) ► *Imum-Coeli* IC *Parallel* ♂ *Mars* - (1°23')    ♀3 | ♀6
- 2) ► *Moon* ☾ *Contra-Parallel* ♀ *Jupiter* - (0°17')    ♀11 | ♀6
- 3) ► *Moon* ☾ *Contra-Parallel* ♀ *Saturn* - (1°17')    ♀11 | ♀11
- 4) ► *Mercury* ☿ *Parallel* ♀ *Venus* - (0°09')    ♀9 | ♀11
- 5) ► *Mercury* ☿ *Contra-Parallel* ♀ *Pluto* - (1°13')    ♀9 | ♀7
- 6) ► *Venus* ♀ *Contra-Parallel* ♀ *Pluto* - (1°22')    ♀11 | ♀7
- 7) ► *Mars* ♂ *Contra-Parallel* ♀ *Neptune* - (0°45')    ♀6 | ♀3
- 8) ► *Jupiter* ♀ *Parallel* ♀ *Saturn* - (1°34')    ♀6 | ♀11
- 9) ► *Descendant* DC *Conjunct* ☉ *Sun* - (1°18' S)    ♀7 | ♀7
- 10) ► *Descendant* DC *Conjunct* ♀ *Pluto* - (6°55' A)    ♀7 | ♀7
- 11) ► *Imum-Coeli* IC *Conjunct* ♀ *Neptune* - (2°21' S)    ♀3 | ♀3
- 12) ► *Sun* ☉ *Conjunct* ♀ *Pluto* - (8°13' A)    ♀7 | ♀7
- 13) ► *Moon* ☾ *Conjunct* ♀ *Venus* - (6°54' S)    ♀11 | ♀11
- 14) ► *Mercury* ☿ *Conjunct* ☾ *South-Node* - (10°00' A)    ♀9 | ♀9
- 15) ► *Venus* ♀ *Conjunct* ♀ *Saturn* - (3°57' S)    ♀11 | ♀11
- 16) ► *Neptune* ♀ *Conjunct* ☾ *North-Node* - (1°01' A)    ♀3 | ♀3
- 17) ► *Moon* ☾ *Opposition* ♀ *Jupiter* - (9°20' A)    ♀11 | ♀6
- 18) ► *Mercury* ☿ *Opposition* ♀ *Neptune* - (8°59' A)    ♀9 | ♀3
- 19) ► *Mars* ♂ *Opposition* ♀ *Uranus* - (5°54' A)    ♀6 | ☉1
- 20) ► *Ascendant* ASC *Sextile* ♀ *Venus* - (0°46' S)    ☉1 | ♀11
- 21) ► *Ascendant* ASC *Sextile* ♀ *Neptune* - (1°32' S)    ☉1 | ♀3
- 22) ► *Midheaven* MC *Sextile* ♀ *Venus* - (1°35' S)    ♀9 | ♀11
- 23) ► *Mercury* ☿ *Square* ♀ *Jupiter* - (4°01' S)    ♀9 | ♀6
- 24) ► *Sun* ☉ *Trine* ☾ *Moon* - (7°26' S)    ♀7 | ♀11
- 25) ► *Sun* ☉ *Trine* ♀ *Saturn* - (3°25' S)    ♀7 | ♀11
- 26) ► *Sun* ☉ *Trine* ♀ *Neptune* - (0°14' S)    ♀7 | ♀3
- 27) ► *Sun* ☉ *Trine* ☾ *North-Node* - (0°47' A)    ♀7 | ♀3
- 28) ► *Moon* ☾ *Trine* ♀ *Neptune* - (7°40' S)    ♀11 | ♀3
- 29) ► *Moon* ☾ *Trine* ♀ *Pluto* - (0°47' A)    ♀11 | ♀7
- 30) ► *Moon* ☾ *Trine* ☾ *North-Node* - (6°39' S)    ♀11 | ♀3
- 31) ► *Mercury* ☿ *Trine* ♀ *Uranus* - (3°56' S)    ♀9 | ☉1
- 32) ► *Venus* ♀ *Trine* ♀ *Neptune* - (0°46' S)    ♀11 | ♀3
- 33) ► *Venus* ♀ *Trine* ♀ *Pluto* - (7°41' A)    ♀11 | ♀7
- 34) ► *Venus* ♀ *Trine* ☾ *North-Node* - (0°15' A)    ♀11 | ♀3

- 35) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (3°11' A) ♅11 | ♃3  
 36) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♋ **North-Node** - (4°12' A) ♅11 | ♃3  
 37) ► **Pluto** ♇ **Trine** ♋ **North-Node** - (7°26' S) ♅7 | ♃3

- 1) ► **Imum-Coeli** IC **Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°23') ♃3 | ♋6

(Robert Hand)

This position can have two quite different effects. On one hand, you may be subject to compulsive desires, wanting to do things without any special reason except willfulness. Such actions are usually rash and sudden, and may be caused by an inner emotional upheaval. Sometimes this happens because you have had such a stormy and turbulent home life as a young child that all your resentment comes out in sudden aggressive energies. To counter this, your parents should provide you with a reasonably stable and supportive home life, where you can feel that you are accepted for yourself.

On the other hand, if you feel confident that your family loves and accepts you, you will experience the energies of this aspect quite differently. You will determine the course of your life very directly, according to your own inner needs and impulses. You will be conscious of these needs, so that you can gratify them in a controlled way instead of being at the mercy of your inner drives. In general, you will succeed by creating a satisfying inner life more than by achieving in ways that the outer world can easily recognize. You may or may not be successful in your career, but that will not be as important to you as inner satisfaction. While you are young, your parents should understand this and help you discover your own needs rather than make you conform to other people's expectations.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the IC suggests that the individual operates from a foundation of anger. Usually there is a history of conflict in the home, and individuals with this placement may do anything to hide their own anger from public view and sometimes from themselves. With Mars on or contacting either end of the axis, there is often tremendous anger felt towards one or both parents, an anger that can fuel the individual into accomplishing tasks that require tremendous tests of strength or energy. This placement will often be indicative of the person who works from home or who is always 'on the go' when actually at home. The home is a place of activity for Mars conjunct IC. Whilst such activity may be of a more Mercurial nature if Mars is in the 3rd house, this placement is also ideal for more physical tasks, for these provide a way for the individual to contact and work off his or her anger. Often people with this placement feel cut off from their physical energy unless they actively take steps to stoke themselves up. If Mars is making hard aspects to heavier planets, this placement can be indicative of accidents or fires. Such



manifestations usually only occur if the individual is not actively 'using' his or her energy. Mars conjunct IC can also indicate an urge to dig out one's roots. For those with this placement, courage may be about unflinchingly exploring the emotional and sexual roots of the family and their own psyche.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

With this aspect, vehement actions and desires manifest themselves in the domestic life of the native. Since the conjunction of Mars to the IC partakes somewhat of Mars in its fall in Cancer, it tends to create a situation of disharmony in the home unless it is very well aspected. The forceful, combative nature of Mars does not harmonize well with everyday life, in which sensitivity and mutual love are needed. The home, which should be a place of beauty and harmony, can become a battlefield generating emotional tension and upset. Mars conjunct Nadir is something like a bull in a china closet.

This conjunction is favorable for people connected with industrial occupations having to do with the earth itself, such as mining or building construction. The Mars energy can also be used to make do-it-yourself improvements in the home.

Mars square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Mars in conflict with the MC, problems will regularly arise owing to an often too bold, sometimes too aggressive and vehement approach to others. We have a high opinion of ourselves and are not always tactful enough to hide it. We strike others as domineering, ambitious and belligerent. Socially in particular, that can spell trouble, because our attitude will come under attack more than once, and this is bad for our ego-image.

Once we learn to govern ourselves, enormous energy should take us far. To a greater or lesser extent, we shall always have to struggle to reach our goals; but this is something we are well equipped to do. Socially, we do best in positions where we can be very active and enterprising and also very independent. Freedom of action is something we prize extremely highly.

With these aspects, we usually have little regard for others, and often take the wind out of their sails by our speed and competitiveness. Whatever we feel like doing, we do as a matter of course.

Both career and domestic affairs are subject to strife. There is a tendency to transfer to the job the conflicts that result from quarrels at home and vice versa. Thus, problems in

the profession or in the home life are likely to aggravate other spheres of activity. The natives must learn to use their heads more and their feelings less.

There is also an inclination to get into trouble with the state and with its legally constituted authorities. Sometimes the natives are unwillingly involved in military affairs; for example, they may be drafted.

2) ► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ♁ **Jupiter** - (0°17') ♃11 | ♎6

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition Jupiter shows that you are a highly developed individual with much creative ability and a generous appreciation for the talents of others. You may sometimes question the importance of your own abilities, and for this reason you seek out people who are talented. You hope they will reassure you of your own competence. Lacking the discrimination to make a personal evaluation of your worth, you feel the need for expert advice. But be careful that you aren't misled; casual acquaintances may take advantage of your emotional vulnerability.

There is a discrepancy between your emotional reactions to stimuli and your comprehension of what these experiences really mean. You tend to believe what is easiest painful to your sensitive feelings, but you can make serious mistakes this way. Generous to a fault, you can be deceived when you bestow your generosity on those who don't deserve it.

You are benevolent toward people who seem to lack the advantages you have. It would seem appropriate to select an occupation in which you could help such people, perhaps through welfare programs, rehabilitation of the handicapped, public relations, physical therapy, or foundations that serve those in need. You would derive an enormous sense of well-being in these endeavors, knowing you are making an important contribution to their objectives. Don't be afraid to develop new techniques or improving your talents.

Your free time could be devoted to church activities or to civic and community affairs. Avoid direct competition with strong character types. They will only depress you by their overwhelming strength in gaining your submission. Accept only those challenges that you feel fairly certain you can succeed in.

You give every potential companion the benefit of the doubt, overindulging their whims in order to win their affection. You are worth a lot more than that, and you should not make a commitment to anyone until his or her credibility is established. Don't make gestures of love until the individual you care for shows sincerity and honesty in caring for you.

Be moderate in eating and drinking, for you react to rich foods as though they were poison. You may be inclined to put on weight and disinclined to strenuous physical

xercise, so caution is advised.

3) ► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°17') ♄11 | ♄11

(Haydn Paul)

It is probable that the restrictions and limitations which you encounter are mainly derived from other people or environmental pressures, and that relationship difficulties will occur.

Childhood experiences and parental or social conditioning will have greatly affected you; and your attitudes and worldview are likely to have been moulded by duty, obligation, and responsibility. You see their requirements as necessary for the socially mature individual, but, instead of gradually developing as a result of real maturation, these have been imposed on you, probably during childhood before you were able to properly integrate them. Parental pressure or environmental circumstances may have forced you to 'act grown up' before you were ready, having to conform to these demands. You may have reacted against the discipline of restraining attitudes and imposed rigid behaviour, and may have seen your parents as lacking love or understanding for you.

Life presents a vista of duty and obligation; it is viewed as a serious affair in which 'doing the right thing' becomes important, even if this means ignoring your feelings, instincts, and emotions... or so it seems to you. One result could have been a controlling of childhood feelings, exuberance, and enthusiasm, of not being allowed time for childish play and 'silliness', acting out imaginative fantasies, or refusing to conform.

By adult life, this may have consequences of moodiness, bleak depressions, and negativity. You may display emotional inflexibility, endure phases of stagnation, and have fears of people, experiences, and situations. If this occurs, it is symptomatic of unconscious emotional repression, which now influences your everyday consciousness and reality through interference. Sensing this repression, others may avoid closeness with you, as they sense that your social stiffness inhibits relationships; as your vibration is that of a loner, they may feel uncomfortable.

Negative attitudes can become restrictive and limiting; opportunities can be lost through refusing to take chances, or relationships denied through social unease or fear of emotional intimacy. If you can redirect your attitudes in a more positive and constructive direction, things will open up; making such a shift is likely to prove difficult, yet, if achieved, will be highly rewarding.

Clarifying your life direction is important, enabling energies to be targeted at achieving specific personal aims. While the 'duty and obligation' program dominates you, there can be antagonism toward authority figures such as employers or managers, especially if they provoke your feelings or wound your sensitivity. If you chose not to become self-employed, then work related to medicine, research, social welfare, community service,

law, or government may attract.

Relationships can prove problematic. You find difficulty letting down your emotional drawbridge to others, and struggle to express feelings. Sometimes embryonic relationships are destroyed by your allowing previous relationship experiences to interfere, by prejudging people according to past disillusionments. Emotions are protected; and this can prevent intimacy from developing. Older partners may attract, as may those who display a maturity which you believe you lack.

Be careful of becoming dependent on others. It may be inevitable that you fall in love with someone who displays affection but not love for you. This leaves you emotionally vulnerable; and powerful but painful feelings are encountered. Such experiences could prove uncomfortable and traumatic, yet releasing emotions is the healthiest action. If a relationship develops, then you may become less defensive, and your hidden potential may unfold with a loving partner.

Children may help to open you, providing a relationship into which you can pour love, helping you to feel at ease with displaying feelings in a less threatening context. You may find that family obligations create limitations, due to financial constraints and parenting responsibilities. A balanced approach to fulfilling responsibilities in a more relaxed, emotionally responsive manner is required; and much depends on transforming attitudes and feelings. If this is achieved, limitations will progressively dissolve as emotional stress is released, and a new feeling of liberation grows. With emotional freedom comes the dismantling of those inner barriers which have prohibited creativity and imagination; and taking these steps may reveal previously unexplored and unrecognized talents and abilities.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon opposition Saturn confers depth of understanding, but it also indicates periods of considerable pessimism and depression. These periods develop because of your emotional reactions - you are inclined to be apprehensive and fearful about people and events. You take life seriously, and no event or relationship is ever casual or superficial. In your early formative years, you were strongly conditioned to accept duty and responsibility as an essential part of growing up. However, you found it difficult to accept such pressure, and your emotional sensitivity made you assume that perhaps you were not loved or were being rejected.

You relate better to older people, and even in youth you associated more easily with adults than with those your own age. This may have caused you some loneliness, especially if older groups would not accept you because of your age. It would not be surprising if you had become a loner.

Your professional opportunities may be limited unless you can become more optimistic.

Although you accept duty, it is never without some bitter reminder of the parental influences of your childhood. You tend to project this bitterness in your relations with your superiors, so that getting along with them may be a problem. You will function better if you can be self-employed or can at least exercise selfdetermination in performing tasks. It is important that you establish your own goals and construct a plan of action to realize them.

You could find expression in medicine (especially geriatrics), human research, welfare programs, education, law, hotel and restaurant management, or government service. Learn your craft well, and don't belittle those who can teach you what you need to know. Keep your feelings anchored in professional activities.

If you are still influenced by your early conditioning, you will choose a mate who is an extension of one of your parents. You will probably seek a person who is strong in character, self-disciplined, and demanding. But you would derive more emotional satisfaction from a relationship with someone who can compensate for the austerity of your parents. If you have successfully modified your attitude toward people so that you aren't on the defensive, you would enjoy having a liberal-minded mate who could help you exploit your potentials to their fullest.

Whichever sort of mate you choose, it is unlikely that your own family environment will be a replay of your childhood. You will want greater flexibility for your children to enable them to become secure, independent adults.

Avoid eating cold lunches, if you can, and use salt in moderation. Frequent rest is advised, and try to get away occasionally from the pressure of everyday routine. Digestion may be a problem if you allow tension to build up, especially from emotional stress.

Moon square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects draw attention more strongly to vulnerable aspects of a personality. When people have the hard aspects, each time they look for comfort and safety (Moon), they are inevitably confronted with their weaknesses, fears, and uncertainties (Saturn). Emotional inhibitions and difficulties with emotional expression are quite common under these aspects. These people struggle with a sense of loneliness and often with an inferiority complex as well.

Anxiety and possibly mistrust will affect behavior. They take a rather gloomy view of everything, preferring to expect the worst because then the unexpected will always be an improvement; and, in fact, are particularly prone to do so where the emotional world (Moon) and the need for security are concerned.

For women, these are difficult aspects. Their femininity is not easy for them to handle. Even though many can create the impression of being superwomen, they lack inner composure. Another mode of expression is very mannish behavior. Saturn's hard aspects can lead to extremes.

Self-control is considerable with these aspects, also the capacity for hard work, selfdiscipline and level-headedness. People with conflicts between the Moon and Saturn can be very creative in fashioning things. Their inferiority feelings, and their fears that what they make will never be perfect, are likely to haunt them to some extent; but they can produce first-class work once they set their minds to it. Although these are active aspects (which the tense aspects always are), Saturn can be so inhibitive that either the natives' activities are paralysed at the very beginning or they avoid spreading their interests. Given their sensitivity, they cannot afford to risk making too many mistakes. Shyness is common in these aspects, while the persistent search for some ideal form in which to express themselves makes them initially impractical and inefficient: owing to uncertainty they try their hand at all sorts of things when they are young, being unable to settle down anywhere. Dread of the unknown can keep them static and clinging to pet ideas; therefore they strike others as hard and unbending.

However, once these people have made the effort to break out of their hard shells they will be all the tougher for the experience, well equipped to patiently withstand the adversities life may bring, and they will work successfully under the most trying circumstances. For durability and staying power are Saturn's good side, which falls within their reach once we have come to terms with it.

(Charles Carter)

The inner side of these contacts is usually inefficiency, the native being a bad leader and organiser, without set purpose or policy, often not intelligent and confused in his methods, giving himself and others unnecessary trouble. He is careless and imprudent, weak and obstinate, cunning and silly; astute in details, but blind in main issues. Sometimes it causes laziness; sometimes energy without persistence. Depression and discontent are common. Shyness is common also.

With depression there is often a lack of real self-reliance, and the native may be a prey to fear and foreboding, and a feeling of general inadequacy in respect of his obligations and duties. He is apt sometimes to rely on the material supports of life rather than on character.

The entire feminine side of the nature is limited by this contact, and unless other aspects come to the assistance of the Moon, much unhappiness and emotional inhibition may occur. Even the good aspects of the Moon and Saturn sometimes tend to dourness and rigidity, and a dislike of, or inability to partake in, pleasures, particularly if Venus be

weak.

On the circumstantial side, which will be the more evident in many cases, there is a dislike of hardship, particularly in early and in late life. The native may easily be misunderstood, and have to endure harshness, severity, and lack of emotional satisfaction.

The relations with the mother are rarely happy; she may be unfortunate, or may die young, be unhealthy, or be a burden to the native; or she may be dominating and stern in her attitude. The home is seldom imbued with a genial atmosphere such as a child needs.

In marriage these aspects tend to unions between persons of diverse ages; sometimes there are social differences and the parents either prevent marriage or urge unsatisfactory alliances based on Saturnian considerations of duty, advantage, and so forth. There are rarely many children.

A correspondent writes from personal experience: 'The main effect is frustration, or victory without pleasure, or unrewarded efforts, probably to teach the native selfless application to duty. The good side of this aspect seems to lie in helping to build inner strength, an ability to sense adversity before it comes, and patience to endure it when it arrives.'

The native may come into contact with violence and ill-health. The opposition seems very potent in this respect. Sometimes there is unpopularity, especially with women and with the masses; sometimes there is a rather senseless popularity that does not last.

4) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°09') 009 | ♃11

(Betty Lundsted)

The childhood environment of this person includes open communication: the family talks about what it wants. Although the words may not be intellectual, the child is exposed to conversation. This may produce a 'wordy' child and, consequently, a 'wordy' adult. It may be a person who talks too much about nothing, or it may indicate a prolific writer, depending on the rest of the chart indications.

Venus suggests the type of effect the mother has on a child's psyche. When the conjunction is afflicted by another planet, it may be determined how the person is hampered by the mother's influence. This individual will enjoy using the senses, and will enjoy some art form related to the sign in which the conjunction takes place.

## Mercury conjunct or sextile Venus

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction or sextile of Mercury and Venus shows that you have an affable manner and social grace. You get along well with most people because you know when you should make compromises in order to maintain harmony. But this doesn't mean that you give in when you know the other person is in error. You generally try to be fair in making judgements so that you do not offend people without just cause. You know how to express your opinions skillfully so that no-one feels threatened or intimidated by you, and you are resourceful in gathering information to document what you say. Not usually hostile or argumentative, you prefer to give everyone you deal with the benefit of the doubt when a difference of opinion arises. It is part of your refined nature that you let people have the opportunity to convince you of their point of view before you take any action.

