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## Chakra's



# Summaries

## ***Aries Sun ☉ ♈ and ♎ ☾ Capricorn Moon man***

([724] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Assertive, competitive and practical;

Negatives: Insecure, obsessive and controlling;

Perfect partner: Someone who believes in 100% commitment, just like them;

Advice: They need to be careful about how they perceive and what they imagine about people.

## ***Sun ☉ in I 1st House***

([859] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **Very ambitious and willful - Summary:**

Strengths: Intuitive, positive and affectionate;

Challenges: Self-absorbed and indecisive;

Advice: They should be more knowledgeable of who they really are.

## ***Moon ☾ in X 10th House***

([881] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **They succeed no matter the obstacles - Summary:**

Strengths: Charismatic, dependable and caring;

Challenges: Worrying and feeling overwhelmed;

Advice: You should learn to let go of things that have changed.

Neutral: Helpless when not loving

## ***Moon ☾ in 22th Nakshatra: Shravana***

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

Strength: great capacity for learning, success in foreign lands, lives a prosperous, balanced and modest life, ethical, studies scriptures and ancient knowledge, contemplative, drawn to working for social and humanitarian causes, vigilant to highest good, helps others transform their lives, has a good marriage and a helpful partner, articulate speaker, well-liked; cordial in business, creative, quick learner, knowledge to transcend the material world.

Weakness: hypersensitive, overly concerned with reputation, pessimistic and unyielding nature, extreme views concerning ethics, excessive generosity that may lead to debt and poverty, develops adversaries and enemies due to jealousy and gossip.

### **Pada [1]**

### ***Moon ☾ in second pada***

(13°20'-16°40' degrees Capricorn): Taurus navamsa. You are attractive and well-mannered. You are tactful and you respect others' boundaries. However, you have a penchant for sensual pleasures and can be overcome by lust and anger.

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

### ***Mercury ☿ in ♊ Gemini man***

([888] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **The bare facts of Mercury in Gemini:**

Style: Curious and social;

Top qualities: Playful, adaptable and gregarious;

Challenges: Superficial and easily bored;

Advice: You might want to stick to some areas in which to become an expert;

### ***Mercury ☿ in III 3rd House***

([910] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A passion for knowledge - Summary:**

Strengths: Talented, pragmatic and charming;

Challenges: Sarcastic and arrogant;

Advice: They need to be careful what words they choose, not to offend people.

### ***Venus ♀ in ♐ Sagittarius man***

([937] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Dynamic and enthusiastic;

Negatives: Unpredictable and impatient;

Soulmate: Someone who is honest and straightforward;

Life lesson: Taking the time to be more observant.

### ***Venus ♀ in IX 9th House***

([953] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Always self-sufficient - Summary:**

Strengths: Attractive, sensual and adventurous;

Challenges: Clingy and restrictive;

Advice: Loving yourself should come first.

Neutral: Open to new ideas

### ***Mars ♂ in ♎ Libra man***

([969] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A talented individual - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Knowledgeable and caring;

Negatives: Possessive and impetuous;

Soulmate: Someone who can keep his attention for long;  
Life lesson: To fight more to preserve his principles.  
Neutral: Full of compassion

### **Mars ♂ in VII 7th House**

([987] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Optimistic and charming - Summary:**

Strengths: Genuine, dynamic and elegant;  
Challenges: Argumentative and impulsive;  
Advice: Try to put personal priorities first as well.

### **Jupiter ♃ in ♓ Pisces man**

([1004] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Understanding the main tendencies - In a nutshell:**

Style: Spiritual and compassionate;  
Top qualities: Imaginative, loving and expansive;  
Weaknesses: Fixed nature and oversensitivity;  
Advice: Pay attention to the explanations of those close.

### **Jupiter ♃ in XII 12th House**

([1016] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Compassionate and open-minded - Summary:**

Strengths: Relaxed, confident and hard-working;  
Challenges: Distracted, unpredictable and cynical;  
Advice: They should be careful at the things they share with others.

### **Saturn ♄ in ♑ Capricorn man**

([1026] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Style: Disciplined and patient;  
Top qualities: Ambitious, stable and relentless;  
Challenges: Stubbornness and pessimism;  
Advice: You are too selfish when trying to protect your emotions.

### **Saturn ♄ in X 10th House**

([1038] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A great deal of personal aspirations - Summary:**

Strengths: Elegant, flexible and ambitious;  
Challenges: Vain, controlling and dismissive;  
Advice: It's not the end of the world if you are not right all the time.

### **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 IV 4th House***

([1056] i.thehoroscope.co)

**An eccentric personality - Summary:**

Strengths: Resourceful, hardworking and approachable;  
Challenges: Overly emotional and inconsistent;  
Advice: They should seek for ways in which to show that they care.

***Neptune ♆ in ♏ Scorpio man***

([1072] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Respectable and spiritual;  
Top qualities: Intense, libertine and resourceful;  
Challenges: Materialistic and manipulative;  
Advice: You are not taking advantage of your time like you should.

***Neptune ♆ in VIII 8th House***

([1084] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Generous souls - Summary:**

Strengths: Observant, analytical and decisive;  
Challenges: Impulsive and moody;  
Advice: They should set some boundaries in their relationships.

***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 X 10th House***

([1110] i.thehoroscope.co)

**There is no middle ground - Summary:**

Strengths: Creative, firm and visionary;  
Challenges: Manipulative, disrespectful and complex;

Advice: They need to learn how to talk and communicate effectively with different kinds of people.

**North Node ♋ in ♋ Cancer**

([1116] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Comfortable, ambitious and responsible;

Challenges: Fixed, criticising and stubborn

Continuously developing and evolving, More focused on their ambitions

**South Node ♏ in ♏ Capricorn**

([1134] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Determined, authoritative and straightforward;

Challenges: Anxious, insecure and controlling;

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**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♐ Sagittarius**

([1145] elsaelsa.com)

**Divine Seeker**

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in IX 9th House**

([1157] elsaelsa.com)

**Heretic Saint**

► **Descendant DC Parallel ☿ Mercury** - (1°24') ♎7 | ♏3

([170] astromatrix.org:) Fear of Rejection

Opportunities: 1. Having Stimulating Conversations 2. Working in Teams  
Challenges: 1. Getting to Know Your Opinions 2. Overcoming Fear of Rejection

► **Descendant DC Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°11') ♄7 | ♄7

([187] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Lacking Confidence

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

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

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°12') ♃2 | ♄7

([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

► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♀ **Lilith** - (0°53') ♃9 | ♃9

([627] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Breaking out of relationship stagnancy

Opportunities: 1. Embracing sexual experimentation 2. Increase in psychic awareness

Challenges: 1. Trusting your intuition 2. Letting go of control

► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct** ☉ **Sun** - (3°35' A) ♃1 | ♃1

([11] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Paparazzi Magnet

Opportunities: 1. Taking on Leadership 2. Overcoming Self-Consciousness

Challenges: 1. Taking Charge of Your Fate 2. Exploring the Mystical

► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (4°46' S) ♄7 | ♄7

([187] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Lacking Confidence

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

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

► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♀ **Lilith** - (6°32' S) ♃9 | ♃9

([627] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Breaking out of relationship stagnancy

Opportunities: 1. Embracing sexual experimentation 2. Increase in psychic awareness

Challenges: 1. Trusting your intuition 2. Letting go of control

► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♀ **Lilith** - (6°07' S) ♃3 | ♃9

([632] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Having a Mindful Persona

Opportunities: 1. Connecting with your higher self 2. Unleashing your true potentials

Challenges: 1. Accepting your shortcomings 2. Learning the art of accurate communication

► **Ascendant ASC Sextile** ☿ **Mercury** - (1°05' S) ♃1 | ♃3

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

Opportunities: 1. Leveraging Your Communication Skills 2. Letting Optimism Pull You Through

Challenges: 1. Finding the Right Career 2. Realizing Your Potential

► **Midheaven MC Sextile ☾ Moon** - (0°40' A) ♎8 | ♊10

([241] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Need To Toughen Up

Opportunities: 1. Making Use of Your Sensitivity 2. Knowing Yourself Deeply

Challenges: 1. Dealing with the Slights of Others 2. Expressing Your Feelings

► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♂ Mars** - (4°06' S) ♋9 | ♌7

([253] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) A Natural Born Lover

Opportunities: 1. Sublimating for Artistic Expression 2. Going all in with Relationships

Challenges: 1. Finding the Right Partner for You 2. Avoiding Infidelity

► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♀ Lilith** - (2°26' S) ♌7 | ♋9

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

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

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

► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (4°11' A) ♏1 | ♊10

([396] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Emotional Misunderstanding

Opportunities: 1. Understanding Others Better 2. Balancing Your Personality

Challenges: 1. Reevaluating Goals 2. Learning to be Open

► **Sun ☉ Square ☾ Moon** - (0°36' S) ♏1 | ♊10

([373] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Me Against You

Opportunities: 1. Following Your Essence 2. Getting Beyond Ego-Motivations

Challenges: 1. Embracing Interdependence in Your Life 2. Evolving Past Your Conflictual Tendencies

► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♀ Venus** - (0°40' A) ♏1 | ♋9

([338] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Charmer

Opportunities: 1. Understanding Others 2. Finding Career Success

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

► **Mercury ☿ Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°41' A) ♏3 | ♌7

([323] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Technician

Opportunities: 1. Leveraging Communication Skills 2. Working with Groups

Challenges: 1. Channeling Multiple Interests 2. Balancing Ambition and Empathy



# 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) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°45') ♄1 | ♄10
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°38') ♄8 | ♄10
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♅ Neptune** - (0°40') ♄8 | ♄8
- 4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°11') ♄7 | ♄7
- 5) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°12') ♄2 | ♄7
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°54') ♄10 | ♄12
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°46') ♄9 | ♄12
- 8) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (0°19') ♄9 | ♄4
- 9) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♅ Pluto** - (1°26') ♄9 | ♄10
- 10) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°26') ♄7 | ♄10
- 11) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♅ Neptune** - (0°32') ♄7 | ♄8
- 12) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (1°27') ♄12 | ♄4
- 13) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel ♅ Pluto** - (0°20') ♄12 | ♄10
- 14) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♅ Neptune** - (0°58') ♄10 | ♄8
- 15) ► **Uranus ♂ Parallel ♅ Pluto** - (1°07') ♄4 | ♄10
- 16) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♅ Neptune** - (8°59' A) ♄8 | ♄8
- 17) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (4°46' S) ♄7 | ♄7
- 18) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (3°48' A) ♄10 | ♄10
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ☾ South-Node** - (7°41' S) ♄10 | ♄10
- 20) ► **Pluto ♅ Conjunct ☾ South-Node** - (5°47' A) ♄10 | ♄10
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♂ Mars** - (8°21' S) ♄1 | ♄7
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♂ Uranus** - (5°32' S) ♄10 | ♄4
- 23) ► **Saturn ♄ Opposition ♂ Uranus** - (9°20' A) ♄10 | ♄4
- 24) ► **Uranus ♂ Opposition ♅ Pluto** - (7°56' A) ♄4 | ♄10
- 25) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ☾ Moon** - (0°40' A) ♄8 | ♄10
- 26) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♄ Saturn** - (4°28' A) ♄8 | ♄10
- 27) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♃ Jupiter** - (4°20' A) ♄10 | ♄12

- 28) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♂ Mars** - (4°06' S)    ♄9 | ♀7
- 29) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile ♅ Saturn** - (0°32' S)    ♀12 | ♄10
- 30) ► **Saturn ♅ Sextile ♆ Neptune** - (4°31' S)    ♄10 | ♆8
- 31) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (4°11' A)    ♃1 | ♄10
- 32) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Uranus** - (1°21' S)    ♃1 | ♄4
- 33) ► **Sun ☉ Square ☾ Moon** - (0°36' S)    ♃1 | ♄10
- 34) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♅ Saturn** - (4°24' A)    ♃1 | ♄10
- 35) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♂ Uranus** - (4°56' S)    ♃1 | ♄4
- 36) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♋ North-Node** - (7°05' S)    ♃1 | ♄4
- 37) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♂ Uranus** - (3°25' A)    ♀7 | ♄4
- 38) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♇ Pluto** - (4°31' S)    ♀7 | ♄10
- 39) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♋ North-Node** - (1°16' A)    ♀7 | ♄4
- 40) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♀ Venus** - (0°40' A)    ♃1 | ♄9
- 41) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (5°00' A)    ♆8 | ♀12
- 42) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♂ Uranus** - (4°52' S)    ♆8 | ♄4
- 43) ► **Mercury ☿ Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°41' A)    ♃3 | ♀7
- 44) ► **Jupiter ♃ Trine ♆ Neptune** - (3°59' A)    ♀12 | ♆8

## Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

### Sun ☉ in ♈ Aries 15° 18'

(Betty Lundsted)

The Aries type is the most personal of the Fire signs, and it is often seen as selfish. Aries people are not selfish on purpose, but they tend to be thoughtless. They pursue their own interests with enthusiasm and seldom realize that what they are doing might overwhelm or hurt another individual. If this is pointed out to Aries, they will be hurt and usually defensive. After giving some thought to the situation, they'll probably apologize. When Aries discover they have hurt or disregarded someone, they are often filled with remorse. It's a combination of idealism and enthusiasm. As Aries people mature, they begin out of necessity to cultivate patience in order to lessen the hurt feelings around them.

Aries usually say 'no' to anything suggested to them at the time the suggestion is made. But the saving grace of the Aries is that they do go away and think about what you've

said, and eventually you'll see that they adopt your suggestions, if those suggestions are good. Aries are always in a hurry, rushing into the future looking to accomplish something - and they don't always know what that mysterious 'something' is. They are trained at an early age to react to accomplishment because Daddy thinks it's important. The father may not accomplish anything in the world's definition of the word, but it must be kept in mind that a child's perception of adult behavior may be very different from an adult's.

The Aries child may have a parent who either talks about accomplishment or feels guilty when enough isn't being done around the home; Aries may also have a parent who actually is an accomplishment-oriented individual. These children tend to be born to parents who 'worry' about accomplishment. The father of the Aries child is a man who seems to be respected or idealized for his work. He may only be a laborer, but he is good at his job. He may also be unhappy; if he is a laborer and he wants to be a businessman, for example, he may retreat into the power plays that frustrated people choose in order to express his discomfort. When the Aries child is small, Daddy comes home either as a 'big deal' or as a tyrant; and, depending on the particular father type, the child will develop his own behavior pattern accordingly.

The mother is seen as a service figure - it isn't that the Aries child hates the mother, but the mother-figure is someone who provides a service. In the case of the father-tyrant, the Aries sees the mother as a 'poor, frightened creature' who stays in a difficult marriage because she doesn't know how to change her circumstances. The Aries child may be defensive of the mother; may take Mom's side in quarrels between Mom and Dad, and will try to help the mother as soon as Aries is old enough to provide emotional or financial support. However, the mother gets more pity and compassion than love from this child - and Aries will in some way, as an adult, emulate the father's position.

This is the way it works: the Aries male is often uncomfortable about his love for his mother - he may care for Mom more than the Aries female does. He may think that he's too close to Mom emotionally; perhaps too much like her as far as his emotional reactions are concerned. If this is the case, he may avoid her as he becomes an adult. He wants to be as much like his father as possible. Emotional closeness to his mother usually doesn't enhance his self-image. The Fire sign person has some natural confusion about sexuality - for them, sex includes ideals as well as action and feeling. The idealistic types feel a bit embarrassed about sexuality, so the Aries male tends to treat women like little girls or daughters - and he plays the father. It may be that when his personality was forming, he saw his father treat his mother like a little girl. It is not uncommon for the mother of an Aries child to call her husband 'Father' during the child's formative years.

The Aries male has an image of Woman that combines Lolita with the maids in King Arthur's court. He wants a genteel woman who doesn't swear, who presents herself like a little lady, who doesn't confront him; and he's generally a male chauvinist as a young

man. The youthful innocent he is pursuing must also fit his anima image - a long-tressed damsel in distress. He gets easily disappointed in love situations because he tends to pick the Cancer type females for a partner. She often turns out to be much stronger than she looks; he then finds he has trouble running the relationship. He is not really sure of himself in romantic situations - or in relationship situations in general. His Fire sign idealism tries to maintain a courtship throughout a love relationship because that's what he thinks love is. As soon as he sees hair curlers or has to work through a problem that requires some kind of compromise, the 'romance' is not as wonderful as it once was.

The Aries female has compassion for her mother - but she vows never to put herself into the same situation that her mother is on. She doesn't want her mother's career, or her mother's kind of marriage. She may be so father-dominated (through either love or hate) that she actually ends up being a 'better man' than most men. In other words, it's important to the Aries woman that she acts like a 'man' and not like a 'woman' - that she be 'rational' rather than 'emotional'. When she marries, she often marries a childish man so that she is, in essence, the head of the household... like Daddy.

She tries to prove herself by doing everything well; she therefore has difficulty letting her partner do anything. It's easy to fall into the trap, for the Aries female can't stand to watch a man do a chore the hard way - so she does it for him. Sooner or later she notices that he isn't doing anything - since she has done everything so well, why should he? Ultimately, some event occurs that is so stressful to her that she falls apart and has no one to help her out of her dilemma because her man doesn't realize that she really needs help. She can be so overpowering in her identification with 'fatherdom' that she runs away from all the mature folks and winds up loving people who need to be saved.

This is exemplified in the positive sign female who has an overdose of the masculine principle within her system and within her environment. When this principle is not understood, both the personal life and the career can be affected by this misunderstanding. The misunderstood masculine principle causes one to imitate culturally defined 'masculine' behavior. It is possible for an Aries female to develop a career, to develop her mind, and to find enjoyable and creative outlets for expression when she understands what kind of energy she is blessed with. Jung's definition of the 'animus' may give a better understanding of the problem. The positive sign female unconsciously lends more credence to the animus, and thereby loses a part of her sense of feminine values. When a woman has no real sense of the feminine within herself - that is, she doesn't think women are worth much - she often tries to be what she considers 'manly'. This has nothing to do with homosexuality; it merely indicates the kind of hardness that can be involved in developing the personality.

Aries women can be extremely competitive with their fathers later in life; they can unconsciously illustrate the strength of the mythic Father image. For example, when an Aries female is involved with family situations, she often tries to outdo her father. She may even try to take away her father's position in his marriage. A case in point is an

Aries female who rushed into the middle of her parents' marriage at a time when the mother was critically ill. The father wanted to do one thing; the daughter wanted to do another. The daughter didn't ask her mother what she wanted in terms of therapy. Instead, Aries took over the solution of the problem. The moral of the story is that she was trying to be 'a better man' to her mother than her father was. Of course, this attitude alienated everyone in the family and poor Aries couldn't understand why.

When Aries don't understand their energy; when they don't understand what motivates them to action, their wonderful Aries ideas can be wasted because they may not be presented in an acceptable manner. The Aries female, in her quest for being helpful to others, may push ideas on people when they aren't ready to accept those ideas, or when those ideas haven't been asked for.

The influence of the father on the Aries female turns her into the Scarlet O'Hara type - one who runs from strong men, who tends to approach males like another male because that's what Daddy would have done. When Aries examine their reactions to life, they'll find that they resemble the father in an uncomfortable fashion. Idealism has to be tempered, for too much idealism means that we are living in an unreal world. It means that we make unrealistic demands on our partners and then become wounded when these demands are unanswered. Aries people tend to ask for things that are selfish - in other words, they don't consider the needs of their partner. They often don't know how to voice their ideals; and when their feelings are hurt, they get buried deep inside and are not shared. When Aries people decide to abandon idealism, they tend to put themselves into strange types of relationships which can hurt them even more. For example, the Aries male (who is basically loyal and idealistic) may get into sexual relationships that have no meaning, therefore debasing his emotional and sexual needs. Or the Aries female may draw to her the type of men who have some unhealthy sexual habits. In order to participate with these men, she must turn off a part of her personality, for she is a romantic idealist.

(Haydn Paul)

The Aries personality tend to be an initiator and pioneer, expressing self-assertion and direct energy into the world. You should have ample creative energy and enthusiasms that can be exploited, allowing you to start a variety of activities. One problem can be a failure to complete them, due to losing interest and becoming bored; and you tend to leave several loose ends of uncompleted projects in your life. There are strong motivations to prove yourself through energetic activity; to be enterprising and ambitious, making your presence noted in the world. You can be animated by a desire to be 'number one', becoming competitively minded; and this will influence your career and social expression. You could become an effective leader, as fame, authority and superiority suits you, or so you believe.

You can be quite impatient, impulsive and spontaneous in your actions and decisions,

yet often you can fail to devote enough time and attention to actually listening to the advice of others, or to considering the consequences of your choices; and this can create several problems later. You may need to consider your options more carefully before you rush into action; if you can do this, then you will find greater success. Associated with this is the need to discover more effective relationship with others, to be more considerate, and to think through the possible effects of any self-centred style of expression.

You will be attracted towards idealistic causes, seeing yourself as an opponent of social injustice. There can be a naive, innocent outlook on life at times, where you believe wholeheartedly in high ideals; while this can be battered by reality, you are unlikely to become truly cynical, 'street-wise' or 'world-weary'. You try to speak the truth as much as possible, and can find it hard to lie; and even if you do try, it is rarely convincing. You have a quick mind with distinct philosophical tendencies, and a sensitivity towards higher thought, morals and ethics. You need independence and freedom, so that you can indulge in your impulsive decisions to act.

You can be quite secretive regarding your personal life, feelings and emotional experiences, and are often reluctant to reveal your plans to others, especially as you can be deeply hurt. There is an attraction towards the past and traditional ways, which can be reflected in your home environment and attitudes; and you value domestic and relationship security more than you may be willing to acknowledge. This need evokes a sentimental response from you to family life, and you can be vulnerable in that area.

Aries females:

This is not the kind of woman you can lead around in circles: she usually wants to know where you are taking her and she has some ideas of her own on how to get there! She can be temperamental, headstrong and independent, and exude a kind of charm and sex appeal based on a blending of arrogance and pride. She is quite a woman: you can't force or push her, but neither should you fear her. At least, never let her know you're afraid!

This woman wants to think, to analyze, to arrive at her own conclusions. Let her do so, but tell her when you think she's wrong. Remember, the Aries woman can stand criticism. In fact, she can stand almost anything except being ignored. She requires a fair exchange of ideas, emotions, reactions.

You can win your way with this woman by being diplomatic. She is conscious of appearance, her own as well as yours. She is Martian, fiery in nature, spirited to the point of being domineering - if you let her be! With her, it is all the way or nothing. She can be as cold as ice or as warm and comforting as any man could desire. It is up to you to bring out the best in this woman. She admires qualities of leadership, and is willing to follow once you gain her confidence. But if you disappoint her - look out! You will have to

start your winning campaign all over - from the beginning. Never permit this lady to think you're an easy catch. Let her work for your approval - make her strive to please you. This takes great skill on your part - but the results will be worth the time and trouble.

Be wary when she becomes bossy. An Aries woman wants a man, not an individual who is looking for a mother. Nothing discourages her more than always being able to have things her own way.

The Aries woman often is striking in appearance; she appears aloof, but the fires of yearning and passion are there - if you are the right one for her.

Aries males:

The man born under Aries can be dominant, inventive and very impatient! He'll keep you hopping unless you teach him to wait. This man's bark is worse than his bite. But please do not get the idea that you can train him as you would a dog - he will rebel every time. He is constantly seeking new ways, new persons, new ideas. You'll have to keep up with the times if you want to keep the Aries man.

In dealing with this male, try to keep his chin up. Once he begins to sag, he is heading for defeat. See to it that he gets plenty of exercise and encouragement. Tell him he's good. The more he thinks you appreciate him, the more he will return the compliment.

Being interested in an Aries man is akin to taking on a new lease of life. His temperament is fiery, his drives are strong, his ambitions are great; his capacity for love is enormous. Knowing this, do not attempt halfway measures. Decide either that you want him and will fight to keep him - or forget him entirely.

An Aries man can be militant, determined and obstinate. Once he gets rolling - even down the wrong road - he tends to keep in motion and in the same direction. You will have to be tactful in order to make him change his ways and his motives. Otherwise, he will fight you every inch of the way.

You can get around him by showering him with compliments, affection and common sense. Remember, if you go about it the right way, this man will listen to reason. Never dare him; he will take you up on it. On the other hand, don't try to outsmart him by daring him to do one thing because you really want him to do the opposite. He's very likely to see through the ruse!

An Aries man is an adventure seeker; it is not easy to harness his powers. His thinking, often brilliant, is just as often erratic. He will take a chance and worry about the outcome later. He is ambitious but once he finds a niche it is difficult to urge him on. He is more successful at fighting his way to the top than he is when it comes to securing his position through creative moves aimed at still greater success.

This man plays hard and works hard; often he runs himself down. For the woman who wants him, close attention to these hints can prevent many a heartache and numerous headaches as well!

(Skye Alexander)

People who have their Suns in Aries are energetic, active, assertive and direct. You approach life eagerly and aggressively, and there is nothing subtle in your method, manner or motivation. Your only 'gear' is high; your only direction is forward. You know what you want and go after it fervently, rarely taking 'no' for an answer, and often succeeding through sheer energy and force of will. You are enthusiastic and curious; and each day offers you new challenges - if it doesn't, you'll create some! You can't stand to have life go along smoothly, and you like to keep things stirred up. Activity, conflict and crisis nourish you, and you are at your best under pressure, when you must think and act quickly. You are always testing yourself, trying to jump over the next hurdle or to beat the next opponent. You need to keep defining yourself against something or someone else, to prove to yourself that you exist and have impact on your environment.

Athletics offer a clear-cut set of challenges and opponents against which you can pit yourself, and you probably have some athletic ability or at least an interest in sports. Sports also provide an outlet for your abundant energy.

Challenges in the business world can be just as invigorating and satisfying for you. You have an entrepreneurial nature, and are willing to take chances and risks that scare away more cautious people.

Your pioneering spirit is strong and you long to go where no-one has gone before, to break new ground and do the impossible. Always rushing in where angels fear to tread, you approach every endeavor with the same head-long, reckless, indefatigable abandon, and you either succeed gloriously or fail dismally. Failure doesn't discourage you, though, for you have a naive and irrepressible self-confidence that lets you go on believing in your ultimate success, regardless of the odds. Since you never look back and don't learn from your mistakes, however, you are likely to make the same ones again and again.

Your attention span is that of a young child, and you become bored easily. You are much better at starting things than finishing them, for you lose interest once the initial excitement has faded and routine, day-to-day operations are in place. Therefore, you probably begin lots of projects, jobs, relationships, etc., but rarely see them through to maturity. Goals that can be achieved quickly are better choices for you than ones that require years of planning and development.

In your chest beats the heart of an adventurer, and you are both courageous and daring.



You want to keep the adrenalin rushing through your veins at all times. Although you never back down from a fight, you don't know how to walk away from one with dignity either. In fact, you are often the instigator. Aggressive and feisty, long on nerve and short on tact, you enjoy a good argument or even a fist fight now and again to clear the air. In a dangerous situation, anyone would like to have you on his / her side.

Strongly individualistic, you have trouble compromising or working as part of a team or group. You need to be free and independent to do things your own way, regardless of how iconoclastic or outrageous your methods may seem to others. Although you are usually quite self-sufficient, when you run into a problem you can't solve yourself, you don't know where to run. Since you are basically unaware and unappreciative of others' strengths, you aren't able to benefit from their knowledge and experience.

A rebel at heart, you tend to see society as your adversary and thwart authority at every turn.

Your self-centeredness makes relationships difficult, for you can't seem to see another's point of view or to adjust your behavior to accommodate someone else's needs. Your sex drive is strong, but when it comes to tenderness and affection you fall short. You are inclined to think of your partners as conquests rather than lovers, and sex with you resembles hard rock music: fast, rough, adolescent and without much variation in mood, style or tempo.

Though you can be abrasive and annoying at times, you possess an endearing, childlike quality that makes people enjoy being around you. Your enthusiasm is infectious, and your unabashed, up-front, uncomplicated manner never leaves doubts about your motivations or intentions. You can be irresponsible and careless at times, but you are also honest, fun-loving and willing to stand up for what you believe. Your greatest failings are the result of your impatience, haste and self-centredness. Your greatest strengths are your optimism, courage, drive and vitality.

(Sasha Fenton)

Aries is the first sign of the zodiac and therefore represents the springtime of life. Ariens are considered to be straightforward, honest and enthusiastic about life. However, I can't help thinking that there are so many successful Arien politicians and would-be politicians that, despite their straightforward manner and approach, they can also be pretty crafty. Of course, political leaders do come from all areas of the zodiac, but Ariens or those who have very strong Aries features on their charts are well represented at or near the top of any organisation. This is odd in one way, because Ariens lack confidence and need a strong and supportive partner if they are going to get anywhere. The more successful Ariens seem to have the knack of picking just the right sort of partner to support their aims.

The strongest Arien trait is competitiveness, and this exists even among those who don't appear competitive at first glance. The Arien may compete in the usual manner, by trying to be the most successful in his career or in hobbies, sports and games. Others push their children to succeed or push themselves to pass examination in order to prove that they have intellectual superiority. On the subject of Arien competitiveness, I vividly remember an occasion where a group of psychics rented space at a 'psychic and mystic' exhibition. Plonked right at the front of the available space was the inevitable Arien, his table piled high with knick-knacks for sale, fake flowers flopping about everywhere, busily catching the eye of every passer-by who could be persuaded to have a consultation. At the end of the festival, the Arien, complete with the lion's share of the takings, rushed off home only to lose the lot to a couple of overgrown, but not yet independent, children and a rapacious spouse.

Ariens are quick on the uptake and impulsive in small ways, but they are not so quick to make major changes, preferring the security of a marriage, a settled home and a secure job. If marriage doesn't work out for them, they can happily live alone, thereby avoiding the possibility of dealing with matters of dependence. Most Ariens have many friends and acquaintances because they have an open and non-hostile manner and genuinely enjoy helping others. However, some Ariens have such an overwhelming personality that they frighten less outgoing members of the zodiac. Some Ariens are quite aggressive, and even those who appear to be mild have an aggressive or demanding streak hidden away somewhere. One friend of mine who had divorced an apparently meek and gentle Arien on the grounds of unreasonable behaviour told me that the whole weight of Arien aggression, determination and overriding need to have his own way at all costs showed itself in the bedroom.

One thing which I have invariably found is that Ariens love words and language. They read extensively and usually have a large vocabulary. Their spelling is excellent and they have a precise way of writing and expressing themselves. They are conscious that they can express themselves well, and often use this as a weapon against less able people. Ariens have a very quick sense of humour and can range from enjoying a good joke and being very funny themselves to being unpleasantly cutting and sarcastic. Other factors on each individual chart will determine how considerate the Arien may be towards other people's feelings, because the pure Arien type is self-centred, selfish and apparently uncaring. This is the sign of the military leader who needs to 'get the job done without regard to the finer details such as who gets hurt or what gets destroyed. However, no sign is absolutely black and white, and Ariens are saved from inhumanity by their ability to empathise with the feelings of others and by their desire to help. There must be a few Aries wimps around somewhere although I, personally, haven't yet met any.

The typical Arien is short to middling in height, skinny when young but square or rounded in appearance later in life. Ariens who belong to white races have very pale skin and blonde, light-brown or red hair, while even those who belong to oriental,

medium coloured or mixed races tend to have a fairer skin than their counterparts. Arien hands and feet are small and blunt. Some Ariens comment when buying new shoes that the boxes they are stored in fit better than the shoes themselves. They also have a prominent 'seat'. Aries subjects move and walk quickly, and often finish a job of work before others have even got around to starting.

There is another quite distinct Aries type. This one is tall and thin, with bony features and heavily rounded 'George Robey' eyebrows. This type of Aries subject seems to have a stronger and more awkward type of personality than the small, square ones.

Weak spots for health are the head, eyes, the upper jaw and upper teeth; all Ariens seem to get headaches when they are stressed. Ariens are a pretty healthy lot on the whole, but they can go down with sudden feverish ailments, and they are also prone to accidents, cuts and burns due to haste or carelessness. Ariens have little patience with illness either in themselves or in those around them, and they prefer to ignore it whenever possible.

The typical Arien likes to work among people in a large organisation which helps the public in some way. Many can, therefore, be found in the police, civil service, teaching and hospital administration. These subjects make good, if sometimes rather impatient, administrators, and can organise others without putting their backs up. Their cheerfulness and lack of jealousy towards others makes them good working colleagues, but their tendency to say or do things without thinking first can land them in trouble. Ariens are drawn to the military and paramilitary fields either as a career or as a parttime involvement. Oddly enough, many Ariens are attracted to religious or philosophical groups, and can work for the public in those areas too. Many find work in what were once considered to be the masculine worlds of engineering and technical drawing, as well as mining and ship-building. A quick round-up of some Arien acquaintances offers one who is a head in a large college of adult education, a policeman, an insurance administrator, an engineer-draftsman, the manager of a communications business, an executive of an electricity generating organisation, and a gifted medium who is the secretary of the British Astrological and Psychic Society. One of these is also a part-time soldier, while another is involved with the Salvation Army. If the Arien has planets in nearby Taurus, he could work in the building trade or as an architect, and he will also be keen on music and the arts.

Aries hobbies include quasi-military interests such as serving in the territorial army and various other forms of 'dad's' army, navy or air force. They can also be found in the scout movement and similar organisations. Many Ariens love music or the arts; and they may collect artistic goods of one kind or another. Most of them are energetic people who need to be out of doors at least once a week, and who, therefore, may take up a sporting activity, or boating or gardening as a hobby. Ariens are impulsive and adventurous people who will take off at a moment's notice when offered an opportunity of having fun.

Ariens seem to have a strange attitude to money because, while they love the stuff to death, they seem to find it hard to deal with. Some Ariens feel so uncomfortable with budgetary matters that they leave these entirely to their spouses. Others prefer to take this out of their spouse's hands altogether and deal with the whole of the family's finances on their own. Most Ariens work hard and actually manage to make good money, but they may then lose a good deal of this to mendacious relatives or ex-spouses. Others are incredibly mean and penny-pinching; there seem to be no half-measures here. Anyone who finds themselves married to an Aries should either not think too much about money, or keep their finances completely separate.

All Ariens love to shop, and will buy any amount of goods for their homes, their hobbies and themselves. They love new clothes, and they often have wardrobes bulging with every kind of fashion. This is not helped by the fact that they hate to throw anything away or to waste time organising their wardrobes. I have one Arien friend who is a devotee of garage sales, boot sales, jumble sales and second-hand shops, and he has thus cleverly managed to fit his house out in the 'contemporary' style of the 1950s which is now highly chic. Some Ariens are more interested in cars than houses, and they may own more than one vehicle.

There are many Ariens who buy every kind of sports equipment known to man - and then never use any of it. Others spend a fortune on gadgets, equipping themselves with food processors, personal stereos, mobile telephones, novelties for the car, yoghurt makers and every other kind of new gismo which comes on the market. Musical Ariens buy the best sound systems that they can afford for their homes and cars, while many spend a good deal of time and money on creating gardens and growing indoor plants. Most Ariens are practical and capable when it comes to do-it-yourself jobs, dressmaking and the like, and they won't hesitate to tackle quite large tasks, even if these really are beyond their capabilities.

Ariens are relaters who would rather be part of a family than on their own. However, a good many of them do seem to live alone, either because they have difficulty in finding or keeping a partner or because they have been hurt in the past and are worried about getting hurt again in the future. The vast majority of Ariens are surrounded by their families and will take care of their parents, children, in-laws and anyone else towards whom they feel a responsibility. However, these subjects are saved from being latter-day saints by their tiresome, impatient natures. Ariens are energetic and restless, always looking for something to do when they are at home, which means that on any reasonable weekend they can be found tearing down walls, building boats in the front garden, scattering tools around, and stamping about in fits of rage. An Aries man will use his wife's best vegetable knife and newest tea towel when servicing the car, and, for an encore, take the dishwasher to pieces half an hour before dinner guests arrive. Many Ariens are desperately untidy but, of course, there are many exceptions to this rule.

Aries women cannot help running the lives of everyone around them, giving orders like

an army general and expecting everyone around to jump to their commands. Even exhusbands and wives are 'looked after' in this way. Ariens love to sit down a visiting friend in a comfortable chair with a nice cup of coffee and a biscuit in hand, start an interesting conversation, and then walk out of the room leaving their visitor talking to himself.

Ariens have strong allegiances to their chosen political views, often being strongly left- or right-wing. Some have violent racial or religious prejudices, while others genuinely love people of all creeds, colours and classes. Their strong political feelings probably account for the large number of Ariens who do actually go into politics and subsequently reach high office. When these subjects take up some specific kind of belief, philosophy or ideology, they embrace it wholeheartedly without being able to see the weaknesses or drawbacks in it. They may become so deeply involved in such interests that it becomes impossible to have any kind of discussion with them, without their chosen point of view being dragged into it. This is fine if their partner shares their views, or if he / she can go deaf whenever these subjects creep into the conversation, but if the partner cannot cope with this, the relationship hasn't much of a chance. It is not a good idea to live with an Arien if one cannot drive and does not own a car, because Aries subjects either drive like maniacs, shouting insults at other drivers, or sit resolutely in the middle lane, travelling at a steady 30 mph.

(Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

Ariens are honest, straightforward and somewhat naive; their motto is 'Goodness, I hadn't thought of that!' However, their partners always know where they stand, because the Arien is incapable of deviousness or manipulative behaviour. To some extent, what you see is what you get. It is not a good idea to compete with an Arien, and it is better for their partners to be in a different line of work from them. Aries partners need quite a bit of support themselves because, despite their pomposity, they don't have much confidence in their own abilities.

Anyone contemplating taking up with an Arien had better give a bit of thought to the subject of sex. If your personal pattern runs to a quick fumble on birthdays and anniversaries interspersed with late night bible readings and a cup of hot cocoa at bedtime, you had better think again. A friend of mine who had a lengthy affair with an Arien told me that she could only recall four occasions when they spent time together without actually making love. Aries women are either highly sexed or absolutely uninterested in the whole business. This is, of course, an all-or-nothing sign. Aries men, however, seem to be very ardent. Ariens can and do experience love in a purely poetic way, mooning about some dream lover from a distance, but they are more likely to put themselves in touch with their own feelings and also to express those feelings in a horizontal position!

If an Arien fancies someone, he / she will make their feelings plain and will manoeuvre

the object of their desire out of their clothes as soon as possible. Bed, in the case of Ariens, is more of an image or an idea than a necessity, because they will happily make love in the car, up against a tree in the local park, in a lift which is stranded between floors, or any of a thousand other unlikely places. A particularly favourite spot is the office, because there is something particularly delicious about enjoying an illicit session on such 'hallowed ground'. Sexually experimental and very oral, these subjects like nothing better than a tumble under the dining-room table. Whatever does or doesn't happen, even when the love-making stops, Ariens have the most wonderful sense of humour. However, Ariens can be surprisingly jealous and possessive, especially if they have planets in nearby Taurus; and, while they may 'play' away from home if they can get away with it, they cannot really cope with this being done to them.

The Arien may be impatient with his parents or in-laws but he won't abandon them in times of trouble, and he can always be relied upon to help out financially. When the Arien becomes a parent, he puts his heart into the job. He will provide every kind of educational material for his children and will go to endless trouble and expense to see them enter the best possible schools and colleges. His competitiveness most certainly extends to his children and, if they don't or can't make the grade, he may lose all interest in them. Aries parents have no time for a timid, fussy or awkward child. As the parent or in-law to adult children, the Arien will either leave them alone to live their lives as they wish or, more-likely, will try to control and dictate to them.

As a child, the Arien can be a demanding handful because he is full of energy and is easily bored. Some Arien children, especially girls, are studious and clever, but many of them are disinclined to study. To some extent, parents should insist on school attendance and homework being completed, but if the Aries child is not really keen, then too much parental pressure will turn him off study altogether. An Aries boy may be better at coping with something practical such as construction tasks or making objects out of clay.

These children need a physical outlet such as karate, dancing, sailing, or anything else which has a physical and a competitive slant to it. The Aries child needs to be encouraged to share, and to be shown that there are times and places where competitive behaviour are not appropriate. He may also need to be kept under control and prevented from being ill-mannered and selfish. However, these children are not too difficult to raise because they are usually happy, healthy and self-sufficient. Honest and decent by nature whilst also being very loving, Aries children make friends easily and need the love and approval of parents, teachers and friends.

The Arien youngster may find it hard to get along with his siblings. In some cases, the Aries child may get on with one sibling but be contemptuous of another. There is no point in making him try to like the other child; if he can't, he can't, and that's that. He is far too straightforward to be nice to the sibling in front of others and spiteful behind his back.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Sun sign Arians want to stand out from the crowd, and have the will to succeed. They are basically uncomplicated, direct in their approach, and able to cope in a straightforward way with the day-to-day problems of life. They strip away everything that is not necessary to the achievement of their goals, whether these are immediate or long-term - for example, the menu for tonight's dinner or the details of a contract. Their ability to see clearly the essential elements of important decisions is both enviable and convincing.

Deep resources of determination help Arians when reacting to challenge, although a tendency to rush in regardless can cause problems. Observing these sometimes overquick reactions, one reflects that some Arians learn the hard way (some, of course, do not!)

Achievement is vital; if it is lacking, either in the career or in an all-important hobby, Arians can become physically or psychologically sick and extremely difficult to live with. This is often because of their worst Arian fault, selfishness, which is almost certain to appear to some extent during every Arian's life. Arian children must be made aware of this tendency; it is then much easier for them to recognize and counter it in later life.

Arians are extremely passionate. Just as they need fulfillment at work and at play, so they also need it sexually - probably more so than most other people. Their partners must be lively and capable of reacting well to the crackling flash of Arian sparks; joyous sexual romps with a permanent partner should not only be the prerogative of Arian youth, but also of middle and old age; otherwise, both they and their partners will suffer.

The Arian child will display the typical lively enthusiasm of all fire sign children. That enthusiasm (which will cover the widest variety of interests) can tend to fade quickly, however, and before spending much money on some new craze, parents should be aware that their Arian child may soon lose patience with the new and expensive piece of equipment and push it out of sight, ready for the next enthusiasm.

Patience is not an Arian strong point, so progress at school may be patchy. One hopes that surges of enthusiasm for study will come at the right time - just before important tests or examinations. Happily, the Arian has only to fail one examination and see friends moving ahead before becoming extremely concerned about catching up and reestablishing a lead; such a disaster will not happen twice.

Restrictive discipline doesn't suit young Arians. Sensible rules will be accepted provided they are explained, but the Arian spirit will refuse to be dampened by silly regulations which have no apparent justification.

Arians make very lively parents. They have delightfully simple, almost child-like, natures which are never entirely suppressed - seen, for instance, in the way a subject assesses a situation or faces up to a problem. Arian parents should find no difficulty in tuning in to the real emotions of their children. They will also be happy to encourage them in any number of enterprises and out-of-school activities: every hour will be packed with incident. However, not all children necessarily share their parents' enthusiasms, and an Arian should not drag a child off to a ball game simply because he wants to go. The child might be happier at home with a good book, or - if the abundant Arian energy has been inherited - at ballet class. Such a situation can reflect Arian selfishness: doing what Aries wants, rather than what the child wants.

Just as an Arian schoolchild must be given his or her head, so a certain freedom of expression is necessary in the career. A boring and routine job may have to be tolerated but, in that case, stimulating outside hobbies must also be established.

A noisy, busy environment is meat and drink to an Arian - a stuffy, claustrophobic office is not. In choosing careers, the Arian could consider engineering or the electronics industries, the armed services or perhaps psychiatry or dentistry. But above all, the Arian should make for fields that enable him or her to move out in front of the crowd and become a successful pioneer of some kind. Arians are ambitious, but the achievement of that ambition is just as important as what is achieved. And the Arian will then be asking 'What next?'

A good head for business is usual, and Arians can be very enterprising; many enjoy organizing their lives so that they have two sources of income. If enterprise and caution can be combined, a lot of money can be made, but a steadying influence is sometimes needed if it is not to be frittered away.

Change is usually taken in the Arian stride, especially if progress can be seen to depend upon it. These people's lively spirits will accept challenge and, while many will look forward to relaxing once they have retired, after a week or two they will revive an old interest or establish a new one. By then, they may have cultivated more patience and can even end up with a new career rather than merely a new hobby. In any case, they will not want their standard of living to drop when they retire.

Arians need plenty of exercise to keep their systems in good condition. This is necessary for everyone, of course, but for Arians it is as vital as breathing. They will, in general, be so enthusiastic that you may have to remind them to modify exercise routines and sporting interests as time passes, if their systems are not to be overstrained.

The head is vulnerable; a tendency to knock and bump the head when young will probably result in early visits from the Tooth Fairy. Arians' natural tendency to rush about carelessly may result in cuts, bruises and even minor burns. The motto 'More haste, less speed' is a valuable one for these people; they enjoy working with all kinds of tools, and



again carelessness may court disaster. Arians enjoy spicy food, but it is not usually good for them. They have hearty appetites, and thrive on traditional, rather than elaborate, dishes.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker)

Aries, the first sign of the Zodiac, is the sign of new beginnings. The Arian's present life indicates a new cycle in his personal evolutionary development. Arians are aggressive and direct in expressing themselves. The key phrase for Aries is 'I am'.

Arians are full of creative energy and enthusiasm (because Aries is a fire sign ruled by Mars and Pluto); and, because Aries is a cardinal sign, Arians initiate new activities, which keep them occupied until the novelty wears off.

These people have a tremendous psychological drive to prove themselves through action. Arians are not satisfied merely to intellectualize about their concerns; they are impatient to do something about them.

If Arians can learn to think before taking action, their energetic natures will enable them to accomplish much. However, their impulsiveness and inability to listen to the advice of others tend to involve them in difficulties. Arians are likely also to be impatient, and do not always finish what they start, leaving follow-up activities to those with fixed and mutable signs.

Since they are highly competitive, Arians seek to be first and best in whatever they do. They make good leaders, seeking fame and recognition more than wealth and comfort. However, because of their desire for authority and superiority, they are sometimes overly aggressive and prone to use force rather than reason and diplomacy in dealing with others. If they do not possess the necessary wisdom and experience to back up their craving for leadership, they can appear foolish. Arians must be first! But much of their strength arises out of their refusal to admit defeat. They are never daunted by failure, and will always seek new avenues of expression.

Arians need to learn the lesson of love, so that they can relate to others and reach out to them with consideration. By reflecting on the overall consequences of their actions, they can learn this lesson.

The more highly evolved Arian types possess great willpower, spiritual self-confidence, and regenerative ability, due to the Sun's exaltation in this sign.

(Robert Hand)

You are very energetic and spirited. It is difficult for you to wait for other people, even your parents, and you tend to be impatient if events don't move as quickly as you would

like. For this reason, you prefer to work by yourself, if you find that others aren't moving as quickly as you do. This may cause you to become totally wrapped up in yourself, simply because you aren't relating to others enough and are not paying enough attention when you do. You have a mind of your own, and you do not care if anyone else agrees with you. You resent it fiercely when people try to impose their thinking or their methods on you.

You like to be the first to do everything, and often you take risks that others consider unwise, because you want to be known for doing something that no-one else will do. Just be careful to avoid real trouble, and try to listen to what others have to say. They are not always trying to get in your way; in fact they may be trying to help you.

You are rather quick to anger, but you do not hold grudges. As soon as your angry mood passes, which is usually quite quickly, you are willing to forget and forgive. However, while you are angry you act rashly and may say things that you will regret.

In talking with other people, you prefer to be simple and direct; and whenever possible you are honest, simply because it makes life easier and simpler. Just be careful not to be so blunt that you hurt people's feelings, since some people are emotionally hurt more easily than others. You may also be rather competitive, which may alienate some people; but most will realize that your competitiveness is good-natured and not intended to harm.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a brave and impatient heart. You have the will to show a way forward - boldly and assertively, without being arrogant or pushy. Your life should be led in a spirit of championing the underdog, as opposed to always wanting to win. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is honest and direct, and / or blunt and hard.

You generate a bright spontaneity that encourages Other to be more aware of simply being, and to live in and for the moment. You have an independence and straightforwardness that is refreshing and makes Other want to know where you are going. You have an air of heroism as you protect the weak and fight for the oppressed.

You can alienate Other with a childish naiveté that is tiresome and short-sighted; with a simplistic attitude that overlooks the subtleties and sensitivities of Other, causing him / her to avoid what is boring, annoying or upsetting about you; and by being arrogant and boastful, or coming on tough.

You overemphasize your air of independence in order to be seen as you'd like to actually feel. You exaggerate how soon you'll be able to achieve an objective, and so you fall short and appear ridiculous. You present a desire to win at all costs, rather than simply doing your best.

You can feel weak when it is made only to clear what or who you depend upon, for whatever reason; when it seems that you are not getting anywhere; and because you feel you have lost, when you could simply be learning a lesson.

When alone, it is probably for one of two reasons, but they both come under the heading of 'enforced independence'. The first one is that you have never allowed Other to see the 'Little Lamb' inside you, and have only shown the forceful, independent Ram. People tire of such a seemingly two-dimensional nature, and ultimately let you be as alone as you like to be thought independent. If you think you have 'chosen' to be on your own because of Other's failings, then you will have only your ego for company for some time. The second reason is the converse of the first one - too much Lamb and not enough Ram. Failing to assert yourself and act independently, without approval from Other, becomes very unstimulating and burdensome for Other. He or she will be forced to look elsewhere for this, while still possibly maintaining a guilt-motivated link with you.

(Grant Lewi)

Aries's great independence is a symptom of vitality and physical energy, and becomes intellectuallized later in life, if at all. The highest type of Arian becomes capable of idealizing and universalizing his love of independence, which has its source in egocentricity. The first ambition of the Arian is to be first. He is an inveterate contestant, a professional competitor. His object is not so much the material stake as the glory of winning. He will never boast about coming in sensong; the also-rans he beats impress him less than the one fellow who beats him and thus steals his rightful place at the head of the profession. Literally as well as figuratively, this first-ness shows. Your Arian walks one step ahead of his companions, goes through doors first, and has the first word (and often the last) in any argument. He loves arguments, not as a means of arriving at truth so much as a means of demonstrating that he can come out in front. He often wins by sheer noise and vitality - that is, he makes the other fellow cry uncle. Aries is frequently original in his efforts to be first; and, when not original, is sure to be novel. Any Arian who doesn't understand the difference between originality and novelty should study the two words till he does. When and Arian is original he is a pioneer, an inventor, a great thinker. When he is only novel, he is putting first his ego ideal to be first and neglecting to make his ideas sound and his methods practical. He thus loses the benefit of his energy, his genius and his ambition. All the bugaboos of the ego beset the Arian, and he must beware of self-centredness. This can make him arrogant, conceited, self-pitying, selfassertive; and, in the face of opposition or restraint, can lead to delusions of persecution in mild or acute form. To forget self, to become absorbed in mental matters, to put ideas first, and to make sure that originality (or novelties) rest on a sound basis of fact; to see the other fellow's point of view, and to regard the other fellow's needs, wishes and desires just as seriously as his own,... are the means by which Aries may emphasize his great good points and ensure that his desire to be first shall actually cause him to be first.

(John Townley)

Your fiery inner drive makes you the motivating force in any relationship. You tend to have so much physical and sexual energy that you can awaken all sorts of feelings in your partner, even feelings that have long been dormant.

It would be a good idea, however, to bank your fires a bit. Even though you may be overflowing with energy, your partner may tire more quickly, both physically and emotionally, which you must take into consideration. A calmer approach would be good for you personally as well, because your appetite for experience is voracious; overindulgence prevents you from savoring each valuable moment of a love affair.

It is wise to read about sexual technique or learn the ins and outs of lovemaking with a highly skilled lover, because in your eager enthusiasm, you often brush past many of the finer points of sex. You will find a wealth of pleasure in lovemaking if you slow down and linger over each step, even though your high energies are pushing you to go faster. That inner high-intensity flame can heighten the details of love if you govern it. Few people have your ability to etch every experience into your mind and body

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Aries individuals feel they have the right to do as they please; to display independent action and thought; to act on a whim without regard for protocol, timing, or the wishes or opinions of others.

Static:

When your attention focuses on gaining recognition for your independence from others, you may unknowingly act in ways that result in disruption and alienation. Wanting to be recognized as your own person, you can resist co-operating in team efforts. When you behave with rashness and lack of consideration, you experience other people blocking your path of action. Thus, using your natural independence in a way that dominates by insisting that others put you first can result in a lack of confidence when they fail to respond.

Dynamic:

When your attention is on sharing your talents and abilities with others, you notice how your independent action can be an inspiration to them. By being aware of this natural leadership, you can encourage those around you to express their independence and thus eliminate the need for constant battle. Recognizing your own talents in contributing a quick, courageous assertion of your positive spirit enables you to inspire others. This leaves you free to exit on the desired positive note. Awareness of this impact allows you

to express your exuberance in ways that endear you to others. Then you will find others responding with love and appreciation for your dynamic energy.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: the power of individuality manifests through personal initiative.

Symbol: rays of a rising Sun splash the sky with streaks of red and gold.

Aries is the springtime sign of the zodiac. People born at this rosy dawning of the year are set to spring into activity. They glory in launching new enterprises, even while leaving previous projects for others to finish. They are direct, headstrong, and aggressive. like the fabled prince who mounted his charger and dashed off in all directions, the Arian must be ever on the go. His main problem is to control his impulses and avoid scattering his forces.

Mars, as ruler of Aries, intensifies its hotheaded disposition. The exalted Sun adds executive power, energy, vitality, and optimism. Since the effects of an exalted planet are as favorable as those of the ruler of a sign, the placement of the Sun in Aries, at the head of the zodiacal procession, is conducive to individual accomplishment. Arians may not achieve the fame of Librans and Aquarians (signs in which the Sun is less strongly placed) because they refuse the curry favors from others and may be downright undiplomatic in the pursuit of their aims. However, they have the boldness to assert their own ideas and are known as the pioneers of the zodiac.

The Sun shines regally from the center of the solar system, while Mars, its marshal, issues commands and enforces its will. Careful attention should be paid to the aspects of Mars in the horoscopes of persons born with the Sun in Aries in order to ascertain the direction their drive for objective self-expression is likely to take.

'Solarians' have a fervent longing for independence and like to fancy themselves to be free souls. As leaders, they sway the destiny of others but soon grow impatient with the restraints imposed by mundane responsibilities. They aspire to know the truth, yet contrive to avoid becoming burdened by the consequences of their truth-seeking endeavors. When their affairs become too complex they wield the cutting edge of Mars as a sword to sever knots of bureaucratic red tape. Then, oblivious to the havoc in their wake, they march forward fearlessly in search of new fields to conquer.

The Arian moves people to action through the heat of his personal enthusiasm. He is an idea man, but frequently someone else must do the groundwork if his concepts are to take route in the material world. He may also be a rolling stone who, if permitted to go first, will clear a path on which others may walk. However, if relegated to the rear, he may roll on heedlessly mowing down all who are so foolish as to impede his progress. There is nothing rancorous about this flattening of obstructing objects. He is what he is, and that is all there is to it.

Aries people suffer from their own carelessness, recklessness, and immoderate behavior - qualities which may, in turn, inflict suffering on others. Theirs can be the unwitting selfishness that results from excessive impulsiveness. Utterly spontaneous and moved by the mood of the moment, immature types may be so blithely unaware of their adolescent self-centeredness that it is impossible to resent them, especially since their intentions are nearly always honorable. Although seldom deliberately unkind, they may fail to consider the effects of their words or the far-reaching implications of their casual conduct.

The more evolved Arians will never say 'die', but are ever ready to rise to new and more adventurous challenges. Their feeling is that the whole day lies ahead and they are eager to be up and doing.

(Myrna Loftus)

Aries is the point of all beginning. The person with his Sun in Aries is in the process of building a new personality. All the energies are self-centred and self-directed. Before one can give oneself away, there must be something to give.

The Arian assumes authority quickly, but must resist the impulse to 'ram' ahead, pushing whoever is there out of the way. It is natural for the Arians to assume authority and responsibility. They can be inspired forces within a group. There is a joyousness and enthusiasm about the Arians. Thus, they are an inspiration to others. Ideas and creative projects seem to flow from them in a never-ending stream. They are full of energy and never lack courage.

However, they can, also, project the negative traits of their Sun sign. Because of this, you will find Arians who are self-centered. They are apt to forget that other people may have good ideas and can assume responsibility, too. This makes it difficult to form a partnership with an Arian. It is, also, difficult for an Arian to be an employee. Their natural instinct is to be the employer. They have a tendency to start a project then to suddenly lose interest in it if the progress is too slow or things have become too complicated.

These people have a gift for waking up in an environment they find themselves in. They do not sit quietly in a corner waiting for someone to speak to them.

They are not subtle or devious. If they want something, they go after it. Both sexes enjoy having a career as well as being attracted to community or political activities where they can use their talent for leadership.

They like people, but they may drop out of orbit while pursuing new interests. In six months, they may be back again as if no time had elapsed.

In love, they are passionate, with strong sexual feelings.

They are usually healthy, because they move around enough to exercise their bodies. This produces good circulation. They rarely overeat. Their head is the most vulnerable spot. They are prone to headaches due to tension. They almost always end up with some type of injury to their head. You will find a number of small scars on their head from running into things or from accidents.

Aries is a positive, masculine sign. Women who are Aries have some difficulties in relationships, because they are likely to be far too positive, opinionated, and masculine. They have to learn to build in their feminine side and be willing to be quiet and receptive.

Fire, the element of Aries, is symbolic of Aries' burning desire to keep pushing onward against all obstacles. They react similarly to a horse with blinders on, looking neither to the right nor to the left, but straight ahead to their destination.

Arian parents tend to push their children too hard in school. Their lack of patience doesn't help, either. Even so, they make good parents.

As children, Arians are noisy and full of energy. They must be doing something every minute. Firm discipline is needed, but it shouldn't be too strict, either. They like games and sports, for they have a large amount of energy. There is a tendency to run high fevers.

The three things an Arian should learn are: (1) patience, (2) conservation of energy, and (3) completion.

## Sun ☉ in 1st House

(Sepharia)

Gives honour and success. A proud disposition; frank, outspoken, generous; despising cliques and coteries; independent and firm. It also gives a love of display and publicity, accompanied by high motives.

(Dane Rudhyar)

In the first house this energy should illumine and sustain the search for identity and the intuitive perception of who one really is, or of one's self-image. The person with the Sun about to rise may experience an inner enthusiasm, a freshness of viewpoint, or simply a robust health that will enable him to radiate what he is in a distinct and compelling

manner. It is in such a search for identity and in all deeds requiring personal self-assertion and emotional intensity that the Sun function will be called upon to operate most successfully. The negative aspect of this position may be pride and 'in-solence'.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Sun, traditionally speaking, tells of a native with a 'sunny disposition'.

(Isabel Hickey)

Keynote: to be.

As the first house is the outward reach for experience, and the Sun represents the drive for significance, this is a good placement for the Sun. They are the executive types with leadership qualities, and they are happiest when they are in a position of dominance. They want the freedom of being on their own. There is courage, enthusiasm, dignity and nobility if the Sun is not heavily afflicted. If it is afflicted, especially by Mars or Saturn, then arrogance and ego have to be overcome if these individuals would be a success in life. Too much of the Martian force in their magnetic field will drive people away from them rather than draw them to them. An attracting personality draws through the power of Venus, and an unattractive personality repels through the force of Mars. Back of any planets in the first house is the energy of Mars, for Mars is the natural ruler of the first house. The Sun is the most powerful force in the universe. It can warm or it can scorch and burn. Let the person with a first house Sun learn to use it wisely and well.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Sun in the first house, especially if it is conjunct the Ascendant, indicates a strong will, abundant vitality, and intense self-awareness. This position carries with it great initiative and powers of leadership. People with this position are not easily swayed by the opinions or desires of others; they manifest a strong determination to choose their own course in life. They have a clear view of what they want and are extremely individualistic. They have abundant energy and strong recuperative powers that help them overcome physical ailments and afflictions of every nature.

Their energy makes them ambitious for success; and they will work long and hard to achieve personal distinction and esteem in the eyes of the world. It is a paramount necessity for them to feel that they are persons of importance and distinction.

If the Sun is afflicted in the first house, there can be excessive pride, egotism, compulsiveness, false ambition, and the desire to rule others.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)



A strong sense of identity.

This confident, spontaneous, and outgoing individual is determined to make something of himself. He rises to a position of eminence by his own enthusiastic efforts and through an inherent conviction that he has the freedom to bend destiny to his will. There is considerable love of power and often a desire to be appreciated 'for oneself alone', rather than for one's background, wealth, or prestige. Good health is based upon a robust constitution which can stand up under strain. When well aspected, a first-house Sun shows a happy childhood and success derived from being in on the start of new enterprises.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those born with the Sun in the 1st are born just before sunrise when the creative forces of day and light are gaining supremacy over the darkness of night. As the Sun edges its way over the horizon, the planet wakes up - hidden things become visible, greater activity commences, and people drag themselves out of bed and into the world. The Sun in this position has an obvious stimulating effect on life; and those born at this time should have a similar impact. These people are meant to influence and catch the attention of others, to radiate their power in such a way that others are attracted to their energy and warmth. They should meet life with vigour, enthusiasm and the determination to make something of themselves. Rather than relying on the family background to feel important and gain a sense of identity, they need to forge their own 'place in the Sun' and be appreciated and respected for what they themselves can do, create or make happen. These people should not go unnoticed. They require a position in life which exercises their natural authority and fulfils their desire for recognition.

The constitution should be strong if Sun is in the 1st, although this will very much depend on the sign it is in and aspects to it. When the Sun and the Ascendant are in the same sign, astrologers say that the person is a double Aries, double Taurus, etc.. In this case, they usually clearly exemplify and embody the qualities of that sign.

If the Sun is well-aspected in the 1st, the influence of the early environment is likely to be supportive of the person's desire to express his or her individuality. Usually their birth will draw much attention, as if to corroborate their need to feel important. A negative expression of the Sun in the 1st may be an overbearing personality, extreme egocentricity, and excessive pride. Those who do not manage to express or develop a healthy outlet for their power and authority may turn bitter and cynical. Rather than being resentful if their worth is not acknowledged unquestioningly, they should recognize that admiration and appreciation from others must be earned first.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Expresses the right to be acknowledged as a leader and the ability to bring this about by

asserting one's independence.

(Robert Hand)

You have a strong personality that immediately makes an impression on other people. When you enter the room, everyone knows it. You are very strong-willed and energetic. The problem with this is that you may not let the people around you be themselves. Your own energies are so strong that you try to impress your will upon others, and you are very impatient when people try to assert themselves with you. Nevertheless, they have the right to assert themselves, and you should give them the chance, even though you may find it irritating.

Your high level of self-confidence can be very useful, as long as you know your limitations and avoid being cocksure. Don't try to do more than you can; and when you are unable to do something, don't take it as a personal defeat. It's hard for you to realize that no-one can do everything.

You are physically strong and should enjoy good health. If you can learn to accept your limitations and control your energy properly, you will be able to do a great deal. People with the Sun in this house who learn how to get along with others and let them have their way now and then are very well liked. But if you do not learn these lessons, you will not be liked.

This position indicates that you are a person who stands out in a crowd. At any social gathering, you have the first choice of potential partners. Because of this outstanding quality, you don't need to strive to make a stronger impression when you encounter someone who is attractive to you. In fact, that might work against you, because you would probably seem rather overwhelming. Better to relax and let your naturally magnetic presence do the work for you.

You tend to be quite direct and honest in your approach to people, and you don't bother to beat about the bush with a potential lover. Elaborate courting is not your game. Because of your honesty, your love affairs begin and end quite abruptly, as you have no desire to continue a relationship that is no longer working well.

You tend to dominate your partner, simply because you're the first one to make a move in most situations. Here you must be particularly careful of your lover's feelings, for you may cause emotional harm without intending to; you must make an extra effort to see that you both have equal expression within the relationship.

The main advantage of this position is that it indicates a strong, forceful personality. But you must use that power carefully in your love relationships.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This placing is vitally important for the Sun. Because the subject will have been born very near sunrise, it is extremely likely that the Sun and rising signs will be the same. Such people are known as 'double Cancerians', 'double Librans', and so on, for the Sun sign and Ascendant sign characteristics and motivations will be those of the same sign. The whole chart will be dominated by the influence of the Sun, and the effects of the planet ruling the Sun and Ascending signs will also be considerably increased.

Self-absorption may be a result of this emphasis on the first house, and the individual should be aware of any tendencies toward selfishness, trying to counter them whenever possible.

Consider the health not only in relation to the sign that the Sun occupies, but also to the aspects it receives. For instances, there may be a tendency to nervous strain and tension (square aspect to Uranus), exuberant physical energy (trine to Mars), digestive problems or biliousness (squares or oppositions to the Moon or Jupiter respectively), and so on.

A certain Leonine coloring is given to the personality when the Sun is in the first house. The bearing will be regal, and the back and heart will need the special attention that is advisable for those who have Leo prominent in their birth charts. Equally, because this is the Aries house, the subject will be motivated to win, to be first, and will have the necessary competitive spirit.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a powerful location for the Sun. It gives great strength, a strong ego, and physical stamina. People with a rising Sun are inclined to be self-indulgent. They go after what they want without a second thought, and usually get it. They tend to be autocratic with children, employees, and hangers-on, but are also generous in a patriarchal way. They are usually attractive, with an air of aristocratic authority or dignity. Their strong egos make enemies, whom they generally ignore. If Mars, Uranus, Saturn, or Pluto are conjunct or square the Sun, they can be cruel, but usually they are kind, generous, and paternalistic to others. That is, unless their anger is aroused or their status is threatened, when they can become extremely dangerous to any they perceive as a threat. When they fight, it is animalistic, no holds barred - and they usually win.

They may be lazy, unless they are working toward something they really want or care about, in which case their strength and energy are double that of anyone else. They rarely pursue anyone; usually they don't have to, as they attract others easily and will take their pick of friends and lovers from among those who come to them. When friends become disenchanted by their lack of interest in anyone but themselves, they do not suffer over the loss but simply turn to someone new. It is a good position for leaders who must pull others with them, such as politicians, performers, and statesmen, because the

charisma here extends well beyond their immediate circle to those who know nothing of their personal lives.

The Sun rising gives great strength and vitality, but takes away sensitivity and insight into others. Even if the Sun is in a Water or Air sign, everything must be related to the self before it can be accepted. This is a powerful position, but inclined to be narrow in perception. Other aspects can broaden the perspective, but nothing can mitigate the intense egoism of this position. They can be incredible liars, but their lies are the truth to them. They structure reality to suit their needs, rather than the other way around. They can usually make a fairly convincing case for black being white, and vice versa.

It is a difficult placement for marriage for a woman. She may appear passive in the beginning, but her need to dominate will surface sooner or later, and then, husband beware! She needs her own arena in which to become important, or she will try to take over his.

The rising Sun gives a strong constitution which can take a lot of punishment in every way and come back for more. They are usually extremely healthy, though there is a danger of fevers and accidents, especially in youth, and sometimes heart trouble later in life.

(Haydn Paul)

The Sun in the house of identity will encourage you to be self-assertive, intent on making your mark on the world. You will be attracted towards a 'search to become someone' noticed, respected and acknowledged by others, and by choosing such a life path you will have the opportunity to develop your latent talents and potential which can become the main channels for your unique self-expression. It is this desire and ambition for success that begins to focus your will and application into specific directions. The major challenge facing you is crossing the gap between your dreams or belief in being special and important and the real level of your actual achievements.

You are likely to have an eager, enthusiastic temperament, with abundant self-confidence and physical vitality, generally possessing an optimistic spirit which enables you to pass through times of adversity without allowing depression to occur. There is a positivity about your nature which helps to create an attractive personality capable of radiating a warm, friendly atmosphere to others, and coupled with an enjoyment of life this can make you a stimulating and entertaining companion.

Underlying this, though, is an impulse which prefers to be dominating, attracted towards roles of authority and positions of power, which tends to reflect an attitude that to become influential in society you have to aspire towards leadership positions, perhaps through management or business endeavours. You dislike having to take any secondary and subservient roles, as these fail to match your self-image. This trait could be your

Achilles' heel, if you assume the role of authoritative leader too strongly, and through the force of your self-assertion start to impinge on family members, fellow workers or employees. If an egocentric attitude becomes prominent, then your sensitivity to others may correspondingly diminish, and instead of being a bearer of a positive stimulating energy you may display characteristics which inhibit the self-expression of others, or which cause interpersonal conflict of wills.

It seems essential that you take the responsibility to unfold your life path, through determining what you want from life and then pursuing this vision with persistence and determination. Without knowing your destination, which path will you take, and which signpost will you follow? Clarifying this route has to become a priority for you, and this can only be successfully achieved through knowing yourself, so that you can choose a path that has meaning, fulfilment and purpose, one that resonates within your being as 'right'. Your way becomes an individualistic journey, where you learn to listen to those subtle messages and inner whispers so you do not lose your way. This can be a solitary path, even within a family environment; and while the opinions and contributions of others should never be dismissed and ignored, you need to give most focus to your inner promptings and take the initiative in following them. There may be a realisation that merely pursuing power and influence is not sufficient to satisfy, and that the real goal attracting you is the need to reflect an inner image of manifested potential, to become that special person by your state of being.

Aspects to the Sun (conjunction, sextile, trine) can indicate that your childhood was favorable to later development, and that your parents' contribution and early environment helped to form a stable identity. More challenging aspects (square, opposition) may indicate conflicts that require a deeper resolution; and attempts to impose yourself on the world may be frustrated until adjustments in attitude have been achieved. Much will depend on the influence of your father in the development of your identity centre; and certain keys to your ease of self-assertion may lie in the relationship with him.

(Bill Herbst)

Self Expression: The placement of the Sun in the 1st house indicates that your life purpose centers around spontaneous self-expression. Everything else is secondary to self-discovery. You are not necessarily selfish, although that pitfall exists, but you are a self-motivated and self-generating individual. What you express is certainly meaningful, for it conditions the feedback you get from others and from the environment. But expression itself is the single most crucial factor. Inhibit or block expression, and you cut yourself off from life-energy. The challenge is to radiate outward, letting yourself flow into behavior. Fill your spirit with vibrant life.

Natural persona: Ordinarily, the 1st house masks the inner essence. In your life, however, we see your essence projected directly through spontaneous outer personality. When the ascending and Sun signs are the same, there is a basic naiveté toward life,

expressed along lines of the zodiacal sign. However, much depends on whether the Sun's support planets, Mercury and Venus, are located in the 12th, 1st, or 2nd. When the ascending and Sun signs are different, personality still retains the 'what-you-see-is-what-you-get' tonality, but there is greater complexity in selfexpression. However, any conflicts are open for all to see. The pitfall lies in assuming that others are put together in the same way, and can be understood directly through their actions. This is definitely not the case - most people are constructed differently from you. The challenge is to be yourself.

Your name-tag says, 'I am exactly who you see'; and you believe that, even though finally it can hardly be true.

**Self-awareness:** You are constantly 'birthing' self-awareness through activity; and when that activity stops, your awareness subtly begins to fade. The sign placement of the Sun determines what 'activity' is. For Fire signs like Aries or Sagittarius, it often implies literal physical movement - you have to do something. For Water signs like Cancer or Pisces, activity may mean emotional radiance - the expression of feeling. Your challenge is to awaken the awareness that you exist as a separate individual. You live for the here and now experience of discovering yourself, over and over and over....

**Boundaries:** What is usually a means to an end is for you an end in itself. The Sun represents the inner essence; and ordinarily we create a bridge to connect with the outer world. For you, the bridge is the same as the essence. The 'lens' and the essence looking through it are identical. Any self-expression not true to your core self damages the lens, making real interaction impossible; and purely egoistic excess blurs the distinction between the self's inner world and the outer environment, causing social blindness, flawed perceptions, and the recurring experience of rejection. The challenge is to express yourself fully while recognizing that others have the same rights of self-expression.

**Vitality:** The condition of the Sun by sign and aspect is crucial to understanding your health; but in general you are vital and strong, with the ability to recover from otherwise devastating setbacks, both psychologically and medically. You are pushing into life, determined to 'get born', willing to thrust through any and all obstacles, including the personal vulnerability to disease or breakdown. Your strength is not 'conscious', but instead reflects a fundamental will to survive at a very basic level.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are optimistic and have faith in your ability to succeed. People easily let you exert your influence, so you have little difficulty in promoting your plans. You are aggressive, outgoing and personable. If you persist, your talents will be recognized, which is very important to you. Getting some formal training will help you achieve your ambitious objectives and refine your creative talents. Even your competitors will admire you, for

you try to be the best in whatever you undertake. It is heartwarming to know that the public appreciates you, as do those close to you. You enjoy travelling, and when possible you try to mix business and pleasure. You learn all you can about your competitors' strengths and weaknesses, but you also try to stay on good terms with them.

You want a lot out of life, so you use your creative ideas to reach your future goals. A self-made person, you would rather not depend on others for assistance, but you will help anyone who deserves it. You enjoy a broad social circle and are quite influential with friends and close associates, so there is always someone who will do favors for you. You plan for long-range goals rather than immediate results. You've learned much from your parents' failures and successes; and this knowledge guides you as you pursue your goals.

Though you appear to be in complete command of every situation, you are more easily intimidated than you would care to admit. You feel most threatened by people who are your equal in creative talent, because you hate to admit that you can't always compete successfully. By improving your skills, you can avoid this problem in the future. It isn't easy for you to distinguish between people who are just trying to win you over and those, actually your staunchest allies, who offer constructive criticism. Your childhood has left scars, and you tend to look for conflicts where none exist. But you are determined to improve on your early circumstances. The frustrations of that time produced some anxiety about your ability to rise above the conflicts that come up in interhuman relationships. You want to live up to your parents' expectations, but you also want to pursue your own destiny without guilt. You are basically loyal, but you know that you must rise to your fullest potential.

Your dilemma is to choose between indulging yourself and making some meaningful contribution to improve other people's lives. This is a powerful problem, because you are not inclined to make concessions to others. If you give the matter more thought, however, you will understand that your public stature will increase only if you contribute your vast creative talent where it will be appreciated. Also, this will improve your self-image. You can motivate people and teach them to use their own resources.

You work hard to promote your talents because you are afraid that otherwise you won't be recognized. Your temperament is suited to handling demanding responsibilities. Your self-esteem is tied to the value that the public places on you for your services. You don't like to be without funds, but human values are more important to you than acquiring great material wealth. To neglect character development is to waste your potential and place a low value on your worth.

**Moon ☾ in ♊ Capricorn 15° 54'**

(Jan Spiller & Karen McCoy)

### Static

When you unconsciously need others' reassurance that you are the most important part of their interpersonal situations, you may unknowingly manipulate them emotionally to gain respect. This can lead to needless dramas of personal suffering that force them to acknowledge and admire your ability to survive. You may instinctively guard your image and try to appease others by becoming, for that moment, what they respect.

In sacrificing your 'self' for the respect of another, you may lose your own identity. Indulging in the Capricorn tendency to control the relationship can rob others of their authority and ability to give you the admiration you want. Simultaneously, in order to feel loved you may need constant reassurance. This tendency gives your power to others and may leave you insecure and bewildered.

### Dynamic

When you recognize the Capricorn need for establishing control in relationships, you notice that past methods of having others validate your identity have not led to self-respect. The truth is that others cannot give respect when you are so busy cloaking yourself with their personalities. This process leaves you with no identity available to receive recognition!

The lesson is to relinquish control over others in order to see to whom you are relating. This is achieved by acknowledging the uniqueness of the person with whom you are dealing. As a result, this action can give you insight into your own unique being and appreciation of yourself as different from others.

When you give others confidence in developing their ability to take charge of their lives, you become aware of your power. Your sensitivity can nurture others and reflect back to them your assurance of their ability to succeed and get on top of their emotions. Then you find that their self-esteem enables them to rise to the occasion. This technique of support allows you to experience your ability to organize others to reach a goal.

When you encourage authority and leadership abilities in others, you recognize those qualities in yourself. In respecting the needs of others to establish their identity, you can honor your wants. This gives you a sense of self. As you pursue the personal needs of your identity, you can choose independent action. When you make a commitment and follow through on it, you gain confidence in your authority, as well as the respect of others.

### General



You feel that you must have absolute control in order to be emotionally secure. You expect to receive respect, deference and automatic co-operation from those around you. When this isn't forthcoming in the present incarnation, you feel that something is missing, and you experience insecurity in your relationships. You seek to 'plug the hole' in order to feel that the foundation is firm, and so you can enter into relationships with the confidence of knowing you can handle any situation.

Unconscious tendencies to close down emotionally and be invulnerable by virtue of noninvolvement will not bring the emotional satisfaction you want. You are seeking emotional control; but the first step in gaining control is to be open to experiencing and expressing your feelings in the moment. Even though you don't have all the pieces under control at the onset, you must be willing to walk through the process of experiencing and integrating the male and female parts of yourself (emotions and control). You must be willing to 'walk the path' to obtain the desired result of emotional involvement in relationships balanced with a calm sense of self-authority.

As you learn not to judge or invalidate your feelings, you can simply express them to others in the spirit of sharing self-identity. This allows the other person to share his or her feelings, leading to a positive, alchemical change in the relationship. Then you can identify your desires and the desires of the other person, which gives you a sense of clarity and allows you to view the relationship from an entirely new perspective.

Once you gain this new perspective, you can see a vision of yourself in the future - a new sense of self that is emerging through the relationship. This is the important thing for you to work on. Through expressing your feelings, you come into a new sense of balance and adjustment between yourself and your circumstances. You also gain the confidence of knowing that, no matter what comes to you, you will know where each particle belongs in the overall scheme of things. From this, you will derive a solid sense of your own authority in relating to the world.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Moon in Capricorn need the security of organization and structure, and the satisfaction of maintaining commitments and achieving our aims. We take pride in our work, and want recognition for our accomplishments. Capricorn is the position of the Moon's detriment, and is therefore a particularly difficult position for experiencing emotional nourishment and developing self-nurturing behaviors. When feelings and needs emerge, we may not even allow them fully to enter our consciousness. We may be too afraid of our vulnerability or weakness, and too judgemental of our inner child. Repression of the deeper facets of ourselves may lead us to wallow in depression, negativity or self-criticism, to work incessantly, or to isolate ourselves from fulfilling connections with other people. We may continually give ourselves 'be tough' messages which support our self-sufficiency but prevent the real contact with ourselves which

makes close relationships possible.

It is most likely that a parental figure helped us to learn to control our emotions, take responsibility for ourselves and make adult rather than childish decisions; and also provided the consistency and safety we needed in order to feel secure. However, having a Capricorn Moon suggests that we were never allowed to give free rein to our feelings, and that we probably did not receive much tender nurturance. Our parent may have been cold and rejecting; he or she may have neglected us or imparted to us that our feelings and needs had little value. Perhaps he or she was also a perfectionist we could not satisfy, and whose acceptance was conditional upon a high degree of achievement and success. As a result, we may feel a sense of worth only for what we accomplish, but not for who we are.

We who have Moon in Capricorn need to create our own standards for ourselves apart from our parents' standards, and to give up compensatory striving which actually does not meet our real needs. Our task involves developing our internal source of security and giving ourselves the validation and recognition we may have originally sought from others. We may only experience the fulfillment we seek when, by accepting our feelings and needs and allowing ourselves to be vulnerable, we discover strength and self-sufficiency which embraces rather than denies the sensitivity of our inner child.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Capricorn, the Moon indicates one who is earthy, and who tends to be materialistic, ambitious, and very sensitive about his standing in the community. The native takes responsibilities seriously but is much too aware of what others think about his efforts. He needs to devote more attention to his loved ones; he must learn that impressing others is secondary - the important thing is to have self-respect.

He can handle authority, and expects others to do as he says, not as he does. He thinks of himself as tough, practical, stubborn, and determined. He is embarrassed by displays of emotion.

The astrologer needs to instill confidence in him - the confidence to attain his goals. Otherwise, the Moon in Capricorn becomes depressed, frustrated, resentful. This is a fascinating lunar position because the native inwardly feels he is chosen for the role of leadership. If he doesn't attain it, he chooses one of two courses. The first is that of putting forth greater effort. The second is that of throwing his hands up in the air in a futile gesture. The astrologer, naturally, must encourage the first course.

The native serves the public and is served; demands and receives prestige. This takes time, but this individual has time on his side - if only he can be made to realize it. He is often accused of being cold or materialistic. Members of the opposite sex are forever trying to reform or change him. The more the effort is made, the more he resists, despite

outward appearances or promises.

There are indications of a difference in age or social position of the marriage partner; some difficulties are experienced in this area. The native may marry for money and then miss love. His parents experience difficulty - there may be separation, or early death of one parent.

Obstacles must be regarded as challenges; the native thrives on controversy, being true to himself, and is attracted to those who have overcome odds to achieve their goals. He feels, inwardly, that he must fulfill his destiny.

He comes to the attention of the public. Some people swear by him - others at him. He is attracted to power for the sake of power, not necessarily money. He wants prestige as some people want money, and needs recognition as some require alcohol. He must be himself and not attempt to play someone else's role. This is a 'tough' lunar position because the native is demanding and must meet numerous demands.

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon is in detriment in Capricorn; and the emphasis of your inner need is toward gaining others' approval and establishing a position of social status and recognition. This may be through achieving financial or community influence and power. Much of your self-esteem and confidence will be derived from this social relationship. As you have an innate insecurity and doubts regarding your personal value, you need the respect, recognition, and approbation of colleagues and family to help you to begin loving yourself and accepting your nature as it is.

The source of these inner doubts may lie in a childhood perspective of feeling unloved; a perspective that may have been real or colored by an unconscious tendency to amplify times when you felt a lack of loving contact with your parents. There may have been insufficient affection and loving care displayed, the feeling exchange of the relationship may have been unsatisfying, or perhaps the display of emotions was controlled and inhibited. The result is a lack of emotional ease, as suggested by the Moon-Capricorn placing, which indicates tendencies to relegate or repress emotions.

You may lack trust and faith in life and exhibit a reserved, cautious attitude which sees life through a serious perspective, adopting a more materialistic philosophy emphasizing success in the external world. You may try to buttress feelings of personal insecurity or inadequacy by gaining social power, strengthening your ego through positions of authority, prestige, and influence over the lives of others. You will be ambitious to succeed, both for the status and financial security that can be achieved, and for the self-validation and justification that you seek.

You will be a hard worker, perhaps believing that you are moving toward a personal

destiny. If this is so, it will concentrate your efforts even more, by dedicating you to fulfill that 'mission', even if it has a distinct personal bias. Work is important, and receiving appreciation and recognition is necessary for you to feel fulfilled. Following your path may lead to friction with others, especially if you become too egocentric about your purposes or begin to abuse positions of responsibility. You may lack awareness of others' feelings and behave with insufficient sensitivity, tact, and diplomacy. Excessive manipulation and tactical calculation may not always work to your advantage either. You are sensitive to the comments and opinions of others, but fail to apply this same sensitivity to those close to you.

Underlying these tendencies is a need to feel wanted, yet you may express this in a distorted manner. Feelings are often denied and ignored, reminding you of parts that are not under control, areas which are unknown realms and which you fear are threatening. You can feel weak and vulnerable, afraid of emotional rejection. You prefer to deal with the material world rather than with the shifting flux of emotions, and try to focus attention on building a solid and secure organizational structure around you as a foundation for achieving those compensatory aims.

You need to acknowledge those needs and develop ways to nurture your self through allowing deeper emotional exchanges. You need to release feeling instead of repressive control which may create symptoms of depression, meaninglessness, negativity, and self-criticism. You need to risk opening to the world as you strive to contact a deeper sense of self-validation and esteem. Security is to be rediscovered within rather than misidentified in external status or possessions. People will not love you just because you may have achieved something; you will be loved for what you are. Apply yourself to awakening your potential, integrating your totality, and developing a unique path which includes the vitality and warmth of genuine human relationship.

(Skye Alexander)

Expressing your emotions is difficult for you, and others may view you as cold, rigid or unfeeling. It's also hard for you to relax and let go. All work and no play, you can seem terribly serious and even depressing at times. You fear you will be rejected if you show someone how you really feel about him / her, and thus are cautious and defensive, keeping your emotions carefully under wraps. Underlying your practical, 'in-control'-persona is an insecure, sensitive and very shy side.

In relationships with others, you are loyal, devoted and dependable. However, you aren't very demonstrative. If you tell your partner you love him / her on your wedding day, you don't feel you need to say it again until your Golden Wedding Anniversary. You show your caring for someone else by doing practical, physical things for him / her, by coming home dutifully every night, or by providing financial support.

Hard-working, practical and conscious of your responsibilities to others, you build

carefully for the future and make certain that whatever you build - a house, a relationship, a business or a country - has a solid foundation.

However, you often do things for others out of a sense of duty rather than because it's what you truly want to do, and this can leave you feeling put upon or resentful. For example, if your marriage is not working out you may 'stick it out' anyway because you feel you've made a commitment or because you have responsibilities to the children. You don't expect life to be easy or happy, and accept hardship as a necessary evil. Unwilling to make many change in your life once you've settled into a routine, you are more likely than most people to endure an unsatisfactory job, home life or relationship long after you should have ended it. And, because you are both secretive and self-reliant, you aren't the type to seek outside help from a therapist or marriage counselor.

At an early age, you found it necessary to become independent and take care of yourself. Mature beyond your years, as a child you seemed to be a miniature adult. Probably you couldn't wait to grow up, and may have assumed adult responsibilities when you were still quite young. Perhaps your family was poor and you had to go to work to help put food on the table. or, if you were the oldest in a large family, you become a substitute parent to your younger siblings. Possibly your mother (or the nurturing parent) died when you were still a child or was absent for some reason, and you took on her role and duties.

In some way, your early home life was hard or barren. Even if your physical environment wasn't bleak, your emotional one certainly was. It is quite likely that your mother (or the nurturing parent) was unavailable to you when you needed her. Either she was physically absent because she was working, dead, or ill, or because your parents were separated; or she was simply an unexpressive, restrained, serious person. You may describe your mother as severe, unloving, distant or very strict. But she also was dependable, conscious of her responsibilities to you, hard-working and efficient at managing the household. Perhaps she was the family breadwinner and also the disciplinarian. if she was a professional person, you might be proud of her career successes even if you feel you suffered emotional deprivation as a result.

With your own children, you are likely to be strict and demanding. You want them to grow up to be self-sufficient, responsible adults, and don't believe that being lenient would be doing them any favors. Though you may love them deeply, it's hard for you to show your feelings for them, to be affectionate, tender, playful or even openly encouraging. You might long to be more expressive and emotional, but are rather cut off from your feeling side and don't know where to begin.

Security and stability are very important to you. You might try to achieve this by making lots of money, establishing yourself as a pillar of your community, or marrying someone who will take care of you. Your physical home also is a symbol of security; but even if it is expensive, prestigious or historically significant, it probably isn't very comfortable or

inviting. Your tastes tend toward the traditional, and you might choose to live in an older house or furnish it with antique pieces. It's also possible that due to Capricorn's conservative, practical nature, you may live in relative austerity, eschewing all 'luxuries' and making do with only the bare essentials.

Both men and women with this Moon placement hold rather conventional, traditionally-oriented attitudes about male / female roles and are inclined to glorify the past. Men often seek partners who will stay at home and manage their domestic / family lives. Women may marry men who have sound portfolios, stable jobs and good reputations, and who will take care of them physically and financially - even though these women are more than capable of taking care of themselves!

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You want to be recognized as an important and powerful person. Emotionally, you are supersensitive, and at the same time you are critical of others; however, you are untiring and considerate when you are interested or involved.

The Moon is in its detriment in Capricorn, in opposition to warm, nurturing Cancer. This lunar position emphasizes reserve and coldness. You are shy and insecure about your own worth; you have many subconscious fears, and you can be oversensitive to real or fancied slights. You seek to justify yourself by acting with personal dignity and by your great ambition to succeed. Thus, you are neither truly sympathetic nor very emotional.

Your mind reacts quickly to sense impressions, but often with anger or antagonism. This position has produced people with fanatic or obsessive ideas or causes.

The combination of Saturn (the ruler of Capricorn) and the Moon can show a morbid and melancholy tendency to brooding, but you can also achieve popularity or even notoriety.

This position of the Moon, more than any other, will react to the rest of the chart. The down-to-earth feeling of the Moon in Capricorn will pick up the best of a chart with easy aspects, or the worst if there are too many challenges. When well-aspected, it gives leadership and administrative ability. Difficult aspects often result in a lack of creative energy, although your ambition is strong. If you do not learn to handle this position, you may incline to alcoholism, a surrender to the appetites or a calculated need to achieve power at any cost without concern for anyone else. You make enemies easily, whether they are earned or not, and this can cause trouble with your reputation.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers) (contd.)

The Moon in Capricorn indicates a strong parental influence. Your mother was quite traditional and conservative in raising you. She was practical and efficient, though social, and encouraged you to succeed in all your endeavors.

You are cautious in money matters, and you have common sense and practical ability. These traits can become extreme, leaning toward over-caution, gloominess and austerity. You need to cultivate warmth and tenderness, and you must learn that giving freely, without expecting anything in return, can be more fulfilling than selfseeking demands made on others. At work, you show application; you can take responsibility and earn a high position through your persistent effort.

Women with the Moon in Capricorn tend to get the blues and feel 'No-one in the world likes me'. The man with this lunar position seeks a mate who can help further his social ambitions, run a comfortable home, and balance the family checkbook.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is said to be in its detriment in Capricorn because the sign is opposite the sign of Cancer, the Moon's natural home. This means that the emotional side of your life could be a little suppressed.

Whatever you appear to be on the outside, inwardly you are sensitive, vulnerable and shy, especially where your personal feelings are concerned. The earthiness of Capricorn makes you practical and sensible; therefore, if you find that an idea works for you, you will use it, otherwise you will reject it. Even if you have an extroverted sign on your Ascendant, you will be shy when you are young; but later in life you will cover this up with a layer of polish. Nevertheless, inwardly you are rather deep and unfathomable. You resist serious illness and have, in addition to bodily strength, considerable strength of character. These strengths enable you to survive almost anything, plus give you the kind of tenacity and determination which allows you to finish whatever you start. You rarely take time off from work, even when you are ill.

Many of you go into business for yourselves, thereby giving yourself the opportunity to create something of your own which will stand the test of time. You learn selfdiscipline early in life, and feel inwardly that life is a serious business. You have the feeling that you should work to build up your finances while you are young, so that you can relax and enjoy the result later on. As you will probably live to a ripe old age, you are right to think like this. Another reason for self-employment is the fact that you enjoy being in a position of responsibility, and you carry authority well without throwing your weight around.

You need security. Your idea of hell would be to be dependent upon others, because you hate to be a burden or to suffer the embarrassment of having to ask for help. You are resourceful and hard-working, but could be a little scheming and just a dash dishonest when chasing a goal. Your serious nature is relieved by a delightfully dry and witty sense of humour. You don't make hurtful jokes about others, but just see the world in an off-beat way which those who enjoy your sense of humour will find very funny. You enjoy the company of humorous people, too.

You learn well, and may be academic, but practical subjects really suit you best. You can think and plan on a large scale and in a structured manner. Rules and methods come easily to you, whether they be mathematical, engineering, or the pattern made by a series of dance steps. You prefer not to gamble on life, but to plan your course, moving forward and then consolidating your position for a while.

Although your values are material rather than spiritual, the most important aspect of your life is probably your relationship with your family. You are very caring, and you take your responsibilities towards them very seriously. You are dependable and faithful in marriage, and will try to make almost any kind of situation work. Your work may occasionally come between you and your family; but if they are ill, they get all of your attention immediately. Oddly enough, you really enjoy hearing all the local gossip, and not just family gossip either. You can really get your teeth into a nice, juicy piece of scandal, but you yourself would hate to be in the middle of any scandal.

Lunar Capricorns can find it difficult to form relationships due to shyness, but the intensity of this problem would depend on the type of Ascendant and Sun sign which you have; nevertheless, you are easily hurt and embarrassed. Being cautious, you take care to find yourself the right type of partner. As a parent, you are gentle and caring, and although you would be unlikely to join in rough games with your children, you will do your best to teach them about the world in which we live, and to open their eyes to the possibilities which life has to offer. You may be a little old-fashioned in your approach when they reach their teens, but you will try to see things from their point of view. At least you would always be aware of your children's need to be treated with dignity.

You exert considerable control over your own inner nature, sometimes too much so, in order to prevent your feelings from getting the better of you. Your somewhat formal manner protects your vulnerability. It would be impossible to imagine you getting drunk and making an ass of yourself. Like the other Earth signs, it takes a lot to make you lose your temper, but when you do it is over-poweringly destructive. Making friends is a slow process with you, and you keep for years the few friends whom you do have. You adapt better to new places than to new people, and can fit in almost anywhere. Your pet hate is to be embarrassed and humiliated. A spell in a hospital which is staffed by insensitive people would be dreadful for you. Another pet hate is coarseness or vulgarity of any kind. You are kindly and helpful towards other people, especially in a work situation; and you would make a good financial adviser or a good teacher on a small group basis. You need a strong and independent partner who can, to some extent, protect you. Your hidden sensitivity can give you nervous ailments such as skin problems, asthma, rheumatism or a tendency to have colds. You listen to any advice which is offered to you, but in the end you prefer to make up your own mind.

You have a love of beauty and grace in all things, and a hatred of any kind of ugliness, from an ugly appearance to ugly behaviour. Being reserved, you don't readily reach out



to touch people, but you love to be held and touched by your partner and your children. Earth signs are sensuous, and this could show up in your case as a love of flowers, music or the seasons of the year. If you are insulted or pushed aside in a queue, you would, as one lunar Capricorn friend told me, 'fume inwardly'; but you are too polite to say much.

Where sex is concerned, you improve with age, and also with the overcoming of your shyness and inhibitions. You are fastidious and very particular both in your choice of partner and in your behaviour. One night stands are definitely not for you. The feeling of closeness while making love is as important to you as the act itself. You may choose to marry someone who is older than yourself; but whoever you choose, and whatever his / her age or appearance, you will feel protective and caring to him / her. You even like to work together so that you can share the same problems.

Most lunar Capricornians are great holiday-makers. You need to get away from work from time to time, and you really enjoy a break. You are not too experimental with foods, as you are a sparing eater, but you enjoy good surroundings with well-cooked and presented foods. Comfort is a necessity for you when travelling, and you are not likely to be found on a camping site.

You begin by being very close to your mother, and then losing your idealized picture of her. There may even be tragic circumstances involving death of a family member or a spell in a home due to illness or divorce in the family. As you grow up, you may realize that your mother is a loving woman who did her best under the circumstances. Peter explained the situation to me: 'My parents were very caring towards me, but there was just too much for them to cope with. My father never got over being shot up in the war, and mother had to work hard during those years. The love was there, but they were elderly and up against it. I felt it would be wrong to make too much noise or to bring other noisier youngsters into the house. I doubt whether they would have stopped me, but I would have felt bad about it, that's all.'

There could have been some conflict and aggression between you and your father which accounts for your slight air of watchfulness when around new people. This Moon position suggests difficulties during childhood through poverty, too many other children in the family or a loss of some kind. Oddly enough, this may jump back one generation and be not your experience of childhood but your mother's experience. Your parents loved you and were kind-hearted, but they could have been slightly insensitive and critical of your school work. A conflict could have arisen if they wanted you to work in the same line as themselves and were disappointed when you chose not to. They, possibly due to their upbringing, taught you to be careful with money and highly realistic in your dreams. You would have learned to value (possibly over-value) material security and possessions.

Being a quiet and obedient child, you did well at school and gave the teachers no problems, but you would have found sports difficult, possibly due to poor health and

short-sightedness. Many of you go on to further education, especially of a practical nature.

Lunar Capricorns prefer to do something-useful career-wise; this could be anything from structural engineering to making medical supplies. You could be drawn to accountancy, the law, or politics (especially if there are any other political indications, such as the sign of Cancer or Libra somewhere on your birthchart). Being interested in business, you might find that the world of insurance appeals to you, or some kind of work in a government department. You prefer being in a position of management.

Travel and transport, or a chain of shops, are possibilities too. Being slow, thorough and efficient in all that you do, you become annoyed by petty inefficiencies in others - for instance, buses being late or paperwork which has not been properly done. I have noticed that most people with the Sun, Moon or Ascendant in an Earth sign are early risers. You are highly ambitious and will climb slowly towards the top of your career.

Your weak spots for health are supposed to be the bones, especially the knees; therefore, you could have rheumatism later in life. Hearing problems are a possibility, especially tinnitus. You may have skin problems, even alopecia, and could be short-sighted. Generally speaking you should live a long and healthy, if rather hard-working, life.

For you, the most important aspect of sexual expression is sincerity, not great heights of physical prowess or technical achievement. Forced attempts at sexual variety may simply get in the way of meaningful personal communication.

You have a significant ability to sublimate sexuality into other realms of affection. You may find much emotional satisfaction in caring for your partner in ways that are not physically sexual: gifts, favors, meals and financial support, for example.

However you express it, your affection is basically unswerving. The best relationship for you is one that is long-lasting, so that you have ample opportunities to express your love over a long period of time.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Feelings are disciplined and restrained

Symbol: An elegantly attired older woman studies her family genealogy.

At best, the Moon in Capricorn translates responsiveness into a sense of responsibility. At worst, it is coldly indifferent to human sentiments. Since the Moon is in detriment in Saturn's sign, this placement may diminish the capacity for feeling and response. Unswervingly ambitious, these people are often wedded to their work. Since they have a tendency to rely on authority and to cling to precedent as a guide, the early years are

especially important in structuring the pattern of their personalities. Frequently, they encounter troubles in childhood owing to the inadequacy of one or both parents, although their problems generally relate to the mother.

Whatever the source of their malaise, lunar Capricornians are often haunted by the feeling that their lives are predestined to be austere and difficult. This sense of being a pawn of fate can lend them an air of solitary remoteness. Outwardly, they may be poised and charming, but inwardly they are beset by fears, melancholy moods, and shyness.

The Moon is so sensitive and Capricorn so weighty that the unconscious mind can be indelibly imprinted with whatever complex - usually involving power or work - Saturn determines to stamp upon it. A rigorous adherence to duty may stem from a sense of being 'chosen' which is so compelling that there seems to be no choice except to take the hard way out and tackle an awesome job head-on. Thus, although this is considered a difficult placement, it can lead to remarkable accomplishment.

Less competent people with the Moon in Capricorn can easily become frustrated, depressed, or resentful of the burdens thrust upon their shoulders. Sometimes their troubles stem from a hidden pride which imparts a strong desire to gain status and to be noticed by others. When this drive is thwarted, it can be distorted into cringing and servility, a martyr complex, or even political fanaticism.

This placement is decidedly more difficult for women than for men. The Moon should be motherly, soft, and yielding, but Capricorn's ruling planet Saturn is hard and authoritarian. The effect may be to force the mother to abandon her biological role and become the family disciplinarian and breadwinner. A Moon-Saturn combination can promote the interests of a dedicated career woman, but she will have to make a special effort to retain her feminine charm.

Men of this type are apt to marry older women. Frequently, they do not find much emotional fulfillment in marriage, although it may advance their careers. They are likely to succeed in public affairs, business, or any enterprise in which they can take command. These individuals may have considerable scientific ability, but this will usually be directed toward the physical rather than the theoretical sciences. There is a cautious ambition which seldom neglects the security of the family and prefers not to take unnecessary changes.

Lunar Capricornians should examine their deeper motives in order to make sure they know why they want what they want. They need to guard against acting out of blind compulsion or in compensation for emotional lacks. They have the ability to materialize their plans and ideas. Therefore, they must take the utmost care to use their powers for worthwhile purposes.

(Arlene Robertson)

As many astrologers have pointed out, the Moon in Capricorn is as far away from its home base as it can get. Because of the distance and the opposition involved, one may presume the ingrained, loving warmth of Cancer has all but disappeared, and in its place is a subliminal Saturnian coldness. Thus, the struggle churns within you as these two contradictory forces wrestle for the control of your emotional makeup.

The Moon in Capricorn generally manifests in the personality as ambitious, disciplined, calculating, cautious, and persistent in the pursuit of its goals. Instead of caring primarily about your home and family, you, with the Moon in Capricorn, are constantly concerned with your image in the world, and the impression you make in that all-important world. Most of your desires and demands, your sense of emotional stability, are contained in this urge to be number one in whatever field you have chosen. In order to achieve success, you require steady reassurance about your ability and performance, while your unspoken yearning for financial security runs swiftly and silently underneath your controlled exterior. You hunger to be told that you are indeed a worthy person and one to be admired for your achievements. Otherwise, how do you know who you are and what you have accomplished unless the world tells you so? It is not enough for your loved ones to encourage you and be proud of your success. You want to hear it echoing from the mountaintops.

The hard-working Capricorn Moon propels you forward to absorb knowledge and to sharpen your skills for additional security. For if your knowledge and training are extensive and your abilities saleable in the executive suite, you are assured of earning your way and becoming financially stable. But no matter what you have, you always want more, and no matter how much praise is lavished on you, it is never quite enough.

Your deep-rooted insecurity may stem from the Saturn influence in childhood which may have manifested in the attitude of a parent. An overly-strict mother may have disciplined you so much and set such high standards for you that you were left with a feeling of futility in trying to live up to her rules. Your father may have disappeared from the scene giving you the impression that you weren't worth the bother of bringing up. This vulnerability marked your early years; and by the time you matured and got a hard look at the universe and how the banks operate, you were determined to succeed just to show them all that you were a person of worth. Perhaps the emotional trap is set here in the constant need for feedback from others in order for you to relax and feel secure.

If you fail to receive these verbal rewards, you may become cold and unsympathetic toward others. You turn away from listening to their problems or from helping to heal their emotional scars. You are afraid of being hurt or possibly sidetracked from your goals, so your defence against an unpredictable world lies in controlling emotions. You can be calculating at times, showing your feelings only when you know it will get you something you want. For one of the worst disasters that can befall you is to expose your naked emotions to a ruthless and disinterested world.

If you are a female, in your role as mother you are concerned mainly with giving your children the advantages of a solid family background, a fine education and an understanding of the social amenities. They must be prepared for the future. You patiently show them where the ladder of success is placed, guide their feet to the bottom rung, then point out the prizes that await them at the top. You would like a career for yourself, of course, as soon as you have fulfilled your maternal duties and can then concentrate your Capricorn persistence in the direction which brings recognition and financial rewards. You understand quite well where your assets and talents lie; and during periods of your life you may have been quietly waiting and honing your skills for the day when the timing is right.

If you are a male, you are possibly the number one achiever in the zodiacal circle. You have all the attributes necessary to become a smashing success - controlled emotions, caution, persistence, and an eye on the main chance. With Saturn on your shoulder, you are well aware of timing your moves for the best result. In marriage you will look for a woman who will reflect your finer qualities, understand your goals and feel comfortable in the public eye - as your helpmate, of course.

In your daily life, you react with caution in almost every situation. By proceeding carefully, you are not apt to make mistakes. Everyone knows that costly errors can ruin a person's chances. So you approach each new circumstance slowly, with a degree of suspicion, doling out your emotional response meagerly, until you thoroughly understand the situation and have decided in which direction to move. If others try to rush you or plunge you into some activity before you are ready, you become acutely uncomfortable and, in defence, wrap around yourself the forbidding Moon-in-Capricorn mantle. You must guard against reacting out of hidden pride and cold compulsion in order to compensate for any emotional starvation.

On the positive side of this placement, the Cancer flow of intuition can mingle productively with the Capricorn practicality and drive, providing you with a daily existence that runs smoothly along the track.

(Isabel Hickey)

Poor place for Moon, and especially so for a female. Works against itself. Conservative. Strong ambitions. Power complex. Security of subconscious lies in authority. Contest is bread of life. Wants to win recognition as an important and powerful person. Needs to watch tendency to harden ego complex in a shell of self-centered ambition. Not a happy person as a rule. Rigid and crystalline feelings. Not a truly sympathetic and emotional person. Parental influence very strong. Subconscious fears need to be brought to the surface and dissolved through understanding. In a male chart, attracts a serious and quiet type of partner.

## Moon ☾ in 10th House

(Haydn Paul)

You may feel a need to achieve recognition, public status, and success; and these high expectations are influential and motivating forces which determine many of your eventual choices and decisions.

The primary source of this may come from childhood experiences, where your parents held high ambitions for your future, whether realistically or not. This may be related to your 'social class', and to parental aspirations. You may have received projections of parental wish-fulfillment, especially from your mother, who may have wanted you to achieve or experience something that she was unable to reach. It may be that the life you have been living is a reflection of parental desires rather than resulting from your own needs and desires. One way of determining this is to evaluate how satisfying your life-style feels. If it does not satisfy, first define your attitudes and try to establish if they are actually yours or have been absorbed unconsciously from others. If they are conditioned attitudes, consider if they are still suitable or should be changed. If they are your attitudes, reconsider your objectives and aims, or refocus with greater determination to achieve them.

You seek approval from others, as if you were a child wanting reassurance from parents. In so doing, you conform to others' expectations of you, and often deny your feelings, instincts, and freedom. If social approval is achieved, you feel more secure, developing a sense of community and belonging; you need to feel wanted and safe, and may gravitate toward careers that have a high social profile or status. Becoming an authority in some sphere is attractive, and having others rely on you also appeals. You are extremely concerned about what others think about you. By trying to ensure that only good opinions are formed, you create a persona that reflects a social image appropriate to your role. If taken to extremes, this can cause severe personality repression of characteristics that fail to match this ideal. This can also create personality fragmentation, and should be avoided.

Become a whole person; acknowledge your totality and do not condemn any part as failing to meet expectations, your own or those of others. You need greater selfinsight, identifying deeper needs which demand satisfaction and nurture, and taking time to fulfill them. The result will be extremely beneficial and will allow integration through defining your identity. Self-denial is a route toward fragmentation, and is an unwise action which sows seeds for eventual suffering. You need to accept and love yourself, becoming less dependent on the transient or inaccurate opinions of others; living from your own light is more revealing than living through reflected light.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the Moon gives a hunger for success, prestige, and renown. People with the Moon at the top of the chart often have most success working with or for women. A woman - whether their mother or someone else - may influence their choice of a career and help them get started.

Women with this position rarely remain financially dependent on their husbands. Usually they start early to earn their own living, and even with children, generally keep on working, often managing a full-time career. They are usually good at organizing and managing others, especially other women. Often, they marry men who depend on them, at least the first time, as it is a pleasure, at first, to be looked up to as the organizer and protector. Later, they usually want to escape from such a relationship; not to one where they are dependent on a man, but to a wider sphere for their managerial talents. They don't relish dependency, and have little respect for those who do. With the Moon in a Water sign, they may understand emotional dependency - but they will still want out.

Men with the Moon in the tenth often marry women with more drive and ambition for them than they have for themselves. Often, they will go into business as a team, with her providing the ideas and drive. In any case, she generally 'wears the pants'. Such men often have strong-minded and ambitious mothers as well. It is usually best for men with this lunar position to wait until their careers are established before they marry. This way, they will meet their mates working in their own career field, and the working relationship will be the foundation of their emotional lives. Whatever their relationships with women, they will find it hard to keep them private. Somehow the spotlight always finds them.

People with the Moon in the tenth house have a feeling for the public. They know instinctively what 'the people' need and want, and are clever at molding themselves into an image that will arouse public enthusiasm. The public gives its heart to those who somehow can express what it feels but cannot express for itself.

This placement is a very strong testimonial to a public career, although supportive aspects are necessary to make it permanent and successful because there are facets other than popularity that must be present. With just a tenth house Moon, there may be too great a hunger for popularity for its own sake. If so, they may appear to have no strong will of their own.

With squares, oppositions, or inconjuncts to the Moon, there is a tendency to a loss of self-control under pressure that can bring unfortunate results.

(Bill Herbst)

Collective responsibility: Maternal energy is quite powerful in your personality, although you may not always recognize it in operation, since it's so natural for you to express.

Taking care of others is a deep imprint, a responsibility you took on early, usually in reaction to your mother. In moderation, she may have been a constant presence, an unflagging model of dignified, receptive strength. In the extremes, she might have been strong and overly protective, or she could have been missing, weak, or inadequate to your needs. In any condition, you learned that it was your job to take care of others. Your protection is not limited to those in your personal life; it goes much further. It is a need to be responsive to the troubles of the world. You draw out the child within everyone, and this can be heartwarming or tragic, depending on how you do it. Your challenge is to be responsive and nurturing in ways that foster strength, and to do so spontaneously without conscious effort.

Professional ambition: Your orientation toward social status will typically be somewhat conservative, since safety is very important here. Any you may be subject to worry or greater than ordinary day-to-day concern with keeping your career world in smooth running order, since regular maintenance is at the heart of this placement. As for the actual profession you might choose, it's more natural to provide a service than to produce a product, since you're more oriented toward people than toward things. You could succeed in any profession where protection, survival, or the fulfillment of personal needs is involved. Ambition is linked with personal security.

Missions and messages: The combination of vulnerable softness under a strong, defensive surface is so radiant in your personality that others receive a universal message. Your personal emotions are sometimes downplayed to near-invisibility; but your continual concern for the care of others' feelings is very visible. Our awareness of the basic human need for protection is stimulated when we're in your presence. We learn about mothering from you, either how to do it well, or how not to do it. In either case, your mission is to show us the meaning, process, and effects of maternal influence, the power of early imprints, and the importance of security, for better or worse.

'Outer-link' parent: The classical parental roles may have been reversed in your family. It's likely that your mother played the dominant role in your external conditioning, in the imprint of beliefs about the outside world. It's possible that your father was a feminine figure, more of a warm nurturer than a firm structuring force; but this is somewhat less likely than the first condition. The reversal itself does not present any particular problems, although it does tend to unify what are ordinarily differentiated roles of fathering and mothering.

Authority: You believe that the correct role of authority is to protect, to make secure, and to provide strength in emergencies. Your own need to be in an authoritative position is strong, but not totally conscious. In fact, you may experience conflict when you have to make a conscious choice about authority or power, since you're more comfortable just responding instinctively to what you see as others' needs.

(Robert Pelletier)



You have a strong need to be involved with the public in your career; but you are easily distressed when people react unfavorably to your efforts. You sincerely want to be helpful, so don't worry if others criticize your methods. That happens to anyone who works with the public, so don't feel you are being singled out in this regard. When you see human suffering, you react instinctively to get the wheels turning right away to provide whatever help is needed. It makes you happy to know that you have provided a valuable service when it was needed most. Since you are devoted to the demands of your career, it should be spiritually uplifting to know that many people consider you indispensable.

No one understands people as well as you do; and your sympathetic concern makes you qualified to help them with their problems. Because of this faculty, people seek your advice, for they know you will do everything you can for them. All your life you will have to cope with this kind of situation. You may dream of the day when you can think only of yourself; but probably there will always be someone who needs your help, and you won't have the heart to refuse. For your own protection, however, it is imperative that you insulate yourself somewhat to avoid the crisis of becoming so overburdened that you lose contact with reality. You have to learn to allow yourself time and energy to use in the way you want; you need to reserve space for yourself. You should not feel guilty when you say 'no' to people who always expect you to agree to help them - it's a matter of personal survival.

You face the dilemma of trying to accommodate the demands of your career with your family's needs. You are bothered by the fact that your career sometimes intrudes on your close relationships and causes distress to your partner. If your partner is understanding, this situation should not cause too much tension between you. It is important not to lose your own identity while helping others. While it is good that you consider other people's needs as most urgent, it may mean that your own priorities will have to come second. But don't feel guilty for not doing all you can under the circumstances.

With your skill in management, you will find a way to satisfy your responsibilities to your children and family and still remain active in the career that you have chosen, which is commendable. But don't forget that you are important, too, and that you have an obligation to develop your ideas so they will serve your goals and ambitions. You shouldn't sacrifice your objectives simply because others feel they deserve your attention.

You are probably more qualified than you know; and you will receive deserved recognition for your accomplishments. Because of your natural feelings of inadequacy, you will always try harder than others to live up to the public's expectations. You have a vast storehouse of valuable information that will help you when you need it most and expect it least. Don't forget to put aside time and space for yourself; and don't let people

talk you into indulging them. You deserve some time to indulge yourself without feeling guilty about it.

(Howard Sasportas)

As children, our well-being depends on our mother loving us. Those with the Moon in the 10th project the 'mother' onto the world: their safety and security needs are linked to issues of profession and status. They are extremely sensitive about their reputations, standing before the public, and what people think about them in general. No matter how mature and self-sufficient they appear, inside is a little boy or girl looking up to the mother / world and asking to be loved. Squares and oppositions to the Moon in the 10th denote other parts of the person which frustrate or do not necessarily gel with what winning that approval requires.

The person with the Moon in the 10th often exhibits, through gestures and movements, a close identification with the mother. As children, they are exceptionally responsive to her physical and emotional life. Later on, some people with this placement may even become like mothers to their own mothers. At some point, they need to sort out just where mother ends and they begin, by defining their own space and physical reality.

The career or profession may reflect mothering qualities: serving and catering to other people's needs, feeding them, housing them, nursing them, etc.. Career issues will elicit and expose their feelings and emotions. Bosses or authority figures may be the target for unresolved problems with the mother or parents in general.

Some may look to the world to mother them via the welfare state. There will be a sensitivity to the moods of the public, and a potential to sway the feelings of the masses.

## Mercury ♀ in ♊ Gemini 10° 38'

(Skye Alexander)

Your mind is always active, always seeking. You want to know something about everything, and eagerly pursue each new idea that comes along - for a little while, at least. Like a butterfly flitting from flower to flower, you enjoy sampling a bit of everything but rarely stick to anything for very long. There's always something more interesting just over the next hill. One day your passion might be archaeology, the next day stock car racing, and the next gourmet cooking. You're the sort who'll try anything once, but you haven't the determination or focus to develop any of your many interests and hobbies into a serious avocation or career. In short, you're a dabbler.

You skim the surface, picking up odd bits and pieces of information about a wide variety

of subjects, but rarely probe deeply enough into any of them to become truly knowledgeable. Your concern is collecting not evaluating, and you have trouble discriminating or deciding what information is useful and what is drivel. With such a storehouse of random figures and facts, you could be a whiz and crossword puzzles and games like Trivial Pursuit. You collect things in the same way, purchasing 'bargains' whether you need them or not; and you can be something of a pack rat.

Mentally agile and clever, you learn quickly and joyously; as a child you were probably a favorite with your teachers. In particular, you excelled at languages and all subjects that involve communication skills: typing, computers, literature, creative writing. A lifelong student, you not only want to gather as much information as possible, but also wish to share it with others. Thus, you might enjoy being a teacher, especially at elementary levels where you'd have a chance to teach a variety of subjects.

A voracious reader, you enjoy the classics, trashy paperbacks, and magazines, and even may peruse the encyclopaedia or dictionary on occasion. It is most likely that you read the great works of literature at some time or other, but missed the deeper significances; and dark, brooding emotional dramas - by Racine, Dostoyevsky or Joyce, for instance - seem to you much ado about nothing. Philosophy, psychology and metaphysics don't interest you much either, for you have difficulty grasping abstract or theoretical concepts and holistic views. Your worldview is almost childlike in its naiveté, and you simply can't comprehend the complexities of human nature in the cosmos.

Your love of the written word may lead you to become a writer yourself. Unless you have strong Saturn aspects or other stabilizing influences in your chart, however, you'd be better at composing short pieces - newspaper articles, advertising copy or short stories - than full-length books. So many ideas vie for your attention that you are easily distracted from the project at hand, and generally lose interest almost as soon as you start.

Communication in all its myriad forms is central to your existence. You maintain a large circle of friends, associates and acquaintances with whom you speak frequently, and you stay in touch with the ones who live far away via 'phone or letters. You love to talk (even though you aren't always the best listener) and are never at a loss for words. Because you possess at least a smattering of knowledge in many areas, you can find something to say to everyone you meet. You enjoy meeting new people and sharing ideas with them - each individual you encounter teaches you something. Friendly, cheerful and outgoing, you're a good person to have at social gatherings and parties for you keep the guests interacting with each other and the conversation flowing.

Word games, crossword puzzles and card playing are favorite forms of amusement for you. You also enjoy taking classes, attending lectures, visiting museums and historic sites, making short trips, shopping (especially at flea markets and bargain centers), and talking with friends - anything that teaches you something new and / or engages your facile mind briefly without taxing it, allowing you to display your cleverness.

Mercury and Gemini rule the hands; therefore this planetary position signifies a high level of manual dexterity and agility. Perhaps you are skillful at playing a musical instrument, draw well, enjoy handcrafts such as quilting, weaving or basketry, or are accomplished in a sport that requires good hand-eye co-ordination, like baseball or tennis.

Saturn or Pluto aspects to your Mercury will help you to focus your restless and flighty mind, and improve your memory.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury placed in the sign Gemini is in the sign of its rulership. If it is well aspected and strongly placed by house, pure, logical reasoning can be carried to its highest expression. The Gemini Mercury is versatile, unbiased, and impersonal in its ability to perceive the truth because Mercury in Gemini is more concerned with facts than with attitudes and personal preferences. People with a well-developed Mercury in Gemini are capable of deep scientific thought. They are generally well-educated, knowledgeable on many subjects, and able to communicate easily, rapidly and accurately in speech and writing. They usually have an excellent vocabulary, which is one of the secrets of their eloquence and clarity of expression.

People with Mercury in Gemini have a highly sensitive nervous system which makes it difficult for them to shut out external stimuli; all speech and activity in their environment is registered with intensity and vividness in their awareness; and they are forced to deal with many thoughts and impressions at once. This is the basis of their agile minds, which have the capacity to register two impressions or think two thoughts almost simultaneously. However, if these people are subjected to complex, busy environments for too long a time, their nerves become frazzled; fatigue, confusion, and sometimes irritability will follow. Therefore, they need periods of solitude to become quiet, meditate, and refocus their minds.

People with this position of Mercury possess an intense curiosity; they want to know about everything. But they run the risk of spreading themselves too thin and dividing their attention too often; they may lack the continuity of purpose to complete the projects they undertake. When this tendency is carried to extremes, it produces the typical 'Jack of all trades and master of none'. Because it is possible for these people to see any situation from many points of view, they can experience difficulty in making up their minds, and may change their minds often, thereby confusing others. In extreme cases they earn the reputation for being fickle.