Your gentle and easy-going personality is an asset in most professions, but you might find it difficult to cope with the abrasive elements of close and direct competition. This possibility should be taken into consideration when choosing a profession. It is better to work alone or with a small group of people so you won't have to worry about troublesome competitors.

You could find enjoyment in public speaking or the dramatic arts. Writing could also prove satisfying because you have a natural talent for expressing yourself well. Your imaginative style is fresh and charming and appeals to people who want to be entertained as well as informed. You are most comfortable with subjects that are not too dense and cumbersome.

You are fairly clever in devising schemes for improving your financial condition. You can use your talents effectively and can usually translate your ideas into cash. Your associates will support you in your enterprises, because your balanced judgement reassures them that you can't be too far off base. You convince them that you will succeed and generally win the co-operation you need. But you don't ask others to take risks you aren't willing to take. Because you are careful to adequately prepare yourself in advance of any action, the element of risk is greatly reduced anyway. And you shy away from complex projects that require prolonged effort before any benefits can be obtained.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

These two planets are never more than 72 degrees apart, so they only form two major aspects - the conjunction and the sextile. Because they always remain in each other's neighborhood, they repeatedly form the same aspects. In practice, there seems to be scarcely any difference in effect between the conjunction and the sextile; at most, the conjunction is the more powerful.



Mercury, as the planet of contacts, in aspect with harmony-seeking Venus makes people generally approachable. They prefer discussions to be agreeable and are inclined to make concessions. They desire to get on well with people and they respond to a pleasant atmosphere.

The way they analyze facts is influenced by Venus, too. For the sake of harmony, they may refuse to investigate too deeply. Outward agreement is what carries the most weight.

Friendliness and sociability do not necessarily make for maturity. There is often something childish about these people. It is not unusual to see children with these aspects remaining infantile for longer than normal (provided other factors in the chart, such as a strongly placed Saturn, do not counteract this). Conflicts are painful; they do not like taking sides, and they find a strained atmosphere hard to take. So these people are prone to back off if this will ease the situation. Although they are vulnerable, they are, by the same token, also naturally diplomatic and able to sort out differences of opinion and pour oil on troubled waters.

The way in which they fulfill the need for permanent relationships and for material security (Venus) always has a mental and communicative slant when Mercury is involved. Therefore they need relationships where they can talk to people (although not necessarily on anything very profound), and verbal exchange is very important.

Sometimes a Mercury / Venus aspect can make the mental processes rather lazy. Venus is not the most active of planets; and, since Mercury has a great deal to do with the learning capacity and school, children with such an aspect sometimes fail to appreciate the need to study hard and are more interested in having fun with their friends, or prefer to do something creative. This certainly does not mean they are unable to learn, simply that their interests probably lie elsewhere.

(Betty Lundsted)

When these two planets are tied together by aspect, it indicates that the mother of the person has had an influence on the ability to communicate. It can indicate a person who enjoys communication, who may be involved in the arts, in literature, in appreciating the beauty in the world. It may also indicate a person who loves to talk.

(Charles Carter)

Since these planets are never more than 76° apart, it necessarily follows that the only aspects that can be formed between them are the conjunction, semi-sextile, semisquare, sextile and quintile, unless we also count the decile and semi-decile (36° and 18°). But as the planets are so near together at all times, aspects between them are of frequent

occurrence and I consider that only the conjunction, semi-square and sextile are of much account. Even with these, fairly narrow orbs should be used if marked results are to be looked for.

These contacts may be treated under one head, for they do not differ materially. They always give some charm to the manners, speech and writings, but with the semisquare a certain vanity and effeminacy may be apparent, and sometimes a love of ease and luxury, and an undue sensitiveness. But the aspect is far too weak to be of much account unless the rest of the chart is of a similar tenor. The sensitiveness of the conjunction is not marked, and is of the kind normally associated with refinement and good breeding.

The sextile and conjunction bestow good spirits; a charming, cheerful, happy nature, with much friendship and sociability. There is, as a rule, a liking for young people; and the native himself is often juvenile in his tastes: sometimes there is an element of what is called the child-psychology with its harmless, rather superficial interests and lack of real depth of purpose. This is naturally most observable when the influence of Saturn is not pronounced.

These aspects do not of themselves bestow genius, but they are of great value to a writer or orator, for, though they will not indicate a brilliant intellect, they will give a pleasing expression to the native's thoughts.

In respect of the health, they operate very beneficially, indicating absence of friction, and healthy nerves.

They may bring profit through art, writings, speaking, and any 3rd house activity, the conjunction being, of course, always more powerful than the sextile, which will be much subordinated to the rest of the chart.

For some reason that I cannot explain, the conjunction does not seem to be favourable to the children of the native. Often indeed there are none; and in other cases there is separation or a lack of common interests. It seems to tend more to the production of intellectual offspring, such as works of art and literature. The sextile also appears to deny or limit the number of children; or there may be a tragic bereavement, or sorrow of some kind through one of them. It is said that 'genius is sterile'; but it seems strange that a good aspect of Venus to Mercury should have these results. Since Venus dislikes pain and responsibility, it might incline the native to avoid the having of children, but it is hard to see why it should affect children adversely when they have arrived. Nevertheless, I refer those who may question this observation to an examination of actual cases.

5) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (1°13') 009 | 137

(Haydn Paul)

The energy of the opposition aspect creates considerable inner pressure and tension, mentally and emotionally, and can be difficult to deal with constructively, as a considerable inner change is required before the energy can come under the control of an integrated personality.

Due to the inner agitation and anxiety, your perception of the world and your feelings response to events will be strongly coloured by its activity. This is not necessarily to imply that your interpretation is wrong, but that your experience of it will affect you more deeply and influentially than it would most other people, who could possibly give it more sense of proportion than you can. Basically, the tone of your insight will be pessimistic and essentially depressive, and you will see the world as a place where disorder, pain and problems are rapidly multiplying. Social problems feel personal and real to you, even if your own circumstances do not bring you into personal contact with them. Your sensitivity (or inner receptivity) leads you to see a world in crisis, makes you feel responsible for its problems, and offers little way out for you unless you become involved in efforts to improve matters. It is a 'social conscience writ large and painfully'. The frustrating thing for you is that however effective you are, so much work still needs to be done in the world. You have to accept the fact that you cannot change anything, and that your role is to make your own contribution but not everyone else's.

This sense of impatience in life creates a corresponding vibration in you that expresses itself as a brusque harshness in relating to others. The contradiction is that whilst you intend to improve life and bring harmony into people's relationships, you often create the opposite reaction to your purpose. An interrogatory style in talking to others will create distance; and under pressure of your 'mission' you often lose sight of co-operative relationship with others. You need to learn more compromise and moderation, paying equal attention to the needs and feelings of co-workers or partners. Gain a truer perspective on the conditions of time, and the slowness of change in the world, and this can help to moderate your impatience at social transformation; it is a long, slow grind against inertia and resistance, often even from those you believe you are helping.

You have high ideals, yet are often lacking in self-confidence over your ability to express them or live up to them; generally, no one can live up to high ideals, so relax a little, create a little space between you and this inner obsession, and devote more time to internalising this energy to transform yourself. What you are is of the highest importance; and by embodying your ideal more fully in yourself, you will be more of a living demonstration of your purpose, and more effective.

It is a difficult tension to live with, this feeling of interrelatedness with the world, a sense of responsibility and direction that you are 'summoned' to give aid to lighten the burden. You have to lighten your own burden first, which will improve the quality of your own life immensely, and bring clarity and perspective into things.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Mercury opposition Pluto, mental and emotional anxiety prevails. You are extremely sensitive to any social problems you observe, and cannot rest until you've made some effort to resolve them. Everything is in a state of crisis, you feel, until you can gather your forces to solve a problem that you sincerely believe is your responsibility. You are impatient with yourself and others to get things done immediately. You are certainly competent, but you need to be constantly reassured of this, so you project crises in your own life and with the people around you. Moderation and compromise are necessary if you wish to prevent others from breaking off with you.

When challenged, you are emotionally and intellectually arrogant, because you fear that your credibility is being questioned. You tend to draw premature conclusions based only on the obvious aspects of a situation. A more penetrating examination might reveal details that would force you to modify your judgement. You will have to cope with this problem before you can successfully handle your professional interests. Many difficulties will persist with your co-workers, who will not tolerate you unless you change your attitude.

You are suited for such fields as medicine, research, analysis, union activities, chemistry, and teaching. However, you must come to grips with the qualities that make it difficult for others to get along with you. You are extremely argumentative when provoked, and this can interfere with realizing your goals. Learn to mind your own business, and learn to respect the feelings of others. This can help greatly in gaining their co-operation and support when you need it, as everyone does on occasion. Others will appreciate your efforts if you compromise a little.

Finding a suitable mate may not be difficult for you, but you are more likely to keep the mate you find if you will meet your partner halfway in compromise. Your strong ambition and desire for financial security may drive a wedge of dissent between you. If you disagree about important matters, it would be wise to seek guidance from someone who is an authority in such things. Resist the desire to project your ideas onto your partner or to make unacceptable demands. This will alienate your mate as surely as it does your associates.

Ideally, your partner's objectives should be consistent with yours; then you could undertake a co-operative program in which you would support each other.

You can enjoy continuing good health if you will try to do everything in moderation. Unwind by getting away from the pressure of competition. Your savings are very important, for they will allow you to be less anxious when unexp

6) ► **Venus** ♀ **Contra-Parallel** ♁ **Pluto** - (1°22') ♃11 | ♎7

(Haydn Paul)

The challenging aspects of square and opposition invariably display the dark face of the distorted Pluto energy, and require considerable individual transformation and selfunderstanding to mitigate the potentially negative impact on life that they will otherwise influence a person to experience. It is important to remember that this influence to confront the darker side of the psyche is inherently positive and creatively beneficial if it is used to reorientate the inner life, and that this is the hidden purpose of the Pluto impulses.

It is likely that you will experience a repetitive pattern of sexual love and emotional affairs which either do not seem to satisfy and fulfil you, or collapse into failure, acrimony and suffering. This can lead to a jaded, cynical attitude founded upon a frustrated, demoralised emotionally battered perception of love.

Your emotional intensity and passion is likely to cause difficulties for you, as it often seems to run away out of your control, and can take you into situations and encounters which from a clearer perspective you would consider to be undesirable. Certainly you are looking for something; but your sexual and emotional desires can be too strong, creating distortions of inner energy and leading to compulsive behaviour on your part - followed by an attempt at justification in the vein of 'I couldn't help myself...'. Either you will feel driven to experiment in various relationships on a continuous basis, or, as a reaction, you may attempt to avoid entering any emotional affair as you are afraid of experiencing the old established pattern again.

Problems can arise in your intimate relationships due to your tendency to introduce the element of domination. You tend to demand your own way or assume a dominating role, sometimes played out in potentially damaging sexual and emotional contexts, sometimes obvious, sometimes more subtle. Even if you assume a submissive role, it is only as a hidden way to manipulate and achieve your intentions through a subtle route; it is not your natural approach. Usually, you want your partners to change to suit you, and you can put intense pressure upon them, especially sexually and emotionally.

You will need to learn the necessity for mutual compromise in relationships, to understand your inner underlying desires and impulses which are conditioning and controlling you from the depths of your unconscious. It may be appropriate to study humanistic psychology, or take part in a course or therapy designed to bring about safe release of hidden impulses into the light of conscious awareness. Such impulses, and unconscious inner fantasy lives, are present to some degree in everyone; but with this aspect they will stimulate problems for you, which are resolvable if you are willing to confront them in an act of personal reintegration and transformation. This will also serve to balance out your erratic flow of emotional desires, which often seems to confuse you and your partner, as you appear to 'blow very hot and very cold' in your responses to them; this is when your inner impulses arise and fall in some hidden rhythmic cycle,

leading to uncontrollable emotional and sexual needs and intensity, or to a lack of response and to coldness.

Always, the choice is yours; potentially you can defuse many of the difficulties that usually face you in relationships, or you can continue hoping that they will lift of their own accord. Pluto is influencing you to take the positive approach, by facing you with the results of being passive to the inner forces and by remaining unconscious of their hidden promptings.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus opposition Pluto, your intense emotional nature may create many problems for you, as you strive to force your demands on others. On the other hand, you may avoid involvement with others, fearing the responsibility of an emotional attachment. In either case, you will alienate yourself from those who may be dearest to you.

In any permanent relationship, money is often seen as the cause of disharmony. The real problem, however, is usually the excessive demands you make of your partner, or your partner's possessive attitude toward you. You must appraise your feelings realistically to see if the two of you have simply grown apart, or if you have tried to remake your partner to fit your ideal image.

Before making any contractual commitment to someone, you should try to examine your prospective mate's potentials carefully. This means realistically evaluating his or her capacity to fulfil your needs, both as a partner and as a parent of your children. The best physical mate does not necessarily make a good parent. There may be an inability to accept the responsibility of a family and the restraints to personal freedom and mobility.

Any problems you may have, however, can be resolved if you are willing to compromise. The freedom you can enjoy together may be greater than any freedom you could have separately.

Early in your professional career, as you are trying to become established, you will encounter certain difficulties. Some individuals may try to take advantage of your naivety to create trouble between you and your superiors. You are sure to encounter severe competition from your co-workers, who will feel threatened by you.

Avoid forming a close alliance with anyone until you are sure that person can be trusted with your confidences. This is especially true of your boss. Being friendly with him may give you job security, but it will certainly disrupt comfortable working conditions with your fellow employees, and these are the people you have to live with each day.

To be truly effective, try to maintain a purely social attitude in your professional endeavors. Any emotional involvement will unnecessarily complicate your goals. It is

easy to be victimized by a person for whom you feel an emotional attachment because it is so difficult to say 'no', even to excessive demands. If you allow yourself to be used, you will increase the chances of being abused.

7) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°45') ♄6 | ♀3

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition is focused more on your outer relationships with people, although inner projections are often the key to their problematic nature. As with the square aspect, there is the presence of the unconscious mind being activated by a frustrated Neptune, which lead to distortions in action and expression. Inner motivation is often unclear in respect of its true nature, and often compulsive desires are hidden behind a façade so effectively that even you are often essentially unconscious of why you act in certain ways and why is actually making those decisive choices for you. Self-clarity can be difficult to achieve, especially in the areas of emotional and sexual desire, which can have a compulsive quality to them, and which can dominate your options. Those areas may become highly emphasised in your life, excessively so and out of a healthy proportion and perspective.

You probably lack trust and faith in life. Suspicion is a constant companion, and you see others through such a filter, yet this is often mainly composed of your own nature projected out like a shadow over the world. How can you trust yourself when you do not fully comprehend your own motivations and desires for actions? Yet you often mean well, but are let down by your own tendencies of secrecy and manipulation. Your own attitudes are reflected back at you, so that mutual suspicion is often created, and you lose even more trust in people. Sometimes you tend to withdraw from social activity due to this. A refinement in how you choose to assert yourself may be necessary, as well as a withdrawal of these conditioning negative characteristics.

Confronting reality is essential, so that, by acceptance, a more realistic balance in relationships can emerge - one where your desires are less dominant and threatening, and where the emotional dimension is more integrated and explored. This will help to modify and redirect the blocked Neptune energy so that relationships become deeper, more satisfying and a bridge to renew your experience of social relating. Evaluating your ambitions in life can be more productive once the projections are being withdrawn, and using intellect and common sense can be more effective in realising them than following a path of glamour and compulsive desires which, whilst perhaps temporarily exciting, leads to a dissipation of your self and your objectives. Avoidance of unnecessary stimulants is also wise, as these will not help; and a more perceptive insight into the nature of glamour and illusion will also be highly beneficial. This is especially so if you have become involved in the occult or spiritual realms of life, where there are always many candidates to take advantage of those who are more gullible and susceptible to the power of 'secret knowledge'. Those who have the desire to be 'special' are often

abused physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

The nature and quality of your relationships can be transformed, provided that you deal with those problematic areas of your inner nature, trust, emotions, sexuality and illusions. Perceiving how you can negatively condition your experience is the key to realising how you can positively transform it too.

8) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°34') ♋6 | ♏11

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Jupiter to Saturn shows that you have enormous potential for success, although it won't come without effort. In spite of overwhelming odds against success, you are eager to explore new means to make a massive assault and assert yourself in the world. You have the fortitude and staying power to mobilize all your resources for this task. Planning every step of the way is absolutely essential, along with knowing when to act and when not to. You have a vivid picture of your future already realized in your dreams, but you are realistic enough to accept the responsibility this entails. You know that even with a driving ambition, striving for significance is not enough unless it satisfies a clearly pictured mental vision. You have the courage to be ostentatious about your belief in yourself, while remaining cautious enough to stay within your limits. Your capacity to achieve goals is in direct proportion to your willingness to accept selfdiscipline and hard work. The glow of success is so sweet that you can accept these facts.

You are hopeful yet realistic, eager yet serious, assertive yet deliberate. Generally you don't take chances, preferring to use proven methods to get what you want. You apply your talents in the most practical way so that little effort is wasted on non-productive projects. You can find rewarding satisfaction and exploit your creative talents in law, education, medicine, accounting, or the ministry. To these fields you would bring a profound understanding of people and an ability to help solve their problems. You are patient with less gifted people and willing to be of assistance when they need you.

In your moments of relative leisure, you enjoy reading informative books that are useful in your professional interests. In your constant striving to raise your level of competence, you might attend evening sessions at an educational institution. Never satisfied with the extent of your knowledge, you realize that competition requires to keep abreast of current thought and developments in your field.

You respect the lessons of history, which stimulate your philosophical musings on destiny and the role of each individual in the destiny of man. Your retentive memory is a great help in crises that require an immediate solution; you may even be surprised that the necessary information comes to mind so readily at the right time.



Overdoing is your most persistent problem, for it can cause physical exhaustion. You especially need to get away from your daily concerns and truly unwind. Frequent 'little vacations' are especially effective in restoring vitality and giving you a fresh approach to your goals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When enlarging, widening and augmenting Jupiter goes hand-in-hand with its opposite (i.e., with restricting, narrowing and inhibiting Saturn), inconsistency is the result. On occasions when we would like to be cheerful and enthusiastic, and would like to widen our horizons and throw ourselves heart and soul into some project or other (Jupiter), we fear a loss of security, become inhibited, and behave with extreme caution (Saturn). This leaves little room for spontaneity, and there is a danger that we shall let slip many good opportunities, because when we finally get round to saying 'yes' it will usually be too late. The reason we wait so long is that we want to be fully informed before making a move, or else we need time to overcome a nervousness of anything new. Of course, this aspect has the great advantage that it discourages us from rushing headlong into wild adventures.

However, the limitation, melancholy and general cheerlessness of Saturn are relieved by the underlying brightness of Jupiter; so that Saturn / Jupiter combinations do have a certain amount of joy about them even though this is tempered by seriousness. Also, whenever we are down in the dumps, the optimism of Jupiter can lift our spirits again.

With the conjunction, we are capable of toiling hard and long. We envisage future rewards (Jupiter) for the hard work we must do (Saturn). So the combination is excellent for tasks requiring steady application and considerable self-denial. A vision of the future is accompanied by a willingness to move forward stage by stage; so there is definite organizing ability. However, this will show itself clearly only if the background of the signs concurs, and if the aspect ties in with personal factors in the chart.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is interpreted on many levels of experience. Jupiter symbolizes how we relate to others; Saturn symbolizes restriction in some way. The sign of the conjunction is important, for it lends its qualities to the aspect. Jupiter symbolizes how we open up, and Saturn symbolizes the restrictions placed on us at an early age because of our father's attitude toward us, or our response to his influence. In a mundane sense, the conjunction means that the individual has a tendency to open up (Jupiter) and close up (Saturn) at the same time. He may reach out to share some new experience and be afraid to do it because there is an unconscious memory that authority figure or Fathers don't like him doing that. It may mean that the father is a restrictive influence when this individual is learning how to relate; maybe the father can't relate easily either.

The conjunction will indicate a person who takes relationships seriously, one who may work too hard on developing all the potential in a relationship. It may indicate a person who takes relationships so seriously that he or she is afraid of making a commitment, or even starting a relationship at all. This person may have relationships that are similar to the kind the father created; and the pattern can be determined by exploring memories of the father's friendships over the years. Once the pattern is understood, the father's influence is diminished, and the owner of the conjunction is free to pursue the kinds of relationships he wants to develop for himself - although he will approach the subject seriously.

In order to reach the fullest possible realization of life potential, in order to develop consciousness to its highest point, the individual with this conjunction will have to develop a perspective on how he reaches out to relate, and an understanding of the restrictive influence from his father - and then both aspects of personality will develop at the same time. As he begins to view his cautions, and as he faces his fears and the feelings of limitation and frustration caused by Saturn, his opportunity to open up and to relate to new experience will also be developed. This person will then have an aboveaverage perspective, for he cannot relate fully until he takes responsibility for himself.

The aspect will be further determined by the sign of the conjunction, as well as the house placement. The conjunction taking place in the twelfth house seems to be the most difficult because this house signifies that part of ourselves which can remain the most unconscious.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful but admittedly critical position. It must be regarded as potentially gloomy, for it occurs sometimes in charts of suicide, especially if it falls in Virgo. It distinctly favours a hard life, with privation, struggle, or danger. The native essays difficult though sometimes glorious feats, and may acquire fame through performances of great arduousness, whether mental, physical or spiritual. It is distinctly a sign of great possibilities to be realised by hard work.

It favours great singleness of purpose and endless patience. The native is generally religious, favouring old and established communions. There is often a rather eccentric tendency as regards the use of money: the native may be generous to the wrong persons and niggardly to the deserving. Jealousy sometimes occurs.

With respect to external conditions, what has been said regarding the harmonious aspects is true also here, but the elements of toil and danger are likely to be more in evidence.

9) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☉ Sun** - (1°18' S) 137 | 137

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun opposition the Ascendant shows that you are easily impressed by people you meet and hope that they will be similarly impressed with you. You attract powerful individuals with strong egos who always try to gain dominance over you. Without realizing it, you are showing that you doubt your own significance, in the hope that others will reassure you. Somewhat unsure of yourself, you fear you will be rejected in your relationships. You become affiliated with successful persons whom you can admire, because you need to know that you are genuinely appreciated, not merely tolerated. In other words, you are always looking for backhanded compliments. You enjoy having people fawn over you because it bolsters your sagging opinion of yourself.

In personal relationships, you try too hard to do everything you think is expected of you, as if to make doubly sure that your friends think well of you. You must become independent of the security you had in your parents' home and transfer your need to belong to someone you can relate to personally.

Before asserting your own opinion, you always try to put yourself in the other person's place. This can be a definite asset if you decide to go into business or a profession, because you would give your clients the impression that they are the most important people in the world. Flattered, they would happily pay for your services. Those who are the recipients of your services know your worth better than you do.

You have no difficulty in communicating with people, perhaps because you really enjoy having people around you. But you have to work hard to convince associates that you are as capable as they are, and if they don't accept this you prefer to work alone. You need to assert yourself more aggressively when competing for job opportunities, or you will be left out.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Sun on the Descendant can sometimes seem to 'give' their Sun to others, in as much as they give power to other people. I have particularly noticed this with Sun-Descendant clients, for they seem to take more than usual notice of what might be said during a consultation, tending as they do to ascribe far too much importance to the views and opinions of others at the expense of their own and frequently looking to other people to make their decisions for them. The astrologer-client relationship, like any other counselling situation, is based on equality and sharing. If one person could be said to be more 'important' than the other, then that person is clearly the client. In the most extreme instances, the person with Sun in the 7th, when in the role of client, is reluctant to accept this fact. He / she gives away his / her importance, fights shy of the limelight, and tries to manipulate the situation so that the counsellor is centre-stage and the one pulling the strings in the client's life. Where this does happen, it is usually repeating a situation that

has been created in their other partnerships, whether personal relationships or working partnerships. All too easily, the Sun-Descendant person can believe that his / her life is fated and that he / she is merely a pawn in the hands of the heavens or of others' superior power.

This is not always the case, of course, but certainly Sun-Descendant, rather like a Sun Libran, does like to share the decision-making process and does like someone to do things with. Relationship and partnership are very important to this type. It's a good placement for people who work in a partnership, and indeed for anyone who works in a one-to-one situation. In some cases, the Sun-Descendant might say 'I am nothing without a partner; life has no meaning without another person'. More positively, Sun-Descendant people might say 'I find myself through close interaction with another person'.

This is a very good placement for analysts, therapists and the like. They can find their identity through close interaction with another person, and, similarly, in a one-to-one situation they can enable others to shed light on themselves. They may even achieve personal distinction and recognition through relationship. It's a common placement in the charts of lawyers too; they often work in partnerships, and on each case they work in partnership with their clients; usually, also, lawyers are involved in litigation with 'open enemies', and are working, ideally, for justice and fairness.

The father of the person with Sun on the Descendant was usually viewed by the individual more as a husband to the mother than a father to the child. Sometimes this is literally true, where the father-figure in the home during the formative years is not in fact the biological father; but usually this is more the psychological experience than the actual one. Father was concerned with being a partner (in the marital or business sense) above all else. If the Sun is in the 7th house, the individual will seek through marriage a relationship with the father archetype, either by playing the role of father or by expecting the 'other' to do it for him / her. If the Sun is in the 6th house, the individual considers working partnerships to be especially important. In any event, the individual is usually 'fathering' others in the sense of providing some sort of identity for them.

Descendant-Sun people are proud of their partnerships. This is the type who, aged 70 or 80, can be found linking arms with their spouses and stating proudly that they have been married fifty years or so. It is not that relationships are more likely to last with the Sun conjunct the Descendant, or that it is necessarily a good thing if they do, or even that the relationships will be necessarily better than any other people's. But with this placement relationship tends to be the most important thing, and something of which to be proud.

Sun square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Things are not quite so easy in tense aspects between the Sun and Ascendant. These people's influence still makes a direct impact on those around them, and they do have a desire to manifest in their environment; the trouble is that they are very uncertain how to do so. Therefore external behavior is erratic: at one moment they sound brimful of confidence but the next day they clam up as if they were unsure of themselves. This makes them hard to understand and complicates relationships with people. They shrink from criticism since it feeds insecurity. Sometimes they withdraw into a shell or hide behind others.

With the tense aspects, the ego is out of step with expectations, and these people have difficulty in seeing how they ought to behave. The world does not always respond to them as they think it should - at least, not until they learn to adjust.

(Betty Lundsted)

When the Sun squares or opposes the Ascendant, there is more difficulty in expressing the qualities of the Sun in daily activities. Constructive action may not be easily taken until these individuals become conscious of the sign dilemma. When the Sun in the 7th house opposes the Ascendant, a compromise between selfinitiation and relationships. This may indicate individuals who feel they must give up a great deal of freedom and personal decision-making in order to marry and have a partnership.

10) ► **Descendant DC Conju**ct **Pluto** - (6°55' A) 137 | 137

(Robert Pelletier)

Pluto opposition the Ascendant shows that you attract people with powerful egos and strong temperaments. You have a strong desire for close, intimate contact with many of the persons you associate with, and this alone should be a warning to you. When you discover that someone is trying to make you over to satisfy his own desires, make a fast exit. But this is also a sure sign that you try to do the same thing to those you are attracted to. You make extensive demands of the people you deal with, but you resent it when similar demands are made of you. This is essentially the meaning of the old saying 'Birds of a feather flock together'. Such problems can ruin otherwise fascinating relationships.

Your talents lie in your ability to mold people, so public relations is a field to which you should apply yourself. Political, social and financial activities are other areas in which you could find a great deal of satisfaction. You express yourself with dramatic flair, and people are impressed with your ability to command attention.

You generally get what you want when you want it, and you don't tolerate refusal of your

demands. If you are motivated to change people's attitudes about their social obligations, you can accomplish miracles. You will be able to gain the support of your friends in seeking to improve intolerable social conditions. However, elected officials will try to discredit you and turn public opinion against you. But you aren't afraid of such tactics, because you have information about such officials that could be equally embarrassing to them.

In personal relationships you may have difficulty in achieving the success you enjoy in public conquests. When you relate to people at close range, you can become burdensome and make others feel uncomfortable. You understand how people think, and may even be psychically tuned to them. This ability helps you deal with people.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Pluto conjunct Descendant often tend to give their power away. They also often see other people (as opposed to themselves) as powerful, controlling, ruthless, manipulative or impenetrable. It is through one-to-one encounters that the individual is offered the opportunity of discovering the darker side of him- / herself.

Power struggles are inevitable with all aspects to this axis, and these are usually particularly obvious with Pluto setting in the chart. It is through one-to-one relationship and sometimes struggle that the individual is able to transform his / her self-image and way of relating to other people. Those with Pluto on the Descendant are often forced to grapple with many of the relationship issues that confront Venus-Pluto people. This is a useful placement for work which involves holding others through crisis and steering them through transformative situations.

Pluto square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hunger for power common to Pluto / Ascendant aspects is greater still when the aspects happen to be hard. Although we may feel insecure, we refuse to admit it. We are full of fight, are more ruthless than we intend, and can frighten people with a look. Our very presence is intimidating. We may not realize the force being generated by Pluto, but others feel its intensity and our readiness to go to extremes. We give the impression, without necessarily intending to do so, that the slightest opposition could lead to angry words and possibly to physical violence. For, with hard aspects of Pluto and the Ascendant, we can crush people with cruel remarks; and since Pluto encourages an eager interest in human motives and in anything suppressed or hidden, we have an unerring ability to find out the weak spots of others, and we do not hesitate to make them the butts of our poisoned verbal barbs. Obviously, with this ability we are

more feared than loved. Yet it is a weapon in the power struggle that we would not lay aside for any price; and if it makes us disliked, well, Pluto gives plenty of resilience.

There is something provocative about our behavior, although not in the impulsive and cross-grained style of Uranus: Pluto causes us to act with more subtlety and more discretion, but invariably gives us the need to do our own thing regardless of whether this is socially acceptable or not. We do our own research, make our own discoveries, come to our own conclusions and formulate our own goals, and are not to be deterred from them. Therefore, this is an outstanding position for reforms; although initially we have to go through a (sometimes) not inconsiderable number of confrontations before being able to use the hard aspect rather more constructively. Our powers of penetration then enable us to see through people and their intentions, to build up a great knowledge of men and women, and to expand our view of ourselves and our surroundings by the addition of much that is new and of much that was formerly hidden. We unearth a great deal in our restless search. Pluto, wanting more, refuses to let us rest until we have got to the bottom of things. This can be very trying, because we feel compelled to see our own depths mirrored in our surroundings. But if we make some radical changes in our life, we should be able to get in touch with these deep values.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Pluto squares or opposes the Ascendant, the life takes on a different meaning, for the hard aspect indicates individuals who were raised in a strongly manipulative atmosphere. How the manipulation works and who was doing it will be revealed by the other aspects involved with Pluto.

When the square occurs there seems to be an excessive need to be in control of the environment, and of the circumstances of life; new starts will be hampered by some unconscious motivation that is reflective of the early childhood experience. The less productive end of the square might even mean that these individuals want to control and manipulate others before new ventures can be started. When the energy is turned into a productive phase, the need to control the environment has been let go, and the inner motivation becomes joined with approvable action; they cease to view life as something that must be planned, and the energy can flow.

When Pluto opposes the Ascendant, another dilemma begins to show itself. It may look as though these individuals have chosen a controlling partner, but more probably some kind of internal battle is going on concerning a desire to control both new activities and partnerships. Giving may be a response to love that ends up being 'smother love', for the early childhood environment was strongly colored with controls.

Before one can eliminate unconscious needs to control, an understanding of the need to manipulate must take place. We are a species of imitators; if our parents play manipulation and control games, we will too, because we only have one childhood

experience upon which to draw our concepts of normal behavior. In order to let go of old patterns, we must first recognize that they exist. Then each individual can consciously examine the need to continue. Unconscious patterns are the most difficult to break, for the patterns were formed many years ago and are not easy to recall.

In order to get the most out of the Ascendant qualities, the Pluto opposition needs to be understood, for it will cause a compromise to take place that ends up compromising every new endeavor. Once consciousness is applied to this aspect, it becomes a strong one indeed, and can be used in the transformation process.

11) ► ***Imum-Coeli* IC *Conjunct* ♃ *Neptune* - (2°21' S)    ♀3 | ♀3**

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates great sensitivity, but for this energy to work positively, your earliest childhood must be reasonably peaceful and serene. You are very sensitive to the hidden energies in your home and between your parents or other members of your family; and any kind of ongoing negative feelings can cause you to become insecure and lacking in self-confidence. Later on, you may feel that you cannot easily cope with life's challenges, because inside you cannot depend upon your emotions and your spontaneous actions to make everything come out right.

Your relationship with one of your parents may be rather difficult. Often this aspect signifies that one of your parents is too weak psychologically to play his or her role in your life. This might lead you later to seek out someone who can be a guide and a loving parent figure for you. The problem is that such a relationship would displace your search for normal adult relationships.

However, even if both parents are strong, you may go to the other extreme and idealize the more influential one. In that case you would compare everyone you meet to that parent, instead of dealing with each person as an individual. This is not so bad as the first alternative, because at least you have strong ideals that you can believe in. Later in life this may turn into a strong belief in God. Because you are so sensitive, you may eventually develop a strong psychic and intuitive ability.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Neptune on the IC tend to be wistful about their more recent past but unclear as to their early beginnings. Sometimes there are secrets or confusion with respect to the family that they came from. Such secrets will usually be to do with the house which has Pisces on the cusp. There may be a tendency to idealize the early home life or to delude oneself about one's upbringings or even ancestry. Sometimes there is a feeling of 'shaky foundations' with this placement, but this can be psychological, emotional or physical. For example, living on a houseboat could be descriptive of shaky physical



foundations whilst a mentally ill parent might describe psychological instability. And I have known people with this placement who were raised in a pub. The early home environment was 'open' to anyone, and some would have been addicted to frequenting it, all of which might have a variety of repercussions.

Those with Neptune on the IC often yearn for an 'ideal home' and may put great effort into making this dream into some kind of reality; sometimes the real need is to escape from one's roots. The dream may be for a home which will be a sanctuary, a retreat, an escape route from something or a place where it's possible to transcend some of the imperfections of living in the outer, workaday world.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the Nadir) partakes of the same qualities as Neptune exalted in Cancer. It helps to bring spirituality into the home life. Often it signifies a mystical attachment to Mother Earth and the forces of nature.

If Neptune is afflicted, the home environment can be affected by peculiar conditions. The house may seem to be haunted, for example, or give the native an uneasy feeling. Whether this is the product of the native's own imagination does not matter as far as its effect upon him is concerned. The native may shut himself up in his home, or use it as a place for séances or psychic activities of some kind. In any event, the home is likely to have something unusual connected with it, even if not the proverbial skeleton in the closet.

Natives tend to live near the ocean or other large body of water. Those with afflicted horoscopes may live in institutions or spend the end of their lives in nursing homes or hospitals.

Neptune square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Neptune and the Midheaven make us insecure, and we have considerable trouble forming an identity. For not only are we very sensitive to what the world says of us; we are inclined to misinterpret what it says. To make matters worse, the world has a false impression of us anyway. But however that may be, with these aspects we are liable to run round in circles for a long time, worried by the difference between thoughts and impulses that are generated by ourselves, on the one hand, and our thoughts and impulses that have slipped unobserved from outside into the unconscious mind - from where they rise to influence us - on the other hand.

Hence we are extremely suggestible and easily misled; especially when, as often happens, we have not yet found our bearings. By drawing an inaccurate picture of self and society, we can become deluded and create confusion. On account of the pretence we know how to make, people can impute to us things for which we are not responsible. The other side of the coin is that we can go on to do extremely well in areas where pretence and illusion are raised to a fine art: the world of film for example. We need to be on guard against various forms of addiction; addiction to drink or drugs say, which may seem to offer a refuge from hard reality but, being impersonal, impedes personal development. The addiction can also be to unworkable religious and idealistic concepts that equally help us to avoid confrontations with everyday problems and push personality into the background. In addition to idealism, we are full of both empathy and sympathy. If we find ourselves in a stimulating environment where no unfair advantage is taken of our sensitiveness, pliability and insecurity, we gradually shed uncertainty and (provided we engage in Neptunian occupations with the active support of others) can do much to further our ideals.

12) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♅ **Pluto** - (8°13' A) 137 | 137

(Haydn Paul)

Your ambitions and desires will be highly influenced by your natal Sun sign, and these can be achieved by applying the Pluto energy to amplify your solar will power. Potentially, this conjunction aspect can be very valuable in enabling you to reach your objectives, but to maximise chances of eventual success you may need to adjust certain attitudes.

Pluto offers the potential of regeneration and rebirth, which is also reflected in the pattern of solar myths, so you should be able to transform yourself and also to some degree your immediate environment to match your purpose. Once your direction is determined you will see what may require changing as a prerequisite to achievement, and then commence applying your will accordingly.

There can be attitudes of extremism, where your beliefs, ideas, and opinions are expressed with force and intensity. You will feel quite clear about your preferences in life, and often your attitudes could be polarised into 'black and white', with little space for 'grey' to be considered, or to be accepted as a viable alternative. Once your choices are made, it is as if you have written them on tablets of stone; even though you have the ability to change, you may not willingly do so, or you may alter fixed attitudes only when you feel there is no option. You find it difficult to be balanced, especially in tolerating and understanding the frailties of humanity. You can probably adopt a fairly hard-line philosophy, having the opinion that people can change their lives and be self-sufficient if they want to, instead of being weak and relying upon others, although you tend to resist change yourself.

You may tend to be assertive and attracted towards power; those who appear to possess influence over others will serve as a magnet, at least in the sense that you would like to be in such positions of authority. Such an inner desire is likely to influence your direction in life, work and career, or even in the struggles of family life. You may use manipulation and psychological pressure tactics as levers to guarantee winning in the midst of any power struggles with others; your one-pointed ruthlessness can bring apparent success, but may also bring an increasing number of 'enemies' in its wake. You will have to learn that you are not 'the centre of the universe', and that others have rights and purposes too, and that they should never be sacrificed or walked over just to achieve your desires. An adjustment to become more aware of others, by acknowledging that their feelings and unique outlooks on life are as valid as yours, would create a much more harmonious energy in your life and the fulfilment of successful personal relationships. Being willing sometimes to accept inevitable failures would be a positive step for you, diffusing tension and breaking any compulsive search for 'success'; otherwise, you may become obsessed with achieving your goal and possibly be willing to damage people more, apart from allowing 'failure' to gnaw away by unhealthy brooding.

Much of your energy will carry a sexual potency, and, irrespective of your physical sex, will have a penetrative quality to it and an aggressive masculine nature. Your physical needs are strong, and there can be a single-minded directness about your desires, as you pursue your 'prey' without deviation once your choice is made. Elements of victory, success and manipulation will be present in your relationships, and you will take any rejection hard as it negatively affects your self-image. However, your relationships will be very intense, and you will give a wholehearted commitment to them while they last, becoming very emotionally involved.

Emotional understanding is likely to be a weak spot until certain transformations have occurred within you to break down self-preoccupation. You may experience feelings of almost dissolving into passionate relationships, becoming lost in absorption with your lover, or possible obsessions with the affair. Such experiences could be the key to your transformation, or could fill you with so much fear for your sanity and chosen purpose that you begin to reject such intensity for more superficial physical relationships and energy release without the emotional direction being evoked.

Almost paradoxically, you can also strongly react to social injustices, and may be attracted towards the alleviation of social problems. Movement in this direction is dependent upon the degree to which you become aware of the needs of others, and a corresponding diminution of your own need for power and success. The key issue is whether you are self-oriented or other-oriented; this will determine your responses to others, forming attitudes of either 'they can change and help themselves' or 'I will change and use my power to help others to help themselves'. Such a step would involve a realignment with a higher ideal and purpose, and would represent your initiation into being a responsive member of humanity. This is a progression towards embodying your

solar path's spiritual dimension, where the inner light begins to unify life and you feel the inter-relationship with humanity and the world. Taking this approach can regenerate your life direction, and will lead you towards the experiences of the heroic quest, challenging your perseverance and application of focused will, and demanding considerable inner growth which can enable you to attain your objectives.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between your Sun and Pluto indicates that you are an extremist. Your likes and dislikes are intense, and acting in moderation is difficult. You have a powerful ego, which you assert whenever you can. At times you act courageously, but at other times you show a surprising lack of common sense.