Only Mercury in Aquarius can equal this position for mental originality. The inventive minds of the natives are adept at finding new and surprising solutions for problems and emergency situations. These people need to be well educated in order to make the best

use of their mental capacities. This position is common among scientists, mathematicians, computer experts, secretaries, writers, reporters, teachers, and lecturers.

If Mercury is heavily afflicted in Gemini, there can be incessant talk about trivial matters which is an annoyance to others. The horoscope of an undeveloped person may reveal a tendency to get sidetracked and miss the main issue.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Mercury is placed in one of the signs it rules, strengthening its influence. It gives a considerable need to exchange ideas and opinions; and generally the subject likes to be heard and really needs to communicate with others - from talking to the next person in a line to participating in public debates. He or she is able to think very quickly and be involved in more than one task at a time, perhaps talking on the telephone while making notes on a quite different matter! Quick decisions will be made, but not necessarily adhered to, for the mind is often changed - sometimes with the individual denying that this has happened. Facts will be a bore; so in an exam., for instance, there is a tendency to show off opinions at great length without the support of real knowledge or long, hard study. Often, too, there is a flair for selling. Impatience - especially with people of a slower turn of mind - is common, and the individual will easily be able to talk his way out of tricky situations. Adaptability is a great asset, but at all times superficiality of thought and action must be guarded against. Look for other elements in the chart to counter such traits. Cunning and craftiness may also be present.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, the slow, steady Taurean type will be less aided by quick thinking and be far less stubborn than those with Mercury in other signs. While still liking routine, there is less chance of getting into a rut, since the strong influence of Mercury will add some versatility without sacrificing the excellent Taurean sense of purpose and determination. The subject will take a less conventional, more up-to-date outlook on life, and be able to reassess his or her opinions with the passing of time. Any Mercurial superficiality is unlikely.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, the subject has many Geminian characteristics, especially those strongly relating to Mercury - i.e. the need to communicate, quick thinking, changeability of mind, versatility, and the ability to talk his or her way out of difficult situations. Geminian faults (superficiality and restlessness) must be guarded against. Very often there is a tendency to question the self when the emotions are aroused, since they can be mistrusted; he must justify these reactions to his own satisfaction. If the speedy thought patterns can be controlled there is more than a touch of brilliance. Inquisitiveness is common.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, Cancerian changes of mood will be exacerbated by Mercurial changes of mind, but this placing will counter the Cancerian tendency to over-

sentimentality, endowing the individual with more forward-looking thinking and planning ability. The high emotional content always present in Cancerians will be spiced with an element of scepticism, so that the out-and-out romanticism and sometimes over-colorful imagination is less likely to get out of hand. The Cancerian memory, which is usually excellent, should not be impaired; and this Gemini / Mercury influence will speed up decision-making; and, most importantly, help mitigate the overwhelmingly powerful Cancerian tendency to worry.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here the senses are keen and alert, almost too much so. This is a very restless mind, and there is apt to be an overdevelopment of the 'thinkbox' at the expense of the vital forces. Restless anxiety and overwork can lead to a breakdown. Anyone with this position of Mercury needs a quiet time every day in order to get away from themselves and the world of appearance. Mind is clear but intellectual rather than instinctual or intuitive. Apt to jump to conclusions and miss the necessary facts. Can be silly but never stupid. Great versatility, but lacking in steadiness. With planets in Taurus, there is more stability for this position of Mercury.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

If you are afraid of losing the ability to connect on a surface level with a variety of people and ideas, your rational mind might become submerged in superficial thinking. This master of trivia can collect bits and pieces of information that may or may not be of any practical value. Indulging in the Gemini tendency to flit from thought to thought may result in a great deal of talking and no true communication.

### Dynamic

When your attention is concentrated on any one of your many interests, your quick mind, adaptability, and pure logic can bring about clear communication with a variety of people. By focusing, communicating clearly, and reaching a conclusion before moving on, you can cease to be the perpetual student and are able to teach and direct others to various sources of knowledge.

(Grant Lewi)

All the senses are keen and alert. The ability to react to shades of difference of light, color and sound makes you sensitive to beauty and needful of gratifying your senses with art (visual) and music (auditory). Too great awareness of everything that goes on around you tires your nerves, and you need solitude and dim lights once in a while to give your sense a vacation. You frequently give the impression of a hound sniffing the air

to catch some scent in it - of having all your 'feelers' out for whatever is going on. Your sense reactions are impersonal, detached and critical; you have likes and dislikes, but they don't elate or depress you. To you it is joyous to live in a world that continuously gives exercise to your senses; you know that a sight, sound or smell that you don't like isn't going to plague you forever - another that you like better will replace it; and even this, too will go its way and should not be mourned, because something else is tripping over its heels to get into the limelight.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Gemini, Mercury keynotes versatility, and a tendency toward scattering forces. The native is inventive, has wit and humor, and is capable of acquiring knowledge through travel and reading. He tends to be nervous because he 'takes on' the problems and foibles of those around him. It is important for the astrologer to make the native realize the importance of his surroundings. If they are not orderly, the native's thoughts wander - he becomes discouraged and depressed. If, on the other hand, his surroundings spell out discipline and orderliness, then the native begins to think clearly and his work reflects this state of mind. Often he is in love with life, but can find it difficult to remain faithful to one person. It is possible for the native to love more than one individual at the same time.

He can break with convention and announce he is willing to let the chips fall where they may. But inwardly, there is apt to be confusion, for that sense of the orderly cannot be denied. The astrologer must help the native realize this apparent contradiction and come to terms with it.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a clever, though potentially crafty, mind.

You see life in terms of contrasts such as interesting or boring, bright or dull, relevant or inapplicable - and you do so quickly. And so you get to the point, or dismiss it, easily and swiftly. You see life as being only as good as what is mentally assimilated, then imparted to or shared with Other - you communicate with ease and enthusiasm, in fact.

You tend not to see subtle or grey areas, and issues that you have rationalized as insignificant - but really it is because they are the ones that you cannot deal with emotionally, and which inevitably give rise to difficulties with Other that your quick mind cannot simply cast aside. You tend not to see Other's point, because it does not form part of the reality that interests you.

(John Townley)

You have a distinct ability to express your sexual needs and desires verbally; and you

are happiest with a lover who can express love on a mental as well as a physical plane. You can learn to use words with great erotic impact; and the better your love vocabulary, the more expressive your lovemaking will be.

This ability can be useful in simple courting as well as in making love, for your verbal expressiveness greatly enhances the experience. Indeed, you and your partner will derive much pleasure from erotic conversations or discussions. Even a 'phone call at the appropriate time can be turned into a love affair.

You may also enjoy discussing lovemaking with your lover both before and afterward, affectionately going over every detail and exchanging ideas about what each of you enjoys most. Fantasies are also a fertile topic, and your prolific imagination can dream up many scenarios that are impractical in reality but that are great fun to talk about.

Reading about sex will further enrich your fantasy life and give you new paths to explore. By developing and trying out a variety of sexual techniques, you can have a fuller love life and greater communication with your lover.

(Robert Hand)

Your mind is very active, restless and fond of change. You may get bored easily, unless something stimulating comes along. Your desire for constant activity may make you appear extremely nervous and unstable, but what is happening is that you mentally process the world around you faster than most people. This should make you a better-than-average student in school, as long as you receive intellectual stimulation from your parents. No-one wants to learn unless encouraged early in life. One problem stemming from your desire for new knowledge and experience is that you may never really finish anything. Try to be disciplined enough to stay with one train of thought long enough to learn something from it.

You are fond of communicating with others; and in fact, you may be more talkative in childhood than grown-ups want you to be. You should learn to speak only when you have something to say instead of chattering merely to keep the airwaves moving, as you often do. On the plus side, you should become a fairly articulate speaker and good at expressing your ideas clearly in writing as well. Again, this talent will develop only in a supportive home environment. You should read a lot while you are young, because your mind can absorb a great deal of information in this way.

You may also be fond of travelling; and certainly you do not like to be tied to one place for very long. Even if you don't travel very far from your immediate circle, you always want to move around, even if it's just getting out of your chair and pacing around.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)



Keynote: Ideas are communicated clearly and rationally.

Symbol: A technician feeds data into a computer.

The person with Mercury in Gemini has the type of purely logical mind that cannot see why human beings insist upon making so much trouble for themselves. He is convinced that if they would only behave reasonably and look at their problems realistically, most of their sufferings might be avoided. It frustrates him that they do not run their lives more intelligently. In defence, he periodically retreats into a world of abstract studies where he can indulge his proclivity to arrange items systematically.

As ruler of Gemini, Mercury can vent its volatile nature in this sign without being continually impeded by practical considerations. It is plain to see why this lightfooted lord of the mind, nerves, and of all tubes, wires, and channels of communication should have suzerainty over the sign of connections. Mercury carries the messages which link the diverse elements within a given system and enables the system as a whole to adjust to the environment. Thus, it bifurcates into the awareness of the inner and outer realms, which enables the conscious ego to look two ways at once and to relate the objective world of physical existence to the subjective world of ideas.

The Mercurial Geminian can use his mind lucidly and effectively in order to convey his own and other people's opinions. His thinking is neither instinctive in the manner of the Moon, Mars and Venus, nor intuitive in the manner of Uranus and Neptune, but is as strictly rational as he can make it. By clarifying issues and stringing ideas together in logical sequences, he endeavors to make facts speak for themselves. He has a compulsion to find out why things behave as they do, and is convinced that there must be a causal explanation for everything that occurs. Mystery-mongering irritates him. He has little patience with sentimentalists who allow emotion to befog their thinking. He likes to keep his ideas neatly sorted and defined, and makes it a point to void people whose intellects fail to grasp concepts that to him seem patently obvious.

People with Mercury in Gemini long to be as free as the air. They need not travel far to feel refreshed, but they must circulate and exchange ideas with compatible thinkers. They have an adroit sense of humor, and can often make a point by the clever couching of their phrases. This is an excellent position for a writer, speaker, or journalist. It also gives scientific acumen. Such people should enter professions which exploit their versatility and do not demand unremitting concentration on a single task.

Mercury in Gemini is often brilliant. For enduring accomplishment, however, this individual is better off collaborating with someone who can bring his ideas down to earth and turn them to material advantage. His facile mind lacks stability unless the Sun is in Taurus, in which case his thoughts may dwell on business and more practical concerns. Even so, he will generally keep one step ahead of his competitor through the use of his wits. With the Sun in Cancer, there will be a deeper, more sympathetic interest in the problems of other people, and a desire to speak out on their behalf. When the Sun and

Mercury are both in Gemini, the mind prefers to function on the plane of pure reason, unimpeded by mundane considerations. The Sun in Gemini shows the intellect to be an uncommonly ingenious instrument. To discover how this tool is employed, however, it is necessary to consider the natal chart in its entirety.

(Freda Edis)

Mercury rules Gemini, and people with the planet placed in this sign can be good communicators, eloquent and with quick, versatile minds. They may place much value on the power of logic and be unaware that emotions and intuition also constitute part of mental expression. We have seen this reflected in the many myths of Hermes's treatment of women. Logic and great curiosity may lead them to an awareness of many facts, but they don't necessarily help to discern the truth, be decisive, or become aware of other people's emotional needs. Some people with this placement may become confused because their minds are overstimulated by too many options. Attempting to keep all the balls in the air is as much an issue of control as one of fear.

Living with much nervous tension can cause them to be irritable and intense, and to tire easily. Their need for original intellectual expression in many areas of involvement may indicate much superficial knowledge, but with little depth of understanding. They may benefit from a commitment to developing their understanding of the interconnectedness of human nature and quietening their minds by focusing on fewer, carefully selected areas of interest and activity.

(Bernice Grebner)

If the Sun sign is Taurus:

This is really a very fantastic combination. The Mercury mind is flexible, acquiring much knowledge, and coupled with the practical, realistic, materially-oriented Taurus can give the native advantage in the business world. It indicates people who realize which idea will work and which one will not work. These people are very sharp and very willing to allow the Taurus ego to stabilize all ideas. It is similar to two people talking things over. The Mercury presents ideas, and the Taurus determines which is productive and which is not. In the final accounting, this represents people who can be way ahead of others because time is not wasted on trial and error.

If there is a rather conflicting attitude or influence, it is that the Taurus Sun may get into a rut or into stubborn determination, and will not listen to new and current ideas either from his / her own mind or from others. If this happens, there can be a stalemate in growth.

In one sense, these people know how to communicate with the populace; and, because of this talent, people begin to think they are easy and flexible, but just let some situation or a person touch a stubborn spot, and the old bull starts to snort, much to the surprise

of those at hand.

This combination can represent the people who can become very successful executives, for their ideas can be very favorably centered on money-making deals and high finance. Whatever ideas come from Gemini Mercury, they can be made solid by Taurus, and usually turned into money or resources of some kind. If an idea strikes these people and the idea is really accepted, and if at first the idea doesn't work, they will try, try again varying the idea until finally it works. This can be very good for the Gemini Mercury, for there is much more stability, giving ultimate success with any given project. Not only does the Gemini Mercury makes this Taurus more flexible, but it gives more determination to the Gemini.

These are the people who can be one step ahead of all the others in their field of endeavor. This is true because of their ability to quickly judge an idea's practicality and workability, and also their ability at communicative repartee. Here, too, is humor, which makes them much adored within their circle of relationships. But look out for the angry and mad bull, for he shows up at the oddest unexpected moments.

If the Sun sign is Gemini:

Sun and Mercury in Gemini has the talent for conveying not only what they have in their own minds, but also what other people think. These people are like telgraph wires in a lot of ways, and are capable of putting all the facts together, making a total point that speaks for itself to all concerned. Sun and Mercury in Gemini does not analyze or try to interpret for others. The facts are given in sequence, and the ideas are transmitted for you to interpret for yourself. This combination is not analytical or critical. They dislike experiences and facts that are fogged up. If these people have a fault or a lack, it is their inability to bring the ideas down to the practical, workable level. They leave this up to others to make the ideas workable, unless this Sun / Mercury in Gemini is trined or sextiled by Saturn.

With this Sun and Mercury both being in Gemini, the mind works well with and for the purposes of the (ego) Sun. There are no distortions, no dilutions. What you hear is what you get, right down to the full extent of the ego purpose. This is a position where the people possessing it do not like to take the trouble to see how an idea works or, as they put it, 'who wants to bother with the details of it'.

This influence allows those having it to take a lot of short little trips here and there. Sun / Mercury in Gemini likes travelling within short distances, as it may not appeal to them to travel to far away places.

They completely communicate all the purposes, desires and values of their Sun, and they fully understand the environment around them. They are aware of everything from the tiny bird singing in the yard to the smile of the child next door. From young on, they

are aware of what they have to do in life. Their consciousness is fully alert at almost 100%. The Mercury door is fully open, and allows full awareness and approval of the Gemini way.

This subjectivity means freedom, freedom to relate to each person they meet on an individual basis, relating to others in a very human, person-to-person fashion. The subjectivity of Gemini/Gemini means seeing his piece of the human puzzle, whereas objective people see the whole puzzle. It is knowing 'no strangers'.

Being subjective is being able to relate to all those around you. It is being a part of the community, not being apart from it. Sun / Mercury in Gemini is the most subjective combination in the whole set of Sun / Mercury combinations. To express themselves by speaking, by writing, or in whatever form of concrete expression of life appeals to them, is breath itself to them.

All other things considered, this combination causes the people to think faster and move faster. The Mars sign is conditional to the speed of the movement. If they have an Earth Mars there may be considerably more stability and much slower action. With an Earth Mars, they may be less likely to be compulsive with activating ideas and thoughts, but may take time to plan. If they have a Fire Mars, the action is as good as accomplished immediately after the ideas hit their consciousness.

The people born with this Mercury / Sun are expression itself. Famous people born with this combination possess a variety of talent.

If the Sun sign is Cancer:

This is a position where the conditions within the family and with the home are the main purpose for ego satisfactions, so the Mercury in Gemini talent will have the means of speaking out and communicating easily with family members and / or with conditions in the home. The urge is to communicate either emotional satisfactions or emotional problems. The need is to communicate with others and to sympathize on an emotional level and to understand. This emotional understanding and the expression of that understanding does much to alleviate the problems of others with whom they come in contact. These people do much to comfort others with words.

However, this could take a negative influence also. There can be a possibility this can lead to gossip, needless chattering about others resulting in tearing them down. A very positive influence with this combination is the ability to bring mental logic to the emotional side of their natures. When there is an emotional difficulty, the Mercury in Gemini mind can take over and bring reasoning back to the situation. In other words, Mercury in Gemini says 'let's talk about it'. This influence also gives the talent for expressing very deep emotions and bringing these emotions to the surface, which could not be done by the Cancer Sun all by itself.

Through their thinking process and their sensitive heart, they can take the whole community into their world like one big, happy family. They have the ability to pick up moods of others around them. This influence gives them the ability to combine the subjective approach in a caring fashion so that they can soon gain a reputation as problem solvers to a lesser or greater degree. The end-result would be 'the neighborhood listener' or emotional buff for others either in their personal little world or on a larger scale as a professional counsellor.

They should definitely have some artistic expression, even if only for their own satisfaction and as an outlet for their feelings. It would be emotionally healthy for them to get involved with painting, writing, poetry, dancing, or crafts as part of their daily therapy.

Mercury is a door or a mirror by which the ego (Sun) can reflect that which it has to do in this lifetime. Mercury can either work fully with the Sun or display some distortion. It is well to realize what elements are involved in this association and whether the Mercury will or will not work fully toward the destiny or goal. Never discount the fact that the combination of Mercury and the Sun is a kind of marriage, a marriage that individualizes the purpose for each person in this life. For example, a person who has a Cancer Sun, which indicates a certain purpose, but it depends upon which of the three Mercury combinations this Cancer Sun has, as to how more distinctive the purpose becomes. A Cancer Sun / Mercury Cancer destiny will be decidedly different from a Cancer Sun / Mercury Gemini or Mercury in Leo.

There is either going to be a conflict between the Sun and Mercury or an understanding of what each individual has to work with to achieve a grand and glorious distinctive destiny that can only be fulfilled by this combination of Sun / Mercury. In other words, don't fight it, join it; understand the combination. Let tolerance rule between the Sun and Mercury. I might mention that the solstice point for Gemini is Cancer, and as I see it the solstice point can indicate a potential solution to a personal problem.

Used at its best, this Cancer Sun and Mercury Gemini can be a problem solver either with the individual destiny or for others. But the solstice points are for another book, another time.

## Mercury ♀ in 3rd House

(Freda Edis)

When Mercury is in the third house, people are likely to spend much of their time involved with learning experiences of various kinds. These will not necessarily be the kinds of learning which come with a more mature consideration, but can occur where it is

necessary to make an initial and energetic push at the beginning of a learning process. People with the placement may be actively involved with their environment and immediate families, particularly with siblings who stimulate their ever-questioning minds.

We saw this with Hermes. His first act which involved other people, on the day he was born, was to steal his half-brother's cattle; his next was to try to avoid Apollo's anger. Whatever the results, Hermes was a good, if devious, imitator at this stage. The act also set up some interaction, even if it was of a negative kind, with his older sibling. It only later proved to be a beneficial one after Hermes had been introduced to the healing arts which Apollo and Asklepios favoured. So these short-term excursions which Hermes made earlier in life laid some of the groundwork for his later development. To an extent, mistakes and deviousness are part of the early learning process; it is only where they persist as a life-long pattern which takes no account of other people's needs that there are problems.

So people with this placement tend to engage easily with short-term activities and journeys. They are at home with initiating communications and new learning situations. They are often seen as rational and curious, but restless and easily bored, unless other chart factors mitigate the effects of Mercury here. Again, Hermes' myths help. We see from the tales how versatile and inventive he was; alphabets, musical instruments, cattle-rustling, playing the merchant or the thief were all grist to his mill. He seemed to have few fears about initiating any activity which involved his mind rather than his feelings. The danger is that some third house Mercury people may occasionally feel themselves to be eternal students and forever on the move mentally; at times, it can pall.

The cusp sign of Mercury in the third house may show, for example, something of the way people with this placement initially approach their surroundings and the beginnings of relationships with others. Mercury in Pisces people have minds which can easily pick up on the moods and attitudes of the people around them; those with Mercury in Leo may have much self-confidence in their own mental abilities and be strong-willed enough to express these well. Planetary aspects, too, might help to develop or prevent certain characteristics of mind when this placement is prominent.

People with this placement are able to assimilate concepts and ideas with ease, but may find difficulty with concentration, and so need to guard against scattering their mental energies. Hermes's many talents can operate against him if he is not careful. So people with Mercury here may benefit from making sure of strong and viable connections between their many activities and areas of interest by choosing carefully the priorities they wish to develop further. Deepening their interests and staying with the process is helpful to the mercurially minded as they move on their way to selfknowledge; hopping from one area of activity to another without making connections between them may prove frustrating in the end. Even Mercury submits himself to the alchemical transformation when he can take his old skills no further.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is an excellent position for a writer or communicator of any kind: filmmaker, photographer, graphic artist, secretary, lecturer, teacher. The mind is open and flexible, and keeps a youthful and eager approach to life, or at least to those areas of life on which it has decided to concentrate. There is a great interest in animals, children, and nature. There is an ability to move easily from one idea or field to another. With Mercury in Fire or Air, they are inclined to move too rapidly or easily, picking up nothing as they go, remembering little, and leaving no trace of having been there.

They usually have great stories about people they have known and places they have been. There is a great incoming stream of information about the world; but without aspects of crystallization these will form no philosophy or concepts, and will be put to no other use than amusing conversation with whoever is around. There is a great feel for the true sound and tempo of everyday life, that is good for playwrights, novelists, comedians, etc.. It makes a person capable of being a very witty and entertaining companion. They usually have a wide circle of amusing acquaintances, although deep friendships must be shown by other factors.

They will gladly take the other side of the argument for the sheer pleasure of it and to keep up the excitement of a conversation, though they actually feel committed to no one position, which can be aggravating to those around them, who may feel that there is simply nothing there. They are better at providing a forum for others, recording others, helping others to bring forth their ideas, than they are at presenting their own, for often they have no real viewpoint, since they see so clearly all sides of a question.

They are resentful of pigeonholes and labels, love freedom, and hate to be tied down, especially mentally (by a boring job or relationship). They will struggle until they find a spot where they can use their mentality as they please.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: Mercury in the 3rd reveals an overriding interest in the experience of environmental stimulus. You often dart from issue to issue, fueled by a nervous system that is almost insatiable in its drive to discover and taste new levels of the environment. Activity here is both mental and physical, with the emphasis on investigation and perception. You're usually on the go, seeking new and better sources of interest. While every house placement of Mercury is active, linking it with the 3rd creates a situation where boredom is anathema and downright deadening to the spirit. The challenge is to develop the quickness and facility of your mind through a perpetually active life.

Concrete mind: Your mentality is agile, quick, and very well-suited to the manipulation of data. You can be computerlike in your approach to thought, juggling huge amounts of information in a perpetually ongoing search-and-sort operation aimed at the creation of

new insights. Pure rationality is emphasized, and must be maintained for clarity. The pitfall is loss of overall meaning in the endless pursuit of new data; and the challenge is to experience an ever-changing kaleidoscope of information relationships.

Curiosity: As you are an insatiably curious person, the process of mentality is more pronounced than the pursuit of any particular information. Knowing is not an end per se, but rather a continuing means of stroking your nervous system. The pitfall surrounds not focusing long enough to ever really learn anything, creating a perpetual state of nervous aggravation, an 'itch you can't scratch'. The challenge is to enjoy the desire to know rather than the knowing itself.

Basic education: The child with this placement often has a natural facility for learning. Communication skills can develop earlier than usual, although interest must be kept high through a diversity of stimuli. All the skills of understanding can be successfully emphasized. Later in life, there are likely to be wide-reaching interests - 'jack of all trades, master of none' - for there is at least a little to be learned in everything.

Communication: Mercury here is usually presumed to indicate an individual who is very talkative, even verbose. This may or may not be the case, for with Mercury, as with all other planets, the sign position and interplanetary associations can substantially modify the symbolic patterns. What is safe to say, however, is that you are usually processing information. When it is expressed, what is most important is the information itself, not stylistic concerns such as tone of voice. In communicating with you, others should listen carefully to the words themselves. They hold the key.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are basically a person of ideas, which you express fluently and effortlessly. Life is fascinating to you, and you never tire of pursuing knowledge about every possible subject. Your friends support you in your endeavors, knowing that you will not give up. They like you because you never threaten them with your superior knowledge, allowing their egos to remain intact. You bring sparkle and wit to any gathering, though you are serious when necessary. You aren't unduly preoccupied with the future, for you never doubt that you will achieve your goals. You may accept help on occasion; and you are eager to reciprocate when someone needs assistance. You have no trouble in dealing with the public, and you always seem to have the appropriate answers to people's problems. You will find it easy to attract a suitable mate to share your life, insisting only that your partner be as eager as you are to grow and develop. Combining your talents will benefit both of you. Your greatest assets are your insatiable thirst for knowledge and your ability to dramatize your ideas.

You usually set the stage for an encounter by first organizing your ideas. People have no difficulty following your train of thought, for you make proposals with ingenious sensitivity. Your logic almost always impresses your listeners. In your personal life, you



enjoy a variety of loves; but the idea of settling down with one individual is at first discomforting. Your creative ideas may be your 'children'. If you have a real family, however, you hope that they agree with your ambitions with them; but if they don't, be prepared to concede to their desires.

It is especially important to get a formal education; the people whom you contact professionally will respect the polish that an education provides. You can't afford the embarrassment of losing to a competitor simply because you are uninformed. While it is fun to ask questions, it's the answers that count; besides, it bothers you not to know something. You might benefit by withdrawing from society now and then, to allow your imagination and inspiration to work. Seek a career that will continually make demands on you, and avoid routine endeavors that will crush your creative spirit. With persistent effort, you will realize your ambitions.

You might be distracted by indulging in sexual fantasies or dreams of a great career. When the time comes to demonstrate your skills and act out your role in the marketplace, your strong passionate nature will help you succeed. Your passion will be translated into a strong desire to win the coveted prize, whether it's a contract, a sale or a person that arouses you. Stay within safe limits on the job. Extending yourself can take a lot out of you, mentally and physically.

You know how to make the best of a situation and how to capitalize on all your resources in order to increase your earnings. You should seek advice to help you get your resources organized, or you will waste precious time in disorder. This could be a residual effect of your early conditioning when you were expected to share your parents' views and opinions. If your views are different, you may not be able to make the right decisions for yourself except by trial and error. This is why you should have help until you learn to fully understand and appreciate the value of your own ideas. Eventually you can learn to establish an orderly pattern in your thinking.

(Howard Sasportas)

Mercury is strongly placed in the 3rd, since in the natural zodiac this is one of its own houses. The sign placement and aspects to it will describe the way a person thinks, learns and digests experience. a 3rd house Mercury in Fire or Air or in aspect to Mars, Jupiter or Uranus indicates a more extroverted and speedy mind than when Mercury is placed in an Earth sign or in aspect to Sturn, which slows down and deepends the thought processes. Mercury in Water or aspected to the Moon or Neptune leans more through osmosis, absorption and aesthetic and emotional appreciation than in an analytic, step-by-step mode. A 'good mind' is normally defined as one that can think rationally and logically; but an examination of the 3rd house may reveal other kinds of minds - just as good - which operate differently from the standards of traditional educational systems. Learning difficulties may be shown by aspects of Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto to a 3rd house Mercury, and often stem from the fact that this person's mind is

not the type that is favoured by conventional teaching techniques.

In general, however, Mercury in the 3rd, unless adversely aspected, reveals a lively, witty, observant intellect, adept at communication and repartee, with good attention to detail. Those with this placement are unusually clever at selecting those facts which justify or support the case they wish to present. Those with Mercury in the 3rd normally have at least a little something to say about everything. If you don't think so, ask them and wait a minute.

The nature of the relationship with siblings and neighbours will be shown by the aspects to Mercury in this house. Mercury in difficult aspect to Saturn or Pluto, for instance, could indicate some deep-rooted problems stemming from sibling issues. These are worth examining, as they often illuminate patterns which may still be operating much later in life. I drew up the chart of a woman with Mercury conjunct Pluto in the 3rd house whose younger brother died when she was only six years old. At the age of twenty-eight, she was still walking around believing that something she had said or done was the cause of his death.

## Venus ♀ in ♊ Sagittarius 11° 3'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

You might obsessively value the personal freedom you gain from the power of your philosophical perspectives in relationships. This may lead to withholding your special ability for providing inspiration to other people. When you indulge in the fear of being limited by relating to others in deep, personal levels, you may become the person who's always 'out of town' - never really there for anybody, including yourself.

If you allow tension and fear of commitment to block you from any relationship, you might experience a haunting sense of rootlessness. This results in a curiously empty feeling when you are thrust into unexpected situations. If you are content with fickle infatuations and careless involvements, you may eventually sink into low self-esteem. Your sense of values can be eroded if you neglect to establish worthwhile goals in partnerships.

### Dynamic

You have a special gift for being able to teach others true freedom in relationships. You can do this by allowing the dynamics of the relationship to guide it to its own goals. Imparting your trust and optimism to others allows you to share with them a larger perspective of the situation. Thus, you can experience a constant expansion and

excitement in your alliances.

This process of conveying trust can enable you to focus on a few deeper yet more rewarding partnerships. When you are in touch with the psychological processes of other people, you can experience a continual sense of self-worth by inspiring and encouraging them to lofty goals that free them from the limitation of old beliefs.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Venus in Sagittarius is often a larger-than-life character. Outgoing and fun-loving, these people like to be where it's at - watching the latest film, eating at the trendiest restaurant, or dancing at the newest disco. If there is something new and exciting going on, Venus in Sagittarius wants to be there. These people like to be with people, entertaining them and making them laugh; and many of them are to be found on the stage, doing this for a living. Like those with Venus in Leo, these people love to dramatize and exaggerate their feelings, which means that their relationships often move from one big drama to the next.

The pleasure principle is more important to the Venus in Sagittarius person than cosy domesticity. These people want relationships to be fun and free, and may well run away if things become too heavy and serious - or they may just hide their heads in the sand and pretend it isn't happening! Finding it easy to fall in love, but hard to commit themselves, they tend to be afraid of deep involvement. Their impulsive nature will often cause them to jump in at the deep end only to get cold feet and swiftly extricate themselves.

Hopelessly optimistic, they expect an enormous amount from relationships, which can make them very hard to please and subject to frequent bitter disappointments. Filled with romantic longings, they tend to move restlessly from one person to another in search of the ideal partner. The Sagittarian tendency to live in the future makes it hard for these people to accept the here and now. They are always waiting for the perfect love to appear.

For a relationship to work for people with Venus in Sagittarius, they need someone who shares their interests, enthusiasms and visions of the future. Their partner must also understand their need for space and freedom. In a relationship which meets these needs, the Venus in Sagittarius person is a delightfully enthusiastic and generous lover who can make every day seem like a holiday and fill his or her partner's life with warmth and fun.

(Skye Alexander)

If you have artistic ability, you probably express it in a way that shows your sense of fantasy and humor. Though you may be as serious as anyone about your art and

self-expression, you seem to have more fun with it. Whether you're writing an adventure story or designing a skyscraper, you don't hesitate to depart a bit from stark reality, to exaggerate and include a touch of whimsicality. You have a vivid imagination, and a special talent for keeping your audience entertained. You enjoy art that is bigger than life and not so harsh; in your opinion, art should take us beyond the mundane and broaden our perspective by introducing us to all sorts of possibilities.

In relationships, you are equally expansive and curious. Friendly, outgoing, adventurous and optimistic, you love to socialize and often are the life of the party. Your list of friends, acquaintances and lovers is extensive, and includes people of all kinds. You see no reason to limit yourself to only one partner and miss out on other possibilities. Your motto might be 'you only go around once, so why not try everything while you've got the chance?' Consequently, you'll have problems if your lover isn't as free and easy as you are and insists on fidelity and permanence. You mean well and don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, so you tend to promise what you can't deliver. If you get caught in an awkward amorous situation, your first line of defence is to lie with a smile. You can be terribly fickle, flirtatious, superficial and self-indulgent in matters of love. To you, it's all good fun. If your Sun is in Capricorn or Scorpio, you'll tend to be more serious and willing to make commitments, though you might subscribe to the old double standard: it's okay for you to run around, but your partner had better not try it.

You tend to idealize the concept of love, so much so that it is impossible for you to find a flesh-and-blood mate to fulfill your romantic fantasies. You are looking for a fairy princess or knight in shining armor, and may prefer chasing your dream to settling into a real-life, day-to-day partnership.

Generous with your time and money, you enjoy showering your friends and lovers with gifts. You like to go out on the town with your partner and do things in grand style. Cuddling up with your lover in front of the fireplace isn't exactly your idea of a good time; you'd rather play a few games of tennis, have a sumptuous dinner, go to the theatre, and then dance the rest of the night away. Anyone who's involved with you had better have plenty of energy.

You want your partners to expand your horizons, and to expose you to new ideas and experiences. Perhaps you choose lovers who will play the role of teacher for you; or you might enjoy teaching them what you know. Another possibility is that you could be attracted to people from other countries or cultures. For you, relationships are growth-producing opportunities, and you learn something from everyone you meet.

Women with Venus in Sagittarius pride themselves on their sense of humor, gregariousness and cheerful dispositions. It is important to you to be well-liked and to have lots of friends and admirers. The more popular you are, the better you feel about yourself as a woman. Quantity is more important than quality. You also may enjoy sports, and are especially concerned with looking physically fit. A dedicated follower of

fashion and fads, you are always eager to try the latest trend.

Men with this planetary position are most attracted to active, vivacious, friendly and fun-loving women. No intense, possessive or highly emotional types need apply. You want a partner who's more of a buddy than a lover; someone with whom you can do things and share ideas and experiences. You admire knowledge and worldliness, and are fascinated by women who have done things and who know things that you don't. Tall, slim, athletic women with long legs probably appeal to you most.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Sagittarius indicates people whose emotions and responses are idealistic and spiritually oriented. They are friendly, vivacious, sociable, and outgoing. Dane Rudhyar, one of the greatest psychological astrologers, pointed out in *The Pulse Of Life* that each sign of the Zodiac is a reaction against the extremes of the sign that precedes it. This observation is especially true of Venus in Sagittarius, which is frankly outspoken about inner feelings, in contrast to Venus in the preceding sign of Scorpio, which is secretive and calculating. The soul-racking emotional intensity, the jealousy and possessiveness of Venus in Scorpio leaves a bitter taste in the evolutionary experience of the soul that has Venus in Sagittarius. Consequently, people with this position seek to base emotional conduct in personal relationships on more objective, socially accepted principles founded on ethics, philosophy, and religion. Traditional moral structures make them feel more secure in their emotional conduct. They seek to be honest and open in their feelings and reactions to those they love or those with whom they are romantically involved.

People with this Venus placement will often try to convert their sweethearts or spouses to their own religious beliefs or moral principles in order to have a commonly agreed-upon basis of conduct. They generally seek to marry within their own religious or philosophic milieu, but are not afraid of getting involved in unusual romantic relationships.

With the Jupiter rulership of Sagittarius, their taste in art and décor tends to be lavish; and they like flamboyant displays of color and form. If they can afford it, their homes and aesthetic surroundings will display a royal, palatial atmosphere. They are attracted to classical forms of beauty such as Greek architecture and symphonic music. They are fond of art forms that have a religious or philosophic motif; and religious music can deeply affect them. Religious ceremony and pageantry appeal to them.

This sign position gains emotional satisfaction through outdoor games and sports; those who engage in horseback riding or skiing are typical examples, and dates which include these activities will appeal to them. This sign position gives a love of travel to distant places. Natives often seek to marry foreigners or people of foreign extraction or other races; or those with a philosophical bent, with advanced education, or with connections

to institutions of higher learning.

Women with this Venus position seek men with gallant romantic appeal. The dramatic element appeals to them.

If Venus is afflicted in Sagittarius, there can be bluntness that offends the feelings of others, impractical idealism in romance, and a tendency to impose religious and moral standards dogmatically on loved ones.

(Isabel Hickey)

Demonstrative and friendly in affection. A breezy attitude toward love. Not always dependable where affections are concerned. Good intuition. Two different types are shown when there are planets in Sagittarius. The gambler type loves fun and a good time; extravagant, easy-going, and always ready to be on the move. The other type is philosophical, religious, with great inner strength, and idealistic in nature. To know which type, study the aspects to Venus, and if Venus is afflicted to Jupiter it will be the first type. Good aspects and a strong Saturn will indicate the second type. Venus in Sagittarius is well placed for it is a combination of Jupiter and Venus, and both are benefics. Here we have Venus in Jupiter's home.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Although considerable enthusiasm and lively emotions will be warmly expressed towards partners, the Sagittarian need for independence may make the individual loath to be too tied to one person. The duality present in this sign will be evident, and more than one relationship may be experienced at any given time. Certainly, love will be enjoyed; and the subject will make life rewarding and exhilarating for the partner, both in bed and out. In turn, the partner needs to respond well, not only sexually but also intellectually. Eventually, a philosophical, idealistic element will develop and have its effect on the partner, doing a great deal to instill a more meaningful expression. However, intellectual rapport and friendship, as well as the willingness to enjoy sex, are essential. This is a lively friend who will make life fun. The attitude toward finance may be 'Easy come, easy go', perhaps with the emphasis on 'go'!

If the Sun sign is Libra, the subject may not seem to care about love, but he or she needs just as much romance as others. This placing helps to rationalize the feelings, however; and the need for intellectual rapport and good friendship, as well as pure romance, is very healthy. This combination is excellent for friendship, easing any Libran tendency to take too much from other people. Professional financial help is advisable.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this Venus influence lightens the steamy, rather heavy Scorpio attitude to love and sex, adding a need for intellectual rapport. Much will be expected of partners, but much will be contributed. Scorpio jealousy can clash with the Sagittarian

independence; and a resolution of this conflict is importance. Here is a friend who needs to share interests and challenges. Investments will be enjoyed, but a gambling spirit should be controlled.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, much attention is given to the emotional chase. Fickleness must be countered. All the attributes of Venus in Sagittarius generally (above) will be present. If Neptune is also in Sagittarius, there will be idealism and romantic rêverie. Money can easily slip through the subject's fingers.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, then although the loyalty and faithfulness of Capricorn is less evident, this is a good placing for those with rather serious Capricorn qualities, helping them to enjoy life and warming their cool emotions. There will be less social climbing in the love life, but a good mind will be deemed important, and the partner will spur on the Capricorn ambitions and aspirations. Friends must share demanding interests. Moneymaking is less important than for other Capricorn groups.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, then the Aquarian spirit will be sympathetic to the independence of Venus in Sagittarius, while the fire of that sign will warm the distant but dynamic attraction of Aquarius. Nevertheless, the liking for individuality will not encourage even the most romantic Aquarian to rush into a long-term commitment. Sexual experiment is usual. There is a wide circle of friends, who often share philanthropic or intellectual interests. Money will be spent erratically, often on silly, trendy things.

(Grant Lewi)

You react to emotional stimuli eagerly. Your heart is unafraid of love; you dare to feel, and to follow your instincts to the last outpost of experience. You are not an experimenter in love; you don't trifle with your emotions; but others may, because your eagerness may be mistaken for lightness. You see no reason why emotions aren't made to be followed, and are among the most impulsive of the children of Venus. Because of your sincerity, you can get into trouble, until you learn that all the world isn't as direct and earnest as you are. But though you may give yourself to unworthy takers and be hurt (for you are very sensitive), you will never lose your high standards nor your emotional courage, and you will go on from disappointments undefeated to trust your emotions again, matured but unafraid.

(Syndey Omarr)

In Sagittarius, Venus is indicative of one who is likely to become involved in numerous affairs of the heart but is generous and really intends to be loyal. The native tends to love things which are not easily obtainable. Thus, he is in danger of attaching himself to persons who care so little that the native is exploited, even humiliated. The astrologer must help him overcome what might be an inner desire to be punished.

The key here is perspective. The native must see things as they exist in relation to his own life. Once he recognizes the reason for his actions, he gains inner illumination. He tends to follow his emotions blindly; this leads to bumps, bruises and emotional involvements which create depression.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an adventurous, though potentially wanton, lover. Love for you is something that should be exciting and rapturous, yet at the same time having meaning and even some deeply moral and religious quality about it. Basically you want to satisfy equally both your body and your soul or mind; and you will pursue such an objective enthusiastically and uninhibitedly. Troubles arise when the lusts or needs of your body leave the idealism of your mind behind, or vice versa, either being merely fancy.

You attract with a demonstrative, honest and open manner; with a light-hearted, party mood that immediately gives Other a sense of fun being in the offing; and with a sense that you have definite and intelligent ethical standards.

You repel with an immodesty and seductiveness that eventually becomes counterproductive; with loose morals - and impersonal affection to match; and with hypocritical efforts to get Other to behave in the upright manner that you feel you yourself ought to, but fail to.

You are attracted to Others who are emotionally sophisticated and / or mentally informed; to Others who have an enterprising and expansive approach to life, or have exotic connections, or are of foreign origin; and to Others who have a playful streak but have principles as well.

You are repelled by small-minded, dull or dishonest Others who lack experience or a sense of adventure; by provincialism or parochialism; and by Others who are too reserved, inhibited or sanctimonious.

When you are alone, it is for one of two reasons, or possibly both. The first is that you give or promise a lot but overlook the details, and so eventually you are disappointed, or Other is. This implies that you get carried away with your own enthusiastic idea of love and Other, and so fail to see - possibly because you do not want to - the small or unsensational side to Other's character and life. This in turn suggests that you do not acknowledge the same in yourself because you somehow believe it to be unlovable. The second reason why you could find yourself alone in an unwelcome way is that your and Other's beliefs or moral values do not agree. You have an interesting mixture of both wild and ethical behaviour which is quite hard to understand or accept - unless you yourself do. Until then, you are unlikely to attract an Other whose values harmonize with yours.



(John Townley)

You have a natural and healthy appetite for sex; but sex for its own sake is not likely to be enough. You are more interested in the feelings and principles behind it than in the act itself; and sex without personal involvement is surely less than satisfying.

You are not strongly motivated to learn complex or unusual sexual techniques, except perhaps to please a lover who has a special taste for them. For you, sexual pyrotechnics tend to get in the way of necessary love communication, distracting you from the warmth and friendship that truly fulfilling sexuality means to you.

Your kind of experimentation is in the lover you choose rather than in the way you go about lovemaking. You are uninterested in one whose personality is modest or commonplace, preferring a more adventurous and unusual type. You feel that such a lover will greatly enhance your own experience and that the relationship will be a continuing exploration of new territory.

For this reason, your lovers are in general more outgoing and volatile but less cautious than you. Therefore, you have to play the role of stabilizer from time to time. In that way, you can enjoy the adventures you get yourself into, and at the same time keep them from getting out of hand.

(Robert Hand)

You try to be very fair and just with all of your friends, because you want everything about your relationships to be on a high moral plane. You are as fair as possible with everyone you like, and very upset when someone is unfair to a friend of yours. Yet you are tolerant of other people's weaknesses. You prefer to base your opinion of someone on his or her overall personality, ignoring little faults. However, if a friend breaks an important rule, you may end the friendship on the spot.

You are usually very friendly and quite outgoing. You don't hide your feelings for others, for you are open about your emotions. People will probably like this in you; and you should have many friends. However, you do not like possessive people or those who use friendship to tie you down. You want to be free to be friendly with anyone without your friends saying 'no'. Later in life, you may have difficulty settling down to a single relationship with someone of the opposite sex.

You are fond of nature and the outdoors, and may study a subject such as botany, geology or bird life just for pleasure. You like natural themes in art, and art and music that is large and impressive.

(Donna van Toen)

Though Sagittarius is a Fire sign, I find it doesn't have the same sort of passion as Aries and Leo, and therefore you don't have as strong a need for sex. rather, what you need is spontaneity, because your needs tend to change according to your circumstances. You also need a mate / lover who feels the chase is as important as - or even more important than - the catch; you seem to need that game-playing, courtship stage more than most. For this reason, anyone who tries to turn things toward a serious commitment too soon is liable to wind up hearing 'Good-bye' instead of 'I do'. You're as anxious for a stable relationship as the next one, but you want to be the one to stabilize it; and pressure to commit yourself only threatens your freedom and drives you away. Finally, you need a mate / lover who respects - and preferably shares - your philosophy of life.

## Venus ♀ in 9th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Interested in publishing, creative thinking, living abroad, marriage to someone exotic.

Corresponding to the mutable Fire sign of Sagittarius, the ninth house has traditionally been associated with foreign travel, higher education, philosophy, religion, publishing and the law. Most significantly, each of these concerns reflects a preoccupation with the exploration of profound social, philosophical and religious values that reach beyond the attainment of financial rewards and romantic / sensual gratification. Whereas the diametrically opposed third house concerns learning - the accumulation of ideas - the ninth house represents teaching - the assemblage of those concepts into a system that can be transmitted to others. While the third house individual may, for instance, perform or write as a means of communicating ideas, the ninth house personality aspires to direct or publish in order to oversee, instruct, cultivate and guide the development of others' skills and talents in keeping with his / her overall vision.

Individuals with Venus in the ninth house rely on the knowledge obtained from independent research, academic studies or an in-depth understanding of philosophical, religious and legal principles to gain admiration and deference, resulting in their attainment of self-respect (Fire house). To elevate their self-esteem even further, they tend to inundate themselves (often to the point of fanaticism) with as much worldly experience (for example foreign travel, attending conferences, participating in cultural events) as possible in order to impress others. Since relationships are not usually fulfilling for them unless there is constant growth and something they are continually learning, many people with this placement marry either their students or their teachers. It is important to remember that, as with Venus in Sagittarius, a relationship in which the roles of student and teacher are being enacted will often end once the student catches up with the teacher. If the relationship is to endure, it is necessary to transform it into one of equals.

Because the ninth house symbolises the search for freedom of expression, it is not unusual for this position to promote people with highly individual, creative and even flamboyant behaviour that is reflected in their wardrobe, hairstyles, cultural interests and friends. By the same token, personal and professional relationships require independence, the exploration of broader horizons, and a need for constant intellectual stimulation. It is not uncommon for these people to marry foreigners and relocate to their spouse's homeland either temporarily or permanently, since this breeds a situation in which the two are continually teaching each other about their respective cultures.

Although Venus enjoys luxury and economic prosperity, its position in the ninth house is one of the planet's least materialistic locations. In their search for love and creative self-expression, those with Venus in this house are not motivated by personal gain, but seek an outlet for their knowledge and fervent convictions. Extremely passionate, arrogant and, at times, fanatical in their need to instruct others and share their points of view, these people often feel compelled to convert others to their religious, political or philosophical beliefs. Their magnetism and judiciousness make them excellent spokespeople, advocates and lobbyists - positions that demand the patience, determination and diplomacy of Venus as well as the brutal honesty, directness and idealism for which the ninth house and its corresponding sign, Sagittarius, are best known.

Blessed with an incredible lust for life and authentic love of people, these restless individuals enjoy travelling, socialising and attending cultural and media events. An almost obsessive need to explore new avenues of thought, however, makes it extremely difficult for them to forego their independent and stimulating lifestyles. To maintain their arrogance, sense of authority and need to be right, Venus in the ninth house produces an attraction to partners who either share their 'wanderlust' or encourage the pursuit of new ideas, studies and projects. Not unlike individuals with Venus in the third house, those with Venus in the ninth house will avoid intimacy unless they are convinced that intellectual stimulation, excitement and freedom can still be maintained.

Emblematic of their quest for knowledge and spiritual truth through higher education, foreign travel and intellectual exchanges, the ninth house is affiliated with researchers, academicians, teachers, attorneys, writers (especially journalists), politicians, publishers or translators. If Venus is conjunct the Midheaven, it is even more important for these people to be recognised for their knowledge, which they feel compelled to share through one of the aforementioned professions. This often results in the formation of creative collaborations (actor / director, writer / editor) or professional partnerships (law firm, joint research) through which their strong convictions or philosophy of life may be expressed. If these particular fields of interest are not further developed or utilised, they may simply search for a partner who either practises one of the aforementioned professions or is passionate and opinionated about the very subjects of which these individuals wish to know more.

While individuals with Venus placed in this area of the horoscope may indeed be passionate about ninth house issues such as philosophy, religion, law and politics, they refuse to teach or practise professionally unless they can inject creativity into areas that may otherwise be dry and dull. While the ninth house is long on theory and devoid of practicality, Venus provides these people with diplomacy, a sense of ethics, the powers of persuasion and the facility for expressing their strong opinions and points of view both passionately and convincingly.

If Venus is positively aspected, these people derive their validation from opinions, travel and worldly knowledge - this is part of what makes them attractive to others. If Venus is poorly situated, however, the need to be right prevents compromise and being able to see another person's point of view - both of which are vital for any successful relationship.

An inability to balance romantic idealism with the practicalities of everyday life may be manifest.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The ninth house rules all consciousness-expanding activities. People with this placement will want a relationship to be like a voyage of discovery. They set sail when they become romantically involved. They may be people who enjoy the journey and are less concerned about the destination; this is the point of disembarking. They need a partner to be challenging and stimulating. They enjoy new people, and may be happier single. Their need is for freedom in their relating, to be constantly exploring new territory.

Within a relationship, the sharing of beliefs and philosophies will be important to these people. They will not necessarily be great intellectuals, but they will enjoy intellectual exchanges and have a love of abstract ideas. Discovering knowledge and expanding the mind is a source of pleasure for them. They may enjoy courses that stretch their minds, and will gain happiness from the closeness and rapport they can have with fellow students.

They will want their partner to be interested in their studies, and may well meet a partner in a study situation. This will be something they will want to share. They will feel depleted if their partners do not stimulate them to think. They may want someone with whom they can discuss fundamental issues regarding the nature of the universe and the purpose of life.

These people can make good teachers, being in love with their subject and able to inspire the same in their students. They are able to get on with their students well and to create a happy learning atmosphere. They could fall in love with a student, or equally, as a student themselves, fall in love with their teacher.

They may be drawn to topics like religion, or anything that encompasses the major questions regarding life and the universe. If drawn to subjects of a more limited scope, they will infuse them with a philosophical dimension.

They may also find happiness through travel, another mind-expanding activity. As travellers, they will easily make harmonious contact with others, and are likely to receive generous hospitality from those they meet. They may find a love partner abroad, and possibly remain in a foreign land. Their outlook on life would then be continually stimulated by their partner's different cultural background.

They may choose a partner through whom they come into contact with a different religious framework, which is similar to choosing someone from a different culture. Through such a relationship, they will re-evaluate their own beliefs. Any of these possible scenarios will become more fraught if Venus receives difficult aspects. This could be a placement where people have a guru to whom they offer a very pure love. They are looking for someone noble to love. Love and religious and philosophical aspirations are intertwined for someone with Venus in the ninth.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is raised to a higher consciousness as the individual's life symbolizes a spiritual journey into light. Through learning, literature, travel and foreigners, he discovers the expansive feelings for a philosophy or religion through which he will experience his place in humanity.

Venus here creates an affinity for the outdoor settings whose great peace and natural harmony helps to bring out this individual's spirit for life. From this instinctive sensitivity to environmental beauty comes his romantic and often inspirational feeling for the changing scenic wonders of nature. Thus, through an adventurous spirit, always yearning to feel, experience and know the distant horizons that transcend man's limits, he reaches to feel the broad expansive wonder of life which fills him with an overwhelming sense of awe for the natural beauty of the universe. Yet, because his life is a quest, often reaching for what he is not yet ready to attain, he can have great difficulty getting in touch with his true feelings.

His sense of exaggeration often puts his feelings out of perspective. He can become distant from himself through a philosophical sense of wandering, as if he were considering some vague human abstraction rather than the true current of his own personal life. Thus, he may see the expansive overview of humanity while at the same time feeling a vague uncertainty as to his role within it.

Many with this placement experience a sense of frustration and restlessness, which, instead of allowing them to feel appreciation for all they are, often makes them scatter

their energies into one superficial area after another. In all areas of feeling, there tends to be a running away from involvement, commitment and the lasting constancy, which is the true beauty of love.

The Ninth House is symbolically ruled by Sagittarius (the archer-centaur) - half man and half horse. Thus, the experiences of Venus in this House are leading the individual to make peace with the wildness of his animal nature; for it is only through a sincere love for the beauty of human wisdom in tune with divine law that he can learn how to raise his consciousness above the restless 'horse of desire'.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, a great change in consciousness occurs. Rather than his scattering his feelings indiscriminately, there is an appreciation by him of a higher truth, which the individual will follow for the rest of his days. In whatever he does, or whoever he shares his feelings with, this devotion to truth and the correctness of life in accordance perhaps with a great Master, or religious principle, or even the truth he learns naturally from life, becomes the discipline without chains which lights his path and illuminates his heart.

He may spend years travelling and roaming, appearing to others as if he is unsettled. Yet, he never roams from his devotion to the truth, for he is a disciple of the spirit of divine law made manifest through man's love for the collective consciousness of humanity. Thus, he enlightens others through the literacy and wisdom he manages to acquire. He breathes the vivid spark of truth into the hearts of others, and he teaches the vision of love's optimism, hope and open sincerity to all who are fortunate enough to understand the prophetic wisdom he finds.

His very special Gift of Love comes from his ability to expansively enrich the minds of others, joyously lighting their way with the loving candle of abundant hope, glistening in the flame of truth!

(Howard Sasportas)

For many of us, sitting down to contemplate the meaning and purpose of existence results in a headache. but rather than just struggling endlessly with religious and philosophical issues, those with Venus in the 9th usually derive greater happiness, peace and wellbeing from their belief systems. Somehow it wouldnt be right for a 9th house Venus to project anything too nasty onto God: in Venus's eyes, only that which is fair, just and equitable deserves to be worshipped. Whether their God manages to live up to these high expectations will be shown by the aspects to Venus and other placements in the 9th.

There is usually a love of travel and adventure, and the promise of beneficial and pleasurable experiences to be had through them. Possessing a natural appreciation and fascination for the diversity of life expressed in the customs of different cultures, they

might fall in love with a country other than their own, emulating its taste and style. Some may even marry someone foreign or a person met on holiday or abroad. This is also a good placement for teachers and educators who will be able to communicate the love of their subject to their students. Venus in the 9th easily and graciously enthuses about those things which they find valuable. Writers and artists with this placement invariably share their philosophy of life through their creations.

On a lighter note, relationships with in-laws are usually favoured if Venus is wellaspected in the 9th. If we understand a planet in a house to indicate the way in which we should meet the affairs of that house, then Venus here suggests that in-laws can be handled with tact and diplomacy.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, Venus reveals the pleasures of mentality. You love philosophy and formal concepts. You love knowing what the rules are, and searching for more aesthetic ways of understanding. Not necessarily a great intellect yourself, you are drawn to the charismatic personalities of great thinkers. You love to be in the flow of mentality, to have it wash over you like a cascading waterfall. This is not the love of conversation, nor mere mental cleverness; you quickly tire of those. No, this is the love of ideas, of understanding based on sweeping patterns of creative thought. The pitfall lies in the difference between simply learning philosophy, and the more disciplined effort of living a truly ethical life. The challenge is to fill your world with aesthetic ideas, to make it sing with the beauty of an expanded mind, and to share those pleasures with everyone.

Cultural perspective: The immediate environment is less attractive than what exists over the horizon. Travel is a luxury, a lovely adventure. Being relationship-oriented, you cultivate personal relationships with individuals from cultural backgrounds different from your own. This may mean that you are drawn to foreigners in a literal sense. It may also be that you're attracted to people with enlarged and perhaps exotic perspectives on human experience. The pitfall involves becoming so enamored with your longing for travel and increased cultural perspective that you overlook the satisfactions existing in ordinary surroundings. Keep in mind that love, happiness and enjoyment are ubiquitous and can be discovered anywhere on the Earth, not just over the next hill. Your challenge is to promote the appreciation fo the world and all its diverse cultures.

Higher education: Higher education is a continuing source of pleasure. You're very receptive to learning; and little in your world brings greater satisfaction than the flow of knowledge. With Mercury, active dialogue is necessary. However, you are much more comfortable when in the receiving position. It's not so much that you wish to be wise, but instead that you truly love surrounding yourself with ideas. Thus, you could be quite happy sitting at home reading a book on art or philosophy; and you're even happier attending a lecture, being in the actual living presence of a master. There is no innate

sense of inferiority, however - just a love of the pure, unmitigated luxury of education.

The search for truth: For you, truth must not be ugly. A good-looking lie is more attractive than a homely truth. You want to warm it, to polish it until it shines, to bring out the beauty inherent in any truth. The challenge is to reveal the aesthetic goodness in what is true, to show yourself and us the way to appreciate the truth. Telling the truth must reflect this task. Communicate with grace, and you move toward greater harmony with nature and the universe. Truth is beauty; truth is love.

Ideal society: You believe that love should fill the world, that people should be nicer to one another. In your perfect society, failure to love would be a cardinal sin. This society would be a romantic culture, in soft-focus and pastel colors. You believe in art and high style. The world would be filled with lovely objects and beautiful people; ugliness would be impossible to conceive. There would be no upsets, no crises, no embarrassing social scenes. Everyone would display graceful manners and seemly behavior. As Ruler of the World, you would be the paragon of Love and Beauty, the High Priestess of Romance, the symbol of Happiness, Receptivity, and Fertility.

(Robert Pelletier)

Being accepted in the social mainstream is most important to you. Though it annoys you to concede to others when you know they're wrong, you feel that it is politically advisable, and that doing otherwise might jeopardize your chances of being accepted. Once you are established, however, you won't make such concessions, because you consider it unbecoming. You prefer honesty, and you are perfectly willing to tell people you like them if they seem pleasant and attractive. You enjoy your children as they enjoy you, and you know how to cultivate their desire to live up to their own creative potentials. You try to be understanding of your partner's needs; and you are always willing to discuss any problems that come up. If the lines of communication are kept open at all times, you feel that most difficulties can be resolved. You know how to adapt to any circumstances that allow you to fully exploit your creative potentials.

People are attracted to you because you know how to make them feel important. Even with people you've just met, you tactfully let them believe that you share their views and that you find them pleasing because you have 'always been attracted to people who have a keen sense of values'. Your mate finds you delightful because of your poise and skill in dealing with people, even those who are socially undesirable. Never satisfied with your accomplishments, you constantly set new goals to reach. Though you accept favors from friends, you usually reciprocate when they need help from you.

You find repetitive jobs tedious and boring. You are drawn to occupations in which there is a minimum of routine and you are free to deal with the public. You also want opportunities to grow and to demonstrate your competence as your skills increase and you are ready for greater responsibility. You are somewhat turned off by people who lack



polish and sophistication; but it is through them that you can show what you can accomplish in your career. Your position might allow you to intercede with those in high places who can help people in need. You will grow as long as you realize that you need to know a great deal to earn the respect of those whom you serve in your profession.

You should pursue your goals with the same determination you showed when your early conditioning taught you that nothing in life is free. Fulfill your family obligations first, and then you can devote yourself to exploiting your creative potentials in your career. Any sacrifice you made to gain a formal education was the most worthwhile investment of your life.