Driven by a lust to gain important positions of authority, you may resort to pressure tactics against people who stand in your way. You meet competition directly, even at the risk of financial loss, just to prove to others that you are a power to reckon with.

Because you are basically sensitive to social conditions, you make a great effort to bring about improved conditions in your environment for everyone's benefit. When defending those in need or working to correct social injustices, you can truly achieve greatness. You are not tolerant of weaknesses, either in individuals or in political systems, that allow unfair or intolerable human conditions.

You have strong physical desires and are likely to throw a tantrum if your advances are rejected. Figuratively, you are a hunter or predator in constant search of prey. It is part of your nature that you aren't content unless you achieve victory in every pursuit. Your magnetic charm has a hypnotic effect on people. However, unless you are willing to serve others when they are unable to help themselves, even those who are charmed by you will respond with anger.

Avoid driving yourself beyond safe physical levels of tolerance. If you will use your energy constructively, success is guaranteed.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a creative aspect, for it puts the personality in touch with the collective unconsciousness as it is defined in the Jungian concept. This contact can be an easy, creative talent once it's channeled.

The physical father plays an important part in the child's development, and how important this is depends on whether the Sun is in a positive or negative polarity. The positive signs indicate the father is an overwhelming personality who is able to completely control and manipulate the child. This child will become an adult who automatically imitates the father because he doesn't know any other set of 'normals'.

This is a person who thinks he must totally control his environment. So he enters adult relationships with this attitude and doesn't consciously know what he is doing. The people around him resent being controlled and manipulated, and pull away as soon as they can. As relationships fail one after another, this person becomes more apprehensive and therefore more controlling until he attracts only people who are weak enough to be manipulated. This aspect needs to relate to strong people in order to develop balance; there is a general feeling of discomfort when he becomes attached to weaklings.

When this aspect occurs to a child from a mother-dominated background, the mother and father are often involved in a great power-struggle. The child sees no other way of life, no other form of relating. The battle that goes on between his Mom and Dad is the one involving the power of the strong versus the power of the weak. The child doesn't really know who's winning, so he doesn't know which role to play. As he becomes an adult and attempts relationships, he too will try to control those relationships any way he can. He can be strong one day and completely neurotic the next, whichever tactic will win the war.

Care must be taken when trying to determine power in a personality, for power can be that of the strong dominating the weak, or the tyranny of the weak in an attempt to manipulate someone who is physically or mentally stronger. A person who feigns a heart attack or other forms of illness in order to control a family is just as Plutonic as someone who wields a mighty fist.

People with Pluto conjunct the Sun do not want to feel out of 'control' in any situation. They overwhelm others any way they can. One can't really blame them, for they were taught how to do this early in the childhood. They can overwhelm with love, caring, concern, guilt, problems, solutions, or anything else one can think of. If you find yourself becoming resentful of someone; if you feel you have no 'space' or you can't breathe, you may be feeling what it's like to be around a strong Pluto type. The energy causes others to become defensive, for they feel that their very essence is being invaded.

This conjunction brings great energy, but first the owner must become conscious of the power. Some people become righteous, some have all the answers, some are obsessive. Often they are not conscious of their obsession with an idea or a person. They can be so intense that they are considered 'psychic vampires' for they take energy from everyone around them. They don't always know what they are doing or saying; the unconscious need to control just seems to burst forth in the personality. If the energy is channeled, this person becomes a transformer, a powerful and helpful person in the universe.

13) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (6°54' S) ♃11 | ♃11

(Haydn Paul)

Moon-Venus contacts involve instinctive feeling reactions to social and intimate relationships; and these shape responses to the situations and experiences. The conjunction indicates that you have sociable and friendly relationships, characterized by sensitive awareness and affection.

You will enjoy numerous social contacts, feeling at ease with others and appreciating a diversity of communication, preferring the company of those whose relationship approach is sincere and straight-forward. You dislike social conflict, and try to minimize any discord with others, sometimes through tact and diplomacy, sometimes by compromise or a friendliness that diffuses tensions. Experiencing these interpersonal approaches as reasonably successful may encourage you to adopt better communication as a personal 'ideal', believing that life can be improved if everyone is more sensitively aware, and avoiding individual gains when made only by another's loss. You offer your hand of friendship, expressing human warmth, civility, and conscious goodwill. With your personality, if the rest of the chart amplifies these tendencies, you are likely to find success in working with the public.

Usually you receive a favorable response from others; and through reducing the superficiality of many social contacts, you can transmit positive attitudes to people. Shorn of unnecessary pretence, your direct human approach can appear almost too simple - some may even feel threatened and suspicious, especially those who prefer to maintain social masks and distance themselves from others. You allow your sensitivity to shine through and, while some may not recognize or acknowledge its presence, others will welcome it. Your genuine interest in others helps to build bridges between people, and, along with your natural sympathetic understanding of human dilemmas, can place you in a position to offer help to those in need. Yet, if brusquely rejected, you are unsure of how to deal with bruised feelings, and your sensitivity shrinks away from negative responses.

Within more intimate relationships, your emotions are highly activated and given priority. Both Moon and Venus require emotional satisfaction and stimulation; and the quality of a loving relationship is extremely important to you. You are probably attractive to others, and often socially magnetic; and, with your combination of grace, charm and artistic sensitivity, you will receive the interest of many, with the possibility of numerous relationships occurring unless you marry or settle into a permanent relationship early in life.

You may allow previous family bonds to interfere with a new or developing relationship. The older lunar patterns may still be overly oactive; and any residual dependency on parents or family members may affect the evolution of a new family unit; the 'mother-in-law syndrome' may be a classic example of this! Venus can exaggerate any tendency toward self-indulgence and preoccupation with satisfying selfish needs, with a

corresponding disregard for those of a partner. Extra selfdiscipline may be needed within intimate partnerships, especially in areas of mutual sharing. There may be occasional attempts at emotional manipulation, both by a partner taking advantage of your sensitive feelings, and by yourself when attempting to gain your way.

Home life is important, providing a secure foundation to whatever life-style you desire; and personal enjoyment will come from domestic pursuits, especially from a comfortable home, sensual clothes, food, and material possessions. It is important for you to develop a beautiful home environment; and if you take full advantage of prudent financial management, you will be able to devote additional resources to your home. Your artistic sensitivity can also be demonstrated in improving your personal and family home.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Venus shows that you relate to people easily and without pretence. You don't necessarily wait for the other person to make the first gesture to meet you, for you know that this is difficult for some. When you meet someone, you are willing to make adjustments if it will relieve any tension that seems likely to develop. A very sensitive person, you feel hurt whenever anyone deals harshly with you. You respond to tenderness and abhor rudeness. You are fond of people and try to be on friendly terms with everyone you have to deal with. For the most part, people appreciate that attitude, as you are aware.

Your early years probably were fairly pleasant, which enables you to look forward with anticipation to having a home and family of your own. You learned the value of money and how to manage your affairs in order to have some degree of security. You enjoy the comforts of a good home, fine furniture, plentiful food well prepared, and the joy of pleasant guests. You are warm toward your friends and always civil to everyone, regardless of their attitude toward you. Your tact and diplomacy serve your purposes, it is true, but you act that way mainly because you feel it is the right thing to do.

Unless you are careful, you can become too 'nice', which may arouse suspicion as to your motives. Don't fawn over people so that it becomes sickening. Try to remain courteous, of course, but don't overextend yourself to them. If you give them the opportunity to show their interest in you, they will feel more comfortable.

You can succeed in any occupation that requires you to come before the public. You gain people's confidence because you demonstrate a genuine interest in their affairs. Sympathetic to their problems, you usually try to use your resources as best you can to help solve them. You are generous with your offers to help those who are less fortunate than you.

You will enjoy pleasant emotional relationships with those you care for. Love and romance are important to you, but you will carry lingering family ties to your love

partnership, which can cause some problems. you may prematurely enter a binding contract before you are really ready to make your partner the exclusive person in your life. You tend to be more concerned with gratifying your desires than with accepting the discipline required to share a total life endeavor with your mate. On the whole, though, you should not have too much difficulty in making the transition from self-seeking to mutual sharing.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of the Moon and Venus brings together two factors that are each concerned with safety in their own way. This emphasizes the need for harmony and for smooth functioning in the environment. We endeavor to cultivate a pleasant atmosphere, and aim for a balanced existence. The danger is undue avoidance of confrontations so as to keep everything as friendly as possible, at least on the surface - Moon / Venus aspects frequently figure in the charts of diplomats.

What is often forgotten in interpreting these two emotional factors is that when the Moon and Venus are conjunct, or otherwise well aspected, the emotions are characterized by tranquility. Either we are inwardly unruffled, or we are in the process of restoring our equilibrium as quickly as possible. This inner sense of peace enables us to take things as they come. The conjunction can give balanced judgement and imperturbability; in other words, it reaches out to affect much more than our emotional life.

Since Venus has to do with the aesthetic, a harmonious Moon / Venus aspect (and we may count the conjunction among these) can point to artistry and creativity. Even if we happen not to be creative, it would be strange if we did not have some appreciation of beauty, and hence of color, form and proportion in art; what is more, we may indulge a taste for luxury with this aspect.

Venus is not primarily an active planet, and in conjunction with the Moon can give a certain amount of leisureliness; probably from fear of being rushed and thrown off balance.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the Moon represents the emotional reaction to life and love, and Venus indicates the ability to appreciate love and beauty, the interaction between these two planets is very important in terms of emotional relationships. Venus can also represent the psychological impact of the mother on the child's psyche. The Moon represents the mother in a physical sense. When these two planets are conjunct, the person has an overwhelming tie to the mother that may seem insurmountable. In order for this person to break away from the family and mother ties, he must go through many more internal changes than the rest of us.



This aspect in a woman's chart represents the daughter who can't leave Mommy, who goes into a marriage and lives on the next block and talks to Mommy on the phone every day. Or, the girl who can't have a love relationship inasmuch as she can't share herself with another person because the ties to her mother are too strong. If the rest of the chart agrees, this aspect may indicate a homosexual female. Often, the lady she falls in love with is fifteen to twenty years older than she, since she may be looking for a mother substitute. She has difficulty considering the idea that she may be tied to Mother in some kind of incestuous manner.

We usually consider incest in terms of the opposite sex - the daughter is in love with her father, etc.; but we have trouble diagnosing when the daughter is too close to her mother. Often these desires are not faced on a conscious level, for they are socially unacceptable. If a woman is homosexual and the rest of the chart doesn't look as though she has reason to be, this is one aspect that may help to find the key to why she is the way she is. However, when Venus conjuncts the Moon, it's difficult to talk to her about her relationship with her mother. She doesn't want to hear anything negative about Mom. Even if the rest of the chart shows difficult family influences, perhaps even an abusive childhood, she will defend her mother until the end.

Often, these children have been hurt more by the mother than the father, yet they see the father as the reason for all their failures. It's a hard aspect to work through, and for an astrologer it indicates a difficult client. This aspect should be approached with tact, gentleness and diplomacy by the astrologer. If this conjunction carries other hard aspects, the client may be helped by entering therapy of some kind; it is not an easy aspect to handle in one counselling session.

When a man has a Moon-Venus conjunction, the effect of the physical and psychological mother influence is overpowering. This man is emotionally close to his mother - usually too close - and it can manifest in many ways. Sometimes it indicates a love-hate polarity with the mother; the son may literally hate or love her. If the man is father-dominated, he may have a lot of guilt about his feelings toward the mother. If he is mother-dominated, he may be angry with her, or estranged from her, or he may be completely possessed by her. A grown man may overreact to the feelings stirred up by the mother image and may therefore try to cut her out of his life. The other aspects to the Moon and Venus have to be taken into consideration when reading this aspect.

Once the mother ties are recognized, the individual can begin to use the energy another way. Venus conjunct the Moon can be used to understand how we appreciate and respond in love situations. The energy of the sign can be used constructively, for our appreciation of love (Venus) and our feeling responses (Moon) can work together because they are in the same sign. The blind spots will be caused by an overreaction to the influence of the mother. Again, therapy can be helpful in working through the unpleasant ties in order to free the constructive possibilities. We are not meant to remain as a child tied to our mother forever. The Moon represents our feelings and Venus

indicates how we appreciate love. We can separate these qualities from the mother in a physical sense and begin to listen to our own responses.

14) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♋ **South-Node** - (10°00' A) 009 | 009

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect produces a condition in which the natives' ideas are either behind or ahead of their times. On the positive side, the conjunction can bestow mental originality and independence. Then natives escape the pitfalls of popular opinion. In the long run, if the rest of the map indicates good mental capacity, the native will prove to be correct. On the negative side, the native is forced to proceed alone with his ideas since he cannot gain support for them. He does not speak out at the right time in the right place; and when he does speak, he is not listened to. Consequently, he is sometimes frustrated and feels mentally alone.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect can produce possible learning difficulties, mental blocks, uncommunicativeness or improper communication. Nervous system, in general, gets affected due to this aspect. Reflex actions are often delayed or distorted. This aspect brings about tremendous inner growth regarding knowledge and wisdom, as the internalization or osmosis is very keen in these individuals. Their body and soul works as a one-way membrane absorbing information from the surrounding sources to be condensed in the package for future use. As a result of his hoarding of knowledge and information by the inner core, they may not necessarily display brilliance, intellectuality and communicativeness.

(Donna van Toen)

Enduring may take the place of growing, since talk or planning can replace action. Pessimism may lead to a feeling that growth is impossible.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, Mercury can produce loquacity. The native humors others, has no fixed opinion, and is easily influenced. Depending on the house or sign, he or she can resort to lies born of sensation-seeking and willingness to compromise, and can be landed in unpleasant situations. Arguments employed are far-fetched, and refuge is taken in sophistry.

Mercury square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

An unsociable disposition, the calculated use of contact and relationship with other people for one's own personal benefit, the inclination to chatter or to gossip. The tendency to make oneself disliked by other people, the disturbance of relationships.

(Bernice Grebner)

This may make the person suspicious, outspoken, and somewhat tyrannical. It may make the person seem aloof. Basically though, it gives shyness. This may be a clue to serious nervous problems if not handled properly. It is meant to increase the mental energies toward the balancing of the Nodes. There is a tendency to find fault and to exaggerate. Judgement can be poor, so the person may not be good at giving advice. This gives a fluctuation-type mind. When carried to its fullest and best, this exaggerated imagination can give success in the literary field.

15) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (3°57' S) ♃11 | ♃11

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Venus and Saturn indicates that you feel you must make concessions to others to get what you want. You are always the one who is expected to adjust to the demands of others in order to have a satisfactory relationship. As a result, you are often dissatisfied with the contacts you make, either because they are not fulfilling enough, or because you feel you are being used. You may become resigned to making the best of a relationship in which you give more than the other person does. On the positive side, however, this shows that you take the relationship seriously. You are loyal and sincere in your affections, but tend to be inhibited in demonstrating them, because you are afraid that others will take advantage of you.

You have reasonably good judgement, which is reflected in your material affairs. You are self-disciplined in handling money, and prudent enough to always save something regardless of your income. Such prudence is a way to compensate for the disappointments you may have in personal relationships, and you consider it a reasonable substitute. Saving money also gives you security and allows you some material comforts.

You are temperamentally suited to occupations in which success depends on adhering to rules and regulations. Finance, banking, building trades, insurance, law, real estate, sales, and designing are some endeavors in which you can successfully apply yourself. Ideally, you should have a position that allows you to function independently. You are dutiful and responsible, and would accomplish more without a supervisor breathing down your neck. You are certainly able to work with others, but you prefer working in privacy.

Your romantic interests are stimulated by individuals who are serious, sincere, honest. You need a person you can respect and who will respect you too. A mature individual represents security to you, in addition to providing social status. Your lover must be tactful and polished, and have a strong and admirable character. You are repulsed by vulgarity and disturbed by disorder. Your objectives are well-defined, and you will expect your mate to co-operate in reaching mutual goals. Because of your deep concern for the integrity of the family, you will unhesitatingly withdraw from any external situation that threatens your family.

It is important that you look at the bright and positive side of life; negative attitudes can bring about negative effects. Problems in the throat glands may have a similar origin. You can improve your general well-being by adopting a more cheerful outlook, but the optimism must be genuine.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The need for warmth and love, for security and harmony, is a weak and sensitive spot in all Saturnian aspects to Venus (and most of all in the conjunction). We find it hard to let our warmth show and are often so prickly that we erect a wall around ourselves and seem very cool, impassive and formal. Nobody sees that inside we are crying out for a little friendliness and warmth to give us a sense of personal worth and that it is through sheer inability to handle relationships that we are shutting them out. Therefore the Venus / Saturn aspects are regarded as fraught with problems, and classical astrology promises little joy in life and many emotional upsets to those who have them.

Nevertheless, with this aspect we can become very fond of a person and we have the potential to build up a lasting stable relationship; that is the other side of Saturn. There is more faithfulness with these aspects than there is with aspects between Venus and Jupiter. But before we give ourselves to another, we have to know that other through and through and completely trust this person, because Saturn will only bet on certainties. Of course, this can consume time and effort. In fact, we need to guard against letting the security factor predominate: we should resist the temptation to look for a fatherly or motherly partner, as they would not be close enough to be a true companion.

With all this uncertainty and vulnerability, suspicion can creep in. We are so anxious to keep our loved one that we hedge him or her in on all sides and make the relationship difficult or even impossible. At times, our attitude can be most subservient: we slave away to do everything to our partner's liking, but are still very constrained. If, as is quite likely, they seem to be ungrateful, then we must realize it is because the partner is put off by our air of taut worry.

Learning self-confidence and self-acceptance is a must if we are to settle down. Once we accept that we are not cut out to be one of the world's revellers, but are solid, reliable

citizens in need of security, and once we bring ourselves to reveal our weak side, we can enjoy a strong, enduring marriage or friendship.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Venus and Saturn are conjunct, it indicates that the mother and father of this individual presented a united front that placed certain restrictions and limitations upon his psyche during his formative years. Venus indicates the effect of the mother's attitudes regarding her femininity, and these images will help form the concept of womanhood, the feminine function and the concept of love in later life. Saturn represents the area of restriction; it also shows how the father influenced the psyche. The combination of these planets indicates a strong tie to the mythic Mother and Father image - these archetypal images can easily be confused with the physical parents.

The aspects between the Sun and Moon indicate the parents in a physical sense; and how they responded to their lives when the personality of the individual was forming. The Saturn-Venus placement affects the concept of giving and crystallization in the psyche and is a more difficult concept to comprehend. The conjunction of Venus and Saturn implies that the individual was restricted or restrained from having what he wanted during the first three years of life. This may not mean that he was abused (although I would not entirely dismiss the thought), but that he may have lost his favorite toy or blanket; or he may have been fed according to some scientific theory rather than when he was hungry. This person grew up to view affection as something that is coupled with loss. He may be a pessimist in love relationships and may be apprehensive of romance. He may marry out of common sense: in other words, he doesn't marry someone he loves, he marries someone who will logically make a 'good' partner. Or he falls in love with someone, and ends the relationship after the first argument because he feels the relationship is over. Or he withdraws into years of hurt feelings and never trusts the loved one again.

People with this aspect are extremely interested in guarantees - one must constantly prove to the Saturn-Venus types that one loves them. Ironically, they don't offer the same guarantees. They can be takers and have great trouble giving. They don't know how to give because they did not see their parents giving to each other; when children don't see this during their formative years, they have to make a conscious attempt to learn how to do it as adults. These people also think the grass is greener on the other side and often wonder whether they might do better in another relationship - so, sometimes, they can be seen as flirts.

When the individual becomes aware of this aspect, it's a good idea to start practising how to give - not how to buy someone, but to give. Learning how to give a part of the self is the hardest thing for this person to do. Because the parents' marriage was not a model of a healthy relationship, it is hard for this individual to learn how to have one. My suggestion would be that any activity in a relationship that is inspired by the memory of

'that's what Mom and Dad would have done' is probably not what needs to be done. Sometimes we learn what we want by beginning to understand what we don't want.

(Charles Carter)

This conjunction is extremely powerful, and partakes of the character of both good and evil contacts, the life, on its affectional side, being completely dominated by the sense of duty; duty and happiness become identified. Except for its great power, it is in no wise different from the inharmonious contact (the square or opposition, q.v.).

16) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Conjunct** ♋ **North-Node** - (1°01' A)    ♊3 | ♊3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction tunes natives to what is socially popular and acceptable. They have an intuitive ability to be in the right place at the right time. On the negative side, there is a tendency to be mindlessly swept along with current social conditions, wherever they may lead. Going along with the crowd can be the easy way out and end ultimately in disaster. For example, a native involved in the cocktail party circuit may overindulge in drink simply because it is the socially acceptable thing to do, and end up as an alcoholic. It is important for these natives to exercise discrimination. Misused, this aspect can be highly seductive. It can sweep the natives along without their being aware of it.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of community-sense or of team spirit. Anti-social behaviour. Sociological correspondence: anti-social elements.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the deeper significance of 'psyche' or the occult is transmuted, extracted and applied to convey the messages to the general consciousness. The idea is to distribute the Neptunian energies, either good or bad, to the surroundings and associates. This often leads to the highest or the lowest form of Karmic function. Bridging the gap between the higher consciousness and the 'commoner' through the Neptunian process is basically achieved by these individuals.

(Donna van Toen)

Sensitivity enhances growth potential. There's a tendency to seek the impossible or the ideal that keeps the person aiming higher and higher. In the over-compensation phase, there can be problems stemming from anti-social behavior. Avoidance of people, escapist tendencies and use of consciousnessaltering substances are also common.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction gives full scope in contacts to an all-embracing love of humanity. The native is ready to give up all for love, and believes in universal philanthropy and in spiritual freedom. Many take up social work in the belief that the only way or them to develop is by caring for the sick or for the underprivileged. As a matter of fact, the Neptunian sensitivity frequently leads them to forget their own development as they work and sacrifice themselves for others. Nevertheless, the boundary-removing principle of Neptune can do much to promote spiritual development.

Neptune conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

Here we have a generous, hospitable, sympathetic nature, ready to help all in need. This person is talented in music and the arts, or has a great appreciation of them. His sensitivity and awareness are very keen. It inclines him to metaphysical studies. He seeks the seemingly impossible. Since there is a high spiritual development, he easily gets help from others, either in this world or from the next. This is related to beauty and creativity, and is said to be a gift. This seems to be a favorable karma. The person is favorably inclined to higher spiritual love. Another theory is that this person is from planet Neptune.

17) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♌ **Jupiter** - (9°20' A) ♃11 | ♎6

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition Jupiter shows that you are a highly developed individual with much creative ability and a generous appreciation for the talents of others. You may sometimes question the importance of your own abilities, and for this reason you seek out people who are talented. You hope they will reassure you of your own competence. Lacking the discrimination to make a personal evaluation of your worth, you feel the need for expert advice. But be careful that you aren't misled; casual acquaintances may take advantage of your emotional vulnerability.

There is a discrepancy between your emotional reactions to stimuli and your comprehension of what these experiences really mean. You tend to believe what is easiest painful to your sensitive feelings, but you can make serious mistakes this way. Generous to a fault, you can be deceived when you bestow your generosity on those who don't deserve it.

You are benevolent toward people who seem to lack the advantages you have. It would seem appropriate to select an occupation in which you could help such people, perhaps through welfare programs, rehabilitation of the handicapped, public relations, physical

therapy, or foundations that serve those in need. You would derive an enormous sense of well-being in these endeavors, knowing you are making an important contribution to their objectives. Don't be afraid to develop new techniques or improving your talents.

Your free time could be devoted to church activities or to civic and community affairs. Avoid direct competition with strong character types. They will only depress you by their overwhelming strength in gaining your submission. Accept only those challenges that you feel fairly certain you can succeed in.

You give every potential companion the benefit of the doubt, overindulging their whims in order to win their affection. You are worth a lot more than that, and you should not make a commitment to anyone until his or her credibility is established. Don't make gestures of love until the individual you care for shows sincerity and honesty in caring for you.

Be moderate in eating and drinking, for you react to rich foods as though they were poison. You may be inclined to put on weight and disinclined to strenuous physical exercise, so caution is advised.

18) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♆ **Neptune** - (8°59' A) 009 | 173

(Haydn Paul)

Similar to the square aspect, there are indications of an inability to distinguish clearly between the real and the unreal, and of a blockage of the creative and imaginative faculty. The key to resolving these issues appears to lie in your relationships with others, and especially in those projections from your own psyche that you are overlaying onto the world and thus distorting your own perception and insight.

It is often your own sensitivity and impressionability to environmental influences that causes inner insecurity and fears of over-stretching yourself. There may be an unconscious telepathic ability which transmits to you others' thoughts and motivations, and this can lead to confusion in your relationships, such as at times when they may be saying one thing and you are 'receiving' an entirely contradictory set of impressions on a more subtle level, which you register as a feeling of unease, disquiet and a lack of trust in them. In that context, you find it hard to believe the evidence of your own senses, and this has a direct impact on how you communicate to others. When reality becomes confused and distorted, some respond by imagining

conspiracies and enter a paranoid state, and this is a reaction to such intangible senses being operated and distorted by an unintegrated Neptunian imagination.

You are often socially 'touchy', strongly reacting against real or imagined social slights, and this acts as a weak spot in your personality, especially as you lack a strengthening inner confidence. Competition is not your style, although that does not make you



immune to the influences of other competitive spirits in your environment, such as those at work who can easily ride roughshod over you in their scramble to reach the top. Sometimes you act as a victim, drawing out such tendencies from others, and then begin to bemoan your fate as they succeed and leave you only with disappointments. Linking your rising star to working closely in employment dog fights may not be advisable. Your own gifts may flower more effectively once you have withdrawn from the employment rat race. Perhaps exploiting latent creative talents may be the key, or entering some form of employment where co-operation is the underlying dynamic may offer you more satisfaction; but as human nature intrudes even there, the only answer may be a detached and sensible selfemployment.

Cleansing yourself of deceptive influences is essential, not just those outer influences affecting you, but also that pattern of creating them in your own perception and evaluation. Unrealistic daydreams which are unachievable or never manifested are symptomatic of deception. For example, you create imaginatively high aspirations which because of their 'perfect nature' soar beyond everyone's grasp, yet glitter in their pristine purity. Ultimately there is no real value in self-deception. It is a waste of valuable time and never leads to satisfaction. Perhaps it helps to avoid facing an empty, aching inner void, but that can more profitably be filled by something real, achievable and personally meaningful. Effort is needed. Anyone can dream, millions do, but trying to achieve those dreams at least offers a direction to focus along. False naivety needs to be dropped, as do the fictitious aspects of your life and your approach to self-evaluation. A more straightforward type of communication, inner and outer, will reap benefits and break the stranglehold of illusory deceptions, leading to a greater understanding of your own and others' natures, so that in your own life you move from illusion to reality and increase the quantity of light in the world. Personal 'redemption' is always positive within a larger social context.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury opposition Neptune, you are imaginative and creative, and have high aspirations. However, you are easily distracted by people who challenge your efforts to express yourself. In competition, you may even begin to doubt your own abilities. You are naive in many instances and fall victim to the subversive tactics of competitors. Your dreams are unrealistic, and you are unable to accept the abrasions of your experiences with dignity. Defeat may cause you to become paranoid, imagining conspiracies against you. Let others justify themselves to you, and learn to distinguish fact from fiction.

Your professional interests should be accomplished through self-employment. It is too risky for you to work or compete professionally with others. As a creative individual, you can find gainful employment in writing, art, music, or dancing, which do not necessarily involve working with others. Medical research is particularly appropriate for your talents. Also it would give you isolation from the destructive qualities you bring out in others.

With your appreciation of the finer things in life, you need to be free of artificiality in your way of life. You sometimes recoil from challenges because they would disturb the serenity you desire and find so difficult to achieve. You are easily threatened, and your self-confidence is undermined.

Your personal relationships are sure to be unusual because of the variety of individuals who interest you. A constant disbeliever, you are suspicious when anyone claims to love you. You alienate many possible romantic associations because you fear someone may be trying to take advantage of your weaknesses. You could deprive yourself of much happiness if you interpret innocent and sincere gestures as attempts to exploit you.

Make an honest effort to understand human nature, and be willing to make a sincere contribution in serving others.

19) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♄ **Uranus** - (5°54' A) ♄6 | ♄1

(Haydn Paul)

The energies generated by the opposition aspect are often projected out into the external world; and this will be true in respect of the powerful energy released by this Mars-Uranus aspect. If this is expressed through a more integrated consciousness, which is sure of the direction to travel, then its impact can be considerable. If it is manifesting through a less integrated personality, then it can create real problems in life.

Again, the revolutionary tendency is very strong, and you will have a natural antipathy towards traditions and static patterns of acceptable social lifestyles.

Your attitude will be anti-authoritarian, and you will be iconoclastic in your questioning of the status quo, and critical of those who are in positions of social responsibility and power. Hypocrisy from 'leaders' especially upsets you, and you can be scathing in denouncing it. In fact, you probably have developed a fairly demanding set of personal principles and ideals from which you perceive the world.

You tend to expect less from 'ordinary people', acknowledging their frailties; but you expect the highest standards from social leaders. Concepts of social justice, equality and change attract you, and this can draw you into relationships with revolutionary or reactionary political groups. Depending upon the overall bias of the chart, your radicalism could be directed towards a re-creation of past patterns or a new creation to suit future needs and realities. Generally though, with the Uranian impulse it will be future-orientated, and this will lead you to more altruistic liberal and humanitarian groups.

Your personality can be very assertive, even aggressive and combative. You have an image of yourself 'at war' with whatever you disagree with, whether this is just a war that

you fight in your own head, or it is one that you externalise by opposing social establishments that you dislike. There is a stimulation for you in conflict; and whilst it may not always be openly displayed, you enjoy competition and intend to win and dominate. This is reminiscent of the Scorpio characteristics, which are reflected through this aspect, with the Mars-Scorpio link and Uranus exalted in Scorpio. The quality of assertiveness could be extrovertedly expressed, stridently and powerfully, or quietly through the power of a strong personal presence.

You enjoy arguments and discussions; here the stimulation of ideas, beliefs and attitudes can be enriching. Often you play devil's advocate on ideas, just to enjoy the sparks that can fly; but if it is on a subject close to your heart, then a more passionate, committed side of you emerges, one that is determined to 'win' the argument.

You oppose in principle any restrictions to individual freedoms, although in practice and with serious consideration, you do tend to impose 'limits' for valid social reasons. Your main thrust is towards a broadening of personal freedoms, and the creation of more variety and scope for potential experience and opportunity in life. If discipline is imposed upon you, and you feel that you are imprisoned in a stultifying routine, then you will rise to oppose it; however, for your own purposes you can be highly motivated and self-disciplined.

Freedom is extremely important to you, and is the key to developing your own uniqueness. You feel that you have to get your own way, and this can cause problems if you are too selfish about this demand. If denied, you feel emotionally frustrated, and this becomes a form of pent-up physical tension, which in extreme cases could result in violence. Tendencies to be arrogant, authoritarian and too self-willed can cause friction in social and intimate relationships. If your lifestyle becomes inhibiting, then this can also create explosions of sudden temper and excessive arguing to release inner pressures.

Whilst you see yourself as an outsider, a loner following a personal path, there is an underlying lack of self-confidence, which Scorpio-like is hidden beneath the mask. You insist on finding and making your own way in life, pursuing one's 'dharma' (own truth), and will be like the traditional stubborn mule if anyone else tries to lead you against your will. You learn from life's hard experiences, and indeed, you tend to accept and welcome such intensity and challenges. Often, you will be tempted to throw off the binding shackles of the past, slough off the old skin like a snake, and burn those bridges to leave yourself free to travel forward into the bright future. You seem as though you know what you are doing, and appear to be optimistic, but this is the glow of a belief in your own ability to succeed, to cross those challenging abysses. You may need to unify your will and clarify your desires so that they work more in harmony.

Potentially, this aspect if rightly applied through a reabsorption of any negative projections back into yourself for transformation, can offer a 'magical' ability to succeed in your aims. The 'enemy' is not just 'out there'; and you need to use the tension for self-

transformation, to balance out the relationship between yourself and society, so that your revolutionary spirit manifests as an agent for the evolutionary spiral of human progression.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars opposition Uranus, you have a genius for arousing others to challenge you. You enjoy competition, and have a flair for gaining dominance over others. The simple fact is, you are arrogant, demanding, and authoritative in your dealings, which tends to disarm people. You seem to thrive on bickering and argument, even if you aren't serious about it. This is just another way to provide continuing excitement.

Your behavior has little to do with your competence, although your forwardness often convinces others that you know what you are doing. With your flair for expression, you should seek occupations such as selling, politics, group interests, or science, that depend on this quality. You could become interested in hazardous occupations like flying, racing, exploring, or mountain climbing, but you must be extremely careful and take all safety precautions. Because you are accident-prone, these endeavors are not recommended. You tend to throw caution to the winds, especially when someone is watching. Your desire for approval is so strong that you will even risk danger to gain it.

You don't tolerate any restrictions on your freedom and mobility, and need to be constantly on the move. Is this because you are afraid others will discover how insecure you really are? Perhaps your life-style is a defence against admitting that you are mainly a 'physical' person.

You aren't the easiest person to get along with. Your outbursts of temper and cantankerous attitude really rub people the wrong way. A revolutionary, you are basically against tradition with all its limits to individuality. You are critical of anyone who wields authority, and want your own way so much that you become violent when anyone tries to deny it. Your unpredictable nature may cause you to lose dear friends who will not tolerate your arrogance.

(Betty Lundsted)

The action principle essentially describes the action taken (through Mars) to represent the Sun sign archetype. Uranus indicates how the generation behaves as well as the kinds of eccentricities to which an individual is prone.

When the opposition is in effect, the action taken by the individual is compromised or colored by the behavior pattern; he may not relate well to his peer group. This individual may take self-willed or erratic action rather than make necessary compromises in life. In some cases, he may be violent when angered or threatened. Because the will is involved in the action aspect, this individual may be overly willful and want immediate

satisfaction because constant internal pressure is at play. The childhood environment was unpredictable, and this person may have been so repressed at home that high anger levels are considered 'normal'.

When people act one way and feel compromised by their eccentric needs, the action taken may not only be unproductive, but these individuals feel internally angry with themselves. If the anger is projected onto others; if others are blamed for the mistakes created by those who have this aspect, then the energy is destructive. They will have to learn to act in such a manner that any eccentricities within the nature also have a chance for constructive expression. When the anger is directed neither at the self nor at others, the energy is free to express creatively.

When attempting to determine where this behavior pattern comes from, check the planets that reflect the effect of the mother or father. This person may have been abused as a child. If so, much resentment may be harbored toward the parent, along with guilt because one is not supposed to hate one's parents. It's important that the anger be understood and not suppressed, for until the energy is free to flow, the creativity cannot be released. This person may wish to undergo analysis to get help breaking the old pattern.

#### Mars square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects are the most difficult to live with: we find it extremely hard to curb energy (Mars) because Uranus keeps it under constant tension. Strained and restless, we easily become irritable and quick-tempered. The (often unintentional) disruption caused by this combination is great; hence its traditional association with separation and divorce. Reactions are usually too sharp, too rash, too thoughtless and too energetic in situations which call for calm. Also, with these aspects, we are inclined to go our own way at all costs; and this can cause conflicts at school when we are still young. Whenever possible we do as we please, and being prevented from doing as we please drives us wild (to an extent that depends on the rest of the horoscope). In any case, we enjoy being provocative.

We are virtually unable to control our energy: Uranus itself would make energy control difficult, even if it did not throw a hard aspect. It is impossible to stick at the same thing for long. We frequently hop from one thing to another without getting anywhere. This is a shame, because the combination packs enough power to move mountains.

We are eager to express (Mars) our longing to be free and our originality (Uranus); but, with tense aspects, are liable to emphasize them unduly. The consequence can be

asocial or even antisocial behavior; but at epochs when a break has to be made with outworn values, we come into our own. The destructiveness inherent in the Mars / Uranus combination can be channelled into fighting sports (preferably not dangerous) and into occupations such as woodcutting, where we literally break things up: the release of tension helps us to handle energy better.

(Charles Carter)

Here we get a good deal of self-will and eccentricity. There is no lack of energy, but it is often fitful and ill-directed, and the native is often a relative failure, being unable for some reason to make as good use of his talents as might reasonably be expected. Ill-temper is common, but is not always present; sometimes there is a tendency rather to fretfulness and erratic self-will; the native may be blunt and abrupt, or irritable and querulous. Sometimes the nervous conditions lead to shyness and retirement. The native is often what is known as edgy or cornery, and is frequently not well fitted for ordinary existence; it is distinctly unfavourable for married life or for any restricted or ordered way of living, but it is not an aspect which as a rule indicates any essential ill-nature or vice.

Like all combinations which create a desire for freedom and unrestriction, this often externalises in the shape of suicidal tendencies, the native being unfitted to brook patiently the check and delays that occur in most walks of life. Patience is a virtue that is seldom present, and humility is also rare. The native is likely to scorn diplomacy and any kind of manoeuvring, and is prone to throw up the sponge as soon as this is called for. In a word, he wants his own way at all costs.

As we have mentioned before, there are often attacks on the native's morals or honour, and sometimes there are direct assaults on his person, provided other more vital points are afflicted as well.

Accidents are not infrequent, and these aspects do not make for longevity, for there is seldom much placidity with Mars-Uranus; and the ability to acquiesce cheerfully and readily in the dispensation of Providence is not often very noticeable. There is often a disposition to take risks, and to overwork.

20) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°46' S) ☿1 | ♃11

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from Venus to the Ascendant shows that you strive to maintain harmonious relations with everyone you contact. You are inclined to make substantial concessions if it seems to be the only way to resolve a situation. A peacemaker by nature, you often try to smooth out the difficulties people have in reaching an amicable relationship. When you have a difference of opinion with someone, you tend to give that person the benefit of the doubt. You feel that if that person is wrong, he will eventually realize it. You don't

push your views on others, preferring to find some basis for compromise.

You know what you want out of life, and you express that conviction freely. Not being a deceitful person, you consider it best to disclose that you intend to do whatever is necessary to realize your goals. Because you are somewhat timid, however, people don't really expect that you will go to great lengths to satisfy your desires. Above all, you want security in your later years, and your plans are geared to that objective.

In your career, you try to do everything that is expected of you, but you should refrain from becoming too familiar with your co-workers or superiors. You are too easy-going and indulgent for your own good, and this encourages others to try to take advantage of you.

Basically an honorable person, you prefer to operate within the law at all times. You dread the thought of becoming involved in an uncomfortable legal situation that would disturb the general harmony of your life. But be alert to the danger of becoming implicated in the legal problems of close associates, which could prove costly to you. There are times when giving others the benefit of the doubt can be a liability. On the whole, however, your relations with people are compatible, and any problems that develop can be settled to your mutual satisfaction through compromise.

#### Venus trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Venus and the Ascendant, people find us well-balanced, and friendly, and we play an important part in keeping the peace and healing rifts. Social contacts appeal to us, and we like events that are bright and entertaining; so much so that we tend to ignore the serious side of life. We are adroit at working on people's emotions.

Although every Venus / Ascendant aspect is potentially creative and artistic, the harmonious aspects discourage industry, and Venus tends to produce a superficial approach. Sloth, self-indulgence and a liking for luxury are as much a part of the picture with the harmonious aspects as they are with the conjunction.

(Betty Lundsted)

People with a trine or sextile from Venus to the Ascendant easily attain their affectional needs, for their persona manifests traits similar to that which they appreciate in general.

21) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°32' S) ☾ 1 | ♀ 3

(Robert Pelletier)

Neptune sextile the Ascendant shows that you have difficulty in expressing yourself and often give people the wrong impression. You have a fertile imagination, and you usually embroider your accounts with embellishments that distort your meaning and confuse your listeners. Because of this, people are guarded in dealing with you. In your eagerness for conversation and attention, you unconsciously create situations that don't exist, or invent stories about situations that never occurred. You can put this talent for imagery to better use if you apply it to constructive activities such as writing, public speaking, or acting.