The worst thing you could do is to imagine that others' needs are less important than yours. If you let yourself think that they only want to get something out of you, you will miss a great opportunity to achieve your goals, because others will doubt that you deserve to achieve them. On the other hand, conceding to the needs of others enriches you more than it does them. After all, aren't they giving you the chance to prove yourself? Plan your moves carefully so that you don't unknowingly undermine those who helped you when you were starting out.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Venus in the 9th or 10th house

Here we see the power of love versus the love of power. Venus at the top of the chart gives good looks and, frequently, real beauty, but in any case there is always the ability to command attention.

Many monarchs, politicians, and statesmen have Venus near the Midheaven. It is a particularly good position for those interested in a career in the arts, though it is good for any career as it attracts favorable attention. If they become public figures, the public is inclined to love them and to forgive all faults. The public will be very interested in their love lives because they will always appear to be surrounded by romantic intrigue. The public is inclined to make them into icons or institutions in later life, and enshrine them after death as symbols of something. This will be true to a lesser extent even for those who never reach beyond smaller circles, since they will still be known by name by more people than they know personally, and their lives and loves will be discussed and wondered at by the community at large.

They are excellent salesmen; but their most important product is themselves. They are usually extremely adventurous and love travel and motion, finding it very hard to stay put for any length of time. If career or family demands keep them in one place, they will take vacations to distant places.

They are fascinated by faraway places and far-out ideas, yet usually remain attracted to

conservative values and to the friends and scenes of their youth. They may suffer stress from being torn between new ideas and their promoters and the old tried and true, never really able to give up the latter. For some reason, Venus at the Midheaven gives tremendous physical stamina and courage, and the urge to conquer the heights, literally - manifested in a love of mountains and the grandeur of nature.

With Venus in the ninth on the cusp of the tenth, they tend to back causes; in the tenth, their big cause is themselves. In the ninth, this is an achiever who never stops trying, with a love of philosophy and travel; in the tenth, there is tremendous personal authority. Many generals have Venus in the tenth. In either house, they are great intriguers, diplomats, and manipulators.

They are inclined to be narcissistic, more interested in themselves and their own ideas and needs than in those of others; but they are so attractive that no-one minds. They are inclined to go their own way; and others can follow if they choose, which they usually do. They are extremely adept at getting their own way.

If there are bad aspects to Venus, there may be a weight problem, emotional in origin. A fear of sex could be the root cause of this, particularly with women, who may overeat to fill a hunger for love. They may also turn gray early in life. They may experience difficulties having children; love affairs or children may be destructive or tormenting. With bad aspects to Venus at the Midheaven, there is always danger of a sex scandal at some time in the life.

They are inclined toward luxury; and they love to surround themselves with objects of beauty, both animate and inanimate. They have a great appetite for grandeur, and will go to it (the mountains) or build it around themselves (Versailles).

## Mars in Libra 6° 57'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high mental energies, adequate to low physical energies, and low practical and emotional energies. Your energy is pleasant, relaxed and social. It is often channeled into socializing, diplomacy and mediating. Your strengths include fairness, the ability to compromise, and co-operativeness. You lack decisiveness, independence and loyalty.

You have a strong sense of fairness; but because you're not always as perceptive as you should be, you may often find yourself torn between two choices of action. Sometimes this Mars position signifies a great deal of inner conflict centering around opposing needs for independence and supportive people. In any case, much of your energy is channeled into partnerships of various types which may or may not be

longlasting. Your physical energy level tends to fluctuate, and a lot depends on the aspects you have to Mars. Aspects between Mars in this position and Moon, Venus or Neptune can make you rather lazy, while aspects to the Sun, Jupiter, and Pluto tend to increase physical energy.

I have often suspected that a certain number of people with Mars in Libra prefer cocktail parties and pleasant social chit-chat to sex. Sex, after all, is so messy! It can really play havoc with fancy hairdos, and afterwards there's inevitably all that dirty laundry. And for what?

People with Mars in Libra have no qualms about initiating sexual encounters and no qualms about walking away from them when they cease to please. They don't, however, walk away until they have somewhere else to go as a rule. Men with this placement tend not to be sexually demanding; nor are they anti-sex. They can take it or leave it, depending on who's offering it. Women with this placement are most responsive - and most faithful - to lovers who mirror their own personalities. In other words, they tend to be drawn to the concept of total union, and sex is only one small facet of this merging.

You want companionship. You want to avoid loneliness, and will pay just about any price (in terms of compromising or altering your needs) to do so. However, you're also apt to want a growth-oriented relationship, so you're apt to be quick to instigate change if you feel things are getting too hum-drum. You don't mind taking the initiative to get a new relationship off the ground; you're a little less quick to initiate a break-up unless either there's someone else waiting in the wings or your lover has refused to budge and things just can't be improved enough to restore harmony. You'd do best with someone who has Venus in an Air sign, in the 7th house, or trine your Mars.

You need to use discrimination in choosing a job if you don't want to experience disappointment. Anything involving hard physical labor is out, unless the end result is a work of beauty. Secondly, you don't take orders very well, so menial work isn't a good bet unless it's of a temporary nature. What is good for you? Try the following areas: clock-making or repair, artistic work, politics, sales, brokerage work, modelling agencies, beautician or barber.

You're motivated to be a success in the working world, and thus are willing to relocate, work long hours, or even work for a rather disagreeable boss as long as you see a promotion, raise, or some sort of prestige out there waiting for you. The areas in which your lucky breaks fall tend to vary according to your own definition of luck and what you want out of life. Romances, however - even very short-lived ones - are common door-openers for you. Participating in local social events, and working in travel agencies or beauty shops, or getting involved in dance or exercise programs, can bring opportunities your way.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

## Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by manipulating their responses in an aggressive way that produces false harmony. You may demand the Libra version of harmony by behaving as you think others want you to and expecting them to act as you want them to in exchange. You may subtly compete with others to see who can be the most harmonious person, and thus victimize yourself by continually demanding that others act fairly. You can lose energy by holding others responsible for creating justice and co-operation in your world; and when disruption occurs, blaming them for the disharmony.

## Dynamic

You can assert yourself constructively by actively, responsibly and directly initiating social interaction on the basis of personal integrity. When you ask others what it is they want from the relationship and honestly share what it is you want, you are then able to create harmony based on truth. Thus, you can gain energy by experiencing yourself as the source of harmony or disharmony in your interactions.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Mars in Libra carries within itself a basic dichotomy. The Mars principle describes how you set about getting what you need for yourself, and shows how you define yourself. Libra is about you in relation to another and gaining self-knowledge by using others as a mirror. These two opposing principles do not combine comfortably. How can you define yourself or decide what you want effectively if you consider the other person's needs before your own?

The person with Mars in Libra then attributes enormous importance to what the 'other' wants, and tends to give away his / her energy and sexual needs. These people do not know what they want until they have discovered what the other person wants. If you ask Mars in Libra people what they want to do, they will invariably answer by asking what you want to do. This makes decision-making virtually impossible because they are unable to focus in on what they want, but are always looking for answers from the outside, drawing in others to help them decide. Because of this difficulty in knowing what they want, they tend to be very ambivalent and give out double messages all the time. If they make a definite statement they will immediately qualify it, so that what they really want becomes blurred and open to doubt.

In their sexual relationships, Mars in Libra people like to observe the social niceties - Venusian touches such as romantic notes, thank-you letters, and cards sent to continue the connection. Romantic and charming, they know what pleases and show a flattering interest in their partner's life and emotional well-being. They always ask the right

questions and respond appropriately, which can be very seductive.

Enjoying repartee and flirtation, people with Mars in Libra may tend to flirt for ever without ever getting round to doing anything. They enjoy creating the right setting - a romantic meal with soft lights and sweet music. There is a perfect atmosphere for sex, and the promise and the innuendo are there, but the sex itself may never materialize. This is because Libra feels much more comfortable with social pleasantries than with the disturbing intimacy of sex. People with Mars here like to initiate contacts, forge links and hold relationships together, but they also like to keep at a distance and avoid intense involvement, often using niceness and politeness as a barrier to intimacy. However, the urge to establish a sexual relationship is a driving force for people with Mars in Libra, so that even if there is not much actual sex involved, they do need to feel that they have a sexual partner, and will put a great deal of effort into pleasing their partner and holding the relationship together.

(Skye Alexander)

Your passions never rule your thinking, and you rarely act in haste or anger. Concerned with justice and fairness, you don't let your ego get in the way of your decisions and actions. Your objective, unemotional approach could enable you to be a good judge, manager, general or diplomat,

However, you often have difficulty asserting yourself and going after what you want in a direct, decisive manner. Instead, your tendency is to think too much before you act; and, because you usually can see value in both sides of every issue, you vacillate or change your course of action several times before reaching your goal. Or, you may defer to others and let them decide for you.

Aggression in any form seems threatening to you, and you don't deal well with confrontations, arguments, forcefulness or physical combativeness. When faced with challenges, you may experience anxiety rather than positive stimulation. If possible, you'd like your environment and relationships to be balanced, harmonious and congenial at all times. Your desire is to unite with others rather than oppose them, and you'll always seek a way to work with others instead of against them if possible. You want to make friends, not adversaries.

Consequently, you might not enjoy sports (unless Fire signs predominate in your chart). There's too much antagonism and competitiveness involved - and too much chance of getting injured, or at least dirty! Since you don't possess a lot of natural vitality either, you may not like to exert yourself physically. Unless other factors in your chart provide energy and stamina, you probably need to get more rest and take better care of yourself than most people.

One area in which you are likely to be assertive is relationships. You invest much of your

energy into pursuing and maintaining relationships of all kinds, but especially romantic ones. Although you are never pushy or forceful, once you decide you want someone you'll exert gentle and continuous effort toward establishing a partnership with him / her. You might even make love your life's work.

For you, sex is always best within the context of a loving and stable relationship; and you find casual affairs unfulfilling. Instead of being excited by the novelty of a new sexual encounter, you usually feel anxious, apprehensive or insecure. For you to enjoy sex, you also must be getting along well with your lover; a disagreement before bed will turn you off completely. Though you are very affectionate and romantic, your sex drive is rather low. You tend to overly idealize sex, expecting emotional as well as physical satisfaction. When it comes to lovemaking, you are conservative and cautious, reluctant to try anything new or different. You want everything about the experience to be nice, neat and predictable. No spontaneous, impassioned encounters in parked cars or elevators for you; and clean sheets, soft music and candlelight are more powerful aphrodisiacs than triple-X movies or exotic underwear.

Art is another area into which you might channel much of your energy and effort. You can be passionate about art and aesthetics, and might even feel invigorated by the act of creating something of beauty.

Men with this Mars placement pride themselves on their refinement and good taste. However, you can be terribly vain about your looks and the image you present. You enjoy dressing fashionably and like to impress people with your knowledge of music, art, fine wines, etc.; and you would rather discuss the classics than football. You know the best restaurants and tailor in town, and are more likely to have an art dealer than a stock broker or bookie. To you, fastidiousness and the ability to get along with everyone are virtues in a man. Tactful, sociable and well-mannered, you are the perfect dinner guest, a pleasant and amiable friend, and every mother's ideal son-in-law.

Women with Mars in Libra are attracted to men who are intelligent, sociable, impeccably dressed, and squeaky-clean, with perfect manners and good taste - oldfashioned 'gentlemen'. You are intimidated by forceful, passionate men, and prefer a partner who is more restrained. 'Jocks' and cowboy-types are too coarse for you; you want someone who is totally civilized and as far removed from the physical world as possible.

## Mars in 7th House

(Donna van Toen)

This suggests that you have some lessons to learn about partnerships in general and romantic commitments in particular. Public opinion will also somehow play a role in your life. Highly independent and courageous yourself, you're apt to attract an energetic,

assertive mate. There may be a bit more competition than is healthy between you, particularly if you both work. Enemies would tend to be aggressive, selfish, highly competitive people.

If Mars is here, you want a monogamous relationship, and you want a mate / love who can be depended on to be there when you need him / her. But at the same time, you need a social life, so woe be unto the mate / lover who tries to make it just the two of you forever more.

Tension motivates you. This can be good or bad, depending on whether you use your energy to resolve problems or to get back at those whom you feel are causing your bad luck. Harmonious relationships can be good sources of opportunities for you. Discordant relationships can also lead to positive opportunities if they help you determine your priorities and understand what motivates you. Be careful of childish 'tit for tat' behavior, though. That's counterproductive.

The theme of the seventh house is 'we vs. me'. It's most specifically involved with marriage; but business partnerships and relationships with clients are also a part of this house. If you're an astrologer, counsellor, beautician, et cetera, pay special attention to this house; it will tell you a lot about why you're doing what you're doing. If Mars is here, there's been impulsiveness in the area of marriage in the past. This tendency would have to be curbed now; and any past damage done would have to be rectified. Karma might be worked out through experiencing a marriage to an argumentative person; and in extreme cases, your mate might even be physically or mentally cruel.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

To people with Mars in the seventh, relationships are the driving force of life, even though they are fraught with difficulty and the source of much conflict. Being close to someone brings up a lot of anger and insecurity, and these people may tend to use their partner as a punch bag on whom they vent all their frustration and rage. But even though close relationships are so difficult, the urge to be involved is so strong that they are seldom on their own for long.

Desire and anger are closely linked for them, so sex tends to stir up hostility, and they can be very critical and aggressive toward their sexual partners. Easily hurt and oversensitive, they tend to see criticism as rejection and overreact, retaliating viciously when hurt. They can be very abusive; and the desire to hurt their partner can sometimes destroy the relationship. At times they will end a relationship themselves because they feel insecure and resent the power the other person has over them. They attack in order to defend themselves, and this can be very destructive. There is also an -often unconscious - urge to provoke anger in others; and they may needle a less volatile partner until he or she explodes. To them, anger is part of love, and they find it hard to accept that they are loved if the other person remains calm.

There can be a tendency to project their Mars energy and look for a partner to be strong and make their decisions for them. They try to live through their partner, and get very angry when the partner does not live up to expectation. But if they do find someone that fits the projection, they will feel powerless and resentful and will eventually want to break free and regain their power.

These people tend to see others as a challenge against whom they must constantly test themselves, so relationships tend to be a battleground in which they fight for survival. Mars is not comfortable in the house of sharing and co-operation, where it feels its autonomy to be under threat, so freedom of action is going to be a big issue for these people. There will be a lot of quarrels and fighting for space; and they may feel that they have to fight to be themselves.

Although relationships are seldom comfortable for the person with Mars in the seventh, they are full of passion and warmth. They put a tremendous amount of dynamic energy into love, which is one of the reasons that their partnerships are so tense. They cannot be cool or neutral towards their partner, so they tend to be either passionately loving or fiercely angry, without much in between! They find all the ups and downs stimulating, and the battles a constant source of excitement. They need the friction to feel alive; and the amount of passion that goes into the quarrels tends to reflect their desire for the other person!

On a more ordinary level, these people get a tremendous amount of satisfaction from doing things with their partner. The more activities they participate in together, the happier they will be. They will get a lot of pleasure from things like getting a home together and planning exactly what they are going to do with it. They gain satisfaction, too, from fighting alongside the partner - for example in political campaigning.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This Mars gives a combative nature; they won't take anything lying down. They are argumentative, and it seems as though no matter whatever it is, they're against it.

They have trouble getting along with people, so those with Sun or Mars in Fire or Earth signs will get a reputation for being touchy and hard to deal with, while those with Sun or Mars in Air or Water will mask their irritation in order to avoid confrontation. They are compelled by their strong sex drive to find a partner, but have a hard time staying with anyone. Part of the reason for this is that they tend to choose other combative types, so the fur will fly from time to time (or all the time). At least one relationship will end in anger and total misunderstanding. It takes them years to learn how to live with others.

First, they must learn to live with themselves. Often mistreated in some way, neglected or ignored by one or both parents in childhood, they take out their anger on everyone



else until they begin to see what they are doing and learn to release the energy in other, less destructive ways. With Mars in Cancer or Pisces, the combativeness is modified. It may show as passive / aggressive behavior, or it may be turned inward, leading to illness. These people should always involve themselves in competitive sports so as to absorb their combative energies and keep other areas free from it.

If the Moon is on an angle, this Mars can be dangerous; violence may be done to them or by them. Yet if they can learn to harness their energies, and to live with themselves and others, much can be achieved with the seventh-house Mars, as the energy, properly applied, is endless.

These people are often lonely, and feel misunderstood by others. Something has hardened them to the outside world, diminishing their natural sensitivity to others. They feel misunderstood; but it is really they who misunderstand others and misinterpret their motives. It is hard for others to break through this tough shell. In fact, it is impossible, until they are willing to come out from behind their defenses.

They will often have a relationship with an athlete, someone athletic in nature, or who enjoys sports as a pastime, possibly someone in the police or the military. With bad aspects to Mars, they may have a relationship with someone violent, or someone who has suffered from violence, or who has dangerous occupation or lifestyle.

They are tough opponents, and do well in anything where fight is required. Although oppositions or conjunctions to the Moon or Saturn may make them fearful, once the fat is in the fire, watch out!

Good aspects, particularly trines to planets in the eleventh house, will modify the difficulties of his position, giving these people the power to control themselves and diminishing the touchiness. However, the basic stress of opposition from the Ascendant and square from the Midheaven to this most energetic and forceful of planets is hard to modify.

(Bill Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: Others may seek you out as an attractive object of desire. You might find yourself 'courted' or pursued, and you could develop high confidence and charisma as a result. However, it can also seem that people are overly combative with you, that they are often overly aggressive or sometimes downright disagreeable with you. But look within yourself and you'll discover some of that same energy. Find out what it's about. Don't let it lurk beneath your awareness. Mirroring is also positive. The challenge is to discover your own natural sharpness through relating, and then to use it to cut away any obstacles to the fulfillment of your natural desires.

Equal partnerships: Your partnerships tend to be energetic and focused with a clear

sense of purpose. Although you are capable of sustaining long-term relationships, the emphasis is on the immediate crisis, the momentary confrontation, today's problem rather than yesterday's or tomorrow's. Equality is a struggle. You may feel that your partner is trying to conquer you, but you're just as likely to use the same strategy. In either direction, a win / lose battleground is really no partnership at all. Avoid both surrender and victory, for it is imperative that humiliation and revenge be kept out of your relationships. You are likely to be oversensitive to your partner's desires, so keep the focus on your own male qualities. Assert yourself with the intention of reaching rather than conquering your partner. Penetrate the partner's heart with your sincere desire.

Contracts, commitments: When you find a relationship you want, you immediately commit yourself to having it. It's not thought-out or chosen after considered contemplation. You jump right in, urgent, propelled by desire. The only commitment you know how to make is total - forever. What gives this the flavor of paradox, however, is the fact that Mars doesn't measure forever in terms of literal time. Rather, 'forever' means until the desire no longer exists. One pitfall involves seeing your partner as an object rather than as a person, a screen upon which you project desires. The challenge is to learn to make promises rather than commitments, for they are more suited to your warrior nature's appreciation of honor.

Co-operation: This is a paradoxical placement for Mars. The ordinary expectations would be that you are unwilling to co-operate with others. But characteristically, the reverse occurs. You are so willing, so eager to compromise that you give your power away, blunting the sharp edge of your own desires, so to speak. Also, as stated above, you tend to be drawn to very assertive, even aggressive partners. Remember, it is your job not to give others what they want, but rather to use your natural sensitivity to their desires to get in touch with your own. The challenge is to overcome all these obstacles to shared fulfillment, so you can reach full expression with your partner.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is a person whose masculine nature has impact on you, who knows what he or she wants and goes for it without hesitation. This partner must not be too subtle, for that would dilute the desired effect of direct and spontaneous contact; and the more physical your partner is in approaching reality, the more you appreciate your mate. You want someone powerful, but, more importantly, ardent and passionate.

A natural partnership for you stimulates your contact with the energies of desire. It need not be overtly sexual, but there must be an animal quality present in the sharing. If it's not compelling, it's not real. The image is a wild stallion racing with the wind.

(Howard Sasportas)

By house, Mars shows the area of life in which we need to take action and assert ourselves. In the 7th, this gives rise to a strong urge to define the identity and gain a

sense of power through relationships with other people. I have seen many instances of this placement in the charts of young men and women who rush haphazardly into marriage - often inspired by the first taste of sexual passion or partially motivated by the desire to escape from the restrictions of a difficult or oppressive family background. Through marriage, they believe they will find themselves in their own right. More often, what they do discover is that they have replaced one form of tyranny with another. The initial sexual attraction may die down, but the power games are still there.

Some people with this placement come on so strongly at first that they frighten others away. Conversely, they may be an attraction to someone with obvious Mars qualities - the bold, straightforward, dynamic hero or heroine who can relieve them of the burden of making their own decisions in life. After a while, they may become angry or resentful at the bossiness of the other person and attempt to take back the power they once so freely handed over. But it is unfair to condemn Mars in the 7th only to relationships filled with strife and contention, although some people seem to thrive very well on a diet of fireworks. There are many examples of Mars in this house which manifest in lively, stimulating relationships where the partners positively 'spark off' one another, while still allowing the mate to maintain personal freedom. However, there is still the danger of taking their aggression out on those closest and most dear to them, or not so subtly arousing other people to anger and thereby conjuring a justifiable excuse to vent their own. Those with Mars in the 7th also appear to need fairly constant reassurance of their worth in the eyes of other people. They are also likely to be the first to stand up and defend another person if they believe that he or she is being unjustly accused.

(Robert Pelletier)

An argumentative person, you must try not to get angry when people disagree with you. If you can be objective, you will understand that no-one is trying to threaten you - they are simply presenting an alternate point of view. This could be an opportunity to expand your knowledge and get the benefit of someone else's experience, so don't cut it off before you have a chance to evaluate the situation. People are impressed by your aggressiveness, but they are intimidated when you act impulsively without justification. You will get support for your programs if you learn to discipline yourself, because people won't take a chance with you unless you seem more self-controlled. You arouse people's interest by dramatizing your plans. Above all, get an education so that you can learn how to promote your ambitious plans without incurring the resentment of your intended supporters.

You devote a lot of time to thinking about the best way to realize your dreams. You should use an equal amount of energy to carry out your ideas, because talk is useless without action. Be wary of shady suggestions from friends, because it is imperative that you always operate within the limits of your conscience, guided by your sense of right and wrong. Freedom is so precious to you that it would be senseless to risk losing it through careless disregard for ethical behavior.

In spite of appearances, you doubt your ability to successfully meet competition. You overreact to threats, and use tactics that are more aggressive than necessary to win, or else you become quarrelsome when you suffer defeat. This probably results from the conditioning you received while you were growing up. Perhaps you weren't allowed to express yourself freely, or you were severely punished when you did. In that case, leaving home while you were young was the best action to take, although you felt somewhat guilty about it. You may be alienated from your parents, so you will have to rely on your own resources to make a life for yourself. A career that allows you to have authority over others will relieve some of your tension, but it has to be handled intelligently to be truly productive. With common sense and objectivity, you will acquire status for your accomplishments.

You thrive on competition as a chance to demonstrate your superior ability. Your aggressive nature will pay dividends when you have the opportunity to make money. Nothing will deter you from your goal of financial independence; and this vision sometimes drives you to excess. It may be useless to tell you to relax and get away from the pressure of your work now and then, but it needs saying. When people appreciate your help, it pleases you more than if they simply pay for it.

Your 'all or nothing' attitude demands that your partner be completely dedicated to your needs and ambitions. You find it painful to be rejected by anyone, especially the one you love. You don't demand complete submission, but you must be the most important person to your lover. For those who qualify, you will do anything to preserve your relationship. In your career, you must develop your skills to the utmost to increase your chances of winning in competition. You have the energy and imagination to use your skills to obtain any reasonable goal and win the public's respect.

## **Jupiter ♃ in ♓ Pisces 20° 14'**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### **Static**

If you postpone using the Pisces visionary abilities to see through and beyond the limiting, insensitive social, intellectual and moralistic values of society, it can result in a widespread state of perpetual confusion. You may inadvertently allow righteous ideas about how circumstances should be, but are not, to alienate you from trusting yourself and from life in general. The lack of faith that ensues can create a state of helpless stagnation and confusion about how to improve your present circumstances.

### **Dynamic**

In deciding to take a leap of faith and greet the many facets of life with a basic trust in the universe, you can experience the joy of having your vision fulfilled at every moment. When you accept circumstances as they are, with your vision on the perfection behind the appearance - on the Divinity behind the clay - you can undergo the joy and personal expansion of being able to assist people in realizing their potential. Self-trust is increased as you use your natural trust in the unseen workings behind the appearances of life as a personal foundation.

(Marilyn Waram)

An individual who has Jupiter in Pisces connects ultimate intellectual values to ultimate emotional values. The former operates through the conscious mind, deals with concepts which can be articulated, and is driven by a need to understand. The latter operates through the unconscious mind, deals with symbols and concepts which often cannot be articulated and are communicated more effectively through art or myth or dreams, and is driven by a need to reconnect with the mystical divine nature within each individual.

There are some clashes. Jupiter represents our 'head goals', the values we think about and often think we should follow. Pisces represents 'heart goals', the values we feel and which are an emotional reaction to something. Jupiter values may be harsh or just coldly logical; or they could be self-justifying, rationalized, or conventionally religious. At their highest, however, they are connected to high-minded principles of right living.

Pisces values are usually gently, compassionate, and love-based, and may be too softhearted, illogical, or based on hopes and wishes more than on fact. They could be self-deluding, developed out of a victim or savior mentality or out of a mystical and illusive spiritual philosophy. At their best, however, they are connected to and flow from our Divine centre, with consequent timeless wisdom, loving acceptance, and surrender.

Just as an example, the person with Jupiter in Pisces could get into a dilemma over how to discipline an unco-operative employee. The Jupiter part of her nature may feel quite a bit of anger that the employee is not meeting expected standards of behavior or performance. She could feel self-righteous and fully justified in taking disciplinary measures, and may spend quite a bit of time justifying the action and thinking it will probably do the employee good. It may simply be aware that certain standards must be met or business or other employees suffer. The Pisces part of her nature will agonize over the possibility that the employee's feelings will probably be hurt, hope desperately that she won't fight or get nasty, and wish the whole situation would just fix itself. It may spend time day-dreaming about how the employee might come in tomorrow morning magically transformed. On a higher level, it might sense that this employee has problems at home which are weighing on her mind, or she is suffering somehow and needs support, not censure.

There are also some commonalities between Jupiter and Pisces. Before the discovery of Neptune, Jupiter was considered to be the co-ruler of Pisces because both are connected to a search which often turns spiritual in nature. Both are connected to values and faith, although their methods of operation differ. Because of that, Jupiter in Pisces could indicate a profoundly spiritual person, someone who approaches religion with a gentle sense of yearning and awe. She may have a strong sense of compassion, an ardent faith in the goodness of God and the universe, and a flowing sense of being a significant being in a meaningful world. She may feel completely confident that the power which is behind the universe is always right and can be trusted without reserve. She could temper the Jupiter principles and logic with sensitivity; the tendency to rationalize behavior with a sense of deep acceptance; and the propensity to judge and patronize with a profound sense of at-one-ness and altruism.

With Jupiter in Pisces, she could make forbearance and graciousness an ultimate value and expect herself always to sacrifice herself rather than hurt another, until she no longer distinguishes between loving sacrifice and self-annihilation. She might make victimization a way of life and think that is what her religion asks of her. She could place all her faith in matters of the spirit and neglect the issues of the world. She could be fuzzy and chronically unclear about her principles and values, easily swayed and taken advantage of. Jupiter in Pisces is a suggestion that problems with faith and values could be due to lack of boundaries unbridled expansion, lack of attention paid to the realities of the world, and unrestrained expectations.

When Jupiter in Pisces is handled constructively, the individual has a deep sense of faith and hope in the future which is richly spiritual; but she can, when she puts her mind to it, put words to her profound understanding and insight. She may be a marvellous inspiration to others through her ability to communicate, through art, music, poetry or some other medium. She can convey the significance of faith and the major role it plays in the healthy mental life of a human being. She brings into consciousness the vital, powerful and revitalizing forces contained within the unconscious, which she trusts - unlike most. She teaches others that these unconscious forces are for our benefit.

(Skye Alexander)

You probably possess much artistic talent; and expressing it - through painting, music, photography, dance or poetry - comes easily and naturally for you. through the use of your imagination, intuition and creativity you grow and expand your awareness of the Universe and your place in it. You derive great satisfaction and an exhilarating feeling of well-being and self-confidence from your art. Perhaps you will even achieve recognition for your creativity and might get a 'lucky break' that results in your success.

However, unless your chart contains other factors that provide some discipline and perseverance, you might spend more time dreaming about the symphonies you'll write or the paintings you'll paint than actually doing it. On its own, this combination indicates

laziness and lack of focus. You want things to come easily and may give up too quickly, rather than working diligently toward a goal. You are also a perfectionist; and if you can't be the best at something you won't even try.

Your wonderful imagination enables you to see and hear things others don't - a valuable gift when used artistically. However, you have a tendency to let your imagination run away with you sometimes, and you could experience hallucinations, paranoia, or simply trouble separating fact from fantasy. At times, your dream world and fantasy life might be more real to you than the physical realm.

For you, the unmapped territory of the subconscious holds great fascination, possibly because the boundary between your own conscious and subconscious is not so distinct as it is in most people. You also may realize that this is the source of your creativity. It is quite likely that you have an interest in psychic development and / or psychology, and see them as ways to get in touch with the inner realm. You want to expand your horizons to encompass all worlds of existence - inner and outer - and all levels of experience.

Your sensitivity to realms outside the physical may result in strong spiritual beliefs. Regardless of what religion you embrace, your faith is an important part of your life and brings you joy and comfort. Perhaps you will even devote your life to your religion, as a monk / nun, spiritual teacher or leader. In the extreme, you might become so fervent in your belief that you are self-righteous and intolerant of others'. Or, you might escape into your spiritual life as a way of avoiding the difficulties of the 'real world'.

Your desire to escape the harsh realities of earthly life could cause you to turn to alcohol and / or drugs, or to withdraw into yourself to avoid facing your problems and responsibilities. With Jupiter in Pisces, your ideal is not to be found in this world, and your hope is that you'll find it in another, more perfect one.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Pisces gives emotional depth, especially in understanding and compassion. People with this position champion the underdog and those less fortunate than themselves; thus, they often work in hospitals and charitable institutions. However, sometimes they are indiscriminate in their compassion and generosity; and their sympathies may be taken advantage of. They must learn to help others assume responsibility for their own lives and learn their own evolutionary lessons. These natives may come to realize that the purpose of spiritual evolution is not simply to make life easy but to make men stronger in love, wisdom, and the positive expression of the will.

Mystical tendencies and emotional religious convictions go with this position. If Jupiter aspects Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto, there can be psychic ability and intuitive perception of the spiritual realm of being. These people may have a direct, intuitive experience of the realities beyond physical manifestation. Their spiritual understanding can be more

universal than the orthodox Jupiter in Sagittarius person. However, their intuitive perception is not necessarily free of astral illusion, egotism, or desire for glamour.

Needing periodic seclusion, intuitive search, meditation, and spiritual renewal, they often associate with spiritual retreats, ashrams, churches and monasteries.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Pisces, there can be guru worship and cultism because of the emotional drive to belong to something that confers spiritual status. These people also feel the need for a human figure or personification of the Deity to whom they can express their religious devotion. In this, they are often unconsciously seeking a father figure who can assume responsibility for the direction of their life, especially if Jupiter is afflicted by Neptune. The identification with a guru or cult also provides a vehicle through which they are able to express service in order to feel that they are uplifting humanity. When they attain greater spiritual maturity, they grow in the understanding that their allegiance must be only to a universal, infinite spiritual power which is the ultimate reality. It is in this power that all time, space, form, and personality manifestation are contained.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Pisces, it can produce social parasites who throw themselves on the kindness of friends or religious and charitable institutions, instead of exercising discipline to make their own way in the world.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Before the discovery of Neptune and its acceptance into the astrological pantheon, Jupiter was the ruler of Pisces. As a result, its influence from the sign is increased, and indeed it is very well placed here.

The philosophical, spiritual and reflective elements of both sign and planet are beautifully blended and will be prominent in the subject, for he or she will be kind, sympathetic and caring. There will be a compassionate spirit and a natural friendliness; she will always listen to what is being said, and build up a marvellously sympathetic rapport with other people. This placing is often found in the charts of those working in the caring and medical professions. It can also bestow a great love of animals (and an excellent rapport with them), and will help anyone wanting to become a vet or to work with animals in some other way.

The emotional level is considerably enhanced, and the imagination and intuition are also greatly heightened, sometimes to the point that these tendencies will be much increased should worry show up in other areas of the chart. Here too is someone with the best kind of religious faith - and who practises what he or she preaches. Identification with suffering is also present; and while many will take positive action to help alleviate it (much as Jupiter in Aquarius does), the caring can sometimes be expressed less directly through contemplation, meditation or prayer. There may also be powers of healing.



Self-indulgence may be present if Jupiter is afflicted by the Sun or Moon; and these people may be unreliable, with a tendency toward deceptiveness or self-deception. They will make sacrifices, sometimes of their personal success or happiness, giving up much to look after a sick relative or perhaps forsaking a successful career to turn to something that is considered to be more worthwhile.

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Pisces, one seeks to grow and to improve oneself through living one's ideals, expanding one's sympathies, and generosity of spirit. One needs to be compassionate and sensitive in order to feel faith in oneself. Acting on the need for selfimprovement can be hindered by unfocused, noncritical attitudes and escapism. Openness to grace is based on one's compassion toward all that suffers. One has a welldeveloped trust in a higher power; one understands the importance of devotion to an ideal and openness to the spiritual dimension of experience.

As one might expect when Jupiter is 'dignified' in Pisces, the sign of compassion and devotion, there is a considerable idealism and desire to be of service to the helpless.

Jupiter in Pisces also brings a need to take risks - and even bear severe criticism - in order to promote a greater cause, goal, or vision. There is often an image of nobility and dignity that these people exude, an aura which may help to relatively easy acceptance by others. Actors with this placement may emanate a large, expansive, impressive energy. The placement also brings imaginative and inventive abilities. Many people with Jupiter in Pisces have made great contributions to science.

Carter wrote of this placement: 'Pleasant, easy-going, friendly; devoted to philanthropy and public work'. Ebertin wrote: 'Altruism, kind-heartedness, contentment in modest circumstances, a love of solitude and quiet happiness... impressionability'. Davison wrote: 'Enthusiasm for public welfare, healing; a mind that is sympathetic, receptive, impressionable (vacillating)'. Hickey wrote: 'Interest strong in occult and psychic laws. Can work well with people, for there is a deep understanding of their needs. Emotion and sympathy must enter into his work, or he will not be happy'. Moore & Douglas wrote: 'The Piscean influence toward introspection is not incompatible with Jupiterian expansiveness. The lesson of this combination is that real growth must imply an evolution of consciousness... and that inner and outer processes are carried forward simultaneously'. Mayo wrote: 'Benevolent, genial, humorous; or extravagant, unreliable, over-imaginative'.

The tendency just mentioned by Mayo toward possible extravagance can indeed manifest in a minority of cases as an over-inflated ego, sometimes leading to quite destructive consequences. Keeping one's feet on the ground may be the hardest challenge for those with this position. They can float away into dreams of personal glory;

they can become lost in self-aggrandizement posing as big-heartedness; or they can indulge themselves in exaggerated, mythologized versions of their lives. In some cases of more ordinary mortals, they can 'go to pieces' if their lifestyle, marriage, or job to which they have been devoted disintegrates, resulting in disorientation, escapism, and difficulty coping with reality.

Self-esteem and confidence for most of these people, however, slowly develops over time as they align themselves with a spiritual, social, or artistic ideal. As Moore and Douglas implied in the quotation listed earlier, growth, personal progress and improvement are for them intimately connected with the development of higher and / or broader consciousness. These folks are usually future-oriented people, and almost invariably they have some kind of special imagination, intuitive understanding of life, or breadth of vision that can inspire themselves and others, and which they need to act upon throughout their lives if they are going to feel prosperous and successful. As Moore and Douglas explain, 'success' for those with Jupiter in Pisces has little to do with money or material goods: '...considerably less money-minded than those with Jupiter in Earth signs. They are not as likely to see life in terms of material failure and success because they care too much for their own serenity to sell their souls to the jealous gods of commerce. They want to know what life means, and if the earning of money is less meaningful to them than having the leisure to enjoy what nature has gratuitously given, they will turn disdainfully from the struggle to accumulate possessions to the search for inner fulfillment. Periodically, these types of people need to escape from themselves altogether and return to nature. Music, open spaces, and beautiful scenery benefit their health more than any tonic. A sea voyage or a vacation by the water may also restore their jaded nerves. They should habitually set aside times of peace and solitude for quiet meditation'.

(Grant Lewi)

Opportunity will appeal to you directly as it relates to your own private dream of selfjustification. You can pass by material gain if there's something undesirable connected with it. You can neglect doing for others if you don't happen to want to. You may seem capricious or whimsical in your selections, but there is nothing whimsical about them to you: every choice is related to a fixed code which no-one may know about but yourself, but which is crystal clear to you. If this code is big and unselfish, your whole life will be a miracle of service. If it is little and narrow, your life will also be a miracle of service - to yourself. To be satisfied with that which also satisfies others is your key to success and happiness, for thus you overcome the tendency of this position to introversion, and allow the genial Jupiterian qualities to shine forth through the sign, which, in its best manifestation, gives you the power to lose yourself in large, humane ideals.

(Syndey Omarr)

In Pisces, Jupiter represents the native who is kind, charitable, hospitable, sympathetic to problems of others - and then appears absentminded when it comes to solving his own troubles. He is much concerned with ideals, honor, 'doing his best'. He is in danger of attracting 'inferiors' who become parasites, living off his good name and good will. This applies especially to relations with members of the opposite sex. The astrologer should help him put more 'steel' into his make-up, and help him overcome a fear of asserting himself.

The native doesn't often reveal his private visions, dreams, ambitions and feelings. Thus, it is not easy to know what pleases him and what offends him. The astrologer would prove helpful if he encouraged the native toward a greater degree of self-expression. His friends are often connected with institutions such as hospitals, charitable organizations, etc.. He works well with groups, and is apt to become lonely and depressed when struggling alone. He has the ability to fulfill his ambitions, once he clearly defines them and discovers where they lie, and where they eventually are going to take him. He takes a great interest in reading, acquiring knowledge on his own, and then confiding in a few trusted friends. It is important that he find the proper environment. Otherwise he suffers, usually in silence.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an unconditional, though potentially whimsical, giver. You have the goodness to give up the lesser for the sake of the greater - and to avoid self-pity. You have the morality to follow your heart in your relationships - yet should pledge to avoid being self-deluding. You have reverence for the best in human nature - yet should pledge to avoid being gullible.

You can be trusted to appreciate the sensitive and soulful in Other and to respond to them in a creative and imaginative way; to be kind and compassionate towards any suffering; and to put your own needs and fears on hold when Other's state or circumstances genuinely require help and reassurance.

You may be excessively fantasy-prone - entertaining very unreal possibilities concerning Other; excessively emotional, and inclined to allow yourself precariously to be carried along by the tide of events; and excessively indiscriminate and impractical when it comes to understanding the wider implications of succumbing to what Other needs or promises.

You believe in rapture as the main indicator of anything or anyone being of true and lasting value. Such feelings would include blissful extremes of sorrow and pain or poignancy. You also believe that compassion, when all is said or done, is the ultimate response to the human condition. You disagree with anything or anyone that does not include a sense of the sublime; and you disagree with a clinical approach to the human condition. Be aware that fervour, especially of the religious variety, although so

convincing at the time, can often lead to disaster.

When you are alone, it is because you have over-emphasized or under-emphasized the expression of the above traits. If you have over-emphasized, you have been misguidedly wearing your heart on your sleeve at the same time as not being aware of the weaknesses and shortcomings of human nature. Consequently, you have been let down and hurt, leaving you to retreat into your own grotto of self-protection. But the best protection for the heart is that it be strong in the faith that all is for the best, and to eliminate selfimportance. If you have under-emphasized the above-described qualities (quite possibly as a result of over-emphasizing them), you have therefore limited your possibilities to the point of being emotionally unavailable. This would be a case of your not being prepared to take the highs with the lows and settling for the safe and mediocre - which amounts to being alone or stuck with an oppressive or boring Other. Jupiter in Pisces is very much a case of 'Take away my demons and you take away my angels' as Dante so exquisitely put it.

(John Townley)

You are happiest when love follows its own course and takes you along for the exhilarating ride. Questioning and examining your motives in an affair tends to interfere with its natural rhythm and direction. Such close examination may cause you to lose the thread of your affections.

Although you are happiest when you follow your intuition and feelings, do not act entirely blindly. Set certain limitations, then stop and take a second look before going on. This procedure still encourages spontaneity but at the same time protects you from occasional predatory lovers who may try to take advantage of your easygoing nature and generous style.

Do not be surprised if letting yourself go leads you into unusual or unexplored areas of the imagination. You should not restrict yourself sexually on the basis of other styles or moralities. Your criterion should be whatever gives you and your lover the most enjoyment.

You may enjoy letting yourself be carried along in a love experience, taking emotional and psychic inspiration from your lover. Your sexuality is not actively aggressive but subtle, uncovering the little-known hidden areas of sensuality. These secret recesses are a reminder to both of you of the infinite complexities to be enjoyed when body and spirit are entwined in the physical and emotional act of love.

(Robert Hand)

This is a sign that you should serve others and in some way put others' interests before your own. However, there are some difficulties in finding the proper balance, because at

the same time you should not deny your own satisfaction and gratification. What you give to others must be given willingly. If it is given in a spirit of martyrdom and self-sacrifice, it will not be much help to those who receive it. When you can honestly give of yourself and what you have, you feel good and you enjoy doing it. This is what you must try to attain.

An idealist, you are easily disappointed when reality does not live up to your expectations. You must learn that you can't assume that the universe will live up to your ideals. You will have to create these ideals in your own life by making them real for yourself and others.

As you get older, you will develop a strong spiritual awareness, which may or may not surface as an interest in traditional religion. However, it will influence your perception of the world very strongly. Even if you do not actively believe in a particular religion, you will be concerned with an aspect of the universe that is higher than everyday material reality.

It is a good idea to go off by yourself now and then and be alone with your thoughts, because the confusion and hustle of the everyday world can make you lose your perspective. You need a quiet atmosphere to find out what is really important to you. When you are alone, you may have some of the most important experiences of your life.

## Jupiter ♃ in 12th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

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Jupiter in a house that has both a Jupiterian and a Neptunian coloration is usually expressed as an active fantasy life, full of imagination, dreams of the future, and / or yearnings toward a spiritual or idealistic goal. There is usually an inner generosity of spirit, sometimes manifesting as charitable or philanthropic activity or as work in the helping professions or healing arts. In the deepest region of their heart, these people usually trust in life (or God), and feel that they will be taken care of; hence, they are eager to treat others with similar protection and abundant giving. The experience of solitude, or even of loneliness, is not an oppressive condition for these folks, but rather a profound inner need, to enable themselves to search within and to explore their inner world and higher goals.

As life goes by, these people learn subtle but very essential life lessons on a profound level, sometimes at a level so deep that it is impossible to express it in words; it may even be completely unconscious. These individuals need to grow beyond the constraints of the past by exploring old emotional patterns and transcending them. Tuning in with a

positive attitude toward spiritual truths helps them to overcome the feeling of confinement that the twelfth house often symbolizes. In fact, those with Jupiter here will often find fulfillment and enjoy working in places of confinement (hospitals, prisons, special schools, etc.) or in charitable or educational institutions. A tendency toward seclusion is usually apparent, although less so than with most other twelfth house placements, since Jupiter represents a rather enthusiastic and outgoing energy. However, even those with Jupiter in the twelfth are usually not particularly ambitious (unless other powerful chart factors indicate it), because their need for growth and social involvement is often expressed in less 'worldly' fields of activity. And so, while Jupiter here is comparatively rare in prominent people, we can still find a wide variety of expressions of this principle.

As one might expect with Jupiter in a somewhat Jupiterian house, there are a large number of successful athletes in this group, including many Olympic champions. We might inquire why this is so, for this is not a Mars factor, the astrological symbol traditionally associated with athletics. In addition to the rulership of the outdoors by Jupiter, physical activity of this type gives one a sense of expansiveness, room to breathe, and a sense of exhilaration. Also, the team games constitute their own fantasy world, an appropriate twelfth house domain, in which the individual can try to accomplish the impossible or at least can realistically experience the satisfaction of constantly improving his or her own performance. In addition, most athletic training requires a solitary focus, separate from the rest of the outer world. And finally, a sense of deep faith is required to sustain oneself during the times of inevitable defeat, frustration, and personal failure. In many ways, one needs to transcend, at least temporarily, one's ego-self in order to perform at one's peak in many athletic endeavors.

The tremendous life of the imagination mentioned earlier is often expressed through the arts.

We cannot leave the subject without acknowledging that individuals with Jupiter in the twelfth can be extravagant, irresponsible, and so unrealistic that they can become caught up in big schemes that lead them toward destructive behavior.

(Marilyn Waram)

With the planet of ultimate values placed in the house of ultimate spiritual values, anything seems possible! Both Jupiter and the twelfth house represent elemental components of human nature which do not wish to accept boundaries. It is their nature to go beyond boundaries. In the first case, through ceaseless expansion. In the second, by transcendence. In addition, both of these elemental components deal in future possibilities, not practical issues. They are both mutable; restless and changeable, not stable.

Jupiter in the twelfth may indicate an individual who has limitless faith in the universe, its

goodness and her future in it. It is another of the placements which has a somewhat stronger than usual possibility of a supportive basic world view, of a foundation belief in the perfection of the cosmos, of the protection or at least general good will of the Being or Knowingness behind it all. With the level of faith possible in this placement, this person can become a fantastic inspiration to all who know her. The broadness and depth of her spiritual acceptance may be incredible. It may also fall into the category of 'Goody Two Shoes'. She might insist that everything that occurs, no matter how tragic, has to be good. In so doing, she may deny the very real pain of people who need to grieve.

This person may make spiritual development and reconnection with the Divine Nature an ultimate value. She may honor a peaceful, loving, flowing attitude as the highest path. She could revere music, art, or the savior role. She could also be seduced by the victim and martyr roles, due to an overemphasis on self-sacrifice. She may need to learn that there is a considerable difference between self-sacrifice and self-annihilation. She could get into the habit of giving up too much of herself in order to help others or to keep peace. She might expect all of life to be flowing, harmonious, loving and sublime, and suffer wretched disillusionment when the harsh realities of life catch her by surprise. She may be able to view the world with rose-colored glasses indefinitely.

With Jupiter in the twelfth, the person could idolize spiritual values to such an extent that she tries to apply them in areas of life where they are inappropriate, such as in human relationships. She may have completely unrealistic expectations of others. She might not realize that in an ideal world her ideas would be the norm; but we do not yet live in that ideal world. She could enshrine passivity, gentleness, and surrender. She could confuse total acceptance of what comes one's way in life with giving up. She might expect herself, as well as others, to always be empathic, sensitive and receptive.

Jupiter in the twelfth is another natural square. Zip Dobyns characterizes this type of combination as a clash between 'head goals' - what we think should happen - and 'heart goals' - what we feel would bring peace and love. An example of this is when an individual holds both human life and human rights to freedom of choice in reverence. Where, then, are the loyalties to go in issues such as abortion - the sanctity of human life versus the right of each woman to decide for herself - or the murder of an incredibly abusive spouse - again, the sanctity of human life versus the right of each human being to decent treatment? Another example would be when a parent has to make a difficult decision to discipline an unruly youngster. Her heart may make excuses and try to be empathic, and may want to 'spare the rod and spoil the child'. Her head, however, may tell her the child will grow up to be irresponsible or selfish, and thereby unable to create a happy life, unless she is taught some fundamental lessons at an early age. The two sides, each with its own values, clash within the one person.

Sometimes this placement indicates someone who places an unhealthy amount of faith in God, with no expectation that she will ever need to do anything practical to take care of herself. Or, she could have unrealistic expectations of God and be disappointed when

she sees the unfairness and bleakness which is part of life on this earth, thinking that if there was a God, He wouldn't let such things go on. She may have God confused with Superman, and expect Him to be around to rescue all those who break the rules.

An extreme manifestation of Jupiter in the twelfth is total worship of the Truth - the individual's truth, that is - to the exclusion of all other considerations, including decency, integrity or other fundamental principles.

At its highest expression, Jupiter in the twelfth could symbolize someone who puts the mystical, magical and spiritual aspirations of the twelfth house into intellectual concepts which can be published and taught to others. It could indicate a person who values spiritual development to such a degree, and seeks it with such passion and hope, that she makes breakthroughs in understanding which markedly inspire others on the quest. She may use music, art, or inspirational writing as media through which she communicates important concepts from the unconscious.

(Eve Jackson)

The service required by the sixth house is of an immediate and practical nature, coping with the succession of small tasks that enable smooth running of the machinery. Twelfth house service is of a different order, involving complete and utter availability in which there is no room for self-interest. It is the house of sacrifice; and planets here are never fully to hand for conscious personal use, but must be offered, whether we like it or not, to something beyond ourselves. It is frequently strongly tenanted in charts of Mediums and psychics who, from no personal choice, find themselves surrendering personal control to allow the passage of something else through them. We are channels through which twelfth house influences manifest themselves.

Jupiter is traditionally the natural ruler of the twelfth house, a fact which was brought home to me when I looked at several hundred members of that most Piscean of callings the acting profession and found that a very high proportion had Jupiter in this house, pushing the more flamboyant fifth house position well into second place. Here, then, is the receptive side of Jupiter, giving expression to all our fantasies, carrier of moods and longings and fears which are not the actor's own but belong to everyone. He or she puts us in touch with the mystical realm, with stories and experiences that are universal, and in the process becomes something much larger than everyday life permits.

The gain with a twelfth house Jupiter is perhaps in proportion to our ability to lose ourselves; and this can be experienced in the traditional places of confinement and isolation, so that there are sometimes experiences of unexpected joy and meaning in hospital or prison when all the normal trappings have been stripped away; and particularly when the planet is well-aspected here, there can be a feeling of mysterious protection. There is sometimes a strong psychic attunement and a susceptibility to prophetic dreams.



(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Fantasy means freedom, release from the constraints of personality. It is also a road to wisdom and truth. The pitfall involves the possibility that your dreams may not translate into reality, that they remain instead a source of illusory optimism while your real life remains blind. The challenge is to use your imagination to see what's possible in the human realm, and then work to infuse that goodness into your day-to-day living.

Unfocused intuition: Intuition works through the conceptual mind. You see patterns of understanding, huge puzzles resolved by a single formula. Currents running through the collective imagery of humankind reveal themselves as pure ideas, or laws to live by. The more people you interact with, the more you plug into your intuitive base. Strangers trigger new insights, new ways of seeing life. New social structures galvanize your enthusiasm. Visit the ruins of ancient cultures. Feel the presence of civilization. However, avoid the pitfall of oversimplifying reality into a set of moral rules. Remember, life is bigger than philosophy. The challenge is to let higher sources guide the development of your understanding.

Withdrawal or isolation: You can be filled with bountiful life, but you need isolation to stay in touch with it. Retreat is necessary to rejuvenate your positivity about relationships. Religion has great significance for you; and you may become immersed in the study of spiritual questions. The pitfall involves withdrawal into an unreal world of ideals and aspiration. You may waste yourself thinking about how wonderful life can be without doing anything to create it, becoming involved with an image of yourself rather than who you really are. The challenge is to use privacy to connect with life's wonderful possibilities, and, renewing your faith, to come back into the world ready to make life more positive.

Selfless giving: To an extent, each of us is imprisoned within his or her human self; we are a concentration of life-energy into a temporary package. You're more sensitive than many people to the restrictions of your cell walls. Offering yourself without consideration for gain allows you to feel the translucence of those cell walls. The pitfall lies in groundless help, offering this season's vintage of distilled philosophy without providing any pragmatic assistance. Also, you are occasionally too opportunistic in giving, offering yourself only when it is convenient for you to do so. The challenge is to show your faith in others, and to effectively convey that things have a way of working out.

'Past lives': In past lives, there's a possibility that you misunderstood social relating; and that pattern has built sufficient momentum to bleed into this life. There may have been false promises; commitments made but not honored. You took advantage of others, or were used badly by them. Now you need to learn how to communicate and relate so that no-one is abused. There are also incarnational patterns involving the abstract mind. Misconceptions you drew from teachings in others' lives have left you mentally out-

ofround. Finally, you may have been a spiritual seeker who sought the divine through miracles. You need to understand how to ground that experience, to test it in the crucible of real life. Balance your hopes and dreams against the stricter demands of pragmatism. Let your idealism shine through, but remember the Hindu admonition: 'I you see the Guru on the road, kill him, for he's not the Guru'.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Jupiter in the twelfth gives a proud bearing, similar to Jupiter in the first, though there is often a touch of sadness about it, like the dignity of a good king or queen in exile. These people are extremely good-hearted and willing to give and to help others, but they often suffer from a feeling of spiritual isolation, a sense of loneliness in their perception of things, the feeling that no-one else shares their point of view. They are inclined to give too much to friends, acquaintances, or strangers, and then be hurt to the quick by the ingratitude, sloth, and selfishness they may get in return. This can cause them to swing to the opposite extreme and to refuse to help others in any way or to give anything at all. They may become so isolated at some point that they will require help from an institution. This often occurs through the workings of fate, or karma, and no apparent fault of their own. Nevertheless, a twelfth -house Jupiter is a potent insurance against real disaster or any lasting difficulty. It is a sort of magic talisman that does little when things are going well, but casts a protective spell in times of trouble.

The sorrows of an older relative or advisor may be a turning point for them, causing them deep anguish and introspection that leads to a change of perspective or of lifestyle.

The closer Jupiter is to the Ascendant (within ten degrees), the more benefits it brings, similar in quality to those it brings in the first house, though there will often be strings attached, or varying degrees of constraint in the ability to take full advantage of them.

(Howard Sasportas)

The poet Holderlin wrote that 'where there is darkness, the saving powers also rise'. This is one of the most important ramifications of Jupiter in the 12th - just when things seem the most helpless and bleak, Jupiter arrives out of nowhere and salvages the situation. Those with this placement may feel as if they have a guardian angel, who appears in the nick of time with a shiny new 'get-out-of-gaol-free card'.

But should we put this down just to luck and good fairies? What really sustains and rescues those with Jupiter in the 12th is a deep faith in the benevolence and significance of life, and an openness and willingness to receive whatever it has to bring them. In any house in which it is placed, Jupiter is looking for meaning in life; but in the 12th, that meaning is not found in any outer event or external reality, but rather, it exists nascently within the self. Through the meaning and significance they choose to attribute to an event, those with Jupiter in the 12th can turn negative experiences into positive ones,

and obstacles into blessings.

Jupiter's house is where we are looking for the truth. In the 2nd, this may be sought in values, money or possessions; and in the 7th, through partnerships; but in the 12th, the truth is found within the self, on the level of the unconscious mind. A willingness to turn the attention around 180 degrees and explore the inner imaginal realm of dreams and symbols will help those with Jupiter in the 12th find the kind of truth they are seeking, and contact the inner 'wise person' inside each and every one of them. The breadth and scope of infinity, that bigger picture Jupiter craves to see, can be found in the vast interior recesses of the psyche - a world beyond time, space and all boundary. Meditation, stillness, prayer, retreat, music or art may be the path into that world. Imagine Jupiter's joy when he finally arrives there.

Running around desperately hunting for their joy in all other directions, many people with this placement will look everywhere else but inside for their fulfilment. Reckless behaviour, overindulgence in alcohol and drugs, manic theatricality, hypocrisy, general imprudence and other such negative traits may be the 'self-undoing' of a 12th house Jupiter.

Jupiter in the 12th house can be the channel through which inspiration and healing flow; and therefore those with this placement have much to offer working within hospitals, prisons and various charitable institutions. The expanded vision which dawns in times of trouble not only provides hope and inspiration for themselves, but will guide others through difficulties as well. I have seen this placement in the charts of a number of gifted counsellors, psychics and healers. Flowing aspects to Jupiter in the 12th also bode well for those who are institutionalized for any reason. Benefitting from the care and protection they receive, they can turn the experience into a positive one, or else they will probably not have to stay confined for any longer than necessary.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because you are sensitive to other people's needs in your emotional and professional affairs, you will probably respond and demonstrate that you can serve their best interest. This ability assures you of continued growth and development, and indicates that you will reach your goals. But your contributions may be considerably lessened if you spend too much time and energy in satisfying your own desires. Those who lack your resourcefulness may turn to you to learn how to sustain themselves more effectively. If you have learned from your parents' example, you know you need to establish your own roots before you can succeed in your endeavors. Your parents' faith in you helped you realize that you are qualified to seek your own destiny. By setting your own course in life, you will be able to extend yourself to reach your objectives, which will inspire you with greater self-confidence.

You are always eager to demonstrate your abilities to your superiors, who quickly feel

confident of your ability. Probably you will be given many opportunities to prove that you can take on even greater responsibilities. You generally know what is expected of you, and whenever possible you try to exceed that. Knowing how important it is to be financially independent, you can see the wisdom of regularly saving something from your earnings. This will lessen your anxieties about security in the future, when your earning ability may be lessened. Plan to put something aside for a rainy day, for you could run into foul weather at some time in the future.

People with problems are drawn to you, perhaps because they recognize that you can help them. You should seek a career in some area of personal or social service. As you succeed, your confidence will increase, thereby improving your self-image. Capitalize on your gifted imagination by getting the education you need to successfully exploit your creative ideas. When you understand the problems you face and have the training to deal with them, there is no limit to the heights you can reach. Hard work, along with your wealth of creative inspiration, will certainly lead to success and the satisfaction of reaching goals that seemed beyond your limit.

You can meet the challenge of competition if your partner shares your dreams and supports you. Knowing that someone depends on you spurs you to excel in your endeavors. All this can happen if you invest in developing your creative potential into skills. Your children may want to pattern their lives after your example, so you should learn how to increase your creative output. You may find it difficult to satisfy your children's needs as well as your own. Reason and good judgement must prevail, but unless you can improve your output, it may be difficult to fully satisfy their needs. You are probably not aware of all your hidden resources, which will be revealed through meditation. By reflecting on your problems, you can always come up with a solution. It is essential to define your goals and prepare a plan for mobilizing your resources so you can reach them. Serving people who are less qualified or less fortunate beings brings out the very best in you. Knowing that you've stimulated those around you to succeed on their own will give you great fulfillment.

## Saturn ♄ in ♊ Capricorn 19° 42'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you try to justify your current actions on the basis of the false authority of time, ambition, material accomplishment or some other highly structured or traditional reason that you think justifies your actions, you might experience accomplishment without fulfillment. You may also experience the resentment of others against your position of authority, which is the price of always having to be in control.

## Dynamic

You possess the skill and the social responsibility for manifesting your authority in the world. You can acknowledge yourself as the creator of the authority or lack of authority and respect that you have in the world, which gives you security in your abilities to climb above self-imposed limitations. By committing yourself to use the Capricorn natural abilities to organize, manage, and systematize, without crushing the spirit of those involved, you gain respect for your natural authority and executive leadership.