Although you downgrade your abilities, your friends recognize how inspired you are in your creative expression. They find you charming and friendly, but also rather naive and defenseless. You show an interest in the conditions of your immediate environment, and feel some pain of guilt if you fail to do something to correct negative conditions. In spite of this, you may give endless excuses for neglecting to take action. Your reasoning may be that since other people seem unwilling to make a contribution, you need not feel badly about your negligence.

You get along well with most people because you never seem to threaten them by competing openly. People are misled by your sympathetic and docile nature into thinking that you won't challenge them.

It isn't easy for you to make decisions. You find it difficult to isolate the most important facts so that you can arrive at a sound judgement. When you fail at something, you may indulge in self-pity for your incompetence. It is especially important for you not to compare your performance with anyone else's. If you do, you will invariably assume that the other person is superior to you. Your self-confidence can be improved only if you take on tasks that you know you can handle successfully. You can do a lot if you stay within your limits. As your confidence increases, you can add more demanding duties. It is important that you approve of what you accomplish.

Neptune trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is harmony here between our manifestation in the outside world and a need to refine and perfect by softening the strongly individualistic, we suffer even so from (over)sensitivity to trends and atmospheres in the environment. We easily tune in to them, but, like people with the conjunction, we must learn to distinguish what is going on inside us from what is going on outside. We soon become wrapped up in another



person, identifying with their emotions, entering into their wishes, and falling under their sway. In other words, we are very easily influenced.

The idealism that is also a characteristic of Neptune is expressed harmoniously. But, because Neptune has little hold on reality even in the harmonious aspects, we can be led into difficulties by unworkable ideals, by looking at life through rose-colored glasses, and by a tremendous urge to be self-sacrificing.

Here, too, we give others considerable scope to make of us what they will: none of the Neptune / Ascendant aspects gives people much to go on. With this Neptunian factor, we can be slothful and dreamy, and sometimes strike people as rather unstable; but usually there is something appealing about us. Things people think they see in us may not really be there; but we display a spirit of general friendliness, and people of the most diverse kinds can fall in love with us.

All Neptune / Ascendant aspects favor design and finishing work, especially in photography and films; in fact, wherever skilful editing is used to create illusion.

(Betty Lundsted)

Trines or sextiles between Neptune and the Ascendant indicate individuals who were raised in a somewhat spiritually evolved atmosphere; their dreams and fantasies were encouraged by their parents rather than discouraged.

22) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (1°35' S) 009 | ♃11

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates that you are an agreeable and sociable person, who doesn't like conflict with others. You are more willing than most to make compromises, because keeping peace and harmony with those you love is more important to you than getting your own way. In fact, you will give up a great deal in order to stay on good terms with someone.

You like to have the approval of persons in authority over you, and you will work to get it. Most important, your relationship with your parents is likely to be very good. Because of that, and because you have good relationships with other authority figures, you will feel secure in yourself and will be able to love and be loved wherever you go. Also you will attract people who can help you as you go through life.

Your home life is also very secure. You should grow up in a peaceful and pleasant atmosphere, surrounded by beauty and comfort. What you learn in youth will serve you well throughout your life, and you will always have a warm feeling for your childhood home and the places that you associate with it. But you will not feel tied to your past in a

way that prevents you from getting ahead in life.

Sometimes this aspect is a sign of artistic ability, especially if other areas of your chart reinforce the theme. Even at worst, you will have a strong sense of beauty and a love of beautiful objects.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives diplomatic abilities in professional matters. It brings harmony and love into the native's family life. There is contentment in marital, home, and professional affairs. These people often grow roses and other flowers in an effort to make their surroundings more pleasant. The home is usually tastefully and artistically decorated. In some cases, the career will be related to artistic pursuits.

Venus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The behavior when we have Venus sextile or trine the MC is very like that of the native with the conjunction - that is to say, we seem friendly, warm, sociable and cordial, and this gives us a flying start when it comes to asking for favors. Artistic or other work involving form, color and proportion could well be our métier; nor would we be out of place in positions demanding a friendly social approach, such as that of receptionist, steward, stewardess, host or hostess.

The need to preserve the peace at all costs and the wish to have harmony in society at large are also present in the easy aspects; so here, too, we have possibilities as justice of the peace or diplomat. Due to an (all too) great willingness to compromise, matters are not always thrashed out; this can create misunderstandings, and may leave openings for wolves in sheep's clothing to take advantage of a situation. We can also tangle with people who drag their feet over issues.

23) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°01' S) 009 | 6

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mercury to Jupiter shows that there is some discrepancy between your beliefs and the truth. You are eager and enthusiastic to know as much as possible, but you lose interest before you have acquired all the necessary information for practical use. You are impulsive in judgement, and your decisions are often based on insufficient information. You always want to find the easy way out of a dilemma, never wanting to accept responsibility for your actions. The greatest obstacle between you and success is

that you expect to start at the top. You lack the selfdiscipline to apply yourself to your goals and to plan each step along the way. Although you visualize yourself as an informed person at the height of accomplishment, when it is time to plan for that goal you become lazy and sluggish. You've always asked questions in your quest to become a knowledgeable person, but if you don't like the answers, you alter them to suit yourself. You could be called a pathological liar becuse you don't realize how you have distorted the facts.

Your intentions are not bad; you are only misinformed and lacking incentive. You are sloppy in managing your affairs and unforgivably naive in your dealings with people. You have very little sales resistance, which makes you easy prey for the wily salesman.

Getting an education is your highest priority, and it is your only chance to avoid a lusterless life with endless detours that lead nowhere. When you are trained, you can achieve success in public relations, education, travel, or even writing. Education will help sharpen your judgement and teach you to plan your climb to achievement. You have no other alternative available. However, it might be advisable to postpone your education until you've had an opportunity to feel the abrasive competition of the open market. It might prove to be the most constructive lesson you ever receive, and could convince you that without training you belong to the masses who have no advantages.

You are likely to suffer from nervous disorders caused by mental anxieties over your life direction and the pain of competition. Frequent rest and avocational pursuits are recommended. You cannot be forced to change your attitude, but it is hoped that you will, for your own benefit.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates htat the individual is raised in a home where words are not used well, the mood of the childhood environment is somewhat excessive, and people are hurt by words - they aren't supportive of each other. The family finds communication difficult; the family members are more involved in role playing than relating. The child absorbs this attitude and assumes that relationships are normal when words are difficult.

The aspect needs to be worked through if this individual ever wants to truly communicate and share his thoughts and feelings with another person. The power of Jupiter, the ability to expand the consciousness, to receive new ideas, cannot take place when one's words are not received well by others. This person has difficulty talking openly once a relationship has been established. He may not relate honestly, he may not listen, he may not hear what others say, he may even destroy relationships by misquoting what he thinks he heard. The ability to communicate can be learned if he thinks it is important enough. Excessiveness can be curbed and understood, for excessive or angry communication only hurts others. The dilemma can be understood by examining the qualities of the signs involved in the square.

## Mercury square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The unbalanced use of hard-aspect energy may make Jupiter too expansive, and the effect of this on voluble Mercury is to produce bragging, conceited talk, opinionatedness and inaccuracy. Taking big risks in Mercurial matters (trade, contacts, traffic) can be another consequence.

But, even with the tense aspects, there is also a great deal of warmth in contacts with others. We like them to share our experiences and thoughts, and we can actively propagate ideas and become good teachers or advocates. Eager involvement in all sorts of things is a further probable result of these aspects, and, in fact, varied interests can turn out more successfully in some respects than they would have done had we had an easier aspect between the same planets. However, we shall have to overcome a certain amount of opposition because we try to do things at the wrong time and in the wrong way. Also thoughts are restless, even hyperactive, and we are always trying to see connections whether they exist or not.

Quite frequently, we shall find that Mercury, as the objective, ordering factor in our make-up, causes trouble when we enter Jupiter's terrain (expansion, religion and the widening of one's horizon). This can create inner uncertainty about what we are doing, and probably, in order to convince ourselves that we are right, we try to convince others that we are right - a dubious enterprise. We need to be careful about how we word our opinions and about how we offer advice. With these tense aspects, ill-considered or exaggerated reactions run in the blood.

24) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (7°26' S)    ♄7 | ♃11

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine of the Sun and Moon indicates that there is a certain harmonious balance between your will and your habits and emotions. You naturally react to stimuli in such a way that your ego can continue to develop properly. There is a good balance between the lessons you have learned from your past experiences and your ability to use these lessons to realize your destiny. Your relationship with your parents was generally favorable to your continued growth. They might even have inspired you to assert your own individuality so that you could become your own person rather than a reflection of their desires. You should enjoy a pleasant relationship with them and with other members of your family throughout your life. Only stress contacts between the Sun or the Moon and other planets in your chart could complicate the foregoing. In such

instances, you would be responsible for the difficulties; the favorable influence here would still hold true, as you would eventually realize.

Your greatest problem, if it can be called that, is your tendency to be apathetic when you could deliberately assert yourself. You have an abundance of creative talent that can be usefully applied in situations that involve people and close relationships. Young people and children are comfortable with you and are on their best behavior because they want to please you. They respond to your attitude of protective caring for them, and they would never forget your contact with them.

You have the opportunity to rise to prominence if you want to. There is a luck factor in your favor, but you also have the temperament to feel completely at ease in positions of authority. You always exercise your will with an understanding of how people will react to it. Persuasive but not offensive, you have a knack for getting people to do what you want without appearing domineering. Your refined nature is a decided asset if you choose to pursue a professional career.

Your sincerity and honesty make you attractive to both sexes. You are warm and friendly towards casual acquaintances as well as close friends, and wherever you go you leave a lasting impression.

You underestimate your potential to climb to the top in any endeavor you find attractive. You should choose a field that has possibilities for growth. Land or land development, homes, and domestic enterprises in general are some of the areas in which you could build a very rewarding future. Working with the public is advised because you have the calm disposition to cope with any situation that could develop.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that there can be a positive harmony of conscious will and your instinctual, emotional, and habitual response patterns to life; fewer inner conflicts between your feeling reactions and the application of your purpose should occur. You are likely to feel self-confident and optimistic about fulfilling your potential, aims and ambitions, and you may discover that doors open for you at the right times, or people offer support and help which enable you to move forward; luck may be a factor in your life.

Your early life experiences, parental relationships and childhood social conditioning are likely to have been generally favourable, and little negativity has made any deleterious mark on your development. There may be benefits from hereditary influences, possibly in natural talents and gifts, and some of your habitual pattern tendencies may be family traits, although the likelihood is that they are essentially positive and constructive. In your adult life, you will try to maintain good family relationships, both with your parents and with any family that you are responsible for creating. You tend to relate well with young children, who enjoy your sincere concern, care, understanding and attention.

You ensure that you learn from all experiences so that lessons do not need to be painfully repeated. One area where extra prompting may be needed is in application. As your basic temperament is relaxed and laid-back, generating sufficient momentum towards achieving aims can sometimes seem to be too much hard work to bother. You may be unwilling to stretch and really challenge yourself to develop, and thus may fail to realise the depth of latent potential that you actually possess. In fact, you should have considerable natural talents waiting to be exploited, and you should become alert to any opportunities that offer the prospect of growth and unfoldment, so that your creative drives and ability to unite feelings and will are successfully released in your environment.

Self-assertion may need a concentrated focus for you to progress in a career; although the potential is there for good advancement to be made, there may be a question mark against your level of commitment and desire actually to enter senior positions. Your sensitive good nature may be less of an asset in such positions, however, where harsh impersonal decision may be required for business viability. Yet you could effectively serve in an authoritative role, especially in spheres of interpersonal contact and communication, where your assets of friendliness, sincerity, persuasiveness and understanding people's motivations can make you a very good mediator between levels of employees.

Feeling right with yourself is important, and you recognise that is a key to good personal health and enjoyment of life. The free-flowing nature of this Sun-Moon contact helps you to appreciate your strong physical vitality, stamina and ability to recover easily from any temporary illness.

In social situations, you tend to act as a 'bridge' between people, being able to understand and empathise with different types, and through that reconciling aspect of your nature can help people to join together more easily. You can be sexually attractive, and this can lead you into successful relationship experiences. The main issue is to use this aspect's positive and constructive nature as fully as possible, and not just allow that stable, tranquil and contented nature to cast a soporific spell over you. You need to awaken your solar nature and qualities, in addition to expressing your lunar qualities comfortably, because that will become your path of selfdevelopment.

25) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (3°25' S)    ♅7 | ♃11

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between your Sun and Saturn shows that your drive to achieve success will be easier than for most others because you do not find it difficult to accept responsibility. There is no need to struggle for mastery over the circumstances of your life because you inherently know how to take advantage of opportunities when they arise. Almost without effort you can mobilize your talents creatively to gain your objectives. You know

you are loved, and you know you have talent. Because you are reasonably sure of yourself, there are few impediments to your rise to success.

There are a great many occupations in which you can express your creative potentials and become successful while making an important contribution. Conservation, law, politics, industrial management, architecture, market speculation, land development, or park and recreational management - these are just a few of the fields to which your talents could be applied. You are only moderately ambitious, but you can climb to important positions as long as you know that your abilities are needed.

You may not be lucky in the usual sense of the world, but you have a knack for doing the right thing at the right time to achieve the best results. Regardless of the partner you choose, you will bring much stability to the relationship. Your partner must be sincere, creative, and self-disciplined, and have reasonably well-defined goals. If your partner has to work hard to get anywhere, you will be the sustaining force, because if your attentiveness and your faith in the good outcome of such a quest.

This planetary combination shows general good health, probably because you care enough about yourself to pay attention to good healthful habits.

(Haydn Paul)

The trine helps to reconcile these two planetary energies more successfully, and there is less evidence of any underlying Saturnian tendency to restrict and limit. The positive qualities and abilities of Sun-Saturn contacts are present; responsibility, selfdiscipline, practicality, patience, organisation, reliability, concentration, determination, persistence and honesty. These can all be used to further your ambitions, although you may need to be wary of innate Saturn tendencies towards caution which may prevent you taking advantage of all opportunities.

Determining your solar purpose and tapping into that power will be most important in applying these energies and qualities, and gaining insight into your life direction may be a necessary first step to achieve before this trine can be used positively. As you can move through life smoothly without facing obstructive challenges, you may not always feel the need to draw upon your full potential. You are attracted towards having a 'comfortable life', and with your self-confidence and creativity expect that this will naturally come to pass.

You should be able to use personal qualities and resources effectively, especially to produce an intended practical result, and you probably have a sense of appropriate timing which ensures that your actions are successful. This can be used in a variety of employments and careers, especially management, law, politics, conservation, financial services and organisational posts. You will enjoy assuming any positions of responsibility, but you may experience inner resistances in any environment that is

undergoing rapid change due to social or technological progress, as this can clash with your innate conservatism and preference for the familiar.

Your lifestyle is likely to reflect mainstream social attitudes, and you will try to develop it in a moderate and balanced manner, looking to create solid foundations and financial security. You prefer life to feel stable and almost predictable, and will take each step onwards with a patient attitude, usually rejecting any chances that may lead to speedier progress yet which also may lead to failure. A personal philosophy and value system will be established, and once you feel comfortable with your unique worldview you may evade situations which offer valid alternatives to your chosen perspective. In this context, the Saturnian rigidity may act as a limitation, but as your conformity is grounded within established social values, this should not work against you in achieving your ambitions.

Choosing a right partner is important, as he / she needs to be similar in nature to yourself, either wholeheartedly supporting your aims, or alternatively pursuing his / her own ambitions. Career and social involvement is the probable sphere of mutual endeavour, and personal honesty and integrity are qualities that are expected, as is stability and responsibility in your partnership. Balance and moderation are two keynotes that will apply across your whole nature and lifestyle, and this will be reflected in your good health and sense of well-being. Feeling respected and loved by others, and acknowledging your own talents, will amplify your self-worth so that you can move confidently onwards on your solar path.

26) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°14' S) 137 | 1173

(Haydn Paul)

With the trine, there is the potential for a successful reconciliation and resolution of the Neptune-Sun energies, leading to a powerful positive blending of the individual Sun centre and the transpersonal outer planet.

Potential is present, but there may be question marks against your incentive, motivation and application in exploiting latent talents. This is the hurdle that can face you, especially when confronted with the nature of choice and decision over your lifedirection. You may be multi-talented in a variety of artistic and creative ways - music, art, literature, dance, drama - yet find it hard to be focused and sufficiently disciplined to become a master and not a jack of all trades. Ideas spring forth easily and naturally, followed by an enthusiastic grasping of them, only for them to be quickly put aside, replaced by the next set of shooting-star ideas. Commitment and perseverance may be lacking, and the directed energy is fragmented by turning towards too many directions at the same time.

Associated with a perceptive mind, which is capable of good assimilation and understanding, should be an intuitive quality too, which you can use as a source of



insight and knowledge. This intuitive or psychic faculty will mainly operate through the emotional nature as empathic identification, in distinction to the Uranian intuition which is more mental and impersonal in nature. This intuition often gives you insights into the nature and motivation of others around you, and environmental atmospheres can influence your state of mind and well-being.

There can be an ambivalency towards social involvement and responsibility. Much depends on the nature of your expression; if it is within creative and artistic spheres, then your focus of attention and energy is absorbed within the creative vision. You are not unresponsive to social concerns, but you feel that being a creative channel is your contribution to society. Or you may respond to the Neptunian vibration by opening your heart wider, feeling a channel for 'universal love' supporting and uplifting others. This path is one of service to the community of human beings, and medicine can be a favourite expression, or similar forms of physical, emotional and mental therapy and healing.

Becoming clear as to direction is the challenge; once determined, you should be able to pour your energies and talents into achieving those aims, and in so doing walk your solar path of purpose. You have the capabilities to achieve your objectives, once definition and focus is made. There may be a need to be more practical, perhaps modified by evoking a strong Saturn or Mercury influence to ensure that material results occur, or you could waste those talents and end as a negative dreamer, chasing your flights of imagination but never containing them within objective form. In relationships, emotional freedom and trust are highly valued as components of an ideal romantic love. You tend to be emotionally faithful, and give priority to the virtues of a close and loving family environment. Your empathic and sympathetic nature adds to those feelings of closeness with family and friends.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from the Sun to Neptune means that you have enormous talent to express, but you may never find the right way to exploit it. You take up ideas with enthusiasm, then drop them right away. Your mind has a precocious quality, in that you learn quickly and with deep comprehension. You respond to what you learn both emotionally and intellectually. In reality, you are extremely psychic, and much of your knowledge has been acquired through this faculty. This may have been the reason you were bored, as a child, by teachers who were giving you information that you already knew intuitively. Because you learned easily and didn't have to overcome the usual obstacles, now you don't readily take on duties unless you want to very strongly. You may avoid involvement in the affairs of the community, for it is almost impossible for anyone to provoke you to respond to your social responsibilities.

You can write your own ticket to your professional ambitions. Probably you will never encounter a challenge that you can't successfully meet. You are extremely creative and

will be able to perform almost any task assigned to you. Your greatest problem is dawdling when time is urgent or schedules must be met. Consequently, it is better for you to be self-employed, so you can work at your own pace, and others don't have to depend on you. Art, drama, education, writing, and medical research would all provide you with a field for creative expression. Even though your ambitions may not be defined, others will benefit from your efforts.

Your personal relationships are characterized by permissiveness between you and your mate, a freedom based on mutual trust. You and your beloved enjoy a blissful, romantic love and can indulge in escapes to Shangri-la. You can be devoted to your mate and know that indiscretion will never come into your life. Your family will be warm and tender toward you, and your children will be a source of endless joy to you as they grow into maturity.

27) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♌ **North-Node** - (0°47' A) 137 | 113

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This trine to the Sun includes a sextile of the South Node to the Sun. Interpretation of the aspect must take that factor into consideration.

This aspect has almost the same meaning as Sun sextile North Node, except that a different house is emphasized. However, these natives are more intellectually directed.

There will be dramatic creativity, expressed within the bounds of the traditional social customs and patterns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides good popularity, personal elevation and execution of proper ego for that individual. Circumstantial assistance in getting recognized in the world is noticed. Strong foundation and establishment of identity is done by the help of the 'father-figure' in life. Success in the public life or even in politics is seen. During your recent life, you have been well recognized for your assistance to others. As a result, in this life repayment is done to you to get somewhere, no matter where you start in life. Optimistic attitudes and open goals are quite common for them.

(Donna Van Toen)

A motivation to grow. A search for growth that involves seeking out people who'll encourage physical, creative or emotional development. A need to progress socially, monetarily or creatively stimulates the desire to grow.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Adaptation, preference for associations and for team-work, the search for intellectual contacts. Physical associations, intellectual cooperation, union with the husband. Shared experiences. Relationship with the public. Sun square or opposition North Node: A disharmonious attitude towards living or working together with others. The termination of associations.

28) ► **Moon** ☽ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (7°40' S) ♀11 | ♀3

(Haydn Paul)

Both the sextile and trine aspects of Neptune to the Moon are often found in the charts of artistic and creative people, especially those with a personal interest in increasing the amount of beauty and goodness in the environment of social life. This can manifest itself in a variety of ways, from improving someone's living conditions, through more aesthetic cultural appreciations, to enjoying a well-made film or admiring an evocative painting of hamony and beauty.

The trine indicates the potential for a successful resolution of these two planetary energies, so that inner imaginative and sensitive life is intergrated with a suitable form of outer expression. As there is a tendency towards environmental hypersensitivity, you need to discover a way of response that allows you to use this perception in creative ways, through revealing to others this more subtle and perhaps hidden invisible dimension of life, so that they too can appreciate and contact the vitalising, uplifting and inspirational quality of the inner realms. This is why this aspect can often be found in those who are dedicated to film, dance and the arts as revealers of enriched perceptions of life, and where the Neptunian muse works through into the world.

You are likely to possess such innate talent, and, provided that you make the effort to manifest your inner imaginative dreams - perhaps associated with your Venus - then you can be productive. If, however, you have a weak or badly aspected Mercury, Saturn or Mars, then you may have certain obstacles to overcome before your dreams can turn into reality. Otherwise, you may be able to offer rich dramatic artistic creations for the stimulation and enjoyment of others.

Generally, you are a beneficent spirit, warm and compassionate to others and aware of the social dimension to life. Yet you may be more attuned to applying your energies in a distinctly creative manner than to being preoccupied with more direct social action, believing that creativity is the best way for you to contribute towards the advancement of society. Your interest is usually in the unfolding of individual potential, and you can place much effort into encouraging this in others, especially your family and younger people. Sometimes, though, you may be a little self-centred in attitude - especially when under the influence of an artistic muse - and prefer to be freer from social or family obligations in order to concentrate on releasing your creative spirit.

In relationships, you prefer a partner to have independent interests and the ability to be more self-reliant and not excessively dependent on you. Partners should have a corresponding artistic appreciation and sensitivity, culturally developed so that mutual understanding is present.

It may be that your creative spirit is fully satisfied by the creation of projects which can have a direct benefit for others, which contribute to improving social conditions in some way. From these you too would benefit as the quality of the social environment improves, and so diminishes the level of negative impact that it can make on you.

There can be a prophetic element in your creativity; intuition, related to people and directions, can play a vital role in your life, and art can give direction or voice to underlying social needs too. This is the psychic dimension operating; it requires attention.

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon trine Neptune you sometimes express your creativity in a prophetic way. Your inner and outer selves are well integrated. In other words, you react to outside stimuli imaginatively and creatively. You are inventive in the artistic sense and can dramatically communicate your aesthetic experiences. You are deeply appreciative of the finer things in life, for they enrich you in many ways every day.

In your professional activities, you generate warmth and genuineness. You radiate affection and appreciation for creative efforts. Spiritually you are 'in tune', although you are not necessarily a religious fanatic. You are dutiful and aware of social obligations in your church, social club, civic affairs, or programs that serve worthwhile causes. However, you do not necessarily feel within yourself the need to help those who won't help themselves. Apathy is your singular liability.

On the domestic scene, you would particularly enjoy observing and nurturing your family's creative potentials. However, you may choose not to have a family, merely to keep your present mobility and freedom. Young people are sensitive to you and can gain much from your participation in their affairs. They feel comfortable in your company and will co-operate with your efforts to assist their developing talents.

In personal relationships, you usually require that others have a variety of interests. You offer much to those who interest you, and you are willing to serve their desires if your efforts are appreciated. You are drawn especially to educated and refined individuals. Although you find the negative elements of your environment distasteful, your activities are not inhibited by them. You may even cultivate programs to bring about more acceptable social conditions. Your best development lies in actively contributing your vast resources for the benefit of others.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates a child born into a home where spiritual development is important to the mother. The mother needs to relate to something in a spiritual sense, and the child sometimes avoids developing spiritually because he thinks that he must walk the same spiritual path Mom did. This person needs to learn that we each find our own paths and determine our own values.

The trine aspect fosters energy for spiritual insight. The individual needs to be creative, needs to learn to meditate, needs a chance to grow spiritually. Out of a meditative mind comes new ideas, inspirations that are received on a feeling-intuitive level. However, creativity is limited as long as the body will not permit emotional relationships. Since the body is the 'temple of the soul', it need to be nourished and loved as much as the soul it houses. This aspect can cause a person to be so involved with spiritual or universal love that he forgets to live in this world.

The mother was a productive influence in the childhood and both males and females with this aspect are looking for a spiritual type of personal relationship. However, they may not be prepared for a close relationship, one that involves caring and sharing both mentally and physically, because love may have been reserved for an ethereal plane.

Moon trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even when the Moon and Neptune are in harmony, they still give sensitivity, great fantasy, and introversion. For the effect of Neptune is to make it hard to see where anything begins or ends. The sole difference between the easy aspects and the conjunction is that with the former there seems to be more stability, self-expression is easier, and the native is more readily understood by others.

Not seldom, he manages (quite unintentionally) to make use of his sensitivity to undercurrents in the environment and in society. Deep down, he will detect that 'something is going on' even if he is not overtly aware of it. What he decides and does will be modified accordingly: he will go where he gets plenty of co-operation and will instinctively follow the latest trends. Therefore, although in principle Neptune has little to do with the material world, the aspects can be advantageous and can promote social and business success. Yet when he is enjoying prosperity the native is unable to say how it has come about.

Spiritual and religious interests are commonly present in the harmonious aspects, too,

and the open-endedness of Neptune can give an insatiable hunger for these things. The person can be extremely idealistic and religious, but is in danger of overenthusiasm and failure to preserve a sense of proportion.

As with the other Moon / Neptune aspects, the native can do a great deal of creative work, or can develop a fine insight into the creations of others. He senses references and atmospheres, and has a greater appreciation of the emotional world enshrined in, say, a painting than would be gained by analyzing each brush stroke.

As I have already said, the harmonious Moon / Neptune aspects impart a great need for a personal dream world. Now, because the person with these aspects finds little to distract him externally, he must be careful to avoid absorption by this inner world.

The moon sign indicates how the child will respond emotionally; the Neptune sign indicates the child's creative bent. The house placements of the sextile will indicate the area of creative response.

(Charles Carter)

The contacts of these two bodies are not easy to interpret, for they operate in many seemingly diverse ways. Both the Moon and Neptune affect the emotional nature, and the action of the latter is greatly to sensitise it and as it were enlarge its scope. Perhaps the dominant feature is the desire to do something great and unusual. In the more ordinary types we find chiefly a desire to do comparatively usual things in an unusual manner or on a grandiose scale. In more exceptional horoscopes, the desire takes all sorts of strange forms.

The contacts are undoubtedly beneficial in a worldly sense, tending to bestow wealth and ease, and very often there are more of the good things of life than the native seems to merit; he may benefit considerably by others' brains and toil, and may be a conscious or unconscious parasite.

It is specially good for the numerous Neptunian features of modern business, such as hire-purchase.

In some cases there is much spiritual ambition, inclining, if the rest of the chart shows afflictions, to great unbalance. The aspects have a mediumistic and spiritist side, for Neptune has particularly intimate relations with the so-called 'astral plane'; but this tendency has been exaggerated, and is more commonly found under other aspects to Neptune.

It is a rather unsatisfying configuration, for there is no boundary to the aspirations of Neptune, and we often find an overweening desire to push further and further ahead, without due acceptance of the limitations which mundane conditions necessarily impose

upon all of us. (This difficulty of adjusting spiritual longings to earthly conditions is at the root of most, and perhaps of all, Neptunian ordinations.)

29) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°47' A) ♃11 | ♎7

(Haydn Paul)

You feel a sense of inner security, connected to a self-assured confidence in your strength and ability to successfully deal with challenging situations.

Emotional depth and intensity will be experienced, yet often kept under self-imposed control; you are afraid to allow this power free expression. This fear may arise from previous experiences, where, when provoked, you have temporarily lost emotional control; and you are reluctant to let this happen again.

Intuitive insight into people may be a gift, a penetrating perception of their hidden nature and motivations. This does not, however, leave you cynical about people, as you still retain a caring nature. You will support and aid close friends when in need, and have a soft spot for children. This tendency may attract you toward working with people in a public or social capacity, in which your ability to resolve problems can be useful in areas of social challenge, or which involve financial management skills.

You often apply techniques which involve imagination and creative will, directing these energies toward manifesting your thoughts into reality, intending to create your ideal life-style. You have a natural ability to combine will and imagination that many would envy; make the most of this talent, but ensure that your vision is rightly motivated, or results could be negative for yourself and others.

You often expect high-quality partners for your intimate relationships; and caution is necessary when choosing suitable lovers for long-term intimacy. Your hope for children and family life will have considerable impact, requiring maturity and responsibility. Your feelings will be tied to family and home; and you will work hard at making the relationships successful for all concerned.

(Robert Pelletier)

Moon trine Pluto shows that you are a deep-feeling individual, but you generally keep your emotions under control. You do not usually waste your feelings on casual acquaintances, although you are friendly and sociable. You give others the benefit of the doubt when you decide how you feel about them. The friends you do have can count on you for help when needed.

Yours is a special kind of spiritual loving that is not cast freely to the winds. You love people for themselves and not for what they outwardly represent. You have high

expectations of meeting the right person who will encompass all the virtues you expect in true love companionship.

You have a fondness for children and young people, for they provide you with much contentment and joy. You put them at ease and bring out their affectionate feelings. In your care they feel comfortable, for you are naturally protective of those in your charge. The young are a source of creative expression for you.

Your capacity to care for others is boundless, and you could express this by serving people who have physical liabilities or social disadvantages. Fields such as public relations, physical therapy, social welfare, financial advice, or creative avocational work would be congenial to your interests.

You have great insight into the uses of power and the effective management of money. Your understanding of the motives behind people's behavior is a protection for you. Working in personal contact with other people could be an excellent medium for you.

(Betty Lundsted)

Like the sextile, this aspect is a blessing. It indicates that Mom demonstrated a warm, open and co-operative emotional outlook during this person's formative years. Through her action, she taught him how to work with others: how to work through problems with authority figures, friends and family members.

The child will be sympathetic to the needs of his generation, for Pluto also represents the mass consciousness of the era. This can be both good and bad, for it indicates that the child will be receptive to his peer group as he is growing up. Those children born into the teenage drug culture were open to their friends who were selling 'grass' in the suburbs. They may have become a part of the teenage drug culture, or the teenage smoking clique, or the teenage alcohol group, merely because they wanted to join their peers.

As this person matures, the energy gives him a natural 'in' with the media, mass communication, politics, social work and related careers that help service the masses. It can be a creative aspect, for the development of intuitive insights is easy.

Moon trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever holds good for the conjunction also holds good for these aspects. There is the same uncertainty and craving for power. The emotional life is no less intense, and there is an equal inclination to banish uncertainty and to satisfy the power-drive by adopting a



'big mother' role.

And then, no sooner have we settled down with a comfortable sense of security (Moon) than we start fishing around in the hidden and repressed contents of the psyche, and not only into these but into those of the psyches of others. We are not satisfied with superficial investigation; we dig deep. Anything hidden engrosses us and we find an almost magical attraction in unsolved riddles, mysterious old civilisations, the world beneath the ocean and the deeper layers of the mind. It does not take much for our interest to be aroused in such things.

All our digging around frequently gives us a hold on others. Often with Pluto's aspects we impress people as being trenchant and powerful, and are therefore unlikely to encounter open opposition; but this does not mean that we are always in the right. Pluto is a factor that can really distort and above all inflate, and, with Moon / Pluto aspects, we so want to indulge our emotional life that deforming elements creep into it, or non-personal elements from the unconscious puff us up in a way harmful to genuine emotional relationships. Usually, by introspection, we can find out where we are wrong, but care is needed.

Fear of confrontation is not a normal feature of this aspect - we are much too inquisitive concerning the backgrounds and motives of others to worry about what they will think of us. We try to fathom them out in a more or less subtle way, but are very reticent about our own concerns because we have no intention of letting others obtain any leverage on us. In many cases we take command by a show of authority.

Through all our digging around, and through constant contact with our own psychological depths, we can undergo a profound inner change. With the harmonious aspects, the transformation occurs fairly smoothly, although none of Pluto's aspects is completely trouble-free.

30) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♌ **North-Node** - (6°39' S) ♃11 | ♎3

(Betty Lundsted)

This configuration indicates a harmonious blending of the natives' own emotions and instinctive reactions with the prevailing social trends and attitudes. The natives instinctively know how to navigate the currents of changing popular beliefs to their own advantage.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides a high emotional satisfaction level with considerable depth of imagination. Assistance from 'women' or the 'mother-figure' is noticed in their life. Emotional strength is really great in these people, and they can count upon it for a lot of

achievement. During their past life, their duty as a 'mother' has been well-recognized so that they get to use past credit in this life. Cultivation of imagination and domestic talents are very significant in their life; and they occur very easily without too much effort.

(Donna van Toen)

Feelings are allowed full expression allowing easy growth on personal and interpersonal levels. Sometimes the childhood environment offers material or less tangible advantages that make growth easier to attain.

Moon trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The supremacy of feeling in a relationship of living together; an inner or emotional attitude towards other persons. Associations and contacts with the female sex.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect gives a calm and steady emotional nature. In a man's chart it attracts a woman who will help him. It gives a cheerful temperament. The health is affected beneficially and the personality comes across well with the public.

31) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♄ **Uranus** - (3°56' S) 009 | 1

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect tends to add the qualities of creativity and intuition more easily to the characteristics of the conjunction and the sextile. There is a subtle shift from the urge to acquire knowledge as a predominant tendency, to one of being capable of utilising it for the benefit of self and others.

You apply your mind to establishing a firm foundation for future work, where your investigative and research interests are directed towards a clear aim and purpose. Your basic orientation is humanitarian; you prefer to put your talents and energy into spheres that you believe will make a positive contribution to human progress. This could include scientific or medical work, or knowledge communication. You see that the point of knowledge is not just to acquire it, but to use it to improve the quality of life; your inner fascination has a more practical dimension.

There is likely to be an interest in the mysteries of life, and in universal and human behaviour; and a sense of the subtle, intangible energies that animate life. This can develop into exploring the occult realms; and you will probably gain a personal understanding of their existence if you take that path. Uranus can offer those lightning

flashes of holistic insight which cut through the separative analytical mind, giving access to the unitive dimensions. You should be capable of integrating the spiritual perspective into the mundane material world, thus cross-fertilising the levels and forming an inner balance within yourself. If you do choose to venture along the occult path, then your mental foundation pattern of logic and rationality (Mercury energy) can be of considerable use in moving through layers of illusion and spurious belief thought-forms. Bewitched by the glamour of the exotic and mysterious occult worlds, many fall prey to illusion and an unconscious submission to the occult mystery and authority. They fail to apply the conscious logical mind to the teachings, generally accepting them without serious questioning or personal effort to discover the truth for themselves. Certainly, the rational mind does not have all the answers; and its failure is clearly seen in the world today; but a bridge needs to be established between that level and the more universal holistic perception that Uranus offers, so that the two spheres of mind can work together creatively and harmoniously from the wider conscious perspective. This is a major task for the Aquarian Age, and one that we are all asked to participate in by achieving the integration in our lives.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Mercury to Uranus shows that you have a fertile, intuitive mind, which you express creatively. Your opinions are always based on sound principles, and you speak with conviction. You rarely make superficial statements because your mind does not dwell on trite matters. You seek after the truth, knowing it is the only way you can feel free. And freedom is very important to you.

You understand occult matters and may become involved in some facet of this field as your life's work. Your flashes of intuitive insight are amazingly accurate, and you could excel in the study of psychic phenomena. Mysteries fascinate you, so you might also become proficient in solving problems in the scientific world. You find the human factor equally interesting, and you could master the fields of psychology, philosophy, or social programs.

Although you have carte blanche in deciding what to do with your vast resources in human understanding, teaching should be high on the list. The truth has been revealed to you, and you could communicate it to those who are eager to share in your good fortune. You have leadership ability, but your best choice would be to stimulate others to develop their own. You are way ahead of your time in comprehending matters that usually require many laborious years of study.

Your spiritual values are highly developed and well integrated with your material responsibilities. There is no conflict between your inner and outer lives, since each sustains the other.

You are restless with those who are satisfied with knowledge for its own sake. For you,

the only justification for increased knowledge is reaching toward human perfection.

### Mercury trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious aspects between Mercury and Uranus, thinking is imaginative and independent but, even here, it is to some extent erratic. Wherever there is the chance to break fresh ground, this person works wonders, but it is not so easy to contend with humdrum everyday life. The latter is experienced as dull and irksome because it offers nothing new and creative or sufficiently original. In fact, in all Mercury / Uranus aspects - even in the harmonious ones - there are impractical people who, although very gifted in a certain field, have little idea how to manage ordinary affairs. Their fellow citizens regard this type as eccentrics who live in a world of their own and want to go their own sweet way. When the aspect is harmonious, these others hardly raise a protest but just let them get on with it.

Any aspect between Uranus and Mercury will make the native inventive, so the combination has a lot of useful potential. But in the harmonious aspects especially this type must learn to persevere and carry projects through to completion, because he or she suffers from a streak of laziness in spite of all the mental activity. So, although what we have here should be an ideal position for original scientific research, Saturn will have to be strong in the chart for anything constructive to be done.

Often there is a keen interest in anything a bit unusual: an interest in certain fringe activities such as astrology, fortune-telling or occultism, or in revolutionary creeds or utopias.

The same sharp tongue and the same liability to overtax the brain are present as in the conjunction and the hard aspects, but not to the same degree.

32) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♃ Neptune** - (0°46' S) ♃11 | ♎3

(Haydn Paul)

There are several similarities between the trine and the sextile, based on the fluid sensitivity and creative imagination that is the potential of this aspect. The trine has a reconciling function between planets, and with both Neptune and Venus there is an essential fusion of affinitive qualities and characteristics. The challenge here may be actually applying your innate potential, as there may be relatively little inner pressure to resolve personal conflicts through releasing the energy in creative expressions. There should be artistic cultural appreciation, plus an artistic talent that can be exploited,

especially through such areas as music, art, writing, dance and drama. As you are responsive to the more subtle dimensions of life, and prefer more elevated ideals, your artistic creations are likely to reflect such perception and sensitivity and involve a high level of purified emotion and intellectual content. This quality of idealism and romance that can pervade your creations can be at odds with the real world, perhaps even a denial of those harsher experiences, yet if successfully expressed can indicate a future direction for people to aspire towards: a vision of beauty and harmony. You believe that much of value in life is found within a sensitive and sophisticated awareness, and that such cultural development deepens that sense of meaning and purpose for the individual.

You enjoy the company of others, and are usually an enjoyable companion, although due to your soothing and positive presence, you may find yourself placed in positions of having to support friends who are passing through times of crisis. You listen well, and can offer valid advice; friends feel that you do not condemn them for any failings and that spirit of acceptance of human nature is a healing power in itself. You express emotional empathy and understanding, and others feel safe and secure in your company, often confiding troubles and confidential problems to you. If anything, your permissive attitudes offered to others can be misused as an excuse to continue the path that they are taking; acknowledging human failings is compassionate and realistic, but helping others to become free from problems may often require advice that is more direct and confrontational in essence, mirroring back the answer that personally they may not want to hear, yet which is the real answer to their problem. True compassion is not soft; sometimes the solution involves taking a hard position.