## General

You seek a life of fruition and accomplishment. There is a feeling of having a 'public destiny', something that one is supposed to accomplish for the good of all. Frustration arises when you hold back from assuming an active role in the affairs of the world.

You are destined for a leadership role in the sense of your being willing to act as a figurehead in guiding others along a particular path. It is time to stand up and be counted. When you accept the responsibility and authority for manifesting the goals that you determine to be for the public good, you are fulfilling your destiny.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Capricorn is, of course, a repetition of the same principle. Its house placement and aspects provide the keys to where and how the individual will face the rules of the game and learn to use power wisely. Normally, this combination indicates a strong ambition and need for control; but until a successful role has been attained, the power will be experienced in the world, usually in the hands of authority figures. Harmony aspects may bring protection by these others, but for full satisfaction the individual has to do something which provides a sense of personal accomplishment. Conflict aspects can indicate a very difficult early life, often with the need to work and assume adult responsibilities while still a child. However, in the end, the individual who develops practical skills and learns early to cope with the material world may be light years ahead of the protected child who remains dependent on the power of others. As always with Saturn, we need to avoid the extremes of playing Atlas when we cannot allow ourselves any dependency and the failure to develop our share of the world's power and to carry our share of the responsibility.

This placement tells us that the individual's father was concerned with power, whether he had it or had problems getting it.

Career choices with Saturn in Capricorn include work for the government, whether federal, state or local. Alternately, individuals may be manager in large businesses or other institutions, or they may found and run their own business, or become an

independent professional.

(Skye Alexander)

Ambitious, pragmatic and hard-working, you invest much of yourself in your career; and your greatest tests in life are likely to involve some aspect of your work. You have plenty of common sense; and when it comes to managing resources, organizing or planning, no one does it better. Known for your diligence and dependability, you readily assume responsibility, and usually do more than your share. You can have trouble delegating authority, however, and usually believe that if you want it done right you have to do it yourself. Therefore, you probably have lessons to learn about trusting others. How you use your authority also could be important in your life.

Despite your obvious capabilities, however, professional success may not come easily or quickly for you; and you will have to work for whatever you get. You probably will have to climb the corporate ladder in slow, determined steps. As you pursue your goals, you might experience many frustrations, obstacles, delays or setbacks that will test your perseverance. Perhaps success will be denied you until rather later in life, or at least until you have gained the maturity to handle it; and what you are willing to do to get to the top could be significant.

Your work is very important to you, and you feel most comfortable in the business world. Structured, impersonal, unemotional environments suit you best; and unless Cancer is prominent in your chart, you may feel more 'at home' in your office than in your home. People with this placement can become workaholics who don't allow themselves time to get to know their families - or themselves. One of the lessons you might need to learn is to balance work with play, professional life with personal.

You aren't looking for fame, however, and prefer to remain in the background, controlling things from behind the scenes. In fact, you may be rather self-conscious and shy, and don't like drawing attention to yourself. Although you desire prestige and want to be respected for your competence, you have little interest in publicity or glory (unless Leo is prominent in your chart).

Cautious and conservative, you are inclined to stick with tried-and-true methods and shy away from anything new or different. Fear of failure is a powerful motivating factor in your life. You rarely take chances, find change threatening and are the last to update your techniques, products, behavior or ideas. An arch-traditionalist, you can become rigid, dogmatic and stubbornly mired in the past. Your excessive prudence could be limiting your potential, however, and you might be forced to give up your old habits and securities - perhaps by circumstances that seem to be outside yourself - in order to grow. Or, you may find yourself hindered by entrenched powers, traditions or bureaucracies, and have to break away from the established order before you can achieve your goals.

Because you respect the past, you may be interested in history, geology, archaeology or anthropology. You want to be able to explain, order and quantify your life and everything in it; and before you can make sense of something you must make it tangible. Through studying the past, you are able to understand the present better and your place in the natural order of things.

Your public image and your position in your community are of great concern to you. Sensitive about what others think of you, you support the status quo, play by the rules and do what you think is expected of you. Keenly aware of your duty and your role as a member of society, you tend to put society's needs ahead of the individual's, and would sacrifice personal freedoms to maintain stability in the society. But you must learn to find security within yourself, instead of looking for it in the outer world, for if you allow others to define what is right and wrong for you, you relinquish your right to be a self-determining individual.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Capricorn indicates strong ambitions for worldly power, status, and authority, usually manifested through business, science, or politics. Natives feel great need to make significant achievements in their careers, and they undertake no endeavors without having practical purposes in mind. They are good organizers; they alternate between favoring their ambitions and protecting their security, thus attaining prominence without risks to either. They have an aura of dignity and seriousness which can make them appear austere and cold. They are able to accept orders from those in authority; and when they achieve their own positions of authority, they expect similar obedience from others. Hence they are conservative in business and politics. They feel that the traditional power structure exists for necessary reasons, which should not be questioned by those who lack the practical experience of dealing with the responsibilities of power.

Their struggle in early life to attain security and self-sufficiency helps form such practical, conservative attitudes later on. They feel that until a person can manage his own affairs successfully he is in no position to give advice to others, or to handle larger political or economic responsibilities.

People with this position of Saturn know that everything has its price and that everyone must contribute to the work of the world. They feel that everyone should earn what he gets through his own efforts. Thus, when they reach the top, they seek to help others help themselves. In later years, however, they tend to forget the hard struggles of youth and the difficulties of getting started without money, tools, or resources - despite sincerity and a willingness to work. If Saturn is afflicted, these people may use their acquired wealth and material goods to control others.

How and when power and authority are attained will depend on the level of

understanding and the degree of spirituality as revealed through the rest of the horoscope.

These people generally have a strong sense of family pride and honor; they often come from families respected in the community. However, those born into wealthy and socially prominent families are in danger of being extremely callous about human values, because they lack the experience of personal struggle without resources. Such people are likely to regard social and economic inferiors as manipulable commodities rather than as sensitive human beings. This tendency can be offset if the horoscope shows spiritual understanding and compassion. As in Scorpio, those with Saturn in Capricorn can reach either the heights of spirituality or the depths of materialism and selfishness.

If there is a childhood of poverty and family disgrace, this position gives the necessary drive to overcome difficulties and achieve prominence and power. For these people, life is always a serious business and a struggle. Sometimes they are lacking in aesthetic sensitivity, judging things solely according to their price or reputation. They need to develop a sense of humor and an understanding of other values besides materialism and status. If desire for status is carried too far, it can become an end in itself, rather than a means of contributing to the social order.

If Saturn is well aspected in Capricorn, there will be honesty and integrity in all business, political and professional dealing. If Saturn is afflicted, unscrupulous means may be used to achieve wealth and power, the result being dictator types in extreme cases; there can be a tendency to use literal interpretations of the law for unfair advantage. When unscrupulous means are resorted to, however, they often bring about reversals of fortune, public disgrace, and a fall from power.

These people should avoid becoming rigid in their attitudes and beliefs.

(Grant Lewi)

This position requires success in the materialistic, financial or fame sense of the word, and will not long be satisfied with unrecognized worth. Some subtlety attaches to your mentality; you may work long and hard for your little pay and little acclaim, but your aim is to get more, and you never forget it. In this way, you are hardheaded, if not hardhearted, and can very well be both. Your deep ego urge is to defend yourself against the world by conquering it and by forcing it to recognize you; and since this urge is deeply ingrained in the subconscious and demands recognition, you are never likely to lose sight of it. This leads to heights of success or to embittered failure if it operates in its simple form. Your aim should be to become less materialistic, to discover wells of power within yourself. You can have no control over the world till you have control over yourself; and in gaining this essential to your success, you should discover also that 'your mind to you a kingdom is' in which it is as gratifying to rule as in any temporal empire. It is possible for you to learn that there are all kinds of power over the world, and



that wealth and fame are not the only ways of achieving it. There is the sense of power you get from giving, from serving, from helping. To transmute the power urge from its primitive, materialistic, strong-arm form to its more esoteric and refined uses is to ensure that your powerful subconscious drive to success shall succeed along the most civilized lines, which are in the end most gratifying.

## Saturn ♄ in 10th House

(Liz Greene)

The tenth house is Saturn's own, and in Capricorn he is dignified so we may therefore expect a 'purer' manifestation of Saturn in both an ordinary and a more esoteric sense. This certainly seems to be true from the mundane point of view as the tenth house is traditionally associated with achievement, honor, ambition, and authority, and the cusp of the tenth house by the quadrant systems - the midheaven - is symbolic of the image which one projects outward to society as well as the image which is held inwardly by the person of his 'role' in life. It may be assumed that Saturn in the tenth house refers to limitations, delays, and difficulties in the achievement of one's goals and in the successful expression of the self outward to the group as well as intense ambition - frequently unconscious - and a determination to succeed whatever the cost.

This is the interpretation generally given to Saturn in his own house and sign, and it is generally true as far as it goes. Much information may be obtained from the tenth house about the person's role in society, the way in which he appears to the group, and the purpose he identifies with when he considers the deeper reason for being. Although the precise nature of one's profession is impossible to determine from a birth chart, the lines of least resistance or of likely expression are often suggested, and the tenth house with its occupants and its ruler is one of the best pointers if not to the actual work then to the inner goal or meaning of that work from the point of view of both the individual and society.

So far so good, and this interpretation of the tenth house is familiar ground to most astrological students. The association of the tenth house to the mother or father is also important, although less frequently stressed, particularly in view of the ambiguity surrounding the fourth-tenth axis. Whichever parent is represented by this house, it would seem to be the one who has had the most to do with shaping the social attitudes and ethics of the individual, for these standards are reflected by the tenth house with its connexion with structure, tradition, and exemplary behaviour. It is generally the mother who infuses the child with her social values, partially because it is she who spends the maximum amount of time with the child and has therefore greater access to his apparently unformed mind. For more subtle reasons than this I am inclined to assign the tenth house to the mother. It is no piece of new information that ambition runs later in life

in direct proportion to the suppression of identity in early life. By ambition I do not mean the inner need to achieve, which is characteristic of the cardinal signs, but rather the need to prove this achievement to others, which is characteristic of the man who has never been considered an individual in his own right. One has only to look at the uniform history of those who have achieved prominence through personal ambition to recognise the familiar pattern of family rejection and isolation. Of course suppression of the individuality does not create ambition by itself to this degree, nor does it create success. It is, however, an important component to be reckoned with and follows the psychological law that if psychic energy is denied an outlet in its chosen direction, it will return with doubled force in another, compensatory direction. This is the psychological interpretation of the kind of ambition which is often found concurrent with a tenth house Saturn. The more esoteric interpretation would not contradict this but would suggest that the important factor is the achievement because this is needed to precipitate some kind of change in society, in response to a collective need or following the purpose of the soul or inner self. It is then necessary or reasonable to choose a childhood and a vehicle which will provide the right psychological effects and the subsequent ambition needed for the personality to make the achievement.

The psychological interpretation of this situation postulates a cause-and-effect principle over which the individual has little control. The second interpretation is rather abstruse and is of the nature of an arrangement, filled with purpose, by which the man himself, functioning as a total unit, chooses to fulfil a function needed by the group of which he is a part. It is possible that both these ideas are correct.

The concept of self-determination as it is postulated here is a very ancient one which places the responsibility of the choice of earth plane circumstances in the hands of the self. It is one worth considering with an open mind, whatever the labels are to describe the situation, because it sheds some light on the deepest meaning of Saturn himself. He may be seen, finally, as the instrument of opportunity through which the person comes to understand the nature of his free will. It is certainly evident that those with a prominent tenth house, and particularly with Saturn in this house, often have the role either thrust upon them or seek it assiduously - and these are probably the same thing - of effecting some kind of change in the structure of the group, or of holding authority, or serving as an example of achievement. The inner sense of purpose, drive, and responsibility is often very strong when Saturn is in the tenth house, particularly if he is conjuncting the midheaven. There is frequently a strong sense of fate with regard to the role in life. Often sacrifice is required and a long, arduous process of building and preparation, where the personality with its desire for recognition drives the man on until he has achieved some degree of notice or responsibility. It is generally only later that, as the integration occurs which allows him to understand himself and his inner motivations better, the larger reason begins to emerge as to why he has done all that work.

One of Saturn's main characteristics is his duplicity, and one of the characteristic duplicities of the tenth house is that all the individual accomplishes through it - and this

can be great - is apparently done for the satisfaction of his own personal ambition or for the fulfilment of a personal goal or idea. If the individual identifies with this area of personal ambition, he is likely to see his accomplishment as a means of gaining control over his environment so that it cannot control him - a Saturnian self-defense mechanism on a large scale. When viewed in perspective and from a safe distance, however, it may often be seen that the man has really been working for others; for he will frequently immolate himself, deny himself any spontaneous enjoyment or relaxation, and sacrifice all to the achievement of his goals - goals which have a very brief life-span, being a reflection of the life-span of the individual. The effects may in the end be historical ones, and even in a small area the person who is expressing to the fullest his tenth house Saturn may create long-lasting changes in the structure or organisation of his particular corner of society. It is only when he realises the nature and meaning of his work on a deeper level, and when he begins to co-operate consciously with his own inner blueprint, that he can truly enjoy the fruits of his labour.

Saturn in the tenth house is generally considered to symbolise ambition, a slow climb to power with many setbacks and delays, and, if he is afflicted, a subsequent fall from power. The overused examples of Hitler and Napoleon are usually quoted to demonstrate this pattern, which certainly applies to them both - along with the emotionally impoverished childhood. There are, however, many people with Saturn in the tenth house who never attempt to conquer the world; many of these are women who have never attempted to conquer anything more vast than the kitchen sink. This does not negate the meaning generally given to Saturn in the tenth; but his penchant for overcompensation and for projection of values onto another person must be considered. We must also consider the fact that the chart can only map out a series of potential developments, but the individual must be able to meet the challenge of these developments if they are to express this in life.

It is of interest to consider the relation of the tenth house to the mother, for the development of the potential of Saturn in the tenth often sticks here. She is usually the dominant parent when this placement of Saturn occurs, although this may be because of the death or absence of the father rather than a temperamental bias. This dominance may be of an obvious kind and may be expressed in stern, authoritative behaviour which is lacking in warmth or empathy. There is often a preoccupation with rules of conduct, propriety, and what the neighbours think, and an emphasis on material rather than emotional values. The dominance of the mother may equally often be reflected in that kind of instinctual woman who carries an unconscious and powerful ego drive beneath an apparently passive exterior. Sometimes the mother is a burden because of ill-health or dies young. In all these situations the seed is sown for a powerful influence on the psychic level which must be dealt with by the individual before he is able to express his full potential. He must symbolically cut the emotional umbilical cord, which generally remains well into adulthood.

There is a rather disturbing frequency of tenth house Saturns among the charts of

homosexual men. This does not of course imply that Saturn in the tenth house causes homosexuality, and we are moreover not dealing with a strictly cause-and-effect principle but rather with an arrangement of circumstances which contain a purposive direction; however, if we relate the tenth house to the mother, then it is conceivable that some difficulty in relating to women may be one of the by-products of the rather powerful mother figure suggested by a tenth house Saturn. Difficulty with women can, of course, express through many forms of behaviour only one of which is homosexuality.

Emotional rejection, or a suppression of the will or identity, by the mother, is common with this placement; and the man who has experienced this in childhood may find that he does not trust women later in life. A woman with a tenth house Saturn may have equally serious obstacles to overcome, for women must learn from their mothers the means and ways of femininity, and if a mother's nature is symbolised by Saturn, it is unlikely that the feminine principle will be the primary thing expressed. It will be more likely to be power. To this a woman may react by becoming feminine in the socially acceptable way, saying the right things and cooking the right meals, and simultaneously attempting to live a frustrated need for self-expression through her husband or lover. OR she may become consciously aggressive herself and reject the feminine principle within her own psyche. In all of these cases the first job confronting the individual who seeks to understand the inner potential of Saturn in the tenth house is a coming to terms with the mother and a re-evaluation of the male and female roles. Although the fourth and tenth houses are rarely considered when problems of a sexual nature are considered, they do in fact have great bearing, indirectly, on the area of masculine and feminine roles.

An intense self-consciousness and great sensitivity to public opinion are common reflections of Saturn in the tenth house, as well as a fear of failure and a propensity to attract situations which are publicly embarrassing in some way. These expressions are all connected with a basic sense of inadequacy. Dealing with Saturn in the tenth house, where he displays some purely Saturnian qualities in the most difficult sense before he begins to yield his gold, requires considerable self-honesty. It is, however, difficult to achieve objectivity in questions which deal with male and female roles and equally difficult to be detached when considering one's mother. A considerable amount of sentimentality must be waded through on the subject of motherhood and many centuries of rigid sexual roles which have taken their toll on the collective human psyche.

Sensitivity to one's image is the next step on the ladder; and Saturn is inclined in this area to focus on material values as he usually does. It is often terribly important for the individual to be important; and his definition of importance may be strongly coloured by material advantage and social status. There is often a fear of public humiliation, which inclines toward shunning the limelight, yet there is also an equally strong urge for exposure. In group situations this is a very self-conscious placement although in individual relationships this tendency may not be apparent. Saturn in the first house may be intensely self-conscious in a personal situation yet will deal well enough with a distant public. It is the image which is important with Saturn in the tenth. The person is likely to

be conservative in his approach to social values because he does not wish to compromise his position. When this characteristic exists in combination with other, more adventurous factors, a considerable amount of inner friction may result.

When a broader perspective is taken of this most interesting placement of Saturn, it often happens that the sensitivity, the self-consciousness, the attention to public estimation, and the constant effort to demonstrate usefulness and value through achievement all conspire to prepare an individual in a very helpful way to dealing with the great responsibility of holding authority over others. He may find when he reaches the top that he has learned diplomacy and statesmanship along the way as well as a sense of compassion for those whom he is attempting to teach or structure.

Professionally the person with Saturn in the tenth house is generally successful, largely because he tries so hard and is so persistent. He does not work well under others because although he may for a time be able to present the smooth surface of humility which is such a gift of the Saturnian personality, his own ambition and love of success will eventually push him out on his own. His problem does not lie in the achievement of success once he has begun his climb. It is getting started in the first place which is the initial task and which involves his overcoming a fear of failure which may lead to inertia. The remainder of the task is to establish a definition of achievement which is not based on purely external values. It is difficult for a person intent on a mountain climb to comprehend the fact that his climb is meaningless, and the reward of the summit is illusory, unless his success serves as a demonstration to others that the summit can be achieved. It is usually the work of Saturn in the tenth house to give structure and form to some group idea. If an individual refuses to accept the offer of this opportunity and attempts to live his task through another person, he generally must accept the price of frustration and a sense of purposelessness. If he accepts the challenge of his own inner self, then he himself can become Saturn the teacher in his most beneficent form.

## Uranus ♅ in ♋ Cancer 10° 22'

(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 home-oriented 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 4th House

(Joan Negus)

Traditional astrological text books will tell you that Uranus in the fourth house could indicate that you change your residence frequently. SO what is brought to mind is someone who travels from place to place establishing home after home. And this can happen. You can be a world traveller or do as one of my clients with this placement did. He moved every three or four years as he was growing up, but did not go very far. He simply moved across the street to his grandmother's house for a few years, then back to his parents' house, then back to grandmother's, etc.. He has, however, made more distant moves in adulthood. But, it also is possible to have this placement and stay in the same house all of your life.

If you never move, however, chances are that you came from an unusual home environment, had an eccentric or creative parent, or simply that your adult home will differ greatly from the home of your childhood. Since the house in which you find Uranus in your natal chart is where you may consciously or unconsciously break with

tradition, you are most likely to operate differently from the way your family of origin did. If there were strict rules and regulations in your childhood home, you might carefully avoid this in your adult home, and have a rather unconventional household. If your childhood home was unusual or nonconforming, then you might crave stabilisation and create a very conventional environment.

It is also possible that you would move from one extreme to another. If your childhood home was restrictive and you create an unconventional home, after a while you might miss the predictability or the childhood traditions. Then you might inform those with whom you live that this is the year you are preparing the Thanksgiving turkey and inviting the relatives to dinner to establish the old family custom. But after a year or two of this you could tire of it and revert to your previous stand of 'who needs tradition?' In other words, there could be a number of changes in attitude in the home in the course of a lifetime. Prior to each change, however, there will probably be an analysis of the behavior in the home. You should consider what is restrictive to you and change that segment. Otherwise, those with whom you live might become confused.

One possibility that might be satisfying to you and not create confusion for your housemates is that you can regulate certain parts of your household routine (giving yourself permission to change them when you want to) and remain spontaneous and free in other aspects of the home. Another possibility is that you establish a firm homebase and periodically remove yourself from it by travelling. In this way you are free of the home while you are away, and yet it is there to return to.

Since the fourth house also represents one of your parents, it might be that one parent was erratic and at least partially responsible for the instability in your early home (if there was instability). Or your Uranian parent may have been creative instead of (or along with) being inconsistent, and contributed to an atmosphere in the home which fostered individuality. When I think of this placement, I am reminded of the play 'You can't take it with you', in which those who lived in the house were involved in their own activities and unusual, interesting people wandered in and out.

Even if you live in what you consider a totally free environment, you may not be quite as spontaneous as you think. Although you can talk about your flexibility in the home and really believe it, you probably do not react well to surprise visits. You might initially react in a gracious manner and pride yourself on your ability to respond so simultaneously. But after a short period of time you might begin to resent these unannounced visitors because they interfere with your freedom. You might feel that you have to entertain them and are thus restricted. Of course, you could display your aloofness and ignore them. But even if this occurs and you do not let them keep you from doing what you want to do, their presence serves no purpose.

You probably prefer to determine how and when you are going to be spontaneously sociable. You might not only tell your guests when to arrive, but also tell them what time

to go home. In fact, if you decide to have a party, you will probably feel most comfortable if you specify the time of arrival and the time of departure. This is not essential, however, because if your guests do not leave when you want them to, you could become so cool and detached that they will probably get the message to go home rather quickly.

Your unconventionality in the home may take a totally different direction. You might have unusual tastes in furnishings or colour schemes. Your décor could range from the bizarre to interesting and eye-catching. Your furniture might be constructed of glass and steel or in some other way be futuristic in style. Or you could combine different periods of furniture. But whatever you do in decorating will be distinctive and noticeable.

It may seem as you read this section on Uranus in the fourth house that there are conflicting messages. You could yearn for a stable home and work very hard to establish a secure base. Then you might complain about being bored and / or do all you can to disrupt it. Another seeming conflict could be in regard to the parent described by this house. You could have considered this parent to be original, creative and independent, or erratic and unreliable. It is impossible to say from the placement along whether you admired or disliked this parent, but you probably will have seen more than one of the qualities just mentioned.

If you have this placement and experience the inconsistency, the first step is to realize that there is nothing wrong with you. Tell yourself and anyone who complains about you that you are inconsistent and that sometimes you need structure and sometimes you need freedom. Although you want to express your individuality, making drastic changes too quickly could disorient you. Analyze your home situation. Determine what you are dissatisfied with, and make small changes first. This could satisfy your urge for change or lead to bigger and better changes.

(Haydn Paul)

With this placement, there will be a focus upon the themes of family, foundations and roots in life. It is likely that there was some type of disruption or unusual way of living during your childhood. This could have manifested in a variety of ways, which can have the effect of creating either instability or a more interesting and exciting childhood.

In the contemporary world, this can often take the form of parental marriage difficulties, family friction and divorce, where one of the parents eventually leaves the family home, and the children are plunged into a bewildering emotional situation where parental conflict and childhood emotional immaturity conspire to develop inner problems of adjustment. Even adults find such traumatic crises difficult to deal with; children often lock them away, sometimes festering into guilt associations, and blaming themselves for the breakdown of the adult relationship.

There may be frequent changes of residence, perhaps caused by parental choice or

careers, which periodically uproot a child from a familiar environment and friends, forcing him or her to confront 'new unknown worlds' and so stand alone (if only temporarily), being forced to adapt quickly to new homes, schools and friends, even different countries. Such an early lifestyle can be either beneficial or damaging; much depends upon the age of the child, the support from parents, and the individual point of development and ability to deal with a changing environment. In several ways, it can speed the maturation process, with the child soon accepting responsibility and sensibly applying intelligence to its actions and choices, as well as offering a broader perception of the varieties and differences that life presents through experiencing different communities or countries. Yet it can also create a pattern of instability, a lack of roots, a need to modify 'self' without having an established centre to work from.

In some cases, home may be a social gathering place, less family-focused, but a place which parents use for meetings of common interests; political, religious, cultural, etc.. This can have a positive aspect in meeting a wider variety of people, yet can also be 'negative' in that a lack of attention and interest from the busy parents can lead to a fragmentation of the relationship bonds. Perhaps too much freedom is given to such children, because the parents need the time for their own interests, and so the child develops without a necessary discipline and able to indulge in most of its desires; this could create future adult problems in coping with the responsibilities and obligations with which modern life confronts people.

Whatever the nature of the family roots, these will affect the psychological foundations of the developing individual, and eventually play an important role in the decision-making of the adult. Uranus is implying that a reorientation is required in respect of these acquired or inherited roots. There may be problems involved in the personal family relationship to a social, ethnic or economic background, a reaction to which dictates future choices, perhaps through attempting to escape or transcend them, or in proving that success can still be achieved despite such a background. It can be a highly motivating factor.

The issue is that of integration and stability, and the establishment of a firm psychological centre which can act as a focusing self, from which the adult life is consciously directed. This is the challenge represented by Uranus, where a new foundation is required in order for you to experience and enjoy life more fully. A sense of inner instability needs to be transformed into a deeper, more integrative centre, which is capable of uniquely expressing personal creativity, and operating in a positive manner.

(Jeff Green)

A natural stress can occur in the entire digestive system, causing overly alkaline or acidic conditions in the stomach; ulcers, gas; restriction caused by emotional duress or stress leading to loss of appetite; problems with the duodenum and its lining; deficient or extreme secretion of digestive enzymes from the pancreas, which causes either constipation or diarrhea; imbalances in the chemical composition of the digestive fluids

within the mouth, which can lead to gum disease, accelerated breakdown of the enamel on the teeth, and bad breath. Uranus here can also lead to lymphatic swellings or problems in varying extremes, female problems linked with the ovaries or womb, and male problems linked with the testes or prostate (swelling), and can promote 'swellings' throughout the body for no apparent reason other than stress.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With this Uranus, traumas in childhood affect the emotional development, though it can also be a powerful stimulus to achievement and soul growth. Generally not very happy or easy-going, they can be very hard to live with, as emotional complexes cause a lot of trouble. With difficult aspects to Uranus or Mercury, this can be a real 'mental case'. The less difficult the aspects and the sign location, the sooner in life they can get it together. Some form of counselling is usually helpful. Once they face themselves and gain some self-understanding, they will be much happier and easier to get along with.

They are usually outspoken to a fault, often with a sort of bitter humor, and overly sensitive to criticism. Anguish at home causes them to leave their native turf and start a new life somewhere else. Even if they do not leave physically, they are often involved in the founding of a new order, a new way of doing something. They tend to be mavericks and insist on having things their own way or they won't participate. They wish to build a new world with themselves at the centre, but this brings them much loneliness. They are often misunderstood by their associates, who think them cold, or overly abrupt or risqué, not seeing the warmth that is in their hearts. They are usually expressive with words, saying things in a terse, humorous style that is intended either to inform or to entertain.

Women with this position are more inclined to neurosis, possibly because their field of expansion, their potential for using their emotional energies to give form to something outside themselves, is more limited in our society. There is more frustration; the emotional complexes are more stimulated and the behavior follows suit.

Although both men and women with this position have a love of young people, they have a hard time dealing with them and, although they do not wish to do so, both tend to revisit their own traumas on their children. They are powerless to stop this unless they get some therapy to help them build new response patterns. They are attracted to those very different from themselves and often choose a partner from a very different background. Their marriage may or may not be happy; but often they will cling to the mate, happy or not, fearful of losing the one who knows them best and who must accept them as they are.

Their emotional tension can translate into a strong sexuality, which may be firmly repressed for a variety of reasons. The resulting frustration can make them irritable and sarcastic and very hard to deal with. They are always desiring someone that they cannot

have. Actually, this is only one focus of a perpetual must / can't that derives from the emotional cruelty they experienced as children.

(Howard Sasportas)

Whether through personal choice or unavoidable external circumstances, those with Uranus in the 4th are not meant to be bound by the traditional biological family unit. They may feel like outsiders, strangers or outcasts from their families of origin; or for some reason, the early home life was disrupted and the family scattered. This placement of Uranus implies a need to find where they truly belong as their family or racial roots don't seem to provide this kind of containment. Often deeply restless, they require the space and freedom to search for their true 'spiritual' home or family.

Fearing the loss of alternatives, they are sometimes reluctant to put down any roots at all - maybe there is some place better or more appropriate around the corner. In certain instances I have seen, this disruption has been attracted externally as if by fate - something from the outside compels a move or the need to uproot. Or everything seems to be perfectly secure in the home until Uranus in the 4th is 'triggered' by progression or transit and suddenly, out of the blue, they pick up and leave or the family breaks up or changes in some way.

This placement could also describe an unusual home life. The home could be used as a meeting place for groups or organisations where different ideas are exchanged. They may live in a utopian community, or a housing venture based on something slightly unconventional. The father (or hidden parent) may bear some of the characteristics of Uranus. He may have been unconventional or erratic in some way or literally kept appearing and disappearing from the home scene. He might have felt trapped by being a parent. Sometimes he is physically present but remains an unknown quantity with whom a close emotional rapport is difficult. Occasionally, I have seen Uranus in the 4th in the charts of people who, as they were growing up, watched their fathers suffer mental breakdowns. More positively, it can be a father who is highly original, inventive, free-thinking, and loving without being smothering.

Although this may not be revealed until later in life, those with Uranus in the 4th are often deeply unconventional. In some cases, they may live in a certain way until midlife and then radically change their lifestyle when Uranus opposes its own place. An interest in metaphysics and in philosophical and political systems may surface as they grow older.

Uranus in the 4th house is similar to Aquarius on the IC or in the 4th house. An identity needs to be found which is based on something other than just the personal family unit. At some stage in life, they may want to participate in an activity which benefits or advances the family of humanity.

(Robert Pelletier)



You had to subdue your desire for independence until you had matured sufficiently to take advantage of your gifted imagination. Your early home life may have caused you to rebel against the tedious and conflicting duties your parents required you to carry out. However, you were generally willing to make sacrifices, because you knew that one day you would be able to invest the necessary time and effort to serve the public interests in your own unique way. You feel a strong kinship with your fellow man and want to show that you care by helping to relieve the burdens of some and correcting injustices toward others. You are truly a caring person with strong enough convictions that you can speak up for those who are unable to defend themselves.

You are reasonably well-focused to derive the greatest yield from your creative insight. You are not particularly disturbed at the prospect of financial difficulties, and you are prepared to use other means if necessary to gain the freedom to come and go at will. You will align yourself with people whose purposes are in harmony with your own until you achieve the personal and financial integrity to stand alone. You understand the value of your natural talents, for they will provide you with a substantial income and give you the opportunity to prove what you can do. You are clever in devising ways to utilise your talents effectively, and you are determined that your efforts will provide the desired results.

You know that to attain an important position that will give you the leverage to accomplish your goals, you must be willing to accept challenge and competition. It will be necessary to control your urge to assert yourself impulsively. You will have to make some concessions to others if you want to win their co-operation and help in achieving your objectives. You must give others the chance to offer suggestions, for you will find that many opportunities will come from totally unexpected sources. You will gain much support from a mate or partner who has the perception and foresight to help you realize your fondest dreams and aspirations.

Good intentions are not enough; and you know that to do your best work you must be fully informed. When others speak, you listen carefully and pick up many ideas. You will even go without some of your favorite comforts and spend time and energy to work toward gaining your goals successfully. This involves some sacrifice, but you know that it serves your future security and independence from want.

All your life you may have to define and redefine your motivations. In your need to achieve material comforts and be free from conditions that seem to threaten or limit you in any way, you may make too many concessions and lose sight of your more enduring accomplishments on behalf of society. You must be careful not to become obsessed with achieving financial success at the risk of losing sight of your most important objectives. You belong to the society you live in, and you must respond to the most pressing human needs by using your creative talent and inspiration to serve them. It would be too bad to review your past and see that you indulged yourself to the exclusion

of helping those with whom you shared a social and spiritual destiny.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: Your private self is eccentric, probably very different in tone and spirit from the self shown to the world. There is freedom in your inner sanctum, freedom from the restrictions of social rules and cultural appropriateness. The pitfall surrounds hiding your individuality too well, so that no-one ever sees it. The challenge is to drink deeply from the well of personal freedom and uniqueness. More than with any other 4th house planetary association, Uranus indicates a heightened possibility of feeling like a stranger in a strange land. All human beings occasionally experience alienation. But for most, that feeling is negative and quickly shaken off, like a bad cold. For you, it's more than psychological, more than merely metaphorical. Being an alien is something you hold onto privately. Whether you feel privileged or cursed, it remains a treasured secret.

Personal security: Family is a continual source of revolution. You feel it your task to upset the applecart, to be the reformer of the family; and you will tend to live out that role through phases alternating between exuberantly positive individuality and staunchly defiant outrage. Abnormality is emphasized in all aspects of home and family; and instability is actually more comfortable than permanence. The pitfall involves a rejection of real security through ego eccentricities, while the challenge is to awaken yourself to the miracle of true interdependence, and to realize that change is the only constant.

Emotional imprints: Here, as with Mars, events condition the imprint system, but whatever shocks you suffered as a child - loss, separation, sudden change - tended to produce not heat or conflict, but withdrawal to a safer world inside yourself. So you learned to rely on yourself very clearly; and those imprints toward separateness or independence remain strong throughout the entire life. You also may have felt (or been made to feel) that you were different from the rest of your family, either 'special' or 'a black sheep'.

'Inner link' parent: Your mother's brilliant eccentricity is emphasized in your imprints of her. However traditional her values may have seemed, there was something very willful - even perhaps defiant - that stood out in your early understanding of her. She may have seemed unstable, or she might have ruled the household with an iron hand. Even if she was a quiet, calm person, you would have been impressed by her strong sense of self-possession. The precise effect cannot be determined from the house placement alone, but what is certain is that her imprint is emphatic and in some way unusual.

Private intuition: Contact with inward guidance is sporadic. Your guides are powerful but unpredictable, remaining silent and invisible for a while, then bursting suddenly onto the scene. There is sometimes the sensation that they are in control - 'don't call us, we'll call you' - although that is, of course, an illusion. More likely, they regard you with detached friendship, a kind of 'cool warmth', and they simply check in when they're in the

neighborhood. More than any other planet, this one corresponds to the epiphany of revelation: moments of blinding mental 'light' suddenly explode into the consciousness, revealing not only what you didn't see, but what no-one else has ever seen before: your own uniqueness, your own special truth.

## Neptune ♆ in ♏ Scorpio 24° 13'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation of Neptune in Scorpio have the potential for realizing the higher levels of shared material ownership on a planetary level. They are infused with the vision of the spiritual responsibility for the Earth's resources as a whole. They are aware of the current human material values and the potential for transformation of those values that will lead humanity to a higher level of relating to the physical world. On a personal level, it indicates the dilemma of dealing with establishing one's value with other people. It is the choice between idealistically expecting the automatic support of other people's resources or responsibly defining material value with them. It also deals with the choice between expecting automatic emotional fulfillment through sex or committing oneself to the self-purification that will actually bring about the realization of those ideals.

(Skye Alexander)

Neptune was in Scorpio last century from December 1955 to March 1956, between October 1956 and December 1969, and from May until November 1970. Scorpio is associated with power, control, anything secret or hidden, the occult, the unconscious, transformation, death and rebirth, destruction, obsession and sex. Whenever Neptune passes through this sign, the public is sensitized to these areas and they become emphasized.

Neptune's most recent trip through this sign during the tumultuous 1960s brought about transformations on many Scorpionic fronts. This was a time when the balance of power was being questioned throughout the world. Many African nations gained their independence from foreign domination during this period. In Cuba, Fidel Castro overthrew Batista and established the first Communist state in Latin America. In the United States, desegregation of the public schools was ordered and Civil Rights was an important issue. The struggle between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. escalated, and both world powers built up awesome arsenals of nuclear weapons.

Those of you who were born while Neptune was in Scorpio have lived your entire lives in the shadow of the bomb, and fully expect the Earth to be destroyed by nuclear war. Your generation feels powerless in the face of such a devastating possibility and is, perhaps,

the most pessimistic of all Neptune-groups. To you, the future looks dismal, and you believe that almost everything is beyond your control. This is the bleak message conveyed by some punk songs, a musical style that reached popularity with your generation.

Nuclear power plants designed to produce electrical energy proliferated during this period too. Though at first the new technology promised to provide unlimited cheap power, this idealized picture turned out to be an illusion (as is typical whenever Neptune is involved); hidden dangers included environmental pollution from nuclear wastes and the chance of nuclear contamination and massive destruction from a meltdown.

Whenever Neptune is in Scorpio, public awareness is focused on the subject of death. When this combination occurred from approximately 1792 to 1806, France was embroiled in the Reign of Terror and several thousand people were guillotined. Neptune's most recent transit of Scorpio coincided with the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King. And, of course, this was the era of the Viet Nam War, when death was in the forefront of many Americans' minds.

This planetary placement also brought about a change in attitude toward death and dying. The hospice movement, a humanitarian program that helps the terminally ill and their families deal with death, was established in the U.S. while Neptune was in Scorpio. During this time, the concept of reincarnation also became popular in the West. Those of you who have Neptune in Scorpio in your birth charts probably believe in life after death; at least, you don't discount the possibility, and may be fascinated with such things as past-life regression, life in other worlds, ghosts, channeling, etc..

You also may be intrigued with the occult and with discovering the ancient mysteries. Salem, Massachusetts, a city connected with witchcraft, was founded in 1629, while Neptune was in Scorpio. As your generation becomes an influential part of society, the occult is growing fashionable. (This also was true toward the end of Neptune's last trip through Scorpio.) Perhaps you want to master the hidden forces of the Universe in order to gain power. Or, you may simply want to understand core truths and learn the secrets of the unconscious mind.

During Neptune's most recent passage through Scorpio, the use of mind-altering drugs became popular as a way of probing the depths of the unconscious. Those of you with this planetary placement in your birth charts may have a particular fascination with drugs of all kinds, for a variety of reasons. Your desire to reach the deepest recesses of your mind could make psychedelics attractive to you, and your deep-seated feelings of powerlessness might incline you toward cocaine. Neptune is associated with drugs and alcohol, Scorpio with obsession and extremes; therefore, your generation is more susceptible to drug excesses and addiction than other Neptune-groups.

Scorpio is the sign of subterfuge, secret knowledge and undercover intelligence

organizations. While Neptune was in Scorpio, espionage became fashionable; and books, television programs and movies on the subject proliferated, with the adventures of James Bond leading the pack. People who have this Neptune placement in their birth charts see spying and detective work as glamorous and exciting. You idealize the person who knows what goes on behind the scenes, whether he / she is a government agent, a corporate spy or an independent investigator. A bit of a snoop yourself, you want to know everything about everyone else, but may not be willing to reveal yourself. Your generation might be responsible for the expansion of computer data banks that allow access to personal information about many thousands of people to anyone who knows the code.

Scorpio also is connected with sex, and while Neptune was in this sign sex became more relaxed and fashionable. The 1960s were a time of 'sexual revolution' when birth control became more accessible; abortion was legalized in many European countries, the U.S.S.R. and Japan; and many of the taboos about sex were destroyed.

Those of you whose birth charts contain Neptune in Scorpio probably entertain many fantasies and illusions about sex. Perhaps you see it as glamorous and fashionable, and you might even enjoy wearing overtly sexy clothing. You have a tendency to idealize sex, and believe that sexual compatibility is all that's needed in a relationship. Your unrealistically high expectations of sex are likely to result in disappointments, however. The Neptune-in-Libra generation is searching for perfect love; your generation, in contrast, wants perfect sex.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune in the sign Scorpio indicates a period of exploitation of man's natural desires. A few people have experienced spiritual regeneration and initiated a search into life's inner mysteries, but many are marked by the exploitation of sex for commercial purposes. Scorpio is the sex sign, and Neptune rules drugs. Loose sexual morality at this time has led to widespread venereal disease, and the use of drugs as a psychological escape has spread. There is much emotional intensity and confusion, causing the turmoil in the unconscious to break out in such chaotic artistic phenomena as rock music.

Many of the children born with Neptune in this sign will have clairvoyant abilities and will have been forced to acknowledge the need for spiritual regeneration when Uranus and Pluto came conjunct their natal Neptune position.

(Grant Lewi)

The people and nations of the world are aware of the awesome, death-dealing possibilities of nuclear war. Atomic-powered submarines in the depths of the seas play their role in the struggle for power. Those born under this influence want to plumb the secrets of the Universe. The mystery of life and death is theirs to fathom. They are

enthralled by occult studies, chemistry and invention. Neptune in this position intensifies the emotional nature. There is a tendency to be secretive and mystical. Gain is possible through inheritance, financial ties with others, partnership and marriage. There is a great possibility of possessing marked extra-sensory perception. Caution must be exercised regarding drugs and strong beverages, and dabbling in spiritualism. The sex instincts must be channeled in the right direction since the craving for sensation is very strong. Recuperative power is present, as is a desire for reforms.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Think how different the people with Neptune in Scorpio are from those with Neptune in Libra! Here are the hard-rock types who are much tougher - or so they would have you think. They often have a very aggressive and formidable image, but have had to fight much harder for what they want out of life.

It is not surprising that in coping with unemployment many succumbed to the negative, escapist, drug-addictive tendencies of Neptune. This drug scene is not the peaceful, loving, easy one often associated with the flower power people; here it is much more intensive, even more poisonous, weird and spooky (adjectives which are very Scorpionic in essence).

On the other hand, there are many of this generation who live to make money and enjoy a glamorous life in the fast lane - the Yuppie generation, who are another manifestation of Neptune in Scorpio. Remember that Scorpio is also the sign of big business.

There is increased emotional intensity when Neptune is personalized. If the planet is well-aspected, the emotions will be positively expressed by inspiring the individual's talents and ambitions. Do not single out these trends in interpretation, however, unless similar complementary ones are also present or Scorpio is personalized in the chart.

(John Townley)

Your age group puts a premium on sexuality in love relationships, and that attitude is bound to affect you, whatever your personal feelings may be. The previous generation had a more easygoing and freewheeling attitude toward sex, but your generation's do-or-die attitude toward sex does not lend itself to relaxed relationships.

If total intensity in love is your style, you may feel quite at home with this trend. However, if it is not, you will encounter much peer pressure, often unspoken, to throw yourself head-over-heels into stormy and tumultuous affairs just to make love seem real and significant.

Indeed, if your relationships seem quietly amicable and not stressful, you may subconsciously feel that something is missing. This is not necessarily the case,

depending upon your personal style; and too much intensity may actually wreck a relationship for you. You should follow your own inner guidelines, separating them carefully from the attitudes toward love and sex that surround you. In the end, it is you and you alone who can make love work.

(Robert Hand)

This generation is characterized by a love of the mysterious and strange. As these people grow older, the current increase in the occult and related subjects will probably continued, but they may use these energies to gain power over others, which could create very dangerous psychological forces. On the other hand, they will be more concerned with individual regeneration and techniques of healing, both psychological and physical. They will have extreme ideas, either very lax or very strict, about personal morality.

## Neptune ♆ in 8th House

(Marilyn Waram)

This is another of those 'loaded' positions, because these (the seventh and eighth) are the most likely houses from which to project planetary energies, and Neptune, a transpersonal planet, is not easily welcomed into one's personal repertoire, thus making it an excellent candidate for projection. The result is that Neptune in either the seventh or the eighth house is most often not expressed personally but must be dealt with, at least initially, as if it comes from someone else. The usual and most likely someone else is the spouse, that special person whom we promise to love for better and for worse. The 'worse' definitely includes the special agony of projection when we are married to some of our least comfortable traits.

On the positive side, Neptune in the seventh is another of the artistic combinations. This one may lean particularly toward graphic arts, but any revenue of artistic expression is possible. It is especially positive if spouses can both be artistic, and particularly if they can share this without letting competitiveness spoil it. However, it is most important for the person with Neptune in the seventh to find an artistic outlet for otherwise it is easy to project and expect the spouse to be wonderfully artistic and creative, whether she wishes to be so or not.

Neptune in the seventh or eighth house is an excellent combination for counselling potential. Neptune in the seventh or eighth can be attuned to others on a deep emotional level which may even be psychic. There is an inherent talent for psychological studies and for the ability to share innermost thoughts and feelings.

It is often quite natural for a person with this placement to be at ease with emotional intimacy, with closeness and with a feeling of connectedness. In many cases, Neptune in the seventh or eighth expresses itself as a naturally strong valuation on close, warm relationships, and the individual will feel motivated to create and sustain such relationships. Again, if only one spouse wishes to pursue this, it is most important that it be the one with Neptune in these houses. It is his need; it is up to him to fulfill it. The partner will, however, need to acknowledge that this is a vitally important part of the individual's life, and will need to share at least some part of it with him.

Another positive expression of Neptune in the seventh or eighth is when spouses share a spiritual quest. They may read and study together, meditate together or support each other in exploration of occult concepts or in deep inner seeking. At any time, one may be more heavily involved, but the other is willing to give sincere support and to share and perhaps to contribute to discoveries. This is one case where a single spouse is not likely to be able to do it all. As one learns and grows and changes, the dynamics of the relationship will change. The partner who is not involved in the growth will be terribly threatened by this and usually seeks to stop the changes, which means undermining or blocking the growth. This rarely works, however, since most people, having once seen a richer way to live, cannot go back. Unless both partners have some say in how the dynamics change, or both agree to keep it the same, the relationship usually grinds to a halt.

Being so prone to projection, the negative possibilities for Neptune in the seventh or eighth are legion. Most obvious is the expectation that one will have a perfect mate, or a perfect marriage, or that one is perfect in the marriage. With Neptune in these houses the individual tends to really buy into the Walt Disney stories of the princess and the handsome, rescuing prince, and the way they supposedly lived 'happily ever after'. Neptune loves a good rescue(r). Neptune also loves a good fantasy. This can simply work out as a very romantic streak, with a deep and abiding trust in the partner, but it may develop into a full-fledged expectation that the mate will fulfil all the individual's deepest needs, will provide unconditional love and support under all circumstances, and will be charming and lovely at all times. This is not exaggerated. One well-known psychologist has written about the shock and utter disappointment he experienced the first time he saw his new bride blow her nose.!

Such blind faith in the ability of the partner to be the embodiment of all that is beautiful and delightful is an illusion. It is an invitation to frustration for both partners. The one with the expectations, unwritten of course, will feel betrayed when the mate starts to look distressingly human and capable of obnoxious behavior. The mate will feel the burden of the partner's expectations and feels responsible for letting down the partner. Yet this feels unfair because usually the behaviour which has disappointed the partner so much was something minor. The strange truth is that Neptunian partners are often amazingly noble and forgiving over the major incidents which break up many marriages, yet are unable to tolerate day-to-day differences and disappointments with any degree of grace.



Some Neptunian partners manage to maintain the illusion of the perfect partner, often in the face of an astounding amount of evidence to the contrary. They will overlook ignorant behavior, make excuses for immaturity, protect a weak mate, and generally do whatever is necessary to protect their image of their mate. This may be motivated by a need to have a perfect mate, no matter what the cost, or it may be the result of the Neptunian ability to see the best in others. Often both dynamics are at work. The individual with Neptune in the seventh or eighth who is protecting such an illusion will not give it up until ready to do so on her own. Usually the mate's behavior has to clash violently with some other cherished value before the Neptunian partner begins to see the problem.

It is worth mentioning that the Neptunian who faces the cracking pieces of this illusion suffers a particularly terrible inner pain. It can be survived, if the Neptunian can acknowledge that he built the illusion personally. Otherwise he is likely to feel forever betrayed and become bitter, hopeless and miserable. If the illusion can be seen as a personally constructed fib-to-the-self, the Neptunian can grieve for the lost dream, can rage at the unfairness of it all and at his own foolishness, and can then let go of it. After a time, peace will settle and the Neptunian can begin to get to know the person he married and to reconstruct a relationship, this time based on honesty.

One constructive choice for the individual who simply cannot give up on the need for a perfect partner, perfect devotion, perfect union and so on, is devotion to the ultimate partner: God. This can be achieved through the ministry, priesthood or sisterhood, or through missionary service. It is a choice which needs to be carefully considered, however, for it is all too easy for Neptune to be overwhelmingly drawn to such a life without consideration for the individual's more worldly needs. On the other hand, some people find that with the devotion to a life of service, pressure is taken off their need for a perfect mate and they can approach relationships with more compassion and acceptance of the human condition. Then again, some simply become more committed to otherworldly perfection and are less able to accept human foibles and differences in needs.

With Neptune in the seventh or eighth, there are all sorts of possibilities for the victim / saviour game to be played. The Neptunian with a strong chart will usually try the saviour role, which means a victim is required. This is a semiconscious procedure; few people deliberately saddle themselves with a frustrating burden. The saviour usually simply falls in love with someone who seems so deliciously vulnerable and needy, someone who just needs a little propping up here and there in order to be perfect. Only when the illusion begins to crack does the saviour see that the struggling actress wrecks her chances for success with her addiction to drugs; that the talented singer blows his auditions by refusing to co-operate with managers; that the inspired writer won't stick to deadlines; that the sweet, vulnerable creature who is too gentle and loving to hurt anyone is a walking time bomb of repressed anger just waiting to get into another

accident; that the charming, childlike waif is determined to remain helpless and actually manages to avoid a great deal of unpleasant responsibility.

Eventually, under the burden of relationships with such victims, the potential saviour often becomes a martyr. Many a sickly, bedridden spouse has outlived her caretaker mate!

The Neptunian with a less strong chart will often choose the victim role. Again, the choice is unconscious. Usually the chosen role looks romantic or spiritually worthwhile to the Neptunian, who only wants to create a loving and perfect world. The pitfalls are not apparent ahead of time. The choice which looks like one of sweetness and Christian generosity of spirit may lead to dangerous repression of personal needs and the resultant illnesses, lack of energy, or accidents. The repressed energy is bottled up and the god or goddess is angered - the energy turns inward. The choice which looks like one of loving sacrifice for a troubled partner may well lead to an abusive relationship. The choice which looks like dedication to an ideal may well turn out to be an evasion of worldly responsibilities which is motivated by fear.

The victim / saviour relationship is not always unhealthy. In counselling relationships, it is to be hoped that the counsellor has enough training, experience and mental stability to gradually empower the client to grow out of the victim role. In marriage, this is extremely difficult to accomplish, although it can be done. It requires that at least one partner be psychologically and spiritually very aware, very patient and very, very strong. Each partner must be willing to take responsibility for his / her own behaviour, attitudes and beliefs, be able and willing to grow and to interpret pain as a measure of change which is needed, not a measure of the partner's failure. This very difficult path can only succeed when the roles are alternated to some degree - in other words, each partner takes a turn as saviour and a turn as victim, until both can leave these roles behind.

In short, it is an extremely difficult path and it is not recommended. People who need help usually benefit most from a helping relationship with a professional, or at least with someone with whom they are not in love. The helper inevitably becomes the target of the 'victim's' anger and frustration at some point, which is extremely destructive in mate relationships. Few mates, especially Neptunian ones, can understand why they get continually punished, verbally attacked and emotionally blackmailed when all they offered was loving help. They expect loving gratitude but generally end up with a rare fury directed at them, as the 'victims' lash out in fear and agony at the people who are 'forcing' them to change.

When an individual has Neptune in the seventh or eighth houses, he will need to become conscious of his illusions regarding marriage, his partner, his own role and the satisfactions which are possible from a marriage. He will almost certainly tend to expect too much, and may place unrealistic burdens upon his mate. He will need to be alert for the appearance of saviour / victim games in his close relationships, games which can

lead to abuse and an unimaginable kind of hell. He will need to take responsibility for his own spiritual and creative needs, and to take steps to express them for himself, rather than wishing the mate would provide the experience. He will also need to take responsibility for the strength and importance of his need to have a mate who can share or at least value and honour his needs for spiritual growth, artistic expression, psychological exploration or all of the above.

The individual with Neptune in the seventh or eighth house possesses a rare talent for intimacy, perception and insight into others - including the ability to fathom their pain, and the ability to inspire the partner to develop spiritually. With acceptance of personal responsibility for emotional, artistic or spiritual fulfilment, all of these can be shared with a mate to create a truly special relationship with rich rewards for both partners.

Neptune in the eighth house is more deeply unconscious than Neptune in the seventh. Again this is a water planet in a water house. With water comes the strong possibility of strange behaviours designed to help the individual cope with needs so uncomfortable they cannot be permitted to become conscious. In the eighth house, planetary urges often have the feel of being 'taboo' in some way which is deeply buried. That is, the individual feels the behaviour is forbidden, feels guilty for considering it, and usually pushes it away from conscious awareness, yet when questioned cannot say why. It is not that the answers, when uncovered, are really all that dreadful, but that they feel dreadful to the individual, and therefore avoidance and evasion seem to be the only safe ways to cope.

The individual with Neptune in the eighth house will need to carefully explore her attitudes towards sexuality, shared money and shared possessions, and emotional power. Carefully, because in the eighth house issues are nearly always buried in layers, and many of the layers are 'red herrings', false hints designed to lead the explorer away from tender areas. It may take professional help to dig into some of the issues, because an objective outsider can often ask important questions which the explorer's mind prefers to hide from. She may discover she expects too much from eighth house issues, or that she gives too much away. She may avoid them due to feeling overwhelmed, an indication that far too much value is placed there. She will need to learn how to continually bring into consciousness her inner values in order to gain freedom from their domination.

(Haydn Paul)

The issue of sexual identity and activity is one which Neptune will confront you with in this position; and this is probably related to that impulse to transcend separatist boundaries of self and body that connects to the realm of the mystic and occultist which is also highlighted here.

If Neptune has challenging planetary aspects, squares or oppositions, and perhaps the

conjunction to some degree, then there may be a fear of losing control in sexual intimacy, a blockage prohibiting any abandonment of self to passion and physical sexual activity. Because of an inner inhibition, there can be disappointments in this form of adult sexual behaviour, where the social fascination and emphasis on sex creates an expectation that is rarely fulfilled. Or there may be some confusion related to your own sexual nature, a lack of confidence or experience, a lack of knowing and understanding your own sexual preferences and choices, or of integrating that powerful aspect of your nature into your self-image.

Many individuals keep their sexuality at arm's length, only allowing it to be present in restrictedly allowable circumstances, and not openly acknowledging that dimension of their being; this often occurs when heavy psychological conditioning has influenced their earlier development, such as religious or moral teachings, or feelings that 'sex is dirty and animal-like'. Neptune certainly does not make a definition of sexual feelings and attractions easier to make; it is too fluid and changeable, capable of a variety of different expressions and adaptations; and how one is with one partner can be entirely different with another. Intimacy touches in different 'inner spots', evoking quite varied reactions, often to the surprise of the participants. Part of the challenge facing anyone with this position is to begin to understand what it is they really want from sexual relationships.

This can be further complicated by the activation of Neptunian imagination in themes of sexuality, death, occult mysteries or mystic devotions that can add deep undercurrents to sexual intimacy. A search for peak experiences and total intensity (if they are allowed) can lead to a lack of contentment, as you believe that there are always greater experiences waiting if only the right partner could be found. This can create sexual promiscuity or the impulse to be sexually sacrificial and giving in an unrestrained manner, which can also merge with the need to lose the self in an ecstatic moment, and in so doing to forget the mundane limitations of everyday life.

Human sexuality is a complex theme reflecting a variety of possible psychological patterns; where Neptune is involved, it is virtually impossible to accurately predict the particular way in which it will manifest itself; also patterns can be transformed over time, shifting from one being dominant to another being so, depending on what is evoked by any sexual partner. Desires of being possessed and absorbed in self-abandonment may persist or the desire to possess and control another may be dominant. That overshadowing by a 'greater force' and overlaying of a mystical dimension may be the operative fascination, where sex is perceived in terms of a mystical quest for union, as in the Tantric traditions, or in aspects of the Western Grail and Arthurian Mysteries. Another extreme could be conscious renunciation of sexual activity, as in celibacy or monastic attitudes, where personal sexual intimacy is offered as a sacrifice to an ideal, given for the reward of purification and redemption to be received as a transformation. Certainly a degree of understanding and integration of Neptune in this house is essential for personal well-being and psychological health.

Occult interests are likely to be attractive to you; there is probably a powerful psychic nature that you can access, and you may receive information from inner guidance. You may be very psychically open, and this can cause certain problems of absorption of energies and impressions from your environment, but these can be filtered out by means of psychic protective actions. Loss of separative boundaries may occur as the individual consciousness merges with the universal one, especially if you are following a path of conscious development through meditation and occult experimentation. At least, glimpses of something other than and beyond the material world will become common, although you may have to be wary of occult glammers and illusions leading you into a fool's paradise and inflated sense of ego. Discrimination is vital in such inner enquiry, as is a sense of humour which is deflating and a lack of pomposity and tendencies towards self-aggrandisement!

Death may exert a peculiar fascination, as can the more taboo areas of life; and there can be self-destructive tendencies too, although these are often common in the strange inner worlds of mystics and occultists as part of the impulse to transcend and live intensely through the rush to experience 'as many lifetimes' worth of experience into one life as possible'. The taboo attraction can be summed up as 'if anyone tells me not to look at something, then I'll be first in the queue, and will not leave until I have satiated my thirst for the forbidden'.

Money and legacies may also be reflected by this position of natal Neptune; and there may be distortions, contentious issues, deceptions associated with this, or simply an inability to become clear as to your own personal values regarding money and the material level of existence. Greater clarity may be required; and care must be taken to maintain good family relationships if inheritances become a disputed issue.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people are often good with money, capable of gaining it through gambling, investing in the stock market, or luck or intuition, though they are usually better at making it than keeping it, being inclined to lose it through neglect, ignorance, or being taken advantage of, rather than through overspending. They are inclined to be very tight with money, and then lose it through peculiar circumstances. This position can promise inheritance, but aspects must be very good for it to come through. The money may be less than expected, or take so long to materialise that it isn't worth it in the long run.

Early loss of a loved one or a brush with death can cause them to develop a sober philosophy of life. Sometimes this Neptune position indicates an early death, or an unusual death, or both; though, again, there must be other factors that reinforce this for it to be a serious consideration. It is dangerous for these people to drink or take drugs, as it could prove fatal.

The father often has a heavy influence on the life. Either he dies young or leaves the

home, or he may be an embarrassment in some way. Sometimes he is too much of a hero, making it difficult to follow in his footsteps or, for those seeking a male partner, to find someone who can live up to his standard.

There is generally a fascination with politics or religion. Politics is not usually fruitful unless other political aspects are very good. It is hard for them to muster sufficient support to create a solid political base. If it is there for a while, it may fluctuate or erode. There is a shyness, an inability to reveal the true self here that makes the self-exposure of politics difficult.