The type of social company that you prefer to be associated with is that of similarly artistic and sophisticated individuals, those who are involved with personal development and expression and who express a dissatisfaction with much of contemporary society. There can be a preference for discussing the resolution of social issues, yet a lack of direct involvement in transforming them. Finding more appropriate channels to turn your responses into constructive means may be more satisfying. Sometimes complacency may rule, especially if your own lifestyle is basically fulfilling and immune from being touched by the more negative consequences of social decline and decay.

Becoming more practical is an ongoing challenge, and you need to link your inspired creativity towards that; otherwise your imagination may be wasted and rarely anchored in objective form. Your romantic life may be unusual at times, often with a feeling of 'inevitability' about partners and lovers.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Venus to Neptune means that you use your creative imagination in an inspired way. Through your sensitive and romantic nature, you respond to the highest ideals of others, and you are enriched by them. You have artistic talents and a deep

appreciation for all that is refined in art, music and literature. Generous in your judgement of others, you are kind even when they disappoint you. You are reasonably permissive with anyone who fails, as long as he is earnestly trying to succeed. When you become aware of the negative elements in your environment, you may look the other way, for you can be complacent about such conditions, not wanting to get involved.

There are many ways you can express your creative talents, although you are particularly suited to artistic endeavors. In the performing arts, you could succeed in drama, dance, or in choral groups. You might dramatize your abilities by teaching young people to appreciate the finer things of life. You have a refined and personable nature that makes your company soothing and enjoyable. People are often hypnotized by a kind of mystical quality in you. Because you generate trust, you may be given a great responsibility that others cannot be depended upon to fulfill. Your delicacy and charm endear you to your superiors, and yet co-workers rarely feel threatened by competition for favors.

You easily form attachments with individuals who strive to improve themselves and who voice displeasure for anything unclean, sordid, or coarse. An idealist, you have welldefined spiritual convictions, which make life truly meaningful for you.

You may choose to assert yourself creatively or elect not to involve yourself, but it would be a waste of talent if you didn't.

#### Venus trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The idealizing and the search for a paragon of a partner are also a feature of the harmonious Venus / Neptune aspects. We seek perfect love and heavenly inspiration in a partner, and dream of an elevated spiritual passion; but, as with the other aspects between these planets, we are liable to run into the brick wall of hard reality while chasing the soap bubbles of the imagination.

Owing to the relative inertia of the easy aspects, we can remain a long time in a dream world, and this may distort our sense of reality. Nevertheless, we can give first-rate artistic expression to this dream world, because any aspect between Venus and Neptune produces creativity. Unfortunately, when the aspect is easy, we tend to neglect talents, unless we are stirred up by influences from elsewhere in the horoscope.

We like to get on well with our friends and acquaintances, and seldom upset them. Our attitude is sympathetic, warm and cordial, but rather impersonal where deeper feelings are concerned. Here we encounter difficulties similar to those encountered by people

with the conjunction.

With the square, there can be difficulties with the inhibition of emotions, creativity and relationships with others. Part of this difficulty arises from an extreme sensitivity of feelings which have never been properly integrated. The other main source is that of an unrealistic imagination which has a tendency to create escapist private realities, where you can avoid facing those aspects of life that you dislike or which are too painful.

The square is one of the Neptune aspects that stimulates those emotional-level fogs and mists, creating a consequence of being unable to see clearly and of being liable to make misjudgements; and which fuels tendencies of self-deception and mental distortion. Sometimes you even 'rely' on these inner fogs to prevent you from seeing the real and true situations regarding yourself and your relationships. Often these emotionally rooted problems are associated with impulses from the unconscious mind, and there can be a pattern of guilt, self-sacrifice and martyrdom operating within you at a deep unconscious level.

These factors tend to make you vulnerable to deception, prone to suffer from your own reality projections and filters, and from the choices and actions of others who may be similarly psychologically influenced. Due to this unease within your emotions, you can be almost belligerently defensive at times when you believe that others are opposing you; relationship or employment disputations are probable. There can be inner reactions against too much social or work company, often caused by that apssive and unconscious empathy which can intensify the level of stress and tension in you. Such psychic currents seep into your 'aura' and mind at an unconscious level, and these will influence your state of well-being unless you recognise what may be occurring and then take action to release these intrusive energies from your body-emotions-mind system.

Intimate relationships can be a source of challenges, especially when you have made some form of emotional commitment, as often your choice of lover or partner results from misjudgement. Unless you have psychologically cleansed your distorting emotional level, you may discover that marriage may reveal a lack of honesty and direct relationship, and the impulse of attraction was founded solely on transient passions, illusions and the personal need to rely on another. It can be that a preoccupation with those inner emotional flaws makes you less adept at dealing with the material world, and this can translate into unwise financial and business decisions, which can then have a negative impact on the economic foundations of a family and marriage.

Often there is a need to rely on others, or on an ideology or religion. You are basically idealistic, yet this is likely to attract you towards involvement with minority cults or foreign religions because of their glammers and strange fascinations. These can be a seed bed for additional confusions and distortions if not carefully approached, and you may discover that you have been too indiscriminate in your choices. In several ways, these are symptomatic of an inner need of transformation, of the need to redeem negative

patterns dominating your life. Sexuality as a powerful aspect of the impulse for relationships can be a prime area in which such dilemmas can be expressed. This can be revealed through needs for multiple partners, searching for a perfect though unattainable lover, yet being unprepared and unwilling to actually commit yourself to a real flesh-and-blood person. It may emerge through excessive sexual imagination, where unfulfilled sexual imagery and desires may be intertwined with underlying and repressed emotionally based complexes, or are practised secretly and conspire to build an area of denial in your life.

Changes are probably needed in order to integrate the Neptune energy into your life, so that it ceases to display its more negative face of unresolved. Your attitudes to others through relationships need to be redefined, so that any paranoia is dropped, as well as any tendencies toward exploitation by yourself or against yourself. Standing free and independent is preferable, at least as an initial cleansing process. Facing reality, and turning experience into wisdom and insight, is an essential step to move towards, so that your basic perception of your own nature and of others is reconstructed. Turning within through meditation or forms of self-therapy is an ideal path to take, so that you begin to release the old patterns, discover a new centre by cleaning out old illusions, and see through new eyes. Meditation is a deconditioning technique, sequentially liberating through practice, and redirecting the energy flow of the mind not inwards instead of outwards, so the energy acts as a penetrating disperser of restrictive psychological patterns. This will strengthen self-discipline, which, as energy is released through the resolution of inner conflicts and frictions, can free those channels of blocked creativity, and so enable you to take control and direction of your life back into your own hands. Accepting personal responsibility for your choices, decisions and actions will create a firm foundation to deal with the more complex sphere of the emotional sensitivities which, whilst it may take time and effort to clarify, is the point of resolution for the majority of conflicts in your life, and so is the key to a meaningful and satisfying future experience.

33) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (7°41' A)    ♃11 | ♎7

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect gives similar indications to the sextile, where the possibility of personal transformation is likely to occur through emotional experiences of a higher and intense kind.

You will have a fundamental faith in life, an innate optimism that all will work out well in the end. This belief in the goodness of life can be 'contagious'; and you may feel attracted towards sharing with others your personal approach or philosophy of life, so that they too can experience how trust, faith and love can enrich and guide a life. You feel that higher values are essential in interpersonal relationships; and you try to embody these in your own life. You see that the bedrock of a partnership - apart from mutual love



and affection - lies in qualities of commitment, honesty, integrity, responsibility to mutual obligations, and allowing each other the space to express his or her own unique nature and to continue to unfold the personality in a developmental way. Generally, you have a belief that the lives of others could be greatly improved if certain adjustments were made in their attitudes; and you are probably correct in assuming so. You may, however, have to avoid a tendency to interfere in the choices that others make. They have to find their own way, although you have the potential to help others do this, perhaps by encouraging them to examine themselves and their options.

You should have a sense of life direction to follow, a meaningful path which may appear in hindsight to have an element of inevitability about it. Similarly, your intimate love life may feel preordained, and you may find that you are waiting for that special partner to enter your life, not feeling quite right with any previous relationships or fully able to commit yourself to them. It could be that you experience the right partner in the traditional sense of 'love at first sight', an intuitive feeling of 'rightness'.

Whether immediately obvious or not, your life will be strongly directed and influenced by your emotions; your choices will always be conditioned by your emotional responses to people and situations, even though you may overlay your 'gut reaction' by intellectual reasons or logic. Fortunately, your choices tend to turn out right for you, unlike the choices made by those with the Venus-Pluto square or opposition, where following emotional impulses leads towards considerable difficulties and frustrations. It may be that some of the higher appreciation and qualities that potentially are yours to experience may remain latent until they are triggered into conscious activity through the transformative action of love upon you; meeting your 'fated partner' could be the stimulus for this process. This does not necessarily imply that the relationship will succeed and survive, but could indicate a crisis and turning-point in your life centred within your emotions, which - whatever the result - will lead to enhanced understanding and inner change.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Venus trine Pluto enables you to enjoy the highest creative experiences that love can bring. You derive spiritual benefits from personal contacts, and you stimulate others to emulate your attitude about love, which benefits them too.

You will control your ardent love nature until your intuition signals that you have found a suitable partner for creative expression of your passion. You may have love interests, which can be more romantic than real love, but when you meet the one special individual, you will respond with undeniable persuasiveness. The chances are good that the feeling will be mutual. There is a quality of fate in the chance encounter that defies all logic; this love will grow until you both feel as one.

You can be extremely effective in teaching others about moral and spiritual values and

how to enrich their lives by adhering to the highest ethical standards. Young people especially will relate to you; you can teach them to stand on their own feet, secure in their values and commitments and in their eagerness to be loving in spite of adversity.

Any profession that you follow, you will be dedicated to. You are honest and would probably quit your job if you had to bend your ethics in performing it. Some fields that are especially suited to your capabilities include investment, insurance, financial management, and sales. Selling would be especially rewarding because your sincerity would encourage customers to buy your product. You could also function well as an analyst because you can focus on people's needs. You are understanding, sympathetic, and yet strong enough to persuade people to accept your suggestions for their own good.

You have a quality that is essential to success - you believe in yourself and in the potentials of others. Your basic integrity is solidly founded. You could make a substantial contribution to society through government service or political activity, probably in the financial management of someone in office or seeking it. You could also find satisfaction in working for the Internal Revenue Service or as a private citizen conducting your own tax service. It would be difficult for anyone to pull the wool over your eyes because you are keenly perceptive of dishonesty.

Whatever course you follow in your private and your professional life, you will be amply rewarded for your efforts. The love principle you project to all has the peripheral effect of bringing abundance into your life. This aspect usually means you will inherit something, and it is almost a certainty that you will be named in someone's will because of your unselfish contribution.

34) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ☿ North-Node - (0°15' A)** ♃11 | ♎3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates much refinement of the social graces. The natives' actions in all social situations coincide with the appropriate line of conduct. Thus their popularity is enhanced, but unless other factors in the horoscope give evidence of a deeper sense of values, their concern for the sensibility of others may be superficial.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides the individual with hidden creative talents during the lifetime. They can expect better luck in love / romance or regarding money matters. This is due to the several good deeds performed in the previous life(s). These people seem to have a charm and magnetism associated with their normal behavior. They like to indulge in good things in life, and this is their 'coffee-break' during lives... which they have rightfully earned. Lessons regarding Venusian activities are strange in this aspect. As a result,

more than one marriage is likely, but not because the first one has any major problems. In reality, if the first marriage has difficulties, circumstances take upon themselves the challenge to overcome these difficulties and let that individual go through that marriage throughout his life.

(Donna van Toen)

Romance, marriage can set the stage for growth. There's an attraction to artistic, friendly, or loving people that aids growth. Otherwise very much like Venus conjunct North Node.

Venus trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Adaptability and adaptation, obligingness, a pleasant and engaging personality. The stage of entering into a love-union, the preference for associating oneself with artistic friends.

Venus conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

The person with this aspect is affectionate and warm-hearted. He may tend to be very expressive, and, with an aspect to Jupiter, to the point of being gushy. This adds to the Venus charm and makes for great popularity. This aspect in a man's chart makes him attract beautiful women with much charm of manner. This gives a nature that is dependable and well able to put action behind the feelings of affection.

35) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (3°11' A) ♄11 | ♆3

(Haydn Paul)

The high idealism of Neptune and the awareness of social responsibility of Saturn will be prominent, and will stimulate an inner motivation intent on sharing in the ongoing work of social improvement. You should have a natural insight into social issues, and this coupled with a keen perception can help you to indicate those core problems that require resolution; in addition, you are able to offer constructive solutions to such problem areas, and are able to work with or within existing social organisations or governmental bodies to influence suitable changes to be made. In particular, you enjoy restoring 'order from

chaos' and making use of forgotten and ignored resources.

There can be a tendency to sit back and observe social decline and contentious issues without choosing to become more actively involved, but this would be a waste of your own talents and a denial of that sense of social obligation. Your idealism has strong moral and ethical roots, and you could feel uncomfortable if you ignored those inner promptings. Direct activism may not be your preferred mode of involvement, but you may find your role perhaps through communicating to others the facts about certain problematic social issues, especially through the medium of writing and analysis.

You tend to have an absorbent intelligence, which accumulates considerable information and knowledge easily, and which is a resource that you should be able to utilise. The level of imagination is high and active, and this too can be personally used in a variety of ways, giving a spark of life to the ideas that you have for personal and social development. You may have difficulty in deciding exactly how to use your own resources, and the ideal may be to become involved in work which has a definite social dimension. Such work can include community welfare, law, social services, environmental concerns, finance, management, media, film, photography.

Friends find that you are a reliable support in times of crisis, and you are equally willing to lend a helping hand when necessary. Neptune inspires you towards compassionate feelings, both for people you know and for strangers.

If the spiritual quality of Neptune is active (and not so overshadowed by a dominating Saturn), then you are likely to be attracted towards spiritual or occult groups, where your talents can find ways of expression. Meditation and visualisation work should be enhanced by Neptune, and anchoring the energies in suitable forms should be enhanced by Saturn. Learning to trust your intuition will lead you to rely on it even more over time, and this could be a vital step forward in your own development.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Saturn trine to Neptune, you have the ability to take on enormous responsibilities. You are motivated by a powerful spiritual compulsion to bring about positive changes in the negative social conditions you observe. Early parental training established your high ethical and moral standards. You are sympathetic and understanding toward anyone whose circumstances are more burdensome than yours, and you strive to find ways to demonstrate your concern for your fellow man. When a helping hand is required, you are ready and willing to give it.

To your professional interests you bring wisdom and sincerity. You can express your gifted imagination in many ways that seem inspired. You are intolerant of deception and collusion and will not compromise your ethics for personal gain. Occupations related to the film industry, photography, law, social services, the stock market, or the

entertainment field in general would provide you with much personal satisfaction.

Your environment can benefit from your talents. You are keen in appraising conditions that must be changed and in determining the causes. You know how to enlist the services of the proper authorities, and you are familiar with the legal mechanisms that will help restore order out of chaos.

These are the resources available to you. What you do with them is up to you. You can remain a spectator, detached from active participation, if you choose, but it would certainly be a waste of your talents. At the very least, you may decide to alert others to the problems of their environment and offer some plans for achieving their objectives.

You have the necessary faculties to succeed as a writer. Your inspiration and talent for observation can give form to the ideas you have. You derive many benefits from every experience. With your vast resources of knowledge, you have the ability to solve any problem.

#### Saturn trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Building up and breaking down work together harmoniously here, enabling us to forget fears and inhibitions by taking a lively and sympathetic interest in others. The goals we set often originate in deep religious, metaphysical or spiritual insights, which form an underlying motivation for our activities. Subconsciously we sense how we ought to plan and manage things, and this helps handling everyday affairs. A tendency to follow feelings and a quickness to detect odd undertones may even turn to our social advantage. Being both visionary (Neptune) and matter-of-fact (Saturn) can endow us with tactical abilities: instinctively knowing what to aim for is no small advantage in business. The aspect is also good for devising military (or other) strategy.

Constructiveness could show itself in the spiritual and intellectual fields. We appreciate the irrational, and find that making allowance for it helps to straighten our thoughts. This is a good aspect for people who study religious, metaphysical or esoteric matters. Saturn introduces orderliness to Neptunian concerns, but Neptune prevents Saturn from making this too cut-and-dried. In the easy aspects, idealism and materialism form a well-matched blend of suppleness and strength which enables us (in spite of the Neptunian influence) to keep both feet on the ground. With far-sighted patience we endeavor to promote ideals and spiritual insights (Neptune). The way in which we express them often reveals a serious outlook. We are prepared to make great sacrifices for them; probably with characteristic austerity.

36) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ☊ **North-Node** - (4°12' A) ♃11 | ♀3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates that the natives are careful and conservative, hewing strictly to the codes of social, moral, and business behavior of the culture with which they must deal. They are, therefore, considered somewhat oldfashioned. However, they achieve success by gaining the co-operation of social institutions and the older, more traditional members of society who respect their conservatism. They tend to ensconce themselves in secure positions in established institutions. This aspect especially favors those politicians or others in public life who represent the more conservative elements of society.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides excellent working habits to these individuals. They have great stamina and endurance to do things. Getting substantial assistance from, or providing large helping hand to, older people is a part of their lifestyle. Stronger family ties are already established from this aspect. As a result, they may have large family cohesion or a family environment that includes a lot of relatives and sometimes even distant relatives. They have excellent co-operative spirit, which is definitely learned not by childhood discipline but by some of their past-life habits. In this aspect, the harder the person works, the better will be his rewards. Surprisingly, he gets to collect those rewards in this lifetime. Emotional and spiritual maturity is seen even in early childhood.

(Donna van Toen)

A need for material progress stimulates a desire for growth. Patience and ability to tolerate seclusion are conducive to growth. In other respects, much like Saturn conjunct North Node.

Saturn trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The inclination to become attached to persons older than oneself, also to seek contact with mature and experienced people. Association with elderly or experienced persons, also sponsorship through such people.

Saturn conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This can give considerable spiritual beauty and a great feeling of duty and responsibility. These people are in step. Here we have the ability to see the serious broad view and to stick to it. It gives considerable patience and fulfills the work of balancing the Nodes and learning an even greater lesson in this lifetime. It eventually brings luck and success due to the ability to make the required sacrifices. The conjunction of North Node to Saturn brings a Saturn opposition to the South Node. This is considerably easier to handle than the South Node conjunct Saturn opposition the North Node, for with Saturn working in opposition to the North Node growth, it takes considerably more effort to push forward. Without additional support in the chart, it could be most difficult.

37) ► **Pluto** ♄ **Trine** ♊ **North-Node** - (7°26' S) 137 | 113

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the natives the ability to be leaders in transforming social and political institutions and in helping them attain a higher level of expression. The natives know how to influence mass thought. The configuration favors people in public life, politicians, and social reformers.

(Mohan Koparkar)

Strong authority of power is associated with this individual or at least bestowed upon him in this aspect. They often have excellent connections to get things done, and others are aware of their favors. Barter or exchange on a larger scale always happens throughout their life as a result of this combination. They often become an instigator in projects to be done or fulfilled. Balancing of temperaments and aggression is needed by these people. Their temper, when not in control, is quite destructive, not only to them, but to their surroundings as well.

(Donna van Toen)

This person generally feels a need to seek people or experiences that will aid growth. Sometimes there's a desire to be a public figure of some sort; this can spur the person onwards towards growth. Again relationships seem to play a major role in growth. Often the person instinctively knows which relationship will provide growth opportunities and which will offer stagnation.

Pluto trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The urge to seek contacts or associations with many people, the wish to become a public figure or to exercise an influence upon other people. The beginning of new associations which may possibly be important with regard to one's future.

(Bernice Grebner)

Even the good aspects to Pluto can be separative, but the separation is for the good of the nodal axis growth, and this can be interpreted by sign and house. It denotes force and depth. There can be great success in the occult and in delving into the mysteries of life after death. Here, too, is the person who has a great awareness of the rejuvenating power of sex; one who can deal with the beauty of sex in a positive way.



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