Religion interests them, but they generally have their own personal philosophy and find it hard to join a group. Although they would like to do so for the social aspect, doctrinal differences get in the way. There is a loneliness to this position. There is a craving for community and family life, things that unfortunately often elude them. There is an element of self-sacrifice here as well. They may give up money for love, or love for money. Somewhere along the line, painful sacrifice will be required.

Dreams are real to them. They get important messages through dreams. They may see ghosts, see things on the astral plane, or experience ESP in some way.

(Howard Sasportas)

If Neptune can't be at home in the 12th, his next favourite house is that of his close brother Pluto, the 8th. Neptune's main thrust is the loss of boundaries and separateness: what better place to do this than in the house of sex, sharing and intimacy. And as a means of alleviating Neptune's perennial divine homesickness, the 8th house's association with death does the job quite well.

Freud made us aware that many seemingly innocent things can be symbolic of our sexual drive and interests. For instance, if you dream of smoking a cigar, is that really a cigar you are thinking of? However, it is also the case that sex itself may be symbolic. With Neptune in the 8th, sex, rather than just simply being enjoyed for its own sake, is often the means to alleviate other very pressing psychological concerns.

For those with Neptune in this house, sex is a way of merging with other people, and hence transcending the limits of the isolated self. Either through losing their own boundaries or through engulfing those of another, they relieve much more than just a physiological tension. Reminiscent of the rites of Dionysus, in the throes of physical love, they satisfy the need to abandon and forget themselves. Sex is also a way of loosening the reins of personal control and responsibility for the self. They are captured and captivated by another; they are carried away by a force more powerful than themselves. It is a form of worship and reverence, a kind of divine seduction, which brings home to them that something exists which is even bigger and greater than they are.

With Neptune in the 8th, physical intimacy is also a respite from loneliness; and much of the promiscuity and indiscretion associated with this placement may stem from this motive. Some may also feel that giving themselves sexually is a way of serving, pleasing or even healing others. It can also be a very convenient way of escaping from problems in other areas of the life.

I have seen many cases of people with this placement who are confused about their sexual identities. Neptune is so diffuse, so adaptable, so fluid and so shaped by its container, that they have difficulty knowing exactly what it is they do want. Conversely, problematical aspects to Neptune (from Saturn, for instance) also suggest a fear of letting go - a tension between holding on to boundaries and losing them. Some may even feel the need to transcend their libidinal desires altogether for the sake of channelling these energies in other directions. For others, sex may seem like a disappointment, and not quite as wonderful as it looks in the movies or what they read in books or hear from friends about it. And still others may feel their way of purification and redemption is through sacrificing a sexual relationship with someone to whom they are strongly attracted. In some instances I have seen, they seemed to always desire and fantasise about people they were not involved with, rather than the person with whom they were engaged in a relationship. Neptune is never that content with what he already has. Besides, if we know a person too well, his or her alien magnetism eventually wears thin.

Many of the same processes apply to the exchange of values between people. Often they hope to gain many material benefits from a partner, but ultimately what is acquired is usually of a much less tangible nature. Strange complications and deceptive circumstances can affect the whole area of the partner's money and joint finances. At times they may be too influenced or even deceived by other people's values, or envious about what others own which they don't. In the end, their greatest satisfaction will come not from accruing other people's possessions but rather by helping another person to develop his or her own values and resources.

It is advisable that they are as straightforward as possible in business dealings; and care should be taken in the selection of business partners. Neptune often brings confusion; and when signing contracts, the two parties should clarify exactly what the agreement is. Economic losses and gains will have an important psychological impact, and ultimately could impel them to find their security and salvation inwardly in values other than the material. In any case, they are well-advised to seek advice before making financial investments and in all issues concerning inheritance and taxation.)

When Neptune is in any of the Water houses, the person is extremely sensitive to and influenced by undercurrents and feelings in the atmosphere. Depending on the aspects to Neptune, the experience of intangible and non-material forces can operate constructively or destructively. In positive cases, the person will receive guidance and inspiration as if out of nowhere or may be open to valuable instruction through dreams. It

is as if they tap into an invisible realm where expanded vision and understanding becomes available just at the times when such broadened awareness is most necessary. For this reason, they can also serve as sources of comfort and inspiration for others who are experiencing crises. However, the psychic openness of this position can manifest in less desirable ways. In a few instances, they may feel 'possessed' - as if they have been taken over by something powerful outside themselves. Sometimes they may receive deceptive or misleading guidance from some other dimension.

## Pluto ♅ in ♊ Capricorn 2° 26'

No interpretation.

## Pluto ♅ in 10th House

(Ginger Chalford)

With Pluto in the house of the more obviously dominant parent (usually the mother in childhood), the early patterns involve extremes in the parent-child relationship. This Pluto child sees his / her mother as overbearing, possibly impatient, smouldering with anger at him / her; an exceptionally special person who inspires extremes of love and hate. To be included in the special grace of her magnetic energy is what this child desires most, and therefore the child is willing to follow the mother's dictums and do whatever is necessary to receive that powerful blessing. Of course, as these Pluto tenth house individuals grow into middle and late childhood, the inner psychic touch and intense love-hate bond with the mother will prove to be a threat to the growth of personal independence. A crisis occurs in which these children must choose between the security of getting along with her by obedience to her social training and expectations, and the insecurity of rebellion, knowing nothing of what might come next. Most children will opt for the security, for they fear that if they are rebellious then mother will get angry, and the relationship will end. And this particular relationship is a powerful one, for these Pluto children will never at any time be able to ignore their mother. The connection is just too magnetic and intense! The only way to get out of the aura of such a strong parent is to be physically separated from her over great distances. Even though there may be no communication between the adult Pluto tenth house people and their mothers, the impact of this parent lives with them, creating profound attitudes about personal fulfillment, status and success. It is in the tenth house that people are able to get the rewards for their own essential lovability; and it is usually the mother who originally makes the child aware of this factor. She indicates through her actions whether her children are lovable or not, giving them an idea of what being loved means, or what not being loved can do to one's life. This factor can show up later in calamitous business and personal decisions that are based on the low levels of self-love and lovability that



Pluto people believe they possess and deserve. Insecurity over this factor can cause children and later adults to toe the line, giving up the need to be free agents, to think and feel for themselves. This is reflected by children who grow through adolescence without the usual rebellion or clash of wills that is so common in that stage of development - only to have it happen later, much later! A few rare individuals never break with this position of powerlessness before the parent, authority or society. Most who don't make the break in adolescence, however, will experience it in their thirties, at the latest. Some children or adolescents rebel earlier; and the clash of wills with the mother is a daily struggle. These people often believe that she is standing in their way, preventing them from loving themselves; or that because of her their life is not as fun and lively as they think they deserve. They become resistant to any form of suggestion or command, and decide that they know much more than the teachers they encounter at school. Expressions of personal anger can be scary with these individuals, for it was never allowed in childhood (although mother and father both seem to have given themselves ample room for this disruptive emotion). Because people with this Pluto placement are insecure in expressing their anger, they may become self-righteous, and refuse to listen to what anyone else says - particularly a teacher or any other authority figure - for fear that anger could erupt through open disagreement and become destructive, destroying relationships around them. The early confrontation with personal will, and the decision whether to develop or deny it, leads to career extremes in adulthood. Often these people can be found in low income or bottom of the ladder-type jobs, because they have allowed their parents and then society to assume the power over their lives. Their bosses are people to be feared, drawing out the same responses that mother did years before. They quietly do their job, smouldering with resentment, in anguish because their uniqueness or special destiny is not being fulfilled. They may be considered poor employees, because their temperament generates clashes with their fellow workers. They may suddenly quit, or get injured on the job and receive disability payments. Or they may just up and disappear without notice. They may continue in some unfulfilling work to punish themselves for their independent thoughts, sacrificing their career to prove mother wrong (or possibly out of misguided love for her). Others with undeveloped Plutonian energy decide to have the best revenge on their mother, by making themselves more important than she was to them. These people become bosses, and treat their employees with a punishing attitude originally developed in childhood as a response to the mother (or father). They can drive themselves unrelentingly, and deal harshly with any sign of weakness on the part of an employee. They have a hard time delegating responsibility, and wish to have power over other people's lives. They can be very possessive toward their employees, who seldom go beyond the call of duty because their extra efforts are neither rewarded nor even remembered. Seldom will those with this Pluto placement ever ask for help or admit that anything is beyond their competence. Fiascos can result from too much posturing and too little knowledge; and strange circumstances may befall these people. They have a desire to move beyond their current status, whatever that is, and expand it to include more and more of society - and more power too, of course. In fact, they'd like to change society, and they're sure they know just how it should be done. If they don't get some

kind of public power, they'll certainly use whatever power they have on the people who are available to them. Playing 'top dog' can take many a nasty turn - extreme egotism is ultimately self-defeating. They demand attention; whether negative or positive makes no difference. Whatever helps to fill that void within them which makes them feel so unloved and powerless. Some Plutonians do manage to take their own power and lovability back from outside themselves. This usually occurs in the late twenties, when there is time to develop a feeling of self-sufficiency. Despite their intense relationship with the mother, they still realise that they create their own reality, even if it is still very limited in scope. A desire for public power comes with this placement, but it doesn't necessarily have to take a destructive path. The sense of purpose and personal destiny that this placement portends can be fully realised, but only if the Pluto person invests less energy in confrontations with the mother or other authority figures, and applies it to a passion for work and life. This passion is then channeled into the career, making work a personally fulfilling activity, reinforcing the feelings of self-esteem and self-love that are already there. There must be a gut-level desire to do whatever it is they're doing, for these people to be at all satisfied with themselves. Whenever they get involved in something, they will move to the top of it and understand it in a way that few others could. They are entrepreneurs, successful executives, or fulfilled parents. This placement is found in the horoscopes of all kinds of leaders, because it emphasises reaching large numbers of people, expanding awareness on a large scale, and utilising the most advanced technology of the day. These people are born scientists (physicists in particular), but they are fully capable of being great teachers, healers or mystics if they want. They do not have to demand respect and authority, for they magnetically attract these things. Those who come in contact with them don't have to be convinced of that! Once these individuals learn to deal with the mother (authority figure) without and the mother (internalised parent) within, they have learned the essence of self-nurturing, and this brings them a great feeling of inner security. They know they will always survive and prosper. They know too that they will always be able to magnetise significant improvements into their life, as if by magic. (And incidentally, this magic will work in the business sphere too. It would come as no surprise to find one of these people lighting ceremonial candles at home over a big business deal planned for the next day.) The outer results of the positive or negative use of Pluto in the tenth house are obvious. Either these individuals are successful in some way, or they are not. Success in this case is measured by the amount of personal satisfaction they get out of the life work they have chosen to do. This satisfaction is the result of personal passion, a love of the self that is expressed through being as well as doing. With the development of self-love comes the willingness to forgive and let go of the past, which includes surrendering the habit of blaming others for personal failures. Letting go of the past also means that mother in particular is forgiven, and the seemingly countless disagreeable things she did during the person's childhood are for the most part forgotten. The new, mature relationship with the mother re-establishes itself in these Pluto children's maturity, bringing out the loving quality of that powerful inner bond which has been untapped for so long. When Pluto transits this house, however, major changes in the way people think about themselves are bound to take place. A crisis of self-image or self-love can create

upsets in love, home and career. Powerful career interests from the past no longer hold the same sway in the psyche. There needs to be a new expression through career or love fulfilment that reflects the change in self-image which is taking place. During this time, difficulties with mother or any other powerful authoritarian figure in the life can take on the intense love-hate polarity developed in childhood. Transformation of relationships requires much attention, and a lot of struggle too. The reason for all this overhaul is that Pluto, planet of perspective, has just reached the very zenith of the chart, and is expanding the individual's perception on a very deep and personal level. Old inner psychic programs from the past are regurgitated into the conscious mind at this time, and must be dealt with and discarded. Failure to do this willingly results in many an unpleasant crisis. Extreme resistance to dealing with the crises at this time can create death - death of the self or of someone significantly close to the individual affected. If a close death occurs, the person will have to re-evaluate life; and therein lies the hope that a new perspective may make life more meaningful and fulfilling in the future. This crisis of self-love will bring out the individual's capacity for self-healing, to let go of things and people that don't work any longer, and thereby to create self-love and passion. If there are no obvious visible effects when Pluto transits across the cusp of the tenth house, then often the birthtime used for the chart is incorrect. If the time is truly correct and the individual still experiences little or nothing, then simply wait. It sometimes happens that Pluto energy, although shifting at this time, is in the process of building up 'from the bottom', so to speak, into a major shift later on. It will deal with issues from the initial hit (the time period coinciding with the transit across the tenth house cusp). Know that deep changes are still being made, and that the outer appearance of these changes, even though it may be delayed, will still be significant. Also, any work done on personal growth at this time could result in much greater success in all areas of life, which could forestall the need for a crisis-style awakening. If you are experiencing the negative effects of Pluto in your tenth house, whether by transit or natively, you can only overcome them by forgiving your mother or other tenth house parent figure. Become aware of how you project your mother's image onto other people who aren't your mother, who don't look like her, and who are unique in their own right. Refer to the visualisation instructions at the end of the fourth house Pluto section for a parental forgiveness technique. What you must do at this time is to let go of the emotional image of your mother as a parent. Let her become a real person, with failings, weaknesses, strengths and a unique personality all her own. Don't make generalisations about her any more. Even if you would never choose her as a personal acquaintance had she not been your mother, now is the time to let her become your equal, and you hers. Give her the freedom to be herself, and in the process you will invariably begin freeing yourself also. When you forgive her, don't expect any response from her now that your image of her is different from what it has always been. Even if she is still alive and playing the same old mind games with you, don't concern yourself with her attitudes about you. You need only be concerned with your attitudes about her! You see, when you change your own attitudes, the reality around you changes. This is seldom as apparent as when Pluto is in the tenth house. When you change, then your mother will change also, whether she is alive or not. The inner image of your mother, that person within your memory, will change. Your

attitude about her changes, and so does your past with her. You are literally giving yourself the change to rewrite your past, creating in it a successful motherchild relationship! I'm not making any guarantees here, but I have often observed that people who truly forgive their mother are able to transcend many old emotional barriers and hang-ups. Despite your having a seemingly resistant and manipulative mother, the relationship actually changes! You could be giving yourself the greatest gift possible; a new and positive relationship with your mother, and therefore a renewed, inspired love for your inner self. You will have succeeded in the Plutonian challenge of transformation, and you're bound to find your own personal fulfilment as an outgrowth of this change.

(Haydn Paul)

The compulsive nature of the Pluto energy mediated through the 10th house focuses on the nature and expression of authority. You are likely to aspire to positions of power and authority, with the recognition that this implies. You will try to develop your natural will-power and harness it to your drive to be a success, enabling you to rise to prominence in some social or career area that you are aiming towards.

This search for authority is partially derived from a search to define your own sense of separate identity, to be known as 'someone', rather than to be an anonymous 'nobody'. You also tend to believe that those at the top are there because of right and suitability, that essentially they are superior to others, and that support of the status quo and an élitist establishment is necessary for social stability. You will be able to understand the ways of authority, and have the ability to work successfully with people in positions of power; this can aid a possible career in politics, government and local affairs involving hierarchies and bureaucracies.

If you find that you cannot personally rise to heights of social and public prestige, then you will attempt to maintain contact with those who have, so that power by association can be experienced. Other ways to express this compulsion are either to oppose the Establishment, by having extreme revolutionary or libertarian views, or to use any influence and power that you have in order to reform existing structures of authority. The way of direct confrontation is likely to be merely a replacement of an existing system which is disliked, by a new one which is just another personal or group preference. Either is usually an imposition on the majority by a powerful minority, and historically never works as well in real life as it does in theory; and in general the new régime becomes as dictatorial as the previous one, stamping out all dissent. Any attempt by you to initiate change will create controversy, and polarise your supporters and opponents; and you could often feel quite misunderstood. Much will depend upon how you deal with people, because that is likely to sow your seeds of future success or failure. You will need to evaluate your personal motives and values in the light of any public fame or success, to free yourself of any glamour and illusions concerning authority and power, and from the need to tie your sense of identity in so strongly with your ambitions. Pluto, acting as a transformative and subverting energy, will use such aspects of your life to

force you to discover new ways of understanding. If your personal identity is supported by being in a position of power, then be ready for Pluto to erode your influence and reputation, perhaps stripping you of it altogether. You need to have a deeper perception of the social responsibilities of authority, and how to use it correctly and in a socially beneficent manner; even if the immediate sphere of influence is limited to your immediate family, the same applies.

The abuse of authority is seen throughout history; the self-creation of leaders and those who follow is a common picture. To enter any 'New Age', each individual has to release his own inner light, and learn to follow his own path in co-operation with others who have achieved the same, in a unanimity of purpose and freedom - not as leaders and followers, and by the imposition of a self-serving authoritarian élite.

(Donna Cunningham)

These placements show very difficult conditions with authority figures and most probably a parent who was oppressive, controlling, and perhaps even abusive. The result is deep-seated resentment toward people in power (maybe toward the whole world) and a determination never to be under the control of someone else. The bind is that these people are also very success-oriented, and it is difficult to succeed if they are forever setting up battles with the powers that be. The scorpion's sting means that they are usually the ones who wind up getting hurt. They may be playing with the Big Guys, who are born strategists, while their own resentments lead them to make ill-considered moves.

Parents with this position who are not able to be powerful in the world may act out power needs on their children, repeating, in fact, what was done to them. Pluto in the tenth shows a critical, highly ambitious parent who respected nothing but BIG success and was never pleased with child-sized successes. The parental curse 'You'll never amount to anything' may have been frequently heard; and this Plutonian may go through repeated humiliating public failures in order to get even. This depth and degree of the fail for spite game is not fun! These people may be stubbornly resistant to healing, because all healing in some way represents being under someone else's power. Possibly it is best taken alone. Working through exercises on resentment could be very important. A healing career is quite possible - and they will have to heal themselves in the course of their studies! People who are freed from the negative manifestations of this placement, who are able to work with power in a clean way, can have a strong impact on the world, bringing about healing and reform.

(Howard Sasportas)

If we take the tenth house to represent the mother, then those with Pluto here may see her as dark, threatening and possessing the ability to destroy them. She can be experienced as a witch, or someone who is primeval, ruthless and manipulative. They

may sense a seething anger and pent-up frustration or sexuality emanating from her. They feel as if she is always there, somehow watching them, even if she is not physically present. In short, she is felt to be dangerous and untrustworthy. However, in reality, she may not be this sort of person at all, but the child with Pluto here, in certain cases, may experience her predominantly this way. Or sometimes the early death or loss of the mother is the root of later problems in life. As covered in the general discussion of the 10th house, our earlier experiences of the mother (our first container) will contribute to the way in which we relate to the larger container of society. If the image associated with a negative Plutonic mother is projected onto the world, then these people will fear that the world is a dangerous place intent on destroying them. Some with this placement may react to this by withdrawing from society and having as little to do with the world as possible. Others may compensate for their dread of being devoured with an obsessional need for power and control over others. Attempting to regain a lost sense of infantile omnipotence, they strive to extend their territory of influence to include as much of the world as they can. If they are in control, if they are the ones in authority, then they feel safe. Their need for power can be so consuming that any means will justify achieving those ends. Also, there is a distrust of anyone who has authority over them, a desire to dethrone or destroy those in charge before it's too late. For all these reasons, those with Pluto in the 10th need to re-evaluate and come to a deeper understanding of their underlying psychological motives for ambition, power or worldly success.

Of course, the above description is a one-sided explanation of Pluto projected in a negative light. It is possible that the mother may carry a positive Pluto association. She could be viewed as the great bestower of life, and experienced as an exceptionally capable source of comfort and support through all the contingencies of daily life. Some people I know with this placement have watched the mother struggle successfully with a personal crisis or a severe life trauma, and were most impressed with her ability to manage hard times and come out the other side renewed and regenerated. She then becomes a positive prototype for later challenging experiences with which they had to contend. In this way, as adults with Pluto in the 10th they model qualities of strength, will and endurance to other people. Pluto's placement in the chart is where we periodically tear down, destroy or alter existing circumstances in order to create new ones. It is where we may be reduced to nothing in order to rise again. In some cases, Pluto here may indicate the loss or leaving behind of an established career and the necessity to embark on a new vocation of an altogether different nature.

Those with Pluto in the 10th ultimately require a career which is deeply engaging, meaningful, and exciting. Either the work is of a 'Plutonian' nature or they approach the whole area of work with the kind of intensity and complexity associated with this planet. Some may be responsible for reforming existing institutions of society which are outworn or outdated. Other fields related to Pluto are those of medicine, psychology, and occult or psychic work, investigative science and journalism, politics, mining, atomic research, etc.. I have done charts for two people with Pluto in the 10th who were in jobs in which they were not allowed to reveal the exact nature of their work. Some may engage in

careers which reflect society's shadowy side - such as prostitution, crime or underworld involvement. Occasionally, I have come across people with Pluto in the 10th who tell me that they have no ambition. After my talking with them for a while, it becomes clear that they still see themselves as 'small' compared to the big, powerful world (mother) out there. Usually, on some level, they are frustrated by the lack of influence they wield, or the unchallenging job they are already in. In certain cases, it strikes me that some people with Pluto in the 10th may not find their true vocation until they are more capable of using their power wisely and for the good of the larger whole, rather than for purely personal ends.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are disturbed by your knowledge of what's wrong with society, and you know who must be held accountable for the problems. If you had the chance, you know you could help reverse those conditions. In fact, it is part of your destiny to pursue that goal in addition to satisfying your personal ambitions. Your career will give you sufficient leverage to help determine how society will evolve. You know how to solve problems, especially those of large groups of people. You exert the right pressure to achieve your objectives; and no-one is better at applying creative skills for that purpose. You naturally attract the attention of important people. By effectively using your financial resources, you can influence the right people to help create a better world. This talent assures that you will have the financial security you need so you can indulge yourself in this important pursuit.

You are deeply sensitive to the problems of society and to people who are victims of political, social or economic injustice. Because you understand people's individual difficulties and problems, you are better able to cope with larger social issues. You use any tool you need to help those who cannot help themselves. Privately you feel that you are destined to serve society by fulfilling this obligation and that in the future you must be dedicated to serving others.

Relations between you and your parents were probably strained; but you resolved to succeed in spite of that fact. You may have sublimated some of your resentment and decided to prove that you could succeed without their support. This is probably why you want to improve the quality of life for others while improving your own life. You are impatient with people who lack the courage of their convictions or who have no convictions. You are happy to help those who are willing to help themselves. Your mate must share your enthusiasm for your goals and support you, even though your career may cause problems between you at times. You realise that your gains will be overcome by losses if you aren't ready to accept all the responsibilities that go with an important position of trust.

With knowledge comes power as well as the responsibility for upholding the highest standards of using that power. You have an opportunity to satisfy the most pressing

needs of society, because of your talent for getting people interested in the programs you start for their benefit. You have the power to do whatever is necessary to have them accepted. Because you are devoted to the task, you will win the support you need to achieve your goals and help others achieve theirs. You are demanding of your children, and you expect them to take full advantage of the benefits you have provided to succeed in their own lives. The demands of your career may intrude on your romantic interests, but that is how you established your priorities. You have the power to accomplish your objectives and to decide how abundant or austere life will be for those who are under your care.

You have the great privilege and awesome responsibility of helping to determine how social conditions will evolve. Don't forget those who helped you when you needed it. One good turn deserves another; and you will have many opportunities to repay the favours you received when you needed them.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Extremely single-minded in doing what they want to do, those with Pluto in the tenth will let nothing stand in their way once they have decided what they want to do and be. Sometimes this shows as a firm determination not to do what others want them to do, particularly in youth, before they know what it is they want. It is hard for them to know what they want in youth because it is often something very unique that rises out of the socio-economic-psychological nature of the times. No failures, however crushing; no sidetracks, however tortuous and time-consuming; no handicaps, however, crippling, can deter them from their ultimate goal once they have determined what it is. Their will grips onto the image of themselves in a certain role; and nothing, not even their own good sense, can change it. Their imagination builds castles in the air that they must drive themselves to make real.

They are far-seeing, both back into the past and ahead into the future; and this can set them apart from their fellows and make them appear peculiar to others with more ordinary or immediate goals. There is apt to be quite a bit of loneliness along the way until they find others who understand; and even when they do, the demands of their fate often require that they part company.

This often testifies to a difficult start in life; the early loss of one or both parents, or similar external circumstances that shatter the peace and calm of the family and set them on their own, psychologically if not physically, at an early age. They are rarely seekers of power for its own sake, tending to be shy and constrained in front of groups; but they may seek it as a means to their own personal ends. They are capable of disregarding any and all ordinary demands placed on them by society, but are also capable of working nonstop around the clock for years toward their own personal goals, putting up with situations that would deter most others, if they feel that it will ultimately lead to their destiny.



It is a partial testimony to a long, healthy life, particularly when their goal is one that cannot be reached in one lifetime, as though they can't take time out for sickness or death. If fate or fortune allows them to achieve their goal fairly early, they may die young. If there are oppositions to Pluto from the fourth, from the Sun, Mars, or Pluto's dispositor, they may die before their goal has been reached, or before they have found out what it is; but this is usually more due to the psychological stress of being so unique and lonely than to frustration over barriers in their path. They have magnificent imagination, almost a sixth sense about the nature of reality, that enables them to grasp the possibilities inherent in whatever it is that interests them. They have passionate love natures. Their lives may be filled with unique love affairs which may be long and drawn out. They may have to overcome barriers to possess their beloved; and this may go into old age, or happen more than once.

(Bill Herbst)

**Collective responsibility:** Collective responsibility is like the water around the fish, everpresent but never seen. Much of your life may be spent searching for ways to make it visible, to find a successful form for your longing to grow up. On occasion, you'll find yourself in a situation where all your power is called forth. When this happens, let it come. Allow ego concerns to be washed away in a flood of communion with larger issues. You are the troops held in reserve, to be used only when the battle reaches its peak and the outcome is in doubt. Then you're called forth to save the day, hurled into the fray, a cavalry change, a secret weapon, an ace up the sleeve. Your challenge is to be prepared.

**Professional ambition:** Ambition is powerful but complex. You may wander about for long periods, aware of intense ambition but unable to find suitable expression. Or you may be thrust into a position of authority in a profession for which you did not consciously prepare. Also, you may abruptly change professions at critical points in your life. It can appear that you've burned your bridges behind you. You'll know, however, that you are still being faithful to an inner calling, that you simply had to destroy old forms in search of better avenues of expression. Negatively, you can be ruthless, secretive, and underhanded in ambition, and you must guard against the tendency to become despotic. These tactics may bring you great power, but they sow the seeds for destruction of your reputation, something you could overlook. Your challenge is to use power rather than abuse it.

**Missions and messages:** Your life shows that there are deeper energies coursing through our personalities, deeper than we know or can control. We learn from your life about being driven by an emotion, obsessed by an image, compelled by an idea. We see the power latent in every human being, and we remember the importance of releasing that power in ways that transform us for the better. We see the presence of profound goodness and horrible evil, and we learn about the necessity of making

conscious choices to consecrate our lives to the good in ourselves, even as we must acknowledge and occasionally succumb to the dark. Finally, we see in you evidence that life can change totally. We remember that we can rid ourselves of what is no longer vital to begin again, fresh and new. 'Outer-link' parent: Your father may have been a powerful force in the community. He may have ruled with an iron hand, brooking no challenges to his authority. Or he might have been distant, driven by work and professional responsibilities. In any event, you didn't know him well, and possibly not at all. He could have changed in a fundamental way, becoming a different person as you moved through your childhood. Your imprints with him are a mystery to you. There are huge chunks of your background still buried. You need to unearth your father once you reach adulthood, to excavate your memories, and even late in life you may still have major realisations about the man and his effect on you.

Authority: You're very sensitive to the issue of control over others, and their control over you. Your personal authority has great emotional depth; and others are polarised: either drawn hypnotically to obey completely or likely to resist with their full power. Either way, your effect is potent. Understand that this power is real, even if it's invisible to you. Unconscious power can indeed corrupt the best of us, so work diligently to purify your motives, open your emotions, and monitor your behaviour.

(Steven Forrest)

In the tradition... ..the tenth house is often named 'The House of Honour'. An astrologer of five hundred years ago might receive an enquiry, "Am I in good odour with the Duke of Burgundy?" That mediaeval astrologer would then rightly consult the condition of the client's tenth house and provide an answer: "Nay, he aims to behead ye, and your firstborn besides". The specifics of the foregoing dialogue are marked indelibly with the spirit of a bygone culture, but let's translate it into modern terms. At a cocktail party, two people meet and begin the eternal process of sizing each other up. Here's one question almost guaranteed to appear: "By the way, what do you do for a living?" Read: 'what is your status?'. Translate back into the mediaeval lexicon: 'are you in good odour with the Duke?'. Translate again: 'where are you in the tribal hierarchy?'. We humans are intensely social creatures. And society is always structured and hierarchical to some degree. From the 'ruling élite' down to the 'cool kids at school', we observe the tendency of our species to establish pecking orders. There is much that is emotionally and philosophically difficult about this reality; and my purpose here is not to condemn or defend it, merely to say that concern with status is part of the human picture and that astrology describes it through tenth house symbolism.

But astrology goes further. While status and reputation are inextricably bound to the tenth house, and 'career' is one of the central ways in which we establish those valuations for ourselves, much more is at stake here. Doing something for the human community, publicly representing some principle or ideal, are also tenth house concerns. Navigated consciously, this house provides a sense of mission or destiny in one's life.

Personally, I encode the tenth house as one's 'Cosmic Job Description' - your 'job' as the Great Spirit would define it. If the IRS agrees, so much the better. Then you've accomplished one of the great coups of conscious tenth house work: you've figured how to get paid for doing your spiritual work. What if you were born with Pluto here? Your High Destiny: Truth hurts: the reality of that notion is hard to escape. Certainly, we human beings are fond of rationalisation and denial. But there's another observation to sit next to the first one: avoiding the truth hurts even worse. That pair of ideas summarises much of what we need to understand about Pluto in general.

Truth-avoidance is a popular sport not only on the level of individual psychology. Communities and nations practise it blithely as well. In cynical moments I sometimes think our electoral process boils down to a talent contest in that regard. We might say the same for what often happens in churches.

Lies catch up with us sooner or later, whether we're individuals or countries. And then we go down in flames reading inspirational literature, or we deal bravely with what is actually real. For a community or a nation to follow the higher road, it requires leadership. It requires a courageous man or woman to speak out clearly about popular lies and their costs - and to define a better way. Such a person may or may not be 'charismatic'; he or she may or may not radiate self-confidence and authority. The message matters more than the messenger at such times. And the community that person addresses may be a town or a nation, or more commonly a segment of the population. basically, the tenth house terrain begins where your personal relationships end, and extends from there out toward the horizons of the global village: it may or may not, in other words, involve what we commonly call 'fame'. But it always involves touching the lives of people whom we do not really know on a personal level. And for you, your high destiny involves touching that larger community in a Plutonian way: representing some fierce truth, and fighting the trench wars for its communal realisation.

Your Distorting Wound: Since you were small, you have felt (correctly!) that you were born 'to do something big and important'. Pluto, at its best, is concerned only with those activities which are capable of imparting a palpable sense of meaning and purpose to life, and which fill us with fiery intensity. Anything less is boring and empty. It is this pattern of motive and ideal that shapes your healthiest perspective on career. How well-supported was ambition at that scale when you were small? Your wound lies in this region. As always, life's dark side can touch us a multitude of ways, and not everyone with the same configuration will have the same story - or at least the symmetry will not always be immediately apparent. Let's consider some wounding scenarios: Maybe one or both of your parents suffered deadening kinds of work, and could not imagine any alternatives. Their attitudes conveyed to you, unconsciously or overtly, an image of the 'Big World' as a jungle in which mere survival was the best for which one could hope.

A variation: maybe parents or other significant role models in your youth were truly limited in their ability to find rewarding, spirit-charging careers due to social prejudice,

political dislocations, or economic troubles. Still, the same attitude of limitation and impossibility would be transmitted to you. Perhaps you were born female in a culture displaying a distinct shortage of imagination regarding 'a woman's place'. Built into that reality is an unconscious, systematic disempowering of a girl-child's self-confidence regarding career. After a generation of feminist activism, these are familiar thoughts, but they still sometimes wield considerable potency in shaping women's images of their place in the big world. Perhaps you were born male in a culture displaying a distinct shortage of imagination regarding 'a man's place'. This is discussed less than the feminists' perspective, but it's every bit as powerful - and limiting - a force. The pressure on men blindly to achieve conventional status is enormous. We are taught to experience pride or shame in proportion to our accrual of power and / or money. To what extent could such concerns have robbed you of space for the fuller expression of individuality and creativity in terms of your work? Underlying all these wounding scenarios is a dark Plutonian image of the Community as an inhospitable place, resistant to the expression of anything truly exciting or individual, and affording at best a struggle to remain alive.

Let's carry our analysis of the Wound a step further. Kids in general don't know much about the realities of the world. When we ask children what they want to be when they grow up, we take their answers with a grain of salt. What child would say, 'An insurance salesman'? (But the real world has more than a few contented insurance salespeople, I suspect.) While there are sometimes fascinating exceptions, a pretty good rule of thumb is that a child's answer will at best provide a kind of veiled metaphor - the little boy, for example, who will become an aeronautical engineer may say 'Astronaut!'. His nose is pointing in the right direction, and his soul guides him by offering grandiose exaggerations of the life he will actually create. It's a delicate mechanism, even a sacred one. With your Plutonian tenth house, you truly do have a high destiny... and in youth the unconscious mind would tend to produce exaggerated metaphors of even that. Thus: 'When I grow up I will be a famous movie star'. Or even: 'When I grow up I will save the world'. Loving adults may have felt that they needed to 'help' you adjust to the real world by 'grounding' you. Unwittingly they sabotaged the grand mechanism by which your deep Self was preparing foundations in your imagination for the realisation of what you were actually born to do. What is at stake here is simple to say: for the realisation of certain adult destinies, a degree of ungrounded grandiosity in youth is a psychological prerequisite.

Your Navigational Error: Would you stroll across a sunlit meadow for a million dollars? Not to put thoughts in your head, but I feel a high degree of confidence in my ability to predict your answer. What if the meadow contained nine deadly buried land mines? Now your answer enters more distinctly into the realm of individuality. My guess is that some of you would abruptly change your minds about the stroll, while others would start balancing the joyful prospect of the cash against the probabilities of more cataclysmic eventualities. Let's add a third condition: there is a hungry Tyrannosaurus Rex pursuing you. Across the meadow lies your only escape. Suddenly taking your chances with those land mines has more appeal. Before we add a fourth condition, let's sit with the image for

a moment. There you are, nervously light-footing it across the sunny grass, torn between the scrutiny of each footfall and jittery over-the-shoulder considerations of our Jurassic friend. Are you appreciating the sheer beauty of the meadow? Are you mentally designing the dream-home you might build there with the million bucks? (Do you even remember the million bucks?) Probably not. Under that kind of pressure, more aesthetic, creative interests recede into the background. Our fourth condition: the dinosaur is a fake, one of Spielberg's clever illusions. There are no buried land mines; it was a lie. Your behaviour in the meadow makes sense, but only on the basis of the information you believe. If we stopped you and said, 'You know, when you get that money, I'm seeing a Frank Lloyd Wright design up there on that rise-', you'd look at us as though we were utterly mad. You would be perfectly convinced that you were behaving in the only possible way, given the threatening realities. The illusory realities.

Your Navigational Error lies in imagining too many land mines and hungry dinosaurs. You could fear the world too much, and thereby rob yourself - and the community - of the fruits of your destiny. For the community, those fruits mean some kind of healing, leadership, or inspiration. And for you, they mean Plutonian heat, intensity, and vision in your life. The human world is inherently dangerous and negative in many ways; what you might leave out of the equations is the full realisation of your own power to cope with those obstacles. And that distorts your sense of the scope of your possibilities here. If you succumb, you may find yourself in a career or social position you find shamefully out-of-kilter with your own values. The bleaker Plutonian possibility here lies in still finding yourself wielding the social power we associate with this planet, but swept along in a current of events that leave you working for the 'bad guys', perhaps in a glitzy role. If you are brave enough to admit that to yourself, you feel cynicism, shame, and helplessness. If you're not brave enough to admit it, you'll become a tyrant in that role as you unconsciously attempt to justify your own poor choice with the sheer volume of your voice.

(Jeff Green, *Pluto: The Evolutionary Journey of the Soul*, 1985)

As in all natural cardinal houses, Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn represents a condition wherein an entire chapter or cycle of evolutionary development has come to a close and another has just begun within the recent past. This evolutionary development can apply to countries as well as individuals.

For example, the U.S. chart has Pluto in Capricorn, South Node in Aquarius, and the North Node in Leo. The rebellion against British rule (South Node in Aquarius) was necessary in order for this country to take charge of its own destiny (North Node in Leo). In so doing, a new evolutionary cycle began (Pluto in Capricorn). The pyramid reality structure of the North Node in Leo seems to be reflected in the fact that so much of what happens in the world depends on what happens in the United States. The U.S. was destined to play the international role (South Node in Aquarius) as the "leader of the free world" (North Node in Leo with respect to Pluto in Capricorn).

Individuals who have Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn have been learning the evolutionary lesson of how to establish their individuality and authority within a culture or society. Any society must establish laws, regulations, customs and taboos to which each individual within the society must conform so that the society can function as an integrated and stable whole.

These laws and customs may evolve naturally over time, may be established through a consensus of the society's members or they may be imposed upon the society by those in power. In any case, a society or culture represents collective authority that dictates how individuals are expected to conduct themselves. Each nation or culture has a philosophical tradition, derived from the Ninth House or Sagittarius, that is the foundation upon which the laws, regulations, and customs are formulated. In the Tenth House or Capricorn, these philosophies become institutionalized and politicized. Examples include the philosophy of democracy and religious freedom (Ninth House) evolving into capitalism (Tenth House), or the philosophy of Marxism (Ninth House) leading to communism and atheism (Tenth House). In this manner a nation or society creates traditions and forms a national identity.

In the same way, individuals who have Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn have needed to learn how to link or integrate their own philosophy and identity within the framework of a society, culture or nation. This evolutionary necessity and development represents the progressive socialization of the individual which began in Libra or the Seventh House. Just as a country has borders that define its relationship or position with respect to other countries, so too does the individual have a position, place or function within his or her country. Each individual has boundaries, parameters or limitations relative to his or her social position or function within a society. As a result, Tenth House Pluto individuals have had to learn, and will continue to learn, how to define their individuality through their social position or function. In order for this to occur, they must learn how the society works; if I have a desire to do this or that, to become this or that, how does society allow me to accomplish my goals?

By learning to operate within society, these individuals have also been learning related lessons in discipline, self-determination and submission to a higher authority. Because they have been learning how to establish that which characterizes their individuality, i.e. values, beliefs, desires and needs, and to link their individual purpose to a social purpose, they have also been learning lessons in social and emotional maturity.

Because each nation has its own vibration that is created through its laws, customs and taboos, each of us is born into a nation that reflects our karmic and evolutionary needs. Just as the Fourth House and Cancer described our experiences with our parents and early environment, the Tenth House and Capricorn describes our "extended family" environment; the country or culture in which we grow up. Just as our self-image is conditioned by our parents so much of our sense of social identity is conditioned by the

nation in which we grow up.

Tenth House Pluto individuals, then, have had, and will have, an intensified evolutionary need that demands they learn to become socially responsible people through the social functions that they are karmically destined to perform. The natural evolutionary condition and karmic lines of development will correlate to those functions. These individuals will be born into countries that best reflect the ways in which they can learn these lessons.

A majority of people with Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn have desired positions of social power or status. Many have occupied positions of power in past incarnations. Power, in this context, is relative and based on evolutionary capacity and karmic dynamics. In order to accomplish their ends, these individuals thoroughly learned how the system works using Pluto's innate ability to penetrate to the basic structure or essence of any subject. In the Tenth House, this means society or social systems.

Many people with Pluto in the Tenth House or in Capricorn have learned to manipulate the system to their own advantage. They have done so in order to realize their ambitions: to get to the top. These individuals often believe that their ends justify the means. In extreme cases, this dynamic can lead to blind ambition. An example of this extreme is found in former President Richard Nixon who has Pluto in the Tenth House.

The desire for social power or status also reflects the fact that these individuals need to be in control of their position within society, rather than allowing society to control them. Pluto in the Tenth House has made the individual aware of his or her power and powerlessness and what symbolizes power and powerlessness in a societal context. The nature of a society determines the ways and means through which social position is achieved. Thus, if the system is corrupt, unjust or manipulative, the individual who seeks power and position within that system is likely to do so in a corrupt, unjust or manipulative way. In so doing, they claim that "This is just the way it works" and relieve themselves of any personal responsibility.

The potential karmic and evolutionary problems that this can lead to are twofold: 1. becoming overly-identified with one's career, position or status, and 2. manipulating and using others for one's own ends. Both can lead to abuse of power, especially if the person's entire sense of emotional and physical security is linked to his or her social power, career or status.

When this occurs such individuals, or even entire nations, may use all means at their disposal to defend themselves against any usurping of their power, position or status. The effort to maintain power or position at any cost can assume very ugly forms. Nixon's response to the Watergate investigation is an example of this. A recent example of a nation acting under the banner of "national interests" was the U.S. invasion of Grenada. A grosser example would be the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet Union. The rationales used to justify such actions are always self-serving and pious.

The history of humankind is a sad testimony to these facts. War, invasions and defense against invasion seem to be the rule rather than the exception in human history. The struggle among nations to dominate or be dominated predates the beginnings of history itself.

Yet another evolutionary lesson of the Tenth House Pluto is to learn how to be responsible for one's own actions. Individuals who have manipulated others to achieve their own ends will come into this life with subconscious guilt patterns as a result of prior errors. The same principle applies to nations. Even today the German people feel guilt in their national Soul because of the holocaust created by Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. Hitler had an Eighth House Pluto in Gemini conjunct Neptune. His South Node was in Capricorn in the Third House conjunct Jupiter and the Moon. The ruler of the South Node, Saturn, was in the Tenth House in Leo. The North Node was in Cancer in the Ninth House, ruled by the Capricorn Moon conjunct Jupiter and the South Node. Later, I will use Hitler's chart to illustrate the points covered in the first two chapters.

The guilt occurs because the standards of conduct inherent in Pluto are intensified in the Tenth House or Capricorn. No matter how it is rationalized, the abuse of power is not ultimately right. All of us have a deep inner sense of what is ultimately right and wrong. We may not know exactly why something is right or wrong; our judgment derives from this inner sense or intuition.

Commonly, then, many Tenth House Pluto individuals will come into this life with a deep sense of inherent guilt that cannot be rationally explained by current life experiences. This situation will only occur when there have been negative or misguided behavioral responses to the evolutionary impulse of the Tenth House Pluto. This guilt can have a very profound inhibiting effect in the current incarnation, so much so, that these individuals often feel that they do not deserve anything beyond what they already have. They feel resigned to their lot in life. In this way, they are punishing themselves for prior "mistakes" and attempting to atone for prior sins. The greatest frustration occurs because many do not know why they find themselves in this condition. Karmically, many will be blocked by society from fulfilling their goals. The doors seem to be closed. Others block themselves, and close their own doors. This condition enforces reflection, through which the individual can become aware of the inner motivations or dynamics that created this situation. Reflection can lead to deep depression and feelings of futility, of an utter lack of power, an utter lack of being in control of life. Often these individuals will draw to themselves a family situation in which one or both of the parents will be stern disciplinarians, imposing rigid standards of conduct on these individuals as children. Or they may have a parent who leaves the scene, or rejects the responsibility of parenting. This situation leads the individual early on to reflect upon the actions of one or both parents, and reflects their own evolutionary and karmic need to judge themselves relative to their own standards of conduct. Often these individuals have been heavily judgemental in the past, judging others against whatever standards of conduct and



behavior they identified with at the time.

A primary lesson of the Tenth House Pluto has also been self-determination and self-discipline. Self-determination means identifying one's goals, abilities, capacities and desires and actualizing them through one's own efforts. The need is to identify one's function Taurus in the Ninth House, and its planetary ruler, Venus, in Sagittarius in the Fourth House conjunct Mercury. The world role that he was destined to play took him to many lands in order to bridge cultural gaps through the teachings that he expressed. With an opposition from Pluto to Venus, it is interesting to note that he had a deep personal desire to seclude himself in the Himalayas that went unresolved in his lifetime. He made the statement that after leaving this life he would reincarnate hundreds of years later to fulfill that unresolved desire. Another example of a Tenth House Pluto individual whose life and work transcended national borders, albeit on a different level, is Agatha Christie. Christie also had Pluto conjunct Neptune in the Tenth House with the South Node in Sagittarius in the Fourth House conjunct Mars. The planetary ruler of the North Node, Jupiter, was in Aquarius retrograde in the Fifth House. The ruler of the North Node in Gemini in the Tenth House, Mercury, was in Libra in the Second House. Many of her mystery novels had international settings and her books have been published in dozens of languages all over the world. Intrinsic to a mystery is the theme of right and wrong and the assumption that what is just and right will prevail in the end. Christie's writings expressed such standards of right and wrong.

Those individuals who have made an effort to learn the required evolutionary and karmic lessons in the past will express natural leadership qualities at whatever evolutionary level to which they have evolved. They will be the embodiment of self-determination and can act as models for others who wish to motivate themselves in the same way. These individuals will understand that they are responsible for their own actions, and will not use devious means of achieving their ambitions. Commonly, they will feel an intense contempt and dislike for those who resort to devious ways of realizing their goals, and are not afraid to confront those who do use these tactics. The Tenth House Pluto person thus exposes others to their motivations that make them operate as they do. In so doing, they have the potential to influence others toward a higher standard of conduct.

These individuals have commonly had a parent or parents who support, encourage and understand what they must do with their lives. Sometimes one parent is supportive and the other is not. Sometimes the one that isn't eventually comes around to see that the path that the individual must travel is right for them, even if it does not conform to the parent's wishes.

In addition, the Tenth House and Capricorn are the archetypes through which we all come face to face with our own mortality, and with time and space itself. These archetypes produce the awareness that we have a certain time span in which to fulfill our destinies. Consequently, Tenth House Pluto individuals feel this awareness more acutely than those who do not have Pluto in this house or sign.

This awareness enforces lessons of social and emotional maturity; to grow up and get on with it. It must occur to enforce the awareness of timing in our lives, and that the structural organization of reality at whatever level or application changes or evolves over and through time. The rise and fall of nations, seasonal change, and the evolving nature and structure of an individual's reality all reflect this fact. This awareness, with the necessary reflection, allows for structural change. This change will occur with respect to that which is outmoded or crystalized so that growth at any level of reality can occur. If negatively expressed in an individual, this awareness produces a sense of futility and pessimism: "What's the point?'. Positively, it produces the motivations required to accomplish what the individual is here to do.

As with the Fourth House, Tenth House Pluto individuals, in almost all cases, have switched gender in their most recent prior lives; sometimes the current life is the first experience in the opposite gender in many lifetimes. This usually signals that a state of imbalance has been reached and further evolutionary growth could not occur through the gender that came before. Thus, for evolutionary purposes, they have switched genders to promote balance and further growth. The resulting hormonal shift of the gender switch can create a variety of emotional moods and feelings that are difficult for the individual to relate to, let alone control. These emotions seem to have a life of their own. The evolutionary need is to become aware of the source or trigger producing the moods and emotions rather than being a victim of them. In this way self-knowledge will grow — what are these feelings telling me about myself?

An example of an individual who refused to accept this gender switch is Christine Jorgensen. Jorgensen was born a man, yet had a sex change operation to become the woman she once was. Jorgensen has Pluto in Cancer in the Tenth House conjunct the North Node in the Eleventh House. The South Node is in Capricorn in the Fifth House, conjunct a Capricorn Moon in the Fourth House. Neptune in Leo inconjuncts the South Node and Moon, and Mars in Pisces is sextile the South Node and trine the North Node. In addition, Venus in Aries in the Eighth House squares the Nodal axis, Pluto and the Moon. Her determination to have this gender switched reversed served as an inspiration and example for others who feel the same need. These astrological symbols suggest confusion within her Soul as to what gender through which to express itself. The square from Venus to the Nodal axis, Pluto and the Moon correlates to "skipped steps."

Beyond this, they are learning emotional lessons. One avenue through which these emotional lessons will occur is in family situations. This can involve either one or both parents, the marriage partner or children or both. The Tenth House Pluto individuals commonly experience emotional shocks delivered to them by one or both parents, their children or a spouse. These shocks force deep self-examination. The loss of a parent can produce this effect, for example. Judgemental parents who do not understand the child's individuality can force the person in upon him or herself. The karmic reason for these conditions in the individual's life is to force self-examination on an inner emotional

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Under other evolutionary and karmic circumstances, the Tenth House Pluto individual as a parent may neglect his or her children because of career obligations and may never really get to know them. Consequently, the children never really know the parent. The resulting gulf produces guilt that again forces self-examination. In all cases, such emotional shocks and confrontations compel these individuals to examine who and what they are and to examine the reasons and dynamics that have determined their emotional, intellectual, spiritual or physical behavior. They must reflect on how they have identified themselves and what constitutes their security on an emotional level.

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(Jeff Green) (contd.)

Some individuals who have had such prior-life experiences will go through cycles of pessimism, depression, bitterness, spitefulness and jealousy of those who are in positions of authority in this life. They may be unable to define or accept the limits of their social capacity and be unable to follow the prescribed ways and means of actualising what capacity they do have. Guilt can occur through the inner awareness of their failure to utilise their potential; or guilt can be projected outward if they blame the stifled conditions of their lives on society or on others in general.

In truth, the responsibility for such conditions is their own. Often, the parents reinforce their guilt because they judge their children's shortcomings against their own standards of conduct. On a more positive level, those who have mastered the lessons of self-determination, self-discipline and the ways and means that a society prescribes to realise ambition, capacity and social function have held meaningful social positions in other lives. Because they have learned these lessons before, these individuals can actualise the social function for which they are evolutionarily and karmically destined

with little effort. The roles that they have played and can play, large or small, commonly have a positive and transformative impact either within their specific area of work or within society as a whole. Those who have learned to conduct themselves in relation to transcultural and timeless standards of conduct, or have at least determined to attempt to conduct themselves in this way, can play roles that inspire others to improve their own lives. This impact can be small or large depending on the evolutionary and karmic signature of the individual. In certain cases, this impact has transcended the borders of the individual's native country and touched others in other lands.

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As these lessons are put in motion, these individuals can achieve a balance wherein their 'down' or private time meshes with their external duties and responsibilities. They will learn that the values and beliefs that condition their ideas about what life is and how it should be lived are purely subjective; their judgements apply only to themselves in relation to their own standards of conduct. Consequently, they will learn not to judge negatively the values and beliefs of others. They will learn to accept responsibility of their own lives, and the duties and obligations that accompany them. In so doing, they can motivate and inspire others in the same way. Through self-determination they will be able to realise their goals and ambitions in honest and non-manipulative ways and encourage others to do the same. If they have children, they will learn to become responsible parents who are intensely productive and giving, even if the child is a 'problem' child. Common characteristics of Pluto in the Tenth House include: cycles of emotional withdrawal, need for social recognition and power, good organisers unless interfered with by other factors, natural leaders, deep and penetrating understanding of how 'systems' work, being ambitious, being serious, being pragmatic, being anxiety-prone, being given to cycles of depression, being autocratic, and being hypocritical.

(Ulla Palomaki)

Pluto's position on the highest point of the birth chart signifies that its transformative power is directed mostly to work, career and social position. Because of Pluto's demanding nature, career expectations may be very high, even megalomaniac. The individual expects that he will reach some exceptional goals, and often does realise them. Parental expectations about the career of the child may be in a central position. Perhaps they demand too much of the child, possibly to realise something they themselves didn't do. Parental ambitions may be a heavy burden on the child, who

feels pressured to do something grandiose in the eyes of the parents. Parental ambitions are felt in the unconscious of the child as: "I must be somebody", "I must have power or a high social position", "Life depends on social position". Sometimes the attitude is much more negative: "I oppose all authorities", or "I fear people in power". Regarding social position there is often a love-hate relationship with emotional involvement. Questions of authority and control are strong, and influence the destiny of the individual. Hatred toward controlling individuals inherited from childhood may lead to a powerful desire for control so that nobody will be able to control him any more. The power complex is related to this aspect. The individual may not realise its mechanism and how it influences his choices and directions in life. He may admit that he has a peculiar attitude toward people who are in positions of authority. This power complex and all the causes underneath should be examined to avoid career complications. A subconscious power complex may lead to avoidance of all contact with authorities, so that professional self-realisation becomes difficult. Because Pluto leads easily to extremes, the individual often feels that social position is hard to get. He blames everybody else and society for that. It may seem that fate denies social position and status. Drastic changes happen sometimes. To improve the situation, it is important to find the roots of the problem and to find a personal motivation for work. Usually Pluto's position on the Midheaven signifies strong ambition and the ability to build a successful career. In fact, the attitude toward career may be rather obsessive. The individual has a tendency to identify himself with his career or social image. (Pluto is sometimes very symbiotic.) The collective nature of Pluto indicates that some individuals will have a large sphere of influence - a large audience with or without a transformative impact. Surprisingly, their role may be rather superficial. In show business there are many influential people with this aspect. One of the most famous television show hosts in France has it, and he has kept his position for years. An influential position in show business today means a lot of power. That's why it is so appealing to many Pluto in the tenth house people. At best, professional life is related to secrets, revealing or digging up the unconscious. Working with nuclear energy is Plutonian but questionable. According to a French astrologer, Jean-Pierre Nicholas, the person may be 'hierophant of the unexplained'. This is a suitable planetary position for healers, therapists and those who function as channels for change. The individual's fate may include scandals and revelations, sometimes caused by evil practices, immoral actions and manipulation; but sometimes the person is not at fault.

# Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°45') ♃1 | ♄10
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°38') ♄8 | ♄10
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°40') ♄8 | ♄8
- 4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°11') ♄7 | ♄7
- 5) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°12') ♄2 | ♄7
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°54') ♄10 | ♀12
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°46') ♃9 | ♀12
- 8) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (0°19') ♃9 | ♂4
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- 18) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (3°48' A) ♄10 | ♄10
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ☾ South-Node** - (7°41' S) ♄10 | ♄10
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- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♂ Mars** - (8°21' S) ♃1 | ♄7
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♂ Uranus** - (5°32' S) ♄10 | ♂4
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- 44) ► **Jupiter** ♀ **Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (3°59' A)    ☉12 | ♀8

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(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn conjunct to the Ascendant indicates that you are conservative and self-disciplined in your behavior. You tend to be shy about asserting yourself, so people may assume you are indifferent to them. You have strong doubts about your worth, which makes you cautious when meeting competition. This lack of self-confidence will eventually be replaced by self-assurance as you learn through experience to understand yourself. You do not have the kind of aggressive drive that impresses people on first meeting, but you show reliability, and they learn to depend on you. Others see your good qualities long before you realize them. Self-effacing by nature, you prefer the sidelines rather than the spotlight.

You are efficient in mobilizing your resources and are sure to realize your goals, but you underestimate your abilities. You are a 'slow starter' who needs the reassurance of some successful endeavors before you define your objectives and make careful plans to achieve them. You are prepared to grow one step at a time in achieving the excellence you are capable of. When a decision is required, you tend to hesitate because you want to be sure first. You sometimes miss opportunities for fear you will be ridiculed if you make the wrong decision. Responsible to a fault, you will never let down anyone who depends on you. Learn to love yourself more, so you can feel you deserve the good things in life that you work for so diligently. You can be victimized by people who take advantage of your unwillingness to fight for your rights, but you never forget such incidents. Although not a vindictive person, you bide your time until the moment comes when they need your assistance; then you repay them with cool indifference.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When Saturn colors the way of presenting ourselves to the outside world, we give the

impression of being sober, reserved, secretive and serious. Probably we are afraid to let go, and view people and things pessimistically behind a rather cold front.

Saturn is not a planet that leads us to be swayed by enthusiasm. We test the water carefully before we take the plunge. Safety first is our motto. The sense of responsibility that weighs us down is sometimes expressed physically in a stoop, as if we were literally bent beneath a burden - a burden we have taken on ourselves.

We seldom reveal what is going on inside, and people have difficulty in getting to know us. Defensiveness is responsible for the fact that we can be plagued by feelings of loneliness. Yet Saturn can allow us to lose these feelings in the company of a special individual, a person with whom we feel safe. We would go through fire and water for someone like this; even so, it is hard for us to show emotions.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents what we approach with caution, and our feelings of insecurity. The Ascendant indicates how we start new ventures, as well as the persona we project. Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant indicates individuals who are often insecure about their abilities when they are young, for a self-worth facet in the personality needs development. In early childhood there was a rejection by the father in some way; these people didn't feel accepted or encouraged by him. As young adults they feel apprehensive about being approved of by those in authority; they may deem it necessary to work too hard in order to attain whatever life experience they seek.

The self-worth dilemma will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs. If Saturn is in the first house, then as these people mature and earn a concept of worthiness, a personal strength will emerge, for Saturn in the first house can indicate the ability to persevere.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Saturn rising person will usually approach the world with a certain amount of caution, as if on some level feeling that it is not a very safe place - certainly not safe enough to venture out without wearing at least a little armour-plating. Typically, the individual feels that he or she must be ready to defend him- / herself against possible disaster. I once looked after a boy aged about 11, with Saturn rising. Whenever we went out, he used first to go around the house, checking that the windows and doors were tightly bolted and that the plugs were all pulled out of the electric sockets. Thus his persona was a serious one. The immediate impression he made was of someone older than his years and very responsible. At the same time, being so well defended, it was not easy to see the vulnerable little boy underneath. The oldest in the family, he took on what he saw as the role of father when his parents divorced, and this is quite typical of a 1st house Saturn.

Margaret Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', has Saturn rising in Scorpio. She seems to have a very controlled persona, to have her guard up at all times. She doesn't seem very spontaneous. Satirists often portray her as being something of a heavy schoolteacher type, ready to discipline and control irksome cabinet ministers.

Because people with Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant do not see the world as a particularly safe place, they often take steps to control the environment and those within it. They want to leave nothing to chance, and they want to be seen as being a person who 'never puts a foot wrong'. In fact, this insistence on never putting a foot wrong is a common Saturnian one, whatever the configuration.

The controlled responsible exterior may not necessarily be indicative of a particularly responsible or serious person, but merely indicates that is the impression that the individual initially makes.

Saturn rising is often associated with a difficult or delayed birth, as if the baby is reluctant to come out and enter into the world. Perhaps this infant is controlling the situation from the word 'go', or on some level feels he / she needs to. In any event, the caution about and fear of greeting the world naked and exposed seems to persist throughout much of life.

The Saturn rising person often goes out into the world ready to be a patriarchal figure, a disciplinarian perhaps, someone older than his or her years, and a responsible, dutiful type.

2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel to Saturn** - (1°38') ♀8 | ♄10

(Robert Hand)

At a very early age you will learn that life requires hard work and ceaseless activity if you want to get ahead. Also you want to be a person of significance when you are older, so you will start working while quite young to get where you want to go. Since you have so much internal discipline, your parents won't have to impose it from the outside, nor should they make unrealistically high demands, because you will try very hard to fulfill them. Whenever you fail, you condemn yourself strongly, and if you decide you are a loser, it would be very difficult to change that belief. This placement of Saturn can signify that you will be very successful or very unsuccessful, depending on how you experience success while you are young.

You respect those in authority even when you feel they are giving you a hard time. You understand that they have earned the right to their position and that to challenge them you must earn that right as well. Only if you have very negative experiences with authority while you are young - and your parents will have a lot to do with this - will you

be negative about it when you are older.

No matter what career you choose, you will be a teacher and a guide for others. You may be a teacher in the literal sense in some kind of school. In any case, others will look to you for guidance when you achieve the goals that you set for yourself now.

As you work to get ahead in life, however, be very careful not to neglect your friendships and other relationships. Otherwise you may be very lonely later on.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Saturn at the MC, we are often tormented by feelings of inferiority. Vulnerability is great; in many cases because the support of one or both parents was missing during childhood. We feel an urge to do well when still young, either to overcome an inferiority complex or else to let it be seen that we account for something. Hence this aspect can indicate tremendous ambition: we can work hard and long for the goals that we have set ourselves, but may also be harsh and pitiless.

Traditionally Saturn conjunct Midheaven is supposed to signify a public fall or disgrace. But this is true only when the groundwork of success has been prepared too quickly and carelessly, or when what we are building is hollow. If we get down to work like a real child of Saturn, that is to say slowly and thoroughly, we can go far later in life.

We need to provide not only ourselves but also our environment with form and structure, so we have a liking for regulations and for laying down the law to others. Much of this arises from an inner feeling of effectiveness and a diligent search for an individual form in which we shall be valued. If we resist any tendency this conjunction may have to disturb our inner equilibrium, we should be able to display thoroughness, determination and tremendous consistency.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Saturn conjunct the MC often feel they have to keep up some kind of position in society, perhaps maintain a position of responsibility or duty, or follow in a parent's footsteps. Classically, they feel they have no choice but to do this. There is sometimes a very fated feeling about the choice of vocation which the individual may or may not feel comfortable with. It's a common enough combination for members of the Royal Family, whose public face tends to be a very controlled one, full of responsibility, protocol, handwaving, and never putting a foot wrong.

Very often those with Saturn contacting the MC-IC axis feel that they have to submit to their parents' wishes as to their choice of career, and there is sometimes a feeling of an enormous weight on their shoulders because of this. Very often the background is a fairly conservative, middle-class one, or the family aspires in that direction. The choice of

vocation often seems limited to Saturn conjunct MC especially, and to some extent it often is limited because the individual requires that his / her position in society be one of respectability and security.

I have seen this placement in the charts of those who have at least one very successful parent in their field, although the success is usually very hard-won; but it's also a common placement in the charts of those whose parents didn't reach their aspirations - parents who feel a failure to themselves and their family in terms of their professional accomplishments. Thus the individual with Saturn conjunct MC carries more than his / her own fear around with him / her. There is often a fear of succeeding (for it might hurt the 'failed' parent) as well as a fear of not doing so.

Having a proper career and direction in life is often such a weighty issue that individuals with this placement often feel at a loss to decide what to do with their lives. Saturn conjunct MC are often late-developers. Classically, the type is frightened to take risks with their future, which is fair enough on one level, but on another, it is often by taking risks, by exploring first one kind of work and then another, and simply going where life and one's unconscious takes one, that an individual is able to find his / her particular niche in society and some sort of personal fulfilment. I have also known people who have spent their lives blaming their parents for work they happen to be doing. They feel that in their working life they are 'doing time'. Usually the parents are not to 'blame'; the problem lies with the individual who is too frightened to risk doing what he / she really wants to do.

Saturn conjunction MC is an ideal combination for vocations that involve skills that take a long time to learn, and careers concerned with age, tradition, time or structure. The conjunction and other aspects to the axis can be associated with hard work and slow, sure success.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Saturn conjunct Midheaven aspect characterizes those who rise to high stations through hard work and steady ambition. If the conjunction is well aspected, they are honest, responsible, and foresighted in their dealings. They make good executives and administrators. In politics they tend to be conservative, seeking policies which lead to stability and to the expansion of existing institutions along traditional lines.

If this conjunction is afflicted, disgrace and fall from a high position are possibilities.

3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (0°40')    ♏8 | ♏8

(Robert Hand)

This aspect presents many opportunities and many challenges. You are very sensitive to

whatever happens around you, and you seem to soak up impressions like a sponge. But you do not always know what these impressions mean or what to do with them. Consequently there is a real danger that you will be confused much of the time, especially about who you are and where you are going. Unfortunately, with this aspect you tend to get discouraged and depressed about yourself, feeling that you will never get a real grasp of what is happening in your life. One of your parents, at least, should be able to lovingly but firmly guide you through life and point out the difference between realities and illusions.

This position is often associated with psychic ability, which may be the source of the impressions that seem so confusing and hard to understand. Your parents should accept the fact that your so-called fantasies are actually based on a reality that is not easy to understand. They should help you learn to interpret this reality rather than saying that you are only dreaming or making it all up.

It won't be easy to find the right course to follow in life, but this position provides a few clues. First of all, you should feel that you are working for a cause higher than yourself, whether it is serving or taking care of others in some way or working for an idea or faith. This aspect has a very strongly religious dimension. But it is more mystical than orthodox, and even while you are young you will be attracted to mystical and otherworldly ideals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The Midheaven represents social and business behavior based on self-image. With Neptune on the Midheaven, there is no possibility that a clear-cut picture will be obtained - the blurring and undermining influence is too great. As likely as not, we shall suffer from identity problems about who we are and about our role in life. This makes us extremely sensitive to what others think and say; and at first we shall be prepared to accept their assessment of us. But their assessment is wildly inaccurate, because between them and us drifts Neptune's hazy smoke-screen: what they tell us about ourselves sounds so unbelievable that awe are thrown into utter confusion.

Besides all this, we seem to have a sixth sense for detecting undercurrents and changes in the human atmosphere; and this also affects the formation of our image. For a long time, these factors can keep us wondering what to make of ourselves and our prospects, and can hinder us from finding our true sphere in life. Yet we should excel in things governed by Neptune; that is to say, wherever sympathy and understanding are required, as in social and charity work, also where we can give expression to feelings and a love of perfection, as in creative and musical activities. Initially, owing to a lack of confidence, we are not very enterprising; but once we get started, progress is surprising and we become much more self-reliant.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct MC often suggests diffuse goals and an early uncertainty of direction with respect to an individual's choice of vocation. This aimlessness can sometimes be matched by a parent's ambivalent feelings as to how they want their child to be seen in the world. Many with Neptune conjunct the Midheaven want to be seen by the world at large as glamorous and wondrous: a saviour, a prince or a princess; perhaps someone creative or representing some kind of public ideal. Many with this placement, especially when young, can find it very difficult to get hold of the reality of what is fitting for them to pursue, given their life-situation and individual talents. In extreme cases, if they meet someone who is writing a book, they want to write a book; if they get to know a politician, they yearn to pursue a career in politics - and so on. They want the glamour that they imagine others have in their lives. Those with Neptune conjunct the MC tend to dream of the future; at best this can spur them on to achieving the recognition they yearn for by actually fulfilling whatever their dream is. And the dream is usually not strictly personal; the individual often wants to 'save' the world in some way. This placement is ideal for any Neptunian type careers; the arts, music, work in welfare fields, charities, at sea, with water, to name but a few possibilities.

Neptune on either end of the MC-IC axis sometimes suggests a tendency to idealise one parent at the expense of the other. There is usually a distorted image of at least one of the parents and perhaps an experience of their being some kind of victim. For some with Neptune on the MC, it is the thirst for recognition from a parent that propels the individual into weaving all sorts of romantic dreams of what they are going to do with their lives; for they feel that if the world recognises them, then so will the parent.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this conjunction tend to be anything but the average employer's ideal of stable employees. The dreams and mystical qualities of Neptune do not combine well with the routine discipline required by the average job. These natives do better in professions that make use of their creative imaginations and ascetic traits.

The conjunction favors musicians, actors, painters, photographers, moviemakers, psychologists, and persons interested in the occult. Professions may be related to the occult in some way. Even though these natives may be in the public eye, they feel spiritually isolated - alone in a crowd, and in fact most people do not understand their inner motivations.

If the horoscope is that of an exceptionally developed person, he may be destined to perform a mission in the world that will lift many people around him to greater attainment and spirituality.

If this conjunction is heavily afflicted, scandal or public disgrace is a danger. This can come through the natives' unreliability or because of alcoholism, drugs, or other forms of

addiction.

The natives should be careful not to get involved in secret intrigues, especially when they cannot know all the factors involved. Private secrets are not so private when Neptune is found in this position.

4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°11')    ♄7 | ♄7

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars opposition the Ascendant shows that you attract people who threaten you, as though you had a chip on your shoulder and dared everyone to know it off. You don't really have that much self-confidence; your aggressive actions are an attempt to convince yourself that you do. You need constant encounters to improve your skill in dealing with people who would otherwise take advantage of you. Meeting others in competition is how you learn how to assert yourself constructively, with greater selfcontrol and discipline. Naturally argumentative, you are not the easiest person to get along with. You must learn to be more compromising if you want peace and harmony. Making concessions shows strength of character, not weakness; and if you realize this, you will be respected for your maturity.

In personal relationships, your offensive tactics force you to raise your defences when the going gets rough. While it is necessary to fight for your independence, you must show some restraint so you don't incur everyone's displeasure. You want to be recognized for your ability to succeed in spite of challenging competition. But an attitude of superiority often masks feelings of inferiority or inadequacy.

You have a lot of creative energy you should express. Remember, it's what you do rather than what you say you can do that is important. Knowing that your future success and happiness depend on you alone, you must realize that you will have to make some contribution to ensure them. Take advantage of your closest friends, who can offer worthwhile suggestions; and when their ideals help you, show your appreciation.

You may have some difficulty in getting your superiors to give you a more important position, because of your inclination to flare up under pressure. You tend to speak out of turn, which arouses suspicion that you cannot handle the authority delegated to you. Develop more self-control, or you will run into many troublesome situations that could be extremely difficult to resolve.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the Descendant, or making hard aspect to the axis, may be more combative than Mars rising. Those with Mars on the Descendant may see others as aggressive, or look to others to help them find their own retaliatory impulses. This is a



splendid combination for lawyers or others who have to fight on behalf of another's point of view. Often those with this placement have to put a great deal of energy and sometimes real 'push' into achieving a position of co-operation. A key phrase for this combination may be 'fighting for co-operation'; fighting too for justice and fairness as they see it.

Like Venus-Mars contacts, the Mars setting person may be impulsive about relationship, jumping into liaisons with a real spirit of adventure but not a great deal of forethought. This is a good combination for competitive relationships -partnerships that involve a bit of rough and tumble and don't rely on everything appearing to be sweet and nice. Thus, relationships with people with Mars along this axis may feel either very alive and stimulating or as if World War III had just broken out.

#### Mars square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

It is hard to regulate energy with these aspects. At one instant we are rushing matters; at another, we are frittering energy away on futilities; and generally speaking we are pretty inconsistent.

We flare up easily, and are always ready to take a poke at someone, but soon calm down. Also we sometimes react angrily to the (often well-meant) advice of others, which we regard as meddling in our affairs. We are quite capable of managing on our own, and make a point of doing so. Even when we know we will be rebuffed, we prefer going our own way to following someone's lead. As in the other Mars / Ascendant aspects, there is energy, daring, courage and enterprise - but we do need to be careful that impetuosity does not lead to ruptures with others. And we must not be surprised if we get some rather adverse reactions now and then from those around us. No-one could call us docile; and we never let anything go by default.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars squares or opposes the Ascendant, it is not easy to energize the creative potential in the personality in an appropriate manner. When the square appears, the action taken doesn't complement the persona. The action taken may not express the career interests, for career moves may not be perceived appropriately. Goals may be confused. Since Mars also rules sexuality, the sexual expression may not make sense either, for the career may be affected by the choice of sexual partners, or the career life-style may not connect in with the love life.

When the opposition occurs, a compromise is indicated, for the persona, the public

attitudes claimed while we put 'our best foot forward', may not agree with the action taken in life, or with the sexual needs. When these people understand the various possibilities regarding manifestation of this energy, they can make conscious decisions regarding how they wish to use it.

5) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Parallel*** ♂ ***Mars*** - (1°12') ♃2 | ♎7

(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.

6) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♊ **Jupiter** - (1°54') 1310 | 0012

(Haydn Paul)

You require considerable interaction with people and the environment to stimulate your feelings. This encourages a social awareness and attracts most of your attention. You feel the need to 'expand yourself' into the outer world; and your major concern will be the well-being of society and those around you.

You have an innate faith in the goodness of the universe and your fellow humans, and will try to share a positive and creative perspective on life with others. As a consequence of your attitude, you hope to contribute to society.

Inwardly, you feel connected to the environment, and realize the powerful influence that environmental quality has on your well-being, positively or negatively. Equally, you realize that you can make a difference in the world, and will look for ways to express your caring nature. Your feelings reach out to people; and you are touched by those in genuine need of support, help, and care. Seeing those who are deprived or disadvantaged opens your heart and stimulates you to conceive ways to offer additional assistance. Looking through sympathetic and compassionate eyes, you feel that much can be done to increase the effectiveness of social welfare; and you may believe that you have certain answers or solutions to social challenges.

Sometimes you may respond to social suffering with excessive emotionalism; but this is preferable to no response at all. These emotional reactions may need to be tempered by a pragmatic and impersonal approach, or you may become too personally involved and affected by social experiences, a state which could reduce your effectiveness. The impulse that motivates you is world service, where feelings are more fulfilled by giving than by receiving, and are inspired by a sense of inner strength and unity with life.

You may become involved with socially concerned groups that have a progressive vision of human potential or are devoted to meeting the present needs of the disadvantaged. Supporting the work of international charities may appeal, or you may decide to work within existing social groups, such as the churches, or educational or political organizations. Medicine or law may also attract. The strength of your convictions may almost feel like a 'mission or destiny'; and you may display compulsive activity in a futile attempt to change the world yourself. This tendency may need careful rebalancing and a modified perspective, restraining overenthusiasm and zeal, if only to protect your health

and inner stability. To ensure a long-term social contribution, times of rest and personal relaxation to renew your batteries are also essential, and a necessary part of your self-healing. Steady perseverance will reap greater results than a sudden burning out in a flash of excessive activity. Changing the world is a long-term project! Spending time with your family and contributing to their development is equally important; and you will feel deep emotional attachments to your home life, hoping to increase social awareness in your children and friends too.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of the Moon to Jupiter denotes that you are deeply sensitive to your environment, which you truly want to understand as fully as possible. Your reactions to outer stimuli are largely emotional; nevertheless, you feel you can make an important contribution to society because you have an intellectual understanding of the solutions to many social problems. Your concern for others is sincere, and you always insist on being given the opportunity to show that you care. Always present when there is an important job to be done, you are ever willing to offer your services, demonstrating your broadly sympathetic nature. You are ingenious in finding ways to care for those who are unable to care for themselves. In your ambition to help people in need, you courageously seek the support of political and religious organizations. You are generous in giving asylum to anyone who really needs it. Although you don't seek the limelight, you gain recognition for your efforts just the same.

Your early training taught you that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and this true generosity makes you appreciated and admired by everyone who knows you. As a parent, you will encourage your children to devote themselves unselfishly to others. Yours is the kind of faith that can move mountains, and you realize this as soon as you turn the first spadeful of earth. You are always hopeful that, no matter how dismal a situation may be, there can be a change for the better. You are strongly convinced that you can always do something to elevate a person's spiritual consciousness. In fact, you regard it as a moral obligation if you are aware of the need.

Your restless nature can find comfort in welfare programs, public relations, acting as public defender, working with the underprivileged, or in managing homes for foster children, halfway houses for parolees, or rehabilitation centres for former drug users. You might travel on behalf of organizations such as UNICEF or the Peace Corps. Medicine, law, and the ministry may also prove rewarding avenues for expressing your abundant sympathy for others. In any of these endeavors, your spiritual insight strengthens you to be daring when the odds against your succeeding seem overwhelming.

Your family and associates hold you in high esteem, while your friends and the faceless numbers you serve regard you with admiration and sincere appreciation. You will accumulate a rich heritage to leave to those who will carry on your tasks.

Your single most important physical problem is getting sufficient rest and relaxation. No-one needs rest more than you do. Physical exhaustion is almost a certainty unless you exercise moderation in your schedule and get some assistance with your burdensome responsibilities.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here the optimism and jovial expansiveness of Jupiter enters into the way one looks for a sense of security (Moon). Generally, it makes one very optimistic, keeping to the sunny side of life, enjoying pleasure and panache, and liking to see things from a humorous angle. This is a frame of mind that helps overcome disease, and enables one to put fresh heart into companions whenever they are dispirited.

Now Jupiter always prompts one to seek a synthesis and to turn the gaze to far horizons. Therefore with this conjunction one wants to know the significance of events. The combination with the Moon gives a keen interest in foreign nations, other cultures, religious and educational questions, medical matters and so forth. The individual may be really down in the dumps but, with this aspect in the chart, can easily regain balance and a sense of perspective. Often one has a presentiment of what is about to happen, and, by taking advantage of this, gains a reputation for being lucky. Anyhow, one is always ready for a small gamble. To gain satisfaction, one is inclined to express the Jovian aspect fairly positively in the environment; hence one is always prepared to wade in with advice and practical assistance, even when help has not been requested. This person can be very generous in support of others. However, if the conjunction is overemphasized in the chart, one may become snobbish and opinionated - yet even then one manages to do things in style.

The risk of going too far is inherent in each one of Jupiter's aspects, so it need occasion no surprise to find it in the conjunction, the most powerful of them all.

(Betty Lundsted)

This conjunction often indicates someone who relates effusively in the manner described by the sign involved in the conjunction. The mother of a child with this aspect is indulgent; she indulges in emotional reactions; she indulges her body in some way. The child will too. This indicates a person who may have a close relationship with the mother, who may stay close to her long after the other siblings have left home. This may be a person who indulges in the physical appetites and therefore overdoses in some way - too much food, alcohol, etc.. This individual is open emotionally, open to feeling each new experience, open to relating how he feels to those he knows, open to sharing what he has.

This conjunction often denotes a generous emotional nature, and how the generosity will

operate will be determined by the sign as well as the other aspects to the conjunction. This person may want to do so much for the mother that he never leaves home to develop a personal life.

(Charles Carter)

This aspect, like the harmonious aspects, confers great sympathy and protectiveness, as well as success in similar ways. Except that it is more powerful, it does not seem to differ from the trine and sextile, but perhaps it is more restless and given to change and travel. The energies are considerable; and as a general rule the practical abilities are of a high order.

Sometimes there is a spice of vanity and a tendency to consider oneself more important than one actually is.

7) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♂ **Jupiter** - (1°46') ☿9 | 0012

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Venus to Jupiter indicates that you are benevolent, kind, sympathetic, and generous. But you go to extremes in expressing these qualities and are indulgent with people even when they don't deserve it. Brutality and vulgarity are intolerable to you. You have a good sense of humor, although you have your contemplative moments, and you usually conduct yourself with decorum. In the presence of adversity, you are especially optimistic and always hopeful that the situation will turn out for the best. Selfindulgent in acquiring material comforts, you prefer a life of ease that allows you to participate in all the pleasurable social activities that you love.

Domestic conditions in your childhood may not have been abundant in material comforts, but probably you were not deprived of anything truly essential. Love, kindness, and understanding between you and your parents established the foundation for your continued growth and development.

You are suited to occupations in which your effusive manner can be expressed, such as public relations, travel, working with young people as a teacher or guidance counsellor, or directing social activities. Through your work in a welfare organization or foundation, you could bring joy and hope to people who are disadvantaged by social, economic, or physical problems. Your talents might also be applied in rehabilitative therapy through crafts and other avocational pursuits.

Your breezy disposition and warm nature make you popular with almost everybody. You are too easy-going, though, and some individuals may try to take advantage of you. However, you are rarely embittered by such negative encounters. You seek and are sought after by people who are also self-assured and who expect to succeed. You

respond to honesty and gravitate toward persons with that quality. But you react negatively to those who make sincere gestures toward others only if they have some ulterior motive. You don't waste time on people who waste their time. Any accomplishment, either material or personal, makes you glow with happiness. Difficult stress contact from Saturn to this planetary pair may make it burdensome to gain this happiness, but you would still be inclined to it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here, expansive, ameliorating Jupiter joins forces with Venus, the promoter of balance and harmony. It is generally assumed that this should make us lovable, friendly and jolly, and therefore well-liked and popular. We appreciate good companionship, and certainly know how to enjoy life.

In love and friendship, we can shed a lot of warmth, but the desire to spread our wings (given by Jupiter) may mean that we do not stay faithful to one partner.

We are quite prepared to set the ball rolling socially, and we like to immerse ourselves with others in anything that happens to fascinate us, including philosophical subjects (Jupiter). However, Venus is a rather lazy planet and, in this conjunction, can make us rather half-hearted or self-indulgent when it comes to Jovian interests such as study, travel and philosophical reasoning. Enjoyment, comfort and elegant idleness are liable to have the edge on serious effort. Self-discipline is not the strong point of this conjunction.

Venus also represents the need for material security. Its conjunction with Jupiter intensifies this need, and a fair amount of effort will be expended satisfying it. Generally, we look for a position where we can prosper and wind up with plenty of money in the bank.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother brings an exciting, open and straightforward influence to this child's concept of expectancy. This influence can be somewhat moderated by the signs in which the conjunction takes place, and the aspect should be read with the signs in mind. Other aspects can mitigate this interpretation, for the energy will not be free to operate until the mitigating aspect is rechanneled.

The conjunction aspect is helpful for it indicates the capacity to relate to what is wanted, to pursue what is wanted, and if the aspect is unafflicted the energy can indicate a gogetter. If other aspects inhibit this one, or if the chart is undeveloped, the aspect can indicate a person who is merely self-exuberant or selfish.

(Charles Carter)



Both the good and the inharmonious elements may result from this configuration, according to the sign involved and the remainder of the nativity. Grace of expression, deep philosophic insight, idealism and literary tendencies are among the good expressions.

This conjunction is sometimes rather sybaritic and amorous, but may be present in the charts of people capable of sternness. It also has a lighter social side. It seems to tend to popularity, but, in itself, appeals to the less thoughtful and serious elements of the population - one may become a *matinée* idol or the object of flapper-adoration. It certainly tends to make men popular with women, and it would be an excellent feature in the nativity of one who desired to do business with that sex, or to found a religion which might appeal to them. Teachers with this position have indeed been criticised rightly or wrongly for allowing themselves to become objects of adulation from ladies with more heart than discrimination.

I have heard it said that good aspects between Venus and Jupiter are of use only to lazy people, but the lists I have made (including Mussolini) disprove any connection between it and indolence.

8) ► **Venus** ♀ **Contra-Parallel** ⚡ **Uranus** - (0°19') ⚡9 | ☿4

(Haydn Paul)

Both the opposition and the square display the stronger influence of the Uranian energy dominating the easier, harmonious social style of Venus. Rebellious, unconventional attitudes appear; and with this opposition aspect, you will feel that you have to assert your own unique identity even though it may create discord between yourself and others.

You will often feel disturbed by emotional insecurity and an instability in the consistency of your feelings towards others. In intimate relationships, this will be displayed in swings between red-hot passions and ice-cold disinterest.

This puzzles you, and can obviously confuse a partner, especially when the need for a deeper commitment arises. You wouldn't be sure what to do; and your lover would doubt your real feelings.

Your desires can feel extremely powerful, demanding satisfaction; and the intensity of this energy can lead you to explore unconventional ways of life. A certain impulsiveness and reckless spirit can take you into experiences that could be dangerous; and your choices for relationships may often create future problems for you.

Your unconventional style and basically friendly nature will attract friends; but your own sense of attachment and commitment to them may be erratic. You will be too much drawn by the glamour of following your own unique light to maintain friendships; and

some will fall by the wayside as you move ever onwards.

Most of your tendency to oppose will be directed towards authority and those who embody a traditional social structure. As a natural rebel, you will question the foundations of your society, challenge their effectiveness, and probably support the causes of those who are oppressed or disadvantaged by the dominant political attitudes.

You have several characteristics which can be used positively, such as a strong will and determination, and an acceptance of intellectual responsibility (sometimes subverted by emotional instability). The use of these will depend upon your ability to be clear about your objectives, and to maintain enough emotional commitment to fuel your efforts to achieve them.

There is likely to be a need to learn greater compromise and consistency, especially within your intimate relationships, and to evoke the Venus energy to a higher degree. Provided that you pay attention, and consider the effects of your choices in life, you will realise that experience will teach you all you need to know, despite its often painful impact. As a rebel, you can learn much about the less publicised frontiers of life, become aware of the heights and depths that people can experience or endure. This will enrich you and increase your maturity. Eventually, you may have much that is of value to share with others.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus opposition Uranus, you are somewhat emotionally unstable. You have strong desires and don't care who knows it. Your intensity in expressing yourself often leads to uncomfortable and even dangerous relationships. You seem intent on exploring every kind of human contact, totally disregarding the dangers involved. You are a rebel who insists that experience is the best teacher. Perhaps, but it is also the most painful way to learn, since the residues linger and may even haunt you later in life. You are impulsive and even reckless in handling money, probably overspending on clothing or on pleasures to indulge in.

You depends on your bright and witty charm to carry you to success in your job. It is possible for you to enjoy warm personal and social contacts with your superiors. Any profession in which you must deal with the public could provide you with much satisfaction.

You don't submit to authority without challenge, which can be a deterrent to realizing your goals. You enjoy competition, because you have enormous assets to help you succeed. But if there is no excitement accompanying the competition, you lose interest. You are willful, determined, and persistent, and you take on responsibilities with ease. You may alienate your closest friends or associates as you climb to success, because you will detach yourself from them if it is expedient.

Your romantic affairs will always remain just affairs unless you can learn to compromise and meet others halfway. You tend to want fulfillment without making a contribution to sustain a permanent relationship. If your attitude does not change, you will enjoy a succession of full and satisfying romantic alliances. But you will have no assurances of truly 'belonging' to someone in the latter years of your life. and loneliness is very uncomfortable for you.

### Venus square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

By and large, the tense aspects between Venus and Uranus receive pretty poor press in traditional astrology. And this is perfectly understandable, given that their inherent strain and unrest compounded by that of Uranus really tests the resilience of close relationships with others. What is more, Uranus is always the planet of the iconoclast, the individualist and the know-it-all - hardly the ideal person for holding a marriage or a friendship together.

With these aspects, we are tense, nervous and generally unsure in our dealings with others; consequently, we quickly get irritated, or fail to take enough time to build up one relationship before abandoning it to start another. The idea of change and renewal is irresistible; what we may not realize is that the source of our restlessness is in our own emotional constitution. Our inconstancy and fear of firm commitments are projected into a colorful series of on-off, half-baked relationships which do not give us or the other(s) a chance. New friendships keep ending as suddenly as they begin.

On the other hand, nerviness can contribute to an almost Saturnian anxiety, which inhibits us from forming any close ties. This problem will recur time and time again until we manage to deal with its root. The creative side of the aspects can then be expressed in a very stimulating relationship with people who are just as determined to preserve their own freedom of development as we are to preserve ours; yet as a character they are sufficiently interesting to us. Such a relationship is not always easy but, with these aspects, we should become bored if things ran too smoothly. So tense aspects are by no means inimical to good relationships.

(Charles Carter)

Though far less depressing than the evil aspects of Venus and Saturn, this combination has a tendency to make the native extremely 'touchy', so that co-operation of any kind becomes almost impossible. There is self-will, and sometimes an unusual rigidity of outlook and opinion from which the native cannot be moved; indeed it often happens that

he will refuse to discuss his reasons or motives. The feelings seem subtly to dominate the will, so that the native, while remaining outwardly rational and logical, will persist in an unfortunate course, and will refuse to give way or concede anything, with the strange unreasonableness of the Uranian. The character is often good and kind, but the orientation of the will is, as it were, distorted.

Unfortunate associates menace the life, both in love and in business, as well as in other ways. In marriage, the partner is uncongenial or dies; and sometimes the native is changeful or exacting or eccentric. It inclines to peculiar and unconventional ideas about sex, and the native often has an exaggerated idea of independence and personal freedom, overlooking the fact that man is naturally gregarious and is more or less dependent on his fellows, whether he cares to admit this dependence or not. But the aspect does not incline to promiscuity or vulgar vice, and its connection with sexual perversion has probably been extremely exaggerated. However, the effects of the sexual life upon the health are often unhelpful.

It may concur with other features to signify tragic separations and bereavements in either marriage or other near relationships. It is a somewhat common feature in the nativities of suicides, and it is also sometimes found in the horoscopes of child-victims of assault and sexual offences, so that children possessing it should be carefully protected. It is not favourable with regard to the mother, who may die early, or be unfortunate or uncongenial.

It inclines to nervous instability and various nervous afflictions, probably due to repressed or defeated desires, for the desire-nature is strong and does not easily submit to repulse or rejection. It is useless to expect persons with this aspect to live a strictly conventional or harshly Puritanic life, for repression is likely to cause violent outbreaks or else repression-neuroses

9) ► **Venus** ♀ **Contra-Parallel** ♁ **Pluto** - (1°26')    ♄9 | ♅10

(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.

10) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°26')    ♄7 | ♄10

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition between Mars and Saturn indicates some conflict between your desires and your sense of responsibility. You alternate between moments of intense activity and periods when you cannot seem to gather the energy to accomplish anything. Your temperament is either aggressive or completely apathetic. You find it difficult to maintain a moderate position that would allow you to achieve your goals without 'highs' and 'lows'.

You are the only obstacle in your path to achievement. You need to become self-disciplined in using your energy constructively, and you must establish goals within your reach. Resolve firmly that you will not let feelings of futility keep you from reaching them.

You tend to be awed by the accomplishments of your associates or competitors, probably because you give them greater credit than they deserve. You desperately need competition so you can evaluate your own worth; ignorance of your capabilities is your greatest liability. The chances are that others will always have a higher opinion of your potential than you, and you will need to be reassured that your talents are genuine.

Once you get over the idea of your unworthiness, you can go far. You must like yourself enough to feel that you deserve the success you can achieve, but you will have to assert yourself. You could find some expression in law enforcement, industrial engineering, military service, conservation, or physical therapy. Initially, you would probably work best alone, until you can convince yourself that you could make a significant contribution in your field. Later, you could work satisfactorily with others without feeling threatened by their competence. You tend to establish goals somewhat out of reach, which makes you unhappy with your accomplishments. It would be better for you to grow into higher levels of responsibility by taking one step at a time. In that way, your current security is never jeopardized.

Your personal and romantic relationships never measure up to your expectations. Your desires always seem to be frustrated or to encounter great difficulties. The phrase 'After you get what you want, you don't want it' is descriptive of your feelings in these relationships. In any case, it is doubtful that your desires will be fulfilled to your satisfaction, and some denial is to be expected.

Moderation is necessary in all your affairs, or physical depletion can result. Rest is very important in order to maintain physical well-being. Accidents resulting in fractures are common with this planetary combination, as are problems affecting the joints, such as arthritis and bursitis. Moderate exercise is helpful if you get sufficient rest.

(Betty Lundsted)

This tie between sexuality and responsibility is one that is difficult, for it involves a compromise regarding either sexual expression or action taken, or both. Mars symbolizes the 'I act' principle and Saturn indicates the restriction is caused by the image of the father in the psyche. Mars is 'I sex' and Saturn is the restricting influence from the father because of views he had about sex when this individual was young.

It can seem that Father Time, or the Wise Old Man, is universally against any action attempted, for every action is tested for merit. The individual who lives with this energy may become resentful and feel that too much is asked of him. He may rebel against society, authority or his father. If this energy is used constructively, the rebellion against

the father can establish a personal ethic that causes the individual to become involved in changing cultural conditions that need it. If not, it can indicate an individual who may be harsh, who wishes to become a law unto himself.

In the sexual sense, it may be that the Saturn opposition controls the sex life, that there are losses connected with sexual expression; it may be difficult to establish long-lasting relationships. It may be difficult to find an enjoyable sexual partner. In this case, check out Venus and Moon aspects as well, for that may tell the story more completely.

As far as career is concerned, the Mars-Saturn opposition can cause restrictions on any action taken; so movement may be stagnated, or the individual worries too much about what he does. The aspect may indicate a person who doesn't handle crises well, for any crisis demands immediate decisions and immediate action. He may be restricted because of ideas and concepts learned from the father. As this energy is worked with, it can develop a slow and careful decision-maker, a steady worker, one who is precise and deliberate.

#### Mars square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the hard aspects between Mars and Saturn, the incompatibility of the planets comes more to the fore. Usually, we are ill-at-ease as a result of inferiority feelings which, as in the conjunction, can make us very reserved and even passive on the one hand, and full of (overcompensating) ambition on the other; consequently, we strive hard to reach goals, and are not to be deterred by any obstacles in the path. These aspects are often associated with intermittent bursts of energy; either we are taking things easy or we are being intensely active - there is no thought in our minds of a happy medium.

Because we feel so vulnerable, bearing is poised and stiff, and the impression we make on others is of someone hard and even forbidding. People can find us intimidating, and so a vicious spiral is set up. They in turn behave coolly toward us, or refrain from responding to us at all, and so our inward hurt increases and we become even more withdrawn. Although aloofness may look like egotism, it is really a form of shyness and sensitivity.

Perseverance comes hard to us; aims (Saturn) and actions (Mars) are always in conflict. Sometimes we attract circumstances in which we are unable to get enough of our own work done; as if, here again, aim and action are out of balance. Generally, our own attitude is to blame, but we can correct this as we grow older. For, even with the active tense aspects, we can set our sights on responsible long-term goals.



(Charles Carter)

These are frequently stated in text books to be of a violent character, indicating brutality, cruelty, and blood-lust. It may at once be said that this is by no means invariably the case; in fact, the writer has at least two friends with this combination (the square) who are conspicuously kind and gentle, there being of course other indications of this nature in their charts.

It may be said that it may incline to a certain hardness or sternness, but if the rest of the horoscope is good this may be necessary to the native by reason of his occupation and the tempers of those with whom he has to deal. Again, the severity may be turned inward and there may be an inner austerity and self-discipline.

Its chief effect on character appears to be of a quite different kind. The Saturnian influence acts as a brake on the Martian energies, and I have certainly often noticed a sort of erraticity in these people, so that their enthusiasms are sudden and violent, but short-lasting, with alternations of 'blowing hot' and 'blowing cold'. Sometimes there are spells of laziness, due to the inhibition of the Mars action; sometimes there is a restless energy without good directing common sense when Mars overcomes Saturn. Definite purpose often seems lacking, as if the native regarded life as something of a child's game, passing from one interest to another lightly and inconsequentially. However much in earnest such people are (and they often seem very much so), I have noticed that they commonly forget their pursuits as soon as they cease to amuse them. True depth is generally deficient. In one case there was great love of starting fresh enterprises and considerable ability in this way; but the natives soon lost interest in them when the initial difficulties had been surmounted, and left them to another; here Mars was also square Uranus.

There is usually a certain amount of selfishness or egoism. Thus, even when there is real kindness of heart, the native likes to go his own way, and will not readily turn aside from what interests him personally in order to minister to others. There is an inclination to impatience with those who do not readily agree.

Exteriorly, Mars-Saturn tends to a life of hardship and suffering, as well as to the undergoing of physical violence. The former may occur in the way of health. There is a danger of strain and excess; and this may be followed by the need for prolonged rest, rigid attention to dietetic and other restrictions, and otherwise 'paying the price'. The aspects seem to have a distinct affinity with enteric fever. There is also a liability to burns and scaldings.

The square is not uncommon in the victims of murdering. But in all such cases other potent factors will occur in addition, for the bad aspect of two planets (as apart from Sun, Moon and Angles) cannot, however serious, destroy the life prematurely or violently. General Charles Gordon had the two planets in trine, but Mars was debilitated by sign.

The same occurs in the case of Alexander II of Russia (killed by a bomb).

These aspects do not by any means forbid success, though this will come late and after severe struggles.

11) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°32') ♄7 | ♆8

(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 way 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.

12) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ⚡ **Uranus** - (1°27') 0012 | 4

(Haydn Paul)

Most of the challenges that are likely to face the individual with this aspect will be centred on personal beliefs and expression, and relationships with others.

You are likely to have a bright, alert, intellectual mind, and a sense of self-assurance which can be expressed with enthusiasm and dynamic energy. Over time you will amass a large storehouse of knowledge, which you can use in your efforts to become successful and creative. What is likely to disrupt the results of such natural assets is the influence of the Uranian opposition, which essentially distorts the outer expression.

It is in the spheres of judgement and sensitivity that you may find difficulties occurring. Under the expansionist tendencies of both Jupiter and Uranus, you can easily become over-enthusiastic about ideas, business schemes or unconventional beliefs. Allied to an erratic, restless tendency, this can lead you to become involved in highly speculative business ventures where your obsession with the project idea can override any real rational analysis of financial feasibility. Often your attachment to ideas veers towards investing them with elements of fantasy and imagination, which can lack a real applicability within daily life, also adding a distorting factor.

There is likely to be some conflict with established traditional beliefs and social attitudes, especially in the areas of religion and politics; and you may become involved with radical politics or more unusual religious and spiritual beliefs. These will hold considerable personal meaning for you; and you will feel impelled to share these with others. Often despite that clever mind, there is an element of simplicity and faith in you, which can become naivety at times. If a belief resonates with that point of imagination within, you can accept it then with little questioning, because really you are looking for a sense of centre and security; and a belief structure appears to offer this.

You may need to be wary of an urge to convert others to your beliefs which, whilst genuinely held, may not be suitable for everyone. If others oppose you, this serves to reinforce your support of your beliefs against any odds; you can feel that this often validates them. There can be a tendency to be too domineering in expression, founded on that strong self-assurance; and in relating there is often a lack of tact and sensitivity

to the feelings and abilities of others. Not everyone has your ability to be so focused on achieving important objectives; many vacillate, or sit on the fence, instead of choosing to be on one side or the other. Also, others have different requirements for life experience from yours, different challenges; and they may be following their path as much as you are following yours.

Eventually, you may find that the Uranus action causes you to revolt against any belief structures to which you have bound yourself. At least for a period, you may have to stand alone and adrift from security in beliefs; this can occur as a result of disillusionment and a collapse in your faith in a specific belief. Yet this can be liberating, since in the experience of such a phase of inner darkness, your own light may be perceived and contacted, enabling you to live more freely and attuned to your own life pattern through later life. Identification with outer belief structures can be personally inimical and restrictive.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Jupiter to Uranus indicates a high degree of enthusiasm and intellectual development. From your earliest years, you have encountered many challenges to your incredible gift of knowledge. This has given you the ability to meet competition with assurance and courage. You are afraid of no-one, especially in a battle of wits. Your intuitive ability is a decided asset in gaining victory over others, regardless of their degree of education or skill.

The world is yours for the taking, and there is virtually no field of endeavor in which you can't succeed. Your best interests would be served in occupations related to law, politics, education, travel, religion, or the occult. In any of these, you can exploit your potentials to their highest level of development and creative expression. Your fund of information is too precious to keep to yourself, and your dynamic expressive ability should be used to stimulate and benefit others. No-one else can more dramatically demonstrate that only education provides freedom. You can take on enormous burdens without weakening under pressure.

You must be conscious, though, of the danger of becoming authoritarian and despotic in using your power. you will alienate many of your closest allies and friends as you pursue your goals in life. You may wonder why they can't see the future as clearly as you, and you may hold them in disdain for this. It is your responsibility to understand other people's limitations and make allowances for them.

Throughout your life, you will be severely challenged. Remembering this may guide you when your ego gets inflated with your own self-importance.

Exercise moderation at all times. Face the mirror honestly, and accept the truth about yourself. Realize that with your intellectual advantage, you have a greater burden of

responsibility than lesser minds.

## Jupiter square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranian aspects are full of unrest and tension.

Jupiter, the planet of expansion and increase, often has a stimulating (or overstimulating) effect on restless and irascible Uranus, which makes these natives very vacillating.

We can suddenly do something tactless, or make a desperate bid for independence. Public or private friction (arising from the fact that we follow new, unaccepted ways and do not fit in easily with others) never deters us. We want to be ourselves, are hard to influence, and do not readily change our minds. With these aspects, we like to adopt an independent line, but need to be careful not to take it too far.

Because of their impulsiveness, irrational suddenness and restlessness, Jupiter / Uranus aspects can lead to broken relationships. The breaks can occur in public as well as in private life; perhaps because we champion social reforms that give more freedom to the individual. We obstinately stick to our guns, but do not always take a balanced view. And, although we sense a great deal intuitively, our interpretation, evaluation, and presentation of what we see leave something to be desired.

Conflicts between Uranus and Jupiter are quite likely to be present in the charts of intrepid explorers such as Stanley (famous for his travels in Africa). The new, the undiscovered, and the reconstructive attract us under these aspects, and we are prepared to devote a great deal of energy to such things.

13) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Pluto** - (0°20')    0012 | 1310

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter in opposition to Pluto, you need vision to cope with people who resist you in your desire for growth and expansion. You are disposed to question every ideology and to challenge dogma by asserting your own. Therefore you search for answers to life's mysteries and will create conflict with others. Your social values are often not in step with those of society, and you alienate the very people who can help you make dramatic changes in social attitudes. You have a 'saviour' quality that people will sometimes disdain, if you pompously declare your mission to serve mankind.

On the negative side, you may be inclined to seek positions of power in order to more

effectively manage other people's lives. You may try to gain financial advantage over people as an additional pressure on their destinies. In this way you may win a qualified victory over them, but if you use them in your anarchistic rise to power, you will never gain their respect and admiration.

Be careful not to become affiliated with illegal enterprises merely because they offer better returns. The society you manipulate can legally restrict and even confine you - even the wealthy are imprisoned. You must carefully weigh your activities against the risks involved. What may seem right for you may be completely wrong for society.

On the other hand, you may be motivated to correct social injustices and start a crusade against social harassment. You may focus on how you can best serve others through intimate response and spiritual dedication to their problems. Your dramatic flair can arouse the general public both through skillful personal contacts and through the media.

Be specific about your aims to serve as spokesperson to help others achieve their objectives. Also, it may be better to be chosen than to immodestly elect yourself on the assumption that without you they will suffer disappointment or defeat. You have a lot to offer people; don't spoil it with arrogance.

(Betty Lundsted)

Jupiter indicates how the relating principle will manifest; it tells how we reach out and open up to another person, to new life experience. Pluto indicates our unconscious motivation, those sensitive qualities caused by unhappy memories that come from early childhood.

When the opposition occurs, every relating experience will be influenced by the unconscious motivation caused by a need to control outgoing and incoming experience. These individuals will want to stay on top of all relationships, so they may be controlling or manipulating; but the need to do this comes from a subconscious point. In order to develop a free and easy relating ability, they must become conscious of their personal motivations in the matter. Once this occurs, they can then use some of the creative energy available to them, because the opposition is a strong aspect. They can proceed to care more about people and constructively use the mythic images alive in their psyche instead of fearing them. The controlling or manipulative types of behavior are not necessarily conscious, and in the process of curing these kinds of attitudes a lot of conscious effort must be put into the cure.

A relationship, whether with a friend, a lover or a family member, is a process that involves sharing. You listen to them and respond and care, and they listen to you and do the same. The relating process is a special sharing process whereby one personality is integrated with another for a moment in time. This process engenders a feeling of closeness and caring that surpasses the idyllic love fantasies that are projected on

another, for there is genuine feeling going on in the relating process. When Pluto opposes the Jupiter principle, the issues become cloudy because of the inner motivation to be in control. When this control need is recognized and let go, the individual may flounder for a time, much like a ship without a rudder. But eventually this same individual will begin to recognize how much fun this relating process can be. The biggest single factor discussed by clients who have worked on this aspect is that of the inner security that can be realized when a friend or lover likes them - not because of excess giving and other little manipulation games, but because 'you're you'.

#### Jupiter square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The danger of things getting out of hand or piling up on top of us is greatest in the hard aspects between Jupiter and Pluto. Since Pluto insists on getting to the bottom of things, and Jupiter wants fullness and breadth, half-measures never satisfy us for we are always looking for more. If necessary, we work hard to this end, but we can easily overload ourselves. In the tense aspects, we find it difficult to control the energies of these two factors, and they tend to whip one another up. Therefore we can be extremely ambitious; so that, even when we reach the top of our profession, we remain dissatisfied.

Willpower and stubbornness are so great that, once we get hold of an idea, we do not deviate from it by so much as a hair's-breadth. Obviously, this is bound to arouse opposition, especially as we are liable to express opinions vigorously. With the hard aspects, we are not good at measuring the intensity of what we are saying. We can be fanatical; what is more, others generally perceive us as fanatical, even though we imagine we are being very accommodating.

With these active aspects, we devote ourselves to social reforms and the like, and want to play an important part in bringing them about. The idea of power is extremely attractive to those with the Jupiter / Pluto combination, whatever the type of the latter may be. There is, in any case, a desire to pit ourselves against the prevailing mores and, when the aspect is hard, we find an added spirit of contradiction. Taboo-breaking Pluto is a genuine revolutionary; although not the same as Uranus. Under the influence of Uranus, natives may achieve a quick, explosive breakthrough into a new form offering freedom for individual development to self and others. Under the influence of Pluto, natives require a personally chosen pattern of society into which everyone must fit regardless of convention, and where the native's will is sovereign. The battle fought under a Pluto conflict has far-reaching implications. Natives bide their time, are skilled strategists, unyielding, and are not afraid to use force if necessary. Often they bring about tremendous transformations.

Because we see and tackle things on such a large scale, we run the risk of never being satisfied by past achievements. We also run the risk of spiritual or material failure because we want to do everything at once. A sense of proportion is likely to be lacking with these aspects.

14) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (0°58') 13 10 | 11 8

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect occurs approximately once every thirty-six years; during the last century, in 1917, 1952 and 1989.

The effects of Saturn have a beneficial influence on the tendencies of Neptune, helping definition, stability and ease of expression; the potential is for practical idealism and an ability for positive application of the ideas and imagination emanating from Neptune. This is useful for creativity, as the inspiration of Neptune can be given adequate form and manifestation by the concrete tendencies of Saturn, and so the imagination is not left swirling in an inner world of dreams and fancies but is released onto the physical plane to be shared with others.

There is less of the delusive nature of Neptune present with this aspect, and there should be a greater perceptive clarity than usual, one that is especially sensitive to issues of deceit and glamour. You are less prone to make mistakes through such reflective blindness, and tend to be self-protective mainly by a careful and wary distancing that you maintain with strangers or new acquaintances. This is part of the Saturn contribution of caution and unease with anything that is unknown. Trust needs to be progressively developed in you, whether in people, circumstances or situations; and you are usually reticent in making any firm commitments until you have thoroughly evaluated any set of choices. You tend to rely on a faith in facts, and impersonal judging of what seems to be the wisest choice to make; this can be beneficial in your life, privately and in a career.

It is probable that the Saturn energy will be the dominant one, with the Neptune energy occasionally repressed for practical reasons. If you allow Saturn to be too emphasised, then opportunities may be lost through excessive evaluation and lack of decisiveness; that fear of the unknown will also act as a restrictive and inhibiting factor. You are likely to erect a well-defined lifestyle and personality structure which allows relatively little space for the Neptunian influence to be expressed, as it is more anarchic and expansionary. What can occur is a sense of confusion regarding your own personal limitations, where they begin to feel imprisoning and Neptune agitates to dissolve those barriers and to experience those repressed dreams that you are attempting to ignore. A careful balancing of both these planetary energies is essential, both for inner harmony and for external success. Otherwise, degrees of distortion and lack of perspective will



increase, as the Neptune influence demonstrates its repressed presence through more negative characteristics.

For those exploring the spiritual dimension of life, this aspect offers several valuable assets, in that there is a questioning of dogma and assumptions, a tendency to deglamorise through a more earthy perspective, and a developing ability to rely on the inner guidance of intuition rather than on external 'authority sources'. This stage may have been reached as lessons learnt through earlier phases of gullibility and submission to teachers, possibly through religious or parental conditioning which you begin to cast away as inimical to your own development. Discrimination is important in life, and especially so when contacting occult teachings, where the likelihood is that through a lack of real personal experience only genuine ignorance exists; and the tendency of most is to fill that void by passively accepting whatever teaching is making an impact on them.

As you continue to develop, especially through standing alone and living through your own light, a greater maturity and perception will unfold. Insight and compassion founded on living experience will be gained, and if you practise meditational techniques then your own power and light is likely to shine brighter as your inner clarity emerges. Effective concentration and meditation should be possible, and some signs of psychic abilities may also emerge from the Neptune energy being released. You may become a channel for the transpersonal energies to enter these levels, and there will be a sense of social responsibility and of the context through which they can operate.

Your intimate relationships are likely to be deep and enriching, partly as a result of your careful evaluation of suitable partners; and in those relationships where your heart becomes involved you will tend to be cautious before opening to a full commitment. Relationships are important to you, and you place great emphasis on continually working at them to ensure that they are mutually beneficial and a source of evolutionary growth. You believe that 'right choice leads to right action'; and this is a key to your success and to your procedure of careful evaluation of options and decisions.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Saturn conjunct Neptune, it is very unlikely that you can be deceived for very long. You usually protect yourself by being distrustful of situations or people you are unfamiliar with. Even in spiritual or religious matters, you object to accepting dogma unless you can work it out logically. Perhaps in your early years you readily accepted those teachings, and later, as you began to question their validity, you felt guilty about them. In general, you have a mature attitude about religious matters, and deep insight into your social obligations.

You are psychic in the most realistic sense; and your experiences guide you in the use of developing your intuition. You are suited to work in an executive capacity, for you can

make important decisions with a high probability of success. Your professional affairs benefit from your ability to detect dishonesty or deception. In your pursuit of the facts, you insist that others prove what they say. You fear the unknown and are cautious about making a decision until you can examine all the facts. Your inspiration has practical value, and you can express it concretely.

In your romantic relationships, you are similarly composed. You are an idealist, but a practical one. You do not generally make an emotional commitment unless there is solid evidence that the feeling is mutual. You don't offer yourself casually to anyone, friend or lover. Your temperament is not suited to superficial entanglements, but you are willing to make an enormous contribution to a relationship that obviously has sustenance.

Avoid taking medication that is not professionally prescribed. Artificial vitamins, stimulants, and depressive drugs are not for you, because they may cause unpleasant reactions.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction between Saturn and Neptune, form-building and form-disintegration go hand in hand, a state of affairs which can give a wonderful combination of qualities (provided personal planets are involved) - or it might more often be truer to say a weird and wonderful combination. Whenever we are engaged in giving concrete form to ego or are concerned with things with which ego can identify (Saturn), the form-dissolving processes of Neptune - which tend to blur the edges of the personality - are automatically activated. Therefore we keep making big or little formal changes and have little difficulty in giving the ego a regular shape. On the other hand, when formulating goals, we get feelings and insights that increase their depth. There is no knowing at any instant whether we are going to be changeable or insightful; in fact, we can switch imperceptibly between the two states of mind. Suppose, for example, we are writing a report: we may communicate in a well-thought-out style that expresses our feelings on the subject; but then we can introduce paragraphs with no proper structure at all, paragraphs with the meaning 'left hanging in the air' to such an extent that the reader is utterly perplexed. Or we may wander from the subject entirely. The danger of this conjunction is that the formless and spiritual (Neptune) may undermine awareness of the concrete and everyday (Saturn).

Yet this conjunction could enable us to investigate the invisible and transpersonal world in a matter-of-facts, methodical manner. Much depends on the relative strengths of the two planets.

The Neptunian sense of unity and communal service can be made concrete by a conjunction with Saturn; and then we might work hard for a better world, a more closely knit human race and a deeper religious or metaphysical understanding. But, by the same token, the cautiousness and ambition so characteristic of Saturn can be subverted by

Neptune. We have no control over the latter planet, and can be so swayed by it that ambitions are imbued with its spirit of renunciation. Possibly we shall sacrifice ourselves for some idealistic goal we have painted in glowing colors. Needless to say, this aspect may feature in the charts of ascetics or of others who do not ask much from life.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn indicates the psychological influence of the father on the psyche of the individual. It indicates that part of the personality that one is most apprehensive about, the facet of self that one regards with caution. Neptune brings a sense of creativity or illusion/delusion regarding insight concerning the father.

People with this aspect may not really understand the kind of effect their father had on them. This influence may be determined from other aspects to Saturn or the Sun. There have been cases where mother-dominated children have been deluded about the father, especially if he was missing. There have been instances when a child is unpleasantly surprised about paternity itself, for not every legal father is a child's physical father. These situations are difficult to diagnose and more difficult to discuss; they must be handled with tact.

When a father-dominated person has a Saturn-Neptune conjunction, there may be some idealization of the father. When a mother-dominated person has the conjunction, the mother may misrepresent the father in some way - the kind of man he is - or some delusion about the family or inherited family responsibilities may be engendered. The delusion about the father influence may merely be that the person doesn't know about the family influence or interests. These people will be influenced by certain delusions or illusions regarding authority figures; they may be hurt by the reality of the traditional approach, for they want to support illusions.

(Charles Carter)

In a good chart, this gives unusual powers, the native being able to plan and to execute, working hard. It is excellent for business or for politics, and has some affinity with the church. It is apt to produce something of an egotist, though the disposition may be kind. The native is apt to think himself or his work much more important than it really is. It is often found in the horoscopes of those who, with affected or sincere humility on the personal side, insist that they are instruments - the chosen and special instruments - of Exalted Beings, and so forth. In such cases, it is the expansive and formless side of Neptune which overcomes and drowns, as it were, the matter-of-fact sense of Saturn.

It appears to favour both mathematical and musical ability, perhaps by reason of its sense of exactness, time, and order. In any case, the abilities are very often out of the ordinary.

Provided Saturn is the stronger, it favours success by hard work, but usually also at the price of scandal and defamation, often in respect of sexual matters, or as the house occupied may indicate. It is not a position which is likely to cause the native to be fond of contact with the downtrodden or the poor, and is somewhat ambitious, fond of authority and management, and liking to exercise disciplinary powers. But if Neptune predominates, these ambitious tendencies will be much less in evidence.

Owing to the contrary natures of the two planets, there are often two sides to the character, or two periods of the life, the one materialistic and hard-headed, and the other idealistic. Or, if other aspects help, these two may be blended concordantly.

15) ► **Uranus** ⌘ **Parallel** ♌ **Pluto** - (1°07') ☾4 | ♄10

(Haydn Paul)

The aspects of Uranus to Pluto tend to be socially and generationally orientated; and the qualities, tendencies and attitudes associated with them are those which give a distinct conditioning tone to society during the period of the aspect.

The conjunction is quite rare, being made the last time around 1848, a time of social revolution in Europe and a time of great civil unrest and social change in Europe and America, and occurring again in the period of 1963-68.

The influence of these potent transpersonal planets is likely to be radical and far-reaching, setting a trend for the following century to develop and integrate, one which requires a long period of time for society to assimilate. In that sense, the influence is world-wide, and the period in which the close conjunction is made should be carefully analysed to perceive the essential thrust of this directive energy and the emergent trends for social development over the next hundred years.

With the cosmic periodic releasing of such powerful energies, the human reaction to them is varied and often polarised in response. These reveal the interface between the individual life and the collective life of a society. It is as though from a multiplicity of sources a new alluring voice is rising, which is revealing a new approach to life for society to absorb. Certain individuals respond enthusiastically to this new siren call, embracing 'the new way', and begin to group together as an influential minority within their own society. They then reflect the new ideas, impregnate society with them and act as transmitters of change. Broader social reaction to 'the new way' is often slow, apart from the inevitable reaction against the new trend; and often society attempts to use the power of its established structures to resist what appears to be a threatening impulse.

The influence of the conjunction is to initiate a new phase of social change; and during the 1963-68 aspect, it is that of a revolutionary new spirit in the air, extolling the virtues of individual rights and freedom, stimulating the need for the transformation of the

existing social establishment and the breakdown of outdated and limiting social and national attitudes and engrained patterns of thinking.

For those who were (and still are) attuned and receptive to this visionary energy, there is a personal feeling of involvement in a vast process of evolutionary development occurring on earth, a feeling that their individual life is intimately linked with a vast plan slowly unfolding into manifestation, and that their lives are guided by some greater consciousness, participants in a planetary drama. AS a world-wide group held together by shared response, they collectively form a conduit for the new social approach to be mediated into human life and consciousness. Some reflect this in a more conscious manner, by seeking to manifest the overshadowing energy via deliberate meditation or occult rituals, etc..

What is of importance to this group is the respect and value of life in all of its forms, ranging from human life to animals, plants, all of the many appearances of Nature, and the abundant creativity of Earth. Life is viewed as essentially 'holy', to be cherished, respected, enjoyed and protected. It is a basic attitude to life that wants the highest quality of life for everyone, founded upon a balanced and careful relationship with the environment and the natural world, whereby human society moves from being a dangerous exploiter of nature's gifts to living in a more natural harmony. Individually, there is the need to develop as a unique person, free to live and express oneself within a peaceful, co-operative co-existence, to learn how to unfold innate potentiality without it infringing on the rights of others.

Some twenty years after the close conjunction, the attitudes released into the world at this time were still serving as a necessary social direction; and many pressure groups had been formed to further the progress of such causes. The succeeding century needs to see more development for the benefit of mankind.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Pluto shows that if necessary you will go to extremes to preserve your freedom. Being free mean many things to you. It means freedom from pollution, disease, unemployment, and economic control by the industrial establishment. You want the right to 'do your thing', especially the right to make some important contribution to mankind along with others who are similarly motivated. You support local and national programs to improve the quality of life and may even become actively involved in seeing that this work is carried out. You realize that hard work by everyone concerned is the only way to reverse the continual plunder of natural resources, which leaves only a blighted landscape. You have a deep respect for all living things, including people, animals, and plants. When you observe how the earth is so freely desecrated by private interests, with little regard for those who will inherit it, you feel the need to dedicate yourself to preserving those elements.

This conjunction occurred from 1963 to 1968. Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring' was a grim reminder of how seriously we were upsetting the balance in nature. The United States Government report on Smoking and Health pointed to the much higher incidence of cancer and heart disease among smokers than non-smokers. Along with the disturbing reports of these publications, there was an increasing use of mind-altering drugs such as the hallucinogenic LSD, marijuana, and 'hard' drugs such as heroin and cocaine. The use of the drug thalidomide by pregnant women in Europe produced deformed children, until the side-effects of this medication were understood.

You are offered two alternatives: either to turn your back on the decaying quality of life or to make some effort to restore order to the chaos that man's insensitivity has produced.

(Betty Lundsted)

The keyword for Uranus is 'I behave', and the keyword for Pluto is 'I am unconsciously motivated'. The combination doesn't occur too often; it last happened in the 1960s. Here, the process of individuation can be either confused or overwhelmed by some unconscious force or energy. The behavior may be controlling or strangely eccentric.

Pluto rules the underworld in mythology; it has something to do with the archetypal energies of the unconscious depths. In the 1960s, people became interested in hallucinogenic drugs. Some of them experienced an inner exploration of the self induced by chemicals. Literature has been written comparing the drug experience to that of the mystical path of Oriental philosophies. People also became involved in supporting 'people' rights, and the peace marches began - the march on Washington occurred, as well as marches supporting young people's rights to refuse to fight in the Vietnamese war.

People born during these years will be highly individualistic and unorthodox. Whether this energy will express creatively or destructively will be apparent in years to come.

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In

1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow

up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

16) ► **Midheaven** MC **Conjunct** ♄ **Neptune** - (8°59' A)    ♀8 | ♀8

(Robert Hand)

This aspect presents many opportunities and many challenges. You are very sensitive to whatever happens around you, and you seem to soak up impressions like a sponge. But you do not always know what these impressions mean or what to do with them. Consequently there is a real danger that you will be confused much of the time, especially about who you are and where you are going. Unfortunately, with this aspect you tend to get discouraged and depressed about yourself, feeling that you will never get a real grasp of what is happening in your life. One of your parents, at least, should be able to lovingly but firmly guide you through life and point out the difference between realities and illusions.

This position is often associated with psychic ability, which may be the source of the impressions that seem so confusing and hard to understand. Your parents should accept the fact that your so-called fantasies are actually based on a reality that is not easy to understand. They should help you learn to interpret this reality rather than saying that you are only dreaming or making it all up.

It won't be easy to find the right course to follow in life, but this position provides a few clues. First of all, you should feel that you are working for a cause higher than yourself, whether it is serving or taking care of others in some way or working for an idea or faith. This aspect has a very strongly religious dimension. But it is more mystical than orthodox, and even while you are young you will be attracted to mystical and otherworldly ideals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The Midheaven represents social and business behavior based on self-image. With Neptune on the Midheaven, there is no possibility that a clear-cut picture will be obtained - the blurring and undermining influence is too great. As likely as not, we shall suffer from identity problems about who we are and about our role in life. This makes us extremely sensitive to what others think and say; and at first we shall be prepared to accept their assessment of us. But their assessment is wildly inaccurate, because between them and us drifts Neptune's hazy smoke-screen: what they tell us about ourselves sounds so unbelievable that we are thrown into utter confusion.

Besides all this, we seem to have a sixth sense for detecting undercurrents and changes in the human atmosphere; and this also affects the formation of our image. For a long time, these factors can keep us wondering what to make of ourselves and our prospects, and can hinder us from finding our true sphere in life. Yet we should excel in things



governed by Neptune; that is to say, wherever sympathy and understanding are required, as in social and charity work, also where we can give expression to feelings and a love of perfection, as in creative and musical activities. Initially, owing to a lack of confidence, we are not very enterprising; but once we get started, progress is surprising and we become much more self-reliant.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct MC often suggests diffuse goals and an early uncertainty of direction with respect to an individual's choice of vocation. This aimlessness can sometimes be matched by a parent's ambivalent feelings as to how they want their child to be seen in the world. Many with Neptune conjunct the Midheaven want to be seen by the world at large as glamorous and wondrous: a saviour, a prince or a princess; perhaps someone creative or representing some kind of public ideal. Many with this placement, especially when young, can find it very difficult to get hold of the reality of what is fitting for them to pursue, given their life-situation and individual talents. In extreme cases, if they meet someone who is writing a book, they want to write a book; if they get to know a politician, they yearn to pursue a career in politics - and so on. They want the glamour that they imagine others have in their lives. Those with Neptune conjunct the MC tend to dream of the future; at best this can spur them on to achieving the recognition they yearn for by actually fulfilling whatever their dream is. And the dream is usually not strictly personal; the individual often wants to 'save' the world in some way. This placement is ideal for any Neptunian type careers; the arts, music, work in welfare fields, charities, at sea, with water, to name but a few possibilities.

Neptune on either end of the MC-IC axis sometimes suggests a tendency to idealise one parent at the expense of the other. There is usually a distorted image of at least one of the parents and perhaps an experience of their being some kind of victim. For some with Neptune on the MC, it is the thirst for recognition from a parent that propels the individual into weaving all sorts of romantic dreams of what they are going to do with their lives; for they feel that if the world recognises them, then so will the parent.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this conjunction tend to be anything but the average employer's ideal of stable employees. The dreams and mystical qualities of Neptune do not combine well with the routine discipline required by the average job. These natives do better in professions that make use of their creative imaginations and ascetic traits.

The conjunction favors musicians, actors, painters, photographers, moviemakers, psychologists, and persons interested in the occult. Professions may be related to the occult in some way. Even though these natives may be in the public eye, they feel spiritually isolated - alone in a crowd, and in fact most people do not understand their inner motivations.

If the horoscope is that of an exceptionally developed person, he may be destined to perform a mission in the world that will lift many people around him to greater attainment and spirituality.

If this conjunction is heavily afflicted, scandal or public disgrace is a danger. This can come through the natives' unreliability or because of alcoholism, drugs, or other forms of addiction.

The natives should be careful not to get involved in secret intrigues, especially when they cannot know all the factors involved. Private secrets are not so private when Neptune is found in this position.

17) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (4°46' S)    ♄7 | ♄7

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars opposition the Ascendant shows that you attract people who threaten you, as though you had a chip on your shoulder and dared everyone to know it off. You don't really have that much self-confidence; your aggressive actions are an attempt to convince yourself that you do. You need constant encounters to improve your skill in dealing with people who would otherwise take advantage of you. Meeting others in competition is how you learn how to assert yourself constructively, with greater self-control and discipline. Naturally argumentative, you are not the easiest person to get along with. You must learn to be more compromising if you want peace and harmony. Making concessions shows strength of character, not weakness; and if you realize this, you will be respected for your maturity.

In personal relationships, your offensive tactics force you to raise your defences when the going gets rough. While it is necessary to fight for your independence, you must show some restraint so you don't incur everyone's displeasure. You want to be recognized for your ability to succeed in spite of challenging competition. But an attitude of superiority often masks feelings of inferiority or inadequacy.

You have a lot of creative energy you should express. Remember, it's what you do rather than what you say you can do that is important. Knowing that your future success and happiness depend on you alone, you must realize that you will have to make some contribution to ensure them. Take advantage of your closest friends, who can offer worthwhile suggestions; and when their ideals help you, show your appreciation.

You may have some difficulty in getting your superiors to give you a more important position, because of your inclination to flare up under pressure. You tend to speak out of turn, which arouses suspicion that you cannot handle the authority delegated to you. Develop more self-control, or you will run into many troublesome situations that could be

extremely difficult to resolve.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the Descendant, or making hard aspect to the axis, may be more combative than Mars rising. Those with Mars on the Descendant may see others as aggressive, or look to others to help them find their own retaliatory impulses. This is a splendid combination for lawyers or others who have to fight on behalf of another's point of view. Often those with this placement have to put a great deal of energy and sometimes real 'push' into achieving a position of co-operation. A key phrase for this combination may be 'fighting for co-operation'; fighting too for justice and fairness as they see it.

Like Venus-Mars contacts, the Mars setting person may be impulsive about relationship, jumping into liaisons with a real spirit of adventure but not a great deal of forethought. This is a good combination for competitive relationships -partnerships that involve a bit of rough and tumble and don't rely on everything appearing to be sweet and nice. Thus, relationships with people with Mars along this axis may feel either very alive and stimulating or as if World War III had just broken out.

Mars square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

It is hard to regulate energy with these aspects. At one instant we are rushing matters; at another, we are frittering energy away on trifling things; and generally speaking we are pretty inconsistent.

We flare up easily, and are always ready to take a poke at someone, but soon calm down. Also we sometimes react angrily to the (often well-meant) advice of others, which we regard as meddling in our affairs. We are quite capable of managing on our own, and make a point of doing so. Even when we know we will be rebuffed, we prefer going our own way to following someone's lead. As in the other Mars / Ascendant aspects, there is energy, daring, courage and enterprise - but we do need to be careful that impetuosity does not lead to ruptures with others. And we must not be surprised if we get some rather adverse reactions now and then from those around us. No-one could call us docile; and we never let anything go by default.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars squares or opposes the Ascendant, it is not easy to energize the creative potential in the personality in an appropriate manner. When the square appears, the

action taken doesn't complement the persona. The action taken may not express the career interests, for career moves may not be perceived appropriately. Goals may be confused. Since Mars also rules sexuality, the sexual expression may not make sense either, for the career may be affected by the choice of sexual partners, or the career life-style may not connect in with the love life.

When the opposition occurs, a compromise is indicated, for the persona, the public attitudes claimed while we put 'our best foot forward', may not agree with the action taken in life, or with the sexual needs. When these people understand the various possibilities regarding manifestation of this energy, they can make conscious decisions regarding how they wish to use it.

18) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (3°48' A)    ♄10 | ♄10

(Haydn Paul)

The Saturn-Moon combination is not a particularly harmonious one; and in these contacts the individual lunar nature is often detrimentally affected.

You can display a sombre, self-restrained, conservative personality. Your social relationships can lack spontaneity, enthusiasm, and naturalness, inhibited by emotional defensiveness, reserve, and caution. Relaxed communication and self-expression can be difficult. Apprehension may restrict social contact, perhaps with an attitude of distrust and pessimism toward life and people. If this limiting and negative worldview exists, then you will also block the release of potential and diminish life enjoyment.

Self-esteem is weakened by such attitudes, which fall like a shadow across your relationships and experiences. One source of this may have been childhood and early social conditioning. Perhaps early childhood was influenced by family discipline, either through authoritarian controls, or through imposed religious, political, or social beliefs. Perhaps there were family upheavals and unsettling discord, or strong feelings that you were not really wanted or loved by your parents, whether or not this was actually true. This may have resulted in a fear of emotional expression, to others and even to yourself. This, coupled with a need to protect your sensitivity, has associated emotions with painful 'negative experiences'. In adult life, there may be one parent toward whom you still feel resentment, deeply contradictory attitudes, and powerful emotions.

Emotional integration can be lacking; it is part of your nature that remains uncomfortable and relatively immature, and which will interfere with adult relationships that may prove difficult to develop beyond the early stages. A lack of self-confidence, and reluctance to reveal your vulnerable feelings to others, make you withdraw into negative behaviour patterns whenever the possibility of a close relationship occurs. You need to open to intimacy, and face possible rejection in the hope of moving toward potential success; you need to learn how to trust others. Then you can break free from your self-imposed

prison. Obviously, making suitable relationship choices is a key requirement; and cautious discernment is necessary in choosing friends and intimates.

Learning how to dissolve past influences is necessary. You may feel emotionally attached to memories and material possessions, perhaps nostalgic or sentimental, even though childhood may not have been especially satisfying. Liberation from the past's chains will bring relief and release; it may not be easy, yet could provide the keys to a bright new future. You may be surprised at how much past experience and conditioning have shaped your adult personality; looking for ways to heal and integrate your inner child would be extremely beneficial and transformative.

Achieving this step could help improve the quality of your relationships. Potential exists for you to enjoy mature contacts with other essentially serious and thoughtful partners, where the relationship has maturity and depth, with a gradual emotional release as mutual sharing increases across every level - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. If this happens, you will experience the dawn of a more positive, optimistic outlook, as you release the burden of the past by redirecting emotional energy into new constructive life-style patterns. Others may encourage your progress; and, if they do so, accept their support. You just need others' encouragement to convince you of your own worth.

Despite any inner stress and unresolved emotional difficulties, you are likely to progress in your career through focusing attention in specific directions, especially in early adulthood, when your emotions remained controlled and probably repressed. You tend to isolate emotions into a 'separate compartment', although sensitivity to others would ideally be needed in management positions. Normally, you will be honest, impersonal, fair, competent, and efficient, enjoying roles of responsible authority, and you will expect comparable standards of commitment from others. Areas which may attract include law, medicine, business, politics, and education.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between the Moon and Saturn shows that you are emotionally defensive, cautious, reserved, and extremely apprehensive about your experiences. Perhaps during your childhood your parents or guardians disciplined you so much that you assumed they did not love you. Because of your extreme sensitivity, you tend to overemphasize negative effects anyway. Almost certainly you did have traumatic experiences with your parents during the early conditioning years, and there is still a residual negative effect, probably caused by the parent who had the most authority in the home. Your early conditioning did not prepare you to deal successfully with the circumstances of everyday living, and you have learned to expect the worst.

Perhaps the guilt projected onto you during the formative years is the cause of the difficulty you sometimes have in forming close, emotional ties in your adult years. It often happens that you are unsuccessful in developing a partnership. Even so, you must

deliberately stop thinking that happiness will always elude you. You must recognise your self-worth in order to project yourself optimistically toward others.

You are very likely to succeed professionally because you focus your efforts in worldly areas where your feelings don't have to function. Because you protect yourself by insulating your emotions, you could achieve success in business. In your professional dealings you are basically honest (sometimes painfully so), and you demand the same honesty from others. Management is your particular strong point, and you should rise to prominence in that area. Women will find you stern but will respect you for your fairness. You demand competence from those under you, and you demonstrate it by your own efficiency. If you have a position of authority you will not hesitate to fire someone who doesn't measure up to your expectations; you regard each person under you as an extension of yourself.

You could work well as an employee of professional people such as judges, lawyers, doctors, industrialists, educators, or politicians. You would gain the trust that is necessary in order to function effectively, and you would also serve their interests capably. It is also possible that you could undertake such a profession yourself. Your emotional detachment would allow you to provide unbiased opinions, which would serve the interests of your clients.

Emotional fulfillment will come about through contact with mature and serious individuals. A permanent relationship is possible only if your partner regards you as a mate in all areas - socially, spiritually, and professionally. It is essential for you to share your life with another, but that sharing must be total. Most important, you must always respect each other.

In the area of health, you may have problems involving your back, which may restrict you on occasion. The reproductive system could also cause you difficulty at some time in your life. Above all, try to look at the brighter side of life. Certain negative experiences may seem dismal at the time, but the lessons learned from them should enable you to become more optimistic as you grow.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever unconscious emotional reactions occur (Moon), people with this aspect experience sensitivity and vulnerability and find it hard to express themselves. Emotional reserve is common with this aspect.

The sense of security is bound up with Saturn, and so these people are inclined to shoulder too much responsibility, work hard and deny themselves many small pleasures. They seek safety in perfectionism and the world regards them as very trustworthy and diligent; yet inwardly they are unsure and easily hurt, and, to tell the truth, are more or less running away from themselves.

They are inclined to restrict themselves to what they see and know. Therefore, when opportunities present themselves, these individuals either let them slip through their fingers or study all the ins and outs before committing themselves. This goes along with rigid ideas and a certain blinkering of the mental vision. Flexibility is slight, owing mainly to a great vulnerability of which others are ignorant. They anxiously hide this vulnerability behind a mask of hard work or, if the chart is passive, behind a mask of gloom and inertia that is hard to penetrate.

Often they feel that they are living under constant pressure and dare not do anything spontaneous. Before showing feelings, they need to make very sure of the other person, and that can take a long time. The cold aloofness of this aspect is a form of self-protection. Nevertheless Saturn gives almost unbreakable faithfulness and dependability once someone has won this person over; then it would be impossible to think of a more stable relationship. Before that point is reached, however, a host of inhibitions, fears, suspicions and sensitive feelings is waiting to be vanquished.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is difficult to work through, for it symbolizes a childhood that was less than ideal. The energy manifests in early childhood illness or emotional deprivation or both. The mother of the native is suppressed and restricted by the father in some way. This child is suppressed and restricted by the father as well. The mother's emotions are thwarted; she may not be able to have friends; her 'causes' are put down; her life-style may be completely hampered by marriage responsibilities. The mother may feel depressed and emotionally unfulfilled, and the child absorbs her attitudes and responses. Because the mother is unhappy, the child assumes that this reaction is 'normal'. Sometimes this aspect occurs in marriages where the mother is a brood mare - raising babies and taking care of a family. There may be no relationship between the parents other than the father being the provider and expecting to be fed at six o'clock sharp. The mother may resent it, but she may not be strong enough to change her situation. Her reasons may be myriad - she may have too many children, she may not have skills, or, like the heroine in 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde', she may be psychologically overwhelmed by the power of the Mr. Hyde personality. Each time the mother reaches out emotionally, responding to someone or something spontaneously, the father 'dumps' on her.

The child picks up the emotional deprivation and brings the following characteristics into his adult life: a tendency toward melancholia, quick mood changes that are psychologically or unconsciously based, and a basically unhealthy attitude regarding relationships. If this child is female, she will enter into romantic relationships assuming that she cannot share her thoughts and feelings with her loved one; she doesn't expect men to be nice or considerate or understanding, so she will tend to share her innermost feelings with her friends rather than with her lover or husband. In the chart of a male, the

ability to respond emotionally is restricted, for the father restricted this male's emotional development. This aspect also affects his relationships with women, and he may feel that no woman will ever care for him. He forces himself (often subconsciously) to barricade his emotional self, sometimes expressing himself harshly. If his father was physically or emotionally abusive to women, he may be too. He may be drawn to women who cannot give anything emotionally. In the case of the female, if her father was physically or emotionally abusive, she will expect the same kind of treatment from the men she chooses and will stay in unwholesome situations far longer than someone who doesn't have this aspect.

The aspect seems to place restrictions on the body in some way. Saturn symbolizes restriction, and the Moon represents the physical body. Children with this aspect sometimes have skeletal deficiencies or are prone to chronic ailments. The adult with this aspect has a harder time shaking colds or chronic maladies. These people should contemplate preventive medicine, for they can ward off illness by keeping healthy.

(Charles Carter)

This powerful position is on the whole good, from a Saturnian point of view. The native is extremely hard-working, and is often a self-denying Spartan. The temperament is hard, self-seeking, and critical, with few good words for anyone, though such praise as they may not grudge is usually well bestowed and their criticism is not so much actuated by envy or a carping spirit as it is the outcome of an almost inordinate craving for perfection. In good types, there is a high grade of intellect, but of a practical kind, with a distaste for abstractions. In lower types it tends to discontent, and sometimes to a narrowness that verges towards stupidity, yet it is questionable if the native is ever stupid in that which interests him, and he is rarely frivolous or silly. There is a rather rigid self-confidence, the native usually feeling thoroughly competent in his own work, and instinctively feeling no interest in anything else, lest his insufficiency in other domains might be apparent. As regards occupations and pursuits, the conjunction has much the same effect as the harmonious aspects.

19) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ☿ **South-Node** - (7°41' S)    1310 | 1310

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a difficult aspect because circumstances in the natives' lives make it hard for them to synchronize their activities with current trends. In other words, the natives are plagued with bad timing due to their own circumstantially imposed inability to be in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing in the right way. Thus they are constantly forced to draw upon their own personal resources. They cannot depend upon the co-operation of others. They are emotionally alone against the world. This isolation leads to depression and a negative emotional outlook which further alienates others. ('Laugh and the world laughs with you; cry, and you cry alone.') Natives are capable of



disciplined, well-planned, concentrated effort. Their ingenuity in making the most of meager resources brings solid accomplishments and a strength of character which meets adversity with courage and determination. According to some writers on the subject, this is a karmic condition, created by previous misuse of wealth, position, and popularity.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect is karmic in nature. This, as the square, can give passive intolerance of another's opinions. Part of the karma can concern home life or can be connected with the public, mother, or women in general. It gives a stronger development of the sign thus located.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect indicates sudden emotional difficulties or 'emotionally low' profile in the life of this individual. Possible difficulties relating to 'women' or 'mother-figure' are consistent and constant for this individual. They often display seriousness without actual depression. Learning to overcome and build a stronger emotionalism is achieved in this life. Circulatory problems or difficulties with the digestive system are quite common for these individuals. These people have a subconscious fear about the general public; and often they may have difficulty coping with large crowds.

(Donna van Toen)

Often the tendency it towards griping rather than growing.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In an opposition of the Moon to the Node, we have a possibility of insincere contacts, according to whether the Moon is on the right or left side of the horoscope. If it is on the right, there will be numerous contacts, but they may be inappropriate; that is to say, they may impede instead of assisting the native. Many cannot live without contacts, and are constantly hopping from one relationship to another. If the Moon is on the left, or I-side, the contacts will certainly be fewer. Then it is important to try to come out of one's shell, because the Ascending Node is on the right and its ascent takes place via the 'You'. In each opposition, one should make use of the sphere of life represented by the house occupied by the Ascending Node. This will cost effort, because the Descending Node, which, of course, is conjunct the Moon, responds by encouraging a strongly reflex, almost mechanical form of behavior. The natives is repeatedly entangled in contacts of the same type as before, yet never realizes it.

Moon square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, sensitiveness, an inclination towards estrangements.  
Estrangements, separations.

20) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Conjunct** ♄ **South-Node** - (5°47' A) ♊10 | ♊10

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) creates a condition in which the native's will is out of harmony with prevailing social trends. The tendency to initiate things at the wrong time and place generates resentment and misunderstanding. The natives are forced to regenerate their lives without the help of others. Very often, large social events which are beyond their personal control endanger or destroy their work and personal security. On the positive side, this conjunction fosters self-reliance, resourcefulness, and the ability to survive under hardships. According to some astrological philosophers, this conjunction indicates a past life condition in which the natives initiated large-scale changes without regard to their effect on others' lives. Now they must learn how it feels to be the victim of circumstances beyond their control.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect brings about a generation which is anti-establishment. Keeping the peace and harmony will be their motto. They will not hesitate to use destruction for the sake of construction, but only as a last resort. Basically, their ideality is to put a curb on destruction or regeneration in order to elevate the individual soul. Some of their significant work consists of redistribution of Karma by taking the esoteric law in their hands.

(Donna van Toen)

This person is often affected by violence, which hinders growth. Mass destiny, upheavals, destructive or self-destructive behavior can be stumbling blocks. Separation of some sort, violence, and, less frequently, escapism may impede growth. Circumstances beyond control or perhaps karma could make it necessary to constantly fight against stagnation.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

With Pluto at the point of Saturn, the native can insist on old rights, and can lay arrogant and aggressive claims to authority. Vandalism and acts of violence perpetrated with a show of legality are other manifestations.

Pluto square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The state of feeling one's association with other people as a burden, the feeling of being cramped in one's style through the influence of others, with subsequent suffering from this. A common and tragic destiny shared with other persons.

21) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♂ **Mars** - (8°21' S) ♈ 1 | ♎ 7

(Haydn Paul)

You probably have a view that perceives life as a challenge, a fight between yourself and the world for supremacy, and you adopt this combative and assertive stance in an attempt to prove your self-worth. Underlying this attitude is a clashing of inner energies, which are projected out as shadow-adversaries in the external world, so that arguments, dissension and conflict almost seem to follow in your footsteps. There is little tranquillity in your world; it becomes more of a battlefield where you believe you can 'win your spurs' proving your capabilities. You are fired by the competitive spirit, intending to win and be number one, although the quality of your aggressive vibration tends to attract similar people into your life, and this can result in power struggles in working or domestic environments. Applying extra force may leave you in a position of superiority, yet can also increase the number of adversaries that you leave in your wake; your genuine friendships can be few if you act in this manner.

You have a powerful desire nature, and you easily become fixated on attaining these desires, whether they are lovers, positions of executive status, or whatever, even if your energies are focused only temporarily in such specific directions. These desires can reflect the themes of the houses and signs of Mars and the Sun, and often contain the issues that you feel most combative about. There can be an aura of 'danger' surrounding you, possibly with a sexual magnetism and aggressive power that some can find extremely attractive, although this energy can overflow through displays of irascible temper and potential violence if uncontrolled. You are very physically responsive, and will have a developed visual and sensual appreciation of life. You may have to ensure that your desires do not become compulsive or obsessive in nature.

In relationships, you may lack sensitivity to others' feelings and needs, and may need to transform expectations of a partner so that they conform more closely to a realistic appreciation, rather than providing fuel for later disillusionment. A wise choice of partner is required; otherwise your domestic life could become volatile and traumatic; a partner who evokes your higher nature and qualities is probably more ideal than one who just stimulates your passionate and vigorous nature. Finding a suitable companion, who is strong enough not to allow you to dominate, would probably help in modifying your

attitude towards life. A danger can lie in a tendency to make impulsive decisions or actions, and then regret them later.

It may be that experience eventually influences you to make changes in your style of expression, and this may not occur until later in life, perhaps after the age of thirty and through developing maturity. It is to be hoped that there will come a point when you lessen that driving feeling of insecurity and lack of worth, so that you can recognise your real value and potential. Once that self-imposed pressure to challenge and compete has diminished, and acknowledgement of your performance has been achieved, then new life directions may open. When this occurs take the opportunity to dismantle your combative attitudes, by broadening your world view beyond those limiting tendencies of yours to perceive life in stark black-and-white distinctions. This could develop to include involvements with social causes and pressure groups, where your partisan approach and abundant energies could be put to positive use, providing that you can maintain a balanced perspective on your beliefs and attitudes, and do not attempt a forceful proselytising or fanatical expression.

22) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♂ **Uranus** - (5°32' S) ♀10 | ♀4

(Haydn Paul)

Challenges will probably occur within intimate relationships. These will reflect the clash between old and new, between familiar behaviour patterns and the attraction of renewal emerging from a chaotic unknown. Your inner life may feel like a battleground, as these two different energies try to influence choices and decisions; and at times of crisis, you may feel almost torn apart.

A tendency toward mental and emotional stress will exist, arising from emotional instability and problems created in relationships through unpredictable and frequent mood changes. The impact of the Uranian vibration may create sudden changes in the erratic mutability of the lunar emotions. This can stir choppy seas into more dangerous storms. If you then release this tension through conflict with those closest to you - which is a common behaviour pattern - relationships could become quite stormy. Others' inability to rely upon and trust you will obviously affect the development of long-term relationships.

Your need for variety can also cause problems. This can be felt inwardly, where you easily get bored and lose interest in your home, employment, marriage, lovers etc., and then enter a phase of frustration if your need for new stimulation is denied. To break free from this tension, you may suddenly 'explode' toward new explorations, attempting to shatter all limitations and restrictions. This can lead to moving to a new house, changing employment or established careers to pursue other directions, or entering affairs or separating from marriage. You find responsibility and commitments hard to bear during times when the Uranian impulse is too strong and capable of breaking through the

Moon's established defensive patterns.

What should be avoided is a repressive build-up of inner tensions, because if they 'explode' through you, their destructive quality will dominate, rather than their transformative intent. The first step lies in acknowledging this inner pressure, and then learning to release it slowly and with conscious control, directing it into suitable channels as a natural development of your life. Accepting this impulse for new experiences and interests can be adequately handled, if a continuous element of exploration in your life is sensibly allowed to operate in appropriate ways. This is an essential 'safety valve' to develop for your well-being.

Understanding this tendency will help in choosing a suitable partner, one who accepts this need of yours and is both capable and willing to compromise when necessary in helping you to find ways to safely release tensions. Any progress made in integrating your emotions and mind into a functioning whole will reap considerable dividends. Self-help techniques devoted to personal wholeness could be explored, offering potential positive development. Attempts by you to impose either emotional or rational dominance on your inner life will lead to additional friction created by the ignored planetary energy.

Feelings of instability that often persist also diminish your self-esteem, resulting in insecurity. You may lack a firm personality centre, fluctuating between Moon and Uranus, between emotion and logic, finding a home nowhere. You could find it useful to experience your emotional depths as deeply as possible. Let them rise to the surface; feel and understand their intensity, without cutting them off whenever they become unpleasant by an 'intellectual put-down' as inferior and not part of your preferred self-image. Equally, your mental interests and pursuits should be emotionally resonant, drawing both levels together. As your nervous system is overamplified, attempts like these help moderate and balance the flow of combined energies, thus making it easier for you to live with others without frequently feeling a restless obsession for change.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon in opposition to Uranus indicates mental and emotional stress. You are trying to integrate your feelings with logic to achieve a better balance between your inner and outer lives. You constantly feel the need to make decisions involving others, and these decisions cause you much emotional turmoil. If your feelings dominate, you alienate yourself from others, but if logic prevails you feel crushed. Only experience can teach you to compromise so that both impulses are satisfied. The whole process will succeed if you are patient; this conflict can be resolved.

The crisis lies in your insecurity about projecting yourself in relationships that seem threatening. You are eager to make contact with others who will respond warmly to you. The important thing is to be yourself, realizing that others may have the same apprehensions you have. People will warm up to you and become friends if you give

them the chance.

Your occupation should involve you in the personal affairs of others. In helping others to acquire self-confidence, you will increase your own. Teaching is especially recommended because it will force you to project your creative abilities. The constructive results you achieve will make you more totally aware of your potential development.

You may become involved in the most unusual romantic alliances. You tend to innocently form attachments with individuals who are either already attached or at least spoken for. You have a fascination for bizarre or complicated relationships. Perhaps this is your way of avoiding responsibility, which can never develop in such situations. You are emotionally promiscuous even if you never actually indulge in physical promiscuity. Others will insist that you put up or shut up.

Try to get as much rest as you can. Your keyed-up nervous system can seriously affect your digestion. A serene outlook will do wonders to help you avert physical distress.

23) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Opposition** ♅ **Uranus** - (9°20' A)    ♄10 | ♅4

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Saturn to Uranus indicates that you have a problem in relating to others. You relate, but in a competitive way for no particular reason. There are times when you are right and should maintain your position, but not so that you jeopardize the co-operation of those closest to you. You do need others to help stabilize you when you disregard the most basic logic in handling your affairs. Learn to respect and value those who are genuinely concerned about you. First, you must learn the lesson of compromise. Later, when you've acquired the wisdom of experience, you may have earned the freedom you seek.

There are a number of professions for which you are qualified. Among them are science, research, logistics, statistics, mathematics, and industrial management. When you gain a position of authority, be careful not to subvert it by being officious. You tend to arouse the resentment of your subordinates, who will do their best to 'sandbag' you, and you will be defenceless against this. But you will also feel aggressive toward your superiors, who will prey on you.

You must make many adjustments if you want your life to function in an orderly way. First, resist the desire to start at the top. There isn't much room there even for those who haven't earned it. With this planetary combination you have a terrific opportunity to meet people who will teach you lessons the best schools cannot. But you must be willing to learn. Put your 'know-it-all' attitude on the shelf until you do know what's what; then you will use your knowledge with humility.

As time goes on, you will become less fascinated with the physical and more interested in human values that can enrich you in the future. You will appreciate those who helped you become successful, and you will share your knowledge and wisdom as others shared theirs with you.

Your partner probably deserves more credit than you know for sustaining you when you have had doubts about your potential.

### Saturn square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the tense aspects between Saturn and Uranus, the planets express themselves much as they do in the conjunct, but with more unrest. The shaping of our lives is continually disrupted by Uranus, or we leave most things half-finished. Uranus spoils the patterns we are so busily weaving. We never settle down: something always crops up to force a change of plan; something new always has to be incorporated in the schedule. With a hard aspect between Saturn and Uranus, we often undergo several (possibly quite radical) transformations, partly of our own volition and partly because we unconsciously attract them.

But when we strive in Uranian fashion for individual development and personal renewal, the strain set up by Saturn produces a certain amount of anxiety, and we have to overcome all sorts of inner and / or outer resistance; also it is hard to envisage the most suitable form for development to take. Though doing our best to break away, we still seem bound by certain formalities (for example, by having to give long notice before we can leave a job), and thus suffer conflicts between personal freedom on the one hand, and rules and regulations on the other hand. However, the tense aspects supply sufficient energy for coping with these conflicts.

Because of the inhibiting effect of Saturn, we seldom rush headlong into new ventures and seldom feel inclined to break links with the past. Yet, because of the restlessness induced by Uranus, we have no wish to become ossified. Although this is a tense, unsettling combination, it provides the chance to look for new ways of expressing ourselves within existing forms, or of adapting our life-style to our individuality. And this is something for which we are prepared to struggle hard.

24) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Opposition** ♀ **Pluto** - (7°56' A) ☿4 | ♃10

### Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have



little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

25) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ☾ Moon - (0°40' A)**    ♀8 | ♀10

(Robert Hand)

You are very sensitive to other people's feelings as well as your own. Your moods and emotions are intense, and have a strong influence on how you see yourself and the world. Probably you get along easily with others, because, knowing your sensitivity, people trust you with their innermost feelings. Even while you are young, you won't hurt anyone, because you are so aware of how it feels to be hurt emotionally.

As you grow older, you will learn a great deal about your psychological makeup, which will help you understand people in general. This will give you the ability to handle others very effectively, so that they help you while you are helping them. You are not likely to use other people selfishly, but you appreciate an honest exchange.

People may come into your life and help you without very much fanfare. Or they may offer help but prefer to give you what you need quietly, behind the scenes. You may keep your own feelings somewhat hidden, or at least not be particularly demonstrative. But others know that you have strong feelings and will appreciate your quiet strength and sensitivity.

You can learn a lot through your emotions, for you understand by feeling rather than by thinking. It is important to learn to trust your feelings.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This pattern is favourable for harmonious home life and family relationships. Natives are able to co-operate in professional matters and to get along with employers or superiors. They can adjust to and accept routine responsibility.

Moon trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious Moon / MC aspects, the person is very sensitive to the part played by others in his or her life, and especially to attitudes and feelings directed toward him or her. Usually, however, he or she gets on well with people and gives the impression of being calm and collected. Because the search for peace and safety (Moon) does not create conflicts in the outside world, he or she naturally tends to feel at ease. So this person is quick to lend a hand in situations that are emotionally difficult, and to do whatever can be done for people. In essence, he or she wants to fit in socially.

Changeability is not so marked as in the conjunction. Any Moon / MC aspect will indicate some desire for change and variety, but with the harmonious ones this is less of an obsession and the person is more prepared to wait for the right moment. As already mentioned, this individual is often very supportive. In addition, because the Moon stands for the female principle, the person can also benefit from feminine support on more than one occasion.

26) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (4°28' A)    ♀8 | ♃10

(Robert Hand)

This signifies that you have a strong sense of inner discipline and that you can work toward the goals you set for yourself steadily and without wavering. It may also indicate that you work mostly alone, without much help from people of your own age. They will not hinder you, but you work best by yourself.

Whatever task you undertake, you work at it patiently, with thorough organization and method, leaving no stone unturned. You may take on responsibilities that most young people would be reluctant to attempt. You may seem older than you are.

You are independent, even a loner, because having other people around may seem to distract you from your purposes. For this reason, you may not have many friends while you are young, but that will be because you have chosen it, not because no-one can get along with you. When you are older, you will be a very dependable person, because you have worked out your own methods and have proved to everyone that they work. As you grow, you will have the aid and assistance of those in authority, such as teachers and parents. They will approve of your early maturity and will help you find your course. When you are older and working for a living, your relations with employers should also be good, because they will know you can be trusted to do a job well and take responsibility.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the natives the ability to stabilize their domestic lives and

steadily improve their professional standing through forethought, discipline, and sustained effort.

A steady climb through the ranks of an established organization characterizes the configuration. The natives' ability to systematize and work hard gains the confidence of their superiors, making it possible for them to advance their careers and at the same time secure their home life. These natives often carry on the traditions of their parents and ancestors.

Saturn trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever the aspect between the Midheaven and Saturn, a feeling of vulnerability and inferiority will play a role. In the harmonious aspects, we can come to terms with this fairly well. They give us a serious outlook on ourselves and on life in general, and our sense of responsibility is well-developed. We can work hard and long, and we like to finish what we start. Indeed we can be very self-denying on behalf of work or for some other goal; also there is more than a hint of wanting to let the world know that we can play our part in fine style. Ambition is certainly not foreign to the harmonious aspects.

Saturn is the planet of time. Therefore we seldom see a meteoric rise to fame and fortune; instead, there is steady application giving solid achievement. Given time, this will operate to our advantage.

Even with these relaxed aspects, we seldom choose the path of least resistance - neither in forming our identity, nor in regard to social status. In any case, we are eminently suited to heavy, prolonged and responsible work. We can be a tower of strength to others, and can help them to shape their lives, too.

27) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♌ **Jupiter** - (4°20' A) 1310 | 0012

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from the Moon to Jupiter gives you considerable intellectual ability, modified by sensitivity of feeling. Therefore your personality is quite varied and exciting, since your emotional responses are accompanied by intellectual curiosity. You are quite effective in dealing with people because you have a well-developed understanding of their motivations in material affairs and relationships. Very little escapes your notice, and you are capable of absorbing enormous amounts of information. You can hold your own in a social gathering because you can discuss many subjects with better-than-average comprehension. Your friends and associates are kindly disposed toward you because

you never forget those who have assisted you in the past.

You derive enormous benefit from every experience and can translate these beneficial responses into tools for future use. You can succeed in many occupations that require intellectual development and the ability to apply knowledge in solving daily problems. Medicine, education, public relations, legal endeavors, financial affairs, stock brokerage, training and rehabilitation of handicapped persons, and welfare programs are some of the fields in which your talents could be used successfully. Your excellent memory serves you well in earning a living. You are sympathetic toward less fortunate persons, and you help them face their problems with greater hope and optimism.

A journal of your life, including your relationships, your problems and their solutions as well as the philosophy you have developed would make quite an impressive book. As a writer you could draw on your vast experience for material that would be both exciting and sincere.

You are warm in your personal contacts, sincere and honest in your efforts to stimulate the best responses in others. You have high hopes for acquiring a true companion in the person you choose to share your life. You want to share both the great and small issues with that person and to know that the relationship enhances each of you. The supreme optimist, you are proud and sometimes vain, but always humble in your genuine desire to be useful and helpful to anyone who seeks your protective guidance.

People are never in doubt about your intentions when you let them into your life. You guide them when you can, or refer them to others when you can't, and you don't generally judge people for their frailties. You can always see the potential good in people, even those who may have gotten off to a bad start.

28) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (4°06' S)    ♄9 | ♅7

(Donna van Toen)

You have an even, well-balanced flow of sexual and romantic energies, meaning you're neither overly aggressive nor overly passive in your approach to these areas. Love-hate relationships aren't your style; nor are purely platonic ones. You tend to be happiest with an easy-going mate who has a considerable amount of imagination and is creative without being a moody, broody, artistic archetype. Your attitude towards sex is good overall. You're attracted to marriage and are generally comfortable in your role as a spouse, provided, of course, that you choose a compatible mate.

You probably get along well with the opposite sex. They like you; you like them - with one exception. That exception is that you tend to find passive people quite frustrating. Your approach to love is one in which you throw yourself into each new romantic experience. You don't like to do things half-way; and, once involved, you put everything

you've got into making a relationship work.

Occasionally, sexual / romantic energies are sublimated into some sort of artistic activity. This is most common when air is the predominant element in the chart.

Normally, however, you're a loving person who wants and needs a sexual outlet. For this reason, a less-than-satisfying sexual relationship could lead to infidelity.

If you have Venus sextile Mars by sign but not by aspect, the foregoing may apply, although your need for a sexual outlet would be less strong.

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus sextile Mars gives you a warm, affectionate nature. Your physical needs are considerable, but you know how to contain them until you meet a person with whom you can enjoy a comfortable relationship. You don't display your feelings until you know the person fairly well and can determine whether the attraction is social and intellectual as well as physical. You realize it is necessary to compromise with people to win their continued friendship. Others are inclined to make concessions to you because your attitude encourages them to. You don't threaten other people's opinion of themselves by calling attention to their failings. Although you allow for human frailties, you expect to see the better qualities manifested.

You prefer to enjoy the more beautiful elements of life rather than preoccupy yourself with the seamy side of it. Your artistic nature inclines you to enjoy good music, fine works of art, good literature, interesting social contacts, and congenial friendships. Professional interests are not specified by this combination of planets, but you would be suited to any occupation requiring human contact in a reasonably intimate way. With people you don't know, you like to strike up a conversation over some trifling matter just so you can introduce yourself and eliminate the strain of unfamiliarity. You have an optimistic outlook and generally wear a smile that shows the world that you are a congenial person. Public relations work would be enormously satisfying to you, and people would enjoy doing business with you, since you immediately put them at ease.

You probably still have the friends you made years ago, even though you may no longer be directly in touch with them. You retain good memories of the times you enjoyed with them and tend to forget any painful incidents that may have occurred.

You may marry someone who will co-operate with you in achieving the good things in life. But whether you marry for security or for purely emotional reasons, the relationship will prove enriching.

You are inclined to be a little careless about financial matters and may spend more than you earn. In your preoccupation with the refinements of life and the fine things money

can buy, you are unconcerned with economy. When you indulge in a whim, one would think you had an endless supply of cash available. Conservation is a quality you need to develop.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile indicates that the mother of the individual has a healthy attitude toward sexuality and femininity. This person can go into emotional relationships and easily combine the emotional and sexual needs. Relationships can be enjoyed.

The sextile indicates that an appreciation of beauty is inherent; often this person becomes involved in the arts, or employment may be obtained in the art field. Career action taken will include an appreciation of other people's needs.

Venus trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With harmonious Mars / Venus aspects, we are in a position to combine activity and passivity, industry and harmony, and therefore usually make a good impression. Affection means a lot to us, and, as a rule, we experience little difficulty in displaying affection to others. These aspects can make contacts pleasant; for although we often play an active role (Mars), we do know how to rein ourselves in when this will help things to run more smoothly (Venus).

As in all the Mars / Venus aspects, sexuality is important; so indeed is every form of sensuous enjoyment. Dancing, theatre-going and the like can be some favorite diversions.

We may well be very creative. Venus always gives a feeling for form, proportion and color; and this, combined with Martian drive, is what we need for producing original work. Nevertheless, the Martian energy may not be strong enough in these harmonious aspects for creativity to manifest itself.

In love we can be very passionate. The partner means everything and we are prepared to devote ourselves to the loved one. On the other hand, we expect the partner to be devoted to us. The easy aspects are traditionally said to be favorable for love: the need to unite with someone (Venus) is in harmony with a desire to go and prove ourselves (Mars). Also a measure of independence is expected within the relationship so that the partners do not take each other over completely.

(Charles Carter)

These tend to make the feelings warm and cordial; they indicate what we should generally call an affectionate, warm-hearted person, even though other configurations may deny expression. On the other hand, in an emotional chart their may be expression of an unrestrained kind, or gush; or, again, there may be a highly strung condition due to a lack of adequate expression.

The contacts are invigorating to the sexual nature, but better in this respect for males than for women, since they often appear in the charts of spinsters. This fact is probably due to the feelings of independence which they give and the love of freedom of thought or action; sometimes these traits even verge on the masterful.

These good aspects also tend to affectionate relations with the children and benefit from them.

They are very favourable for the family-life, provided that the planets are well-placed - all depends on this. The affections are rich and generous, and like will beget like in the shape of many kindnesses received. Mars, representing the rough side of life, is, as it were, blunted and mitigated by the Venus influence. It is decidedly good for men in their relations with women; they are likely to be helped in every respect, and often acquire both beauty and affection in marriage, and, by no means rarely, money as well.

29) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°32' S)    0012 | 1310

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile of Jupiter to Saturn indicates that your greatest asset is a vast reservoir of information. You are well-informed, and your comprehension is excellent. You invariably find uses for the knowledge you've acquired, no matter how useless it appears to others. You belong to the classic tradition that considers all knowledge useful, or at least broadening and enriching.

Because of your skill in planning, your creative ideas have an excellent chance of succeeding. Enthusiastic and optimistic, you believe in yourself, but you also realize that even the best-laid plans require hard work if they are to succeed. You are always searching for new avenues of expression, because you are determined to grow to your highest potential of development. You insist that your activities are entirely within the law, and you pride yourself on achieving your goals without resorting to questionable ethical practices. Your interest in philosophy has doubtless strengthened your conviction that honesty and sincerity pay the biggest dividends in the long run.

Many fields are suitable to your particular talents, including law, education, writing, journalism, politics, and the ministry. You would derive enormous satisfaction from efforts to improve a particular personal or social environment. You are especially

concerned about mismanagement in government, and could easily launch a campaign of writing and speaking to alert the public about such practices. You always make sure you have the evidence before communicating your information to the proper authorities; you take total responsibility for everything you do, and will fearlessly challenge anyone to a debate on the matter.

You would make an ideal teacher, for you could dramatize your sense of history and the lessons learned from it in an exciting way. With young people, you convey an intimate understanding that can stimulate them in their search for meaning in life. Your knowledge and appreciation of contemporary social structure are easily picked up by those who wish to learn and benefit from them.

In your own way, you make a substantial contribution to society by your genuine concern for its members. Your depth of understanding might be the basis of a published work on some important issue that involves improving the management of social programs. Whatever gains your interest must have significance for you, and you feel responsible for communicating this to others. In many ways, you are a standard bearer for the forces that spotlight social injustice.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile between Jupiter and Saturn indicates a pretty healthy home environment. The relating principle is not adversely affected by the individual's father. The sextile indicates that the father's influence probably helped the individual to view the reaching out and opening up process as normal. Authority figures were not damaging to the development of this person's relating ability.

Although the aspect may not be appreciated until after the age of thirty-five, the later years bring a maturity and a consciousness to the concept of relating that this individual can use to better develop the potentials of the Sun.

Jupiter trine or sextile Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The way in which we seek expansion, improvement and increase harmonizes here with perseverance and the way in which we discipline ourselves and define our egos. A balance between the two planets gives us the possibility of being level-headed visionaries looking for a solidly-built future. A structured career pattern is another possibility and is quite likely to bring success.

We are often filled with a justifiable optimism, a sort of well-balanced enthusiasm, and



this enables us to promote joint efforts in a thoroughly relaxed way.

We are good organizers, and know how to combine a look ahead with a sense of current realities; responsibilities seldom over-burden us, and we have little dread of the future. Nevertheless, the promising and stimulating side of these aspects will never turn our heads. We are and remain serious, and will retain the necessary self-discipline to achieve our ends. For in these aspects Jupiter strengthens the ambition and the diligence of Saturn so that we never rest until we have attained our goal.

(Charles Carter)

This combination is commonly regarded as singularly fortunate, particularly, of course, if the signs and houses occupied are of a congenial nature. It is the token of constructive power, the progessive energy of Jupiter taking form and permanency through Saturn. Hence it is a common aspect in the charts of materially successful people.

The type of character engendered may be described as one of serious purposivity, the native being as a rule much in earnest, and yet cheerful and optimistic.

The constructivity lends to many forms of expression such as politics, municipal and administrative work, art, and commerce: sextiles between the two planets, especially from Libra to Sagittarius, or from Sagittarius to Aquarius, or from Aquarius to Aries, seem very favourable to art.

It must be recollected that the best of any aspects between heavy planets such as these can only appear if the lighter planets are also well placed; in a sense, the heavy planets depend for expression on the lighter. Therefore, too much must not be expected from this combination alone. But few contacts possess greater potentialities.

The native will have the ability to take long views, and he will work steadily towards one end in life, year after year, with the utmost patience, learning from the past and adapting its lessons for the future. He is usually generous, but is judicious in bestowing help.

There will probably be a distinctly Jovian streak in the character or pursuits of the father, who may be a religious teacher, a sailor, a lawyer, or may show the less happy aspects of the planet and be feckless and irresponsible, if Jupiter is not strong.

It inclines to mould the native in Jovian ways also, as, for example, to make him travel, or to follow law or some other Jovian activity; and sometimes family influences are the determining factors in this matter.

30) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♆ **Neptune** - (4°31' S)    ♅10 | ♆8

(Haydn Paul)

Working successfully with the sextile aspect often involves action related to that strong sense of social responsibility and duties that you recognise. This sensitivity to a social role that requires performance is a major component of your motivation, and one that should not really be denied. There can be a tendency to acknowledge its presence and then fail to actually do anything about it, but ideally this should be overcome by more deliberate action. At least you can always help by funding those socially active groups whose ideals you can support. This characteristic is a combination of Saturn duty and the Neptunian social collective ideal.

The element of careful discursive planning should be evident where the right foundations for future action are established, and efficient organisation is seen as necessary for a successful conclusion. There are likely to be strategic skills which can be exploited in order to achieve those intentions, whether purely personal or socially orientated. Consistency and determination are usually well applied, and your schemes are characterised by their realism and achievability; Neptunian over-expansiveness is tempered by Saturnian caution and a sense of stability and limitation.

What can inspire many of your efforts is a reaction against social injustice and foolishness. Fairness is one attitude that you support, and opposing social aspects where unfairness and injustice is being expressed can almost become a personal crusade. Social discrimination and taking social advantage of those unable to resist can cause your passions to rise, leading to social activism designed to resist such encroachments on individual rights and liberties. You dislike seeing the waste of resources, social and material ones as well as the waste of human potential. This can lead to supporting human-potential-raising groups, or ecological activists clailing for new attitudes towards the excessive negative exploitation of nature's reserves. You tend to have a social vision of harmony, where equity is achieved and social respect for all is found, rather than any unbalanced divisive situation of haves and have-nots. Concepts of the values of community or global thinking will be preferred, and you like to believe that what you are attempting is beneficial to others.

If you become active in such ways at an early age - perhaps through a career choice - then you may find that it absorbs most of your energy; it is a never-ending task. This may affect your intimate relationships, especially when a partner needs to hold similar viewpoints to your own. Ideals are important to you, and you try to live in a way that maintains rather than opposes or compromises them. Your passions are firmly fixed on issues of social concern, and even within personal love relationships your energy is too diffuse to focus just on one partner; it flows out as a feeling of social relationship too, and you often fail to understand why society is as it is, and why people are so passive in allowing negativity and indifference to flourish, even in those in high and powerful social positions of influence.

Concentration and visualisation abilities should be present, and can be applied through

contemplation of issues or meditation. You may become effective if working in occult or socially active affinity groups committed to generating beneficial change. There is little ego gratification in such work for you, and you tend to expect a high degree of probity and idealism from others engaged in similar self-chosen roles.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Saturn and Neptune shows that your perception is keen. You use your inspiration skillfully and constructively to the benefit of yourself and others. You are deeply aware of and sensitive to your social obligations. Although you may not be prepared to actively participate in these responsibilities, you can offer your services to help others fulfill them. You may lay the foundation for action in planning or securing a sympathetic response from people in important positions. Your ideas are realistic and constructive for stemming the tide of social injustices.

In evaluating your environmental circumstances, you are thoughtful and reasonably profound, and you perceive accurately what is right and what is wrong. You deplore the waste of human resources and constantly strive for more efficient distribution of social programs and services in your community. This kind of work is especially suitable for you. You are willing to accept an unobtrusive position if the goals of the program will be better served this way.

Undercover work is something you could do well. You have the persistence and determination necessary to gather all the facts without being recognized. You can be trusted to maintain secrecy about confidential information. Your self-discipline and poise even under strain are admirable, and you would be extremely useful as a guide and advisor to individuals in power.

Your efficiency and organization may postpone permanent emotional ties, because you are preoccupied with social causes, through which you try to make a spiritual contribution. Your romance is in the broad perspective of human involvement. Your partner must feel the same way in order to gain and keep your respect. You won't sacrifice your ideals to gain anyone's favor.

Above all, you find it difficult to understand how anyone can tolerate the guilt of remaining passive to intolerable social ills.

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.

31) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (4°11' A) ♈1 | ♎10

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square the Ascendant shows that you are emotionally biased in your reaction to events and experiences with people. An impressionable person, you have difficulty in realistically evaluating the conditions you react to. Perhaps you are aware of this tendency and are annoyed with yourself for not being more objective. You are a victim of habits that have become so deeply ingrained that they are difficult to change. Emotionally vulnerable to strong character types who try to mould you to their liking, you are often powerless to do anything but submit. Your difficulty in facing reality increases your problems in relationships, because people are never sure how you will react to them. You are a sentimentalist with strong ties to family and home. It is not easy to transfer those ties to other people with whom you can associate in a personal, emotional relationship. But it is important for you to break away from the past and the limits it imposes on your freedom. You will then be able to develop on your own without feeling that you must get someone else's approval.

The abrasive conditions of open competition will always be painful unless you can insulate yourself by learning to cope with people and circumstances intellectually. You will thus learn that everyone has certain feelings of apprehension about meeting challenges and that you are not alone with this problem. If you talk with your friends about this, you will see that they too have similar anxieties. Knowing this might comfort you. Don't take on more burdens than you need to, especially in your career. Get an

education, if you don't already have one, for it will help you succeed in

meeting competition. Be wary of associates who may try to get you to compensate for their lack of ability and then leave you holding the bag if things don't turn out as expected.

Above all, keep your personal affairs to yourself. Don't give adversaries the opportunity to learn your weaknesses. And stop feeling sorry for yourself.

### Moon square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The effect of the hard aspects between the Moon and Ascendant is much more uncomfortable and disturbing. We experience the world and everything with which we are not totally familiar as a worrying threat to our safety, and so we do not always react with poise or find it easy to make contacts.

The Moon, as the principle of changeability, can make us moody for reasons not immediately apparent to the outside world, and this can produce a vicious spiral in which we feel hurt, retire into ourselves, get no sympathy, feel hurt, withdraw, etc., etc.. Yet that is the last thing we require, since the Moon / Ascendant aspect gives us a need for emotional interaction with our environment.

Sometimes we are at a loss for how to behave in emotional situations, or in situations where we have to care for and cherish others (for example, as a mother or father). Then we may be inclined to seek the help and advice of someone we trust to solve the problem in some other way. The activity associated with hard aspects often encourages us to explore various avenues.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the aspects between the Moon and Ascendant are difficult, these people see life as a difficult emotional experience. Each new beginning in childhood may have been an emotional trauma - they were afraid to start school, they had difficulty moving to another school during the early years, or perhaps they resisted the various phases of growing up.

If the Moon squares the Ascendant, it indicates that the emotional needs of these individuals are not easily expressed by the 'persona'. The career drive may suppress the emotional nature, or the masquerade that is presented to the public may in fact mask a tender emotional structure. This causes inner tension, for the emotional needs have to

find expression.

In the case of the opposition, in some way the mother (Moon) compromised the child's actions - every time the Ascendant reached out to do something, mother stood in the way. The individual will respond to life much as the mother did as far as the emotions are concerned, so the same apprehensions that Mom projected when the person was a child will be projected by the person as an adult. Each new job will bring inordinate trauma; each new beginning will contain trauma.

32) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Square** ☿ **Uranus** - (1°21' S) ♈1 | ♋4

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus square Ascendant shows that you are a rebel at heart. When your independence is denied even momentarily, you are defiantly abusive. You feel you have the right to do anything you want without adhering to any rules or regulations. In general you are irresponsible and find it difficult to learn anything from your experiences. You were at odds with the rest of your family when you were growing up, and you will always strike others as being different from the average person. But you do have a mind of your own and insist on finding for yourself the best way to capitalize on your wealth of ideas.

Generally indifferent to money, you prefer to devote your efforts to enterprises that are characterized by such clichés as 'relevant' and 'meaningful'. What you do is far more important than what you are paid for doing it. Your modernity is repelled by tradition, and yet you conform to another kind of tradition that is consistent with the values of your generation.

You refuse to stay confined in a career that does not give you some degree of freedom and mobility. A nine-to-five routine would be positively crushing to your individuality. The only reason you want an education is so you can make a better contribution to society, but you must learn to be wary of people who will take advantage of you and deprive you of even basic necessities. Giving is noble, but in this case poverty is stupid. You are not likely to seek a binding partnership unless it is by agreement rather than by contract. You remember rebelling against the close confinement of your youth, and you have no intention of repeating that experience.

You are disturbed by social injustice and hope that some day you can contribute substantially to eliminating those injustices. You need to know that your life's work is serving a wide human need. Closely identified with youth in society, you try to help young people exploit their creative potentials.

Uranus square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With a tense aspect from Uranus to the Ascendant, we give the impression of being restless, changeable and capricious: a pretty good description of our behavior toward everything encountered in the outside world. We shift from one thing to another and, in spite of longing to develop along lines compatible with freedom, we are not clear how to shape desires or know quite what they involve. We are liable to do the wrong thing, or to be fiercer, more impulsive, more tactless, and often more provocative than is really justified. There is no doubt that these aspects can cause ruptures through thoughtlessness, restlessness and a hot temper.

Ingenuity is a marked feature, but often we are too impatient to exploit or perfect an invention. We are easily distracted by novelties, and the next thing that comes along may capture our attention for no better reason than that it is original or quaint (usefulness is not high on our list of desirable qualities). And then something even more intriguing catches our eye, and we go running after that. Real progress is out of the question when this happens, and the usual restlessness is compounded by nerviness.

With Uranus / Ascendant conflicts, we need an outlet for tension. If, for example, the Ascendant has few other aspects, it is hard to be openly impulsive, and the tension can build up inside. When we finally let off steam, the effect is startling and possibly destructive.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square or opposition brings in conflict, for the behavioral attitudes of these individuals were probably not accepted as a part of their persona. When putting their best foot forward, they may not be comfortable.

When the opposition takes place, the behavioral attitudes are compromised with every new beginning: the approach to life may not reflect the behavioral attitudes.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Uranus squaring the Ascendant are usually not reinforced for their 'differentness' by the family. They often themselves feel different or think that others may find them odd. This usually feels rather uncomfortable, and the individual often finds it difficult to integrate his / her unconventionality into the rest of his / her personality or life-style.

People with Uranus on the Descendant tend to look to others to bring out the more unconventional or original aspects of their personality. It usually takes someone else to awaken the Uranus-Descendant person to the possibility of leading a more exciting or

exhilarating life. It is through interaction with someone else that it dawns upon the person that they needn't conform to the whims of society but can express themselves as they would honestly wish to.

Instead of making a statement 'I am unique', as might be expected with Uranus conjunct Ascendant, those with this placement might make a life-statement which says: 'We are different. Our relationship is exciting, radical, unconventional' - or a whole host of other Uranian words. The relationships of Uranus conjunct Descendant will often involve 'shocks'. Quite unexpected happenings, unexpected choices of partner, instant marriage proposals, speedy and sudden exits from relationships and so on. And all of this is usually in the service of some personal awakening, some personal radical change.

It is also through relationship that the Uranus conjunct Descendant person can rebel. The choice of partner may itself be an act of rebellion, as may the way the relationship is pursued. With this placement, the individual will insist on the freedom to pursue whatever kind of relationship he / she wants, and with whomever he / she chooses. With Uranus at either end of the Ascendant / Descendant axis, freedom within a relationship will also usually be insisted upon, and thus this combination might be associated with 'open' marriages and partnerships; and, in particular, with relationships which are essentially based on friendship. Individuals look to their partners and their relationships for excitement, stimulation and personal awakening. If such exhilarating interchange becomes no longer possible, the individual will usually feel the need to look elsewhere for it.

33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♌ **Moon** - (0°36' S) ♈1 | ♌10

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to the moon means that you will have some difficulty in using your resources to satisfy your desires. You bitterly resent that you must make enormous adjustments in order to get what you want from life. It seems as if you never have quite the right training for what you want to do, but you make only halfhearted attempts to acquire the training you need to succeed. Although you want the 'good life', you aren't willing to discipline yourself to get it. You are at odds with important people who will not accept you unless you can prove yourself by demonstrating a willingness to work. Your negative response distorts the information you receive, which makes it more difficult to learn from your experiences. Generally you react to stimuli in a way that is not consistent with achieving the recognition you want. The frustration you feel has inhibited your character development and is a problem in other areas, including domestic matters, social relationships, emotional interests, and professional affairs. Your lack of success in these areas shows that you have a lot to learn before you can expect to reap any rewards.

You must learn to bring your emotions and your will into line and subdue them with



intellect and organization. You seem to think that any response will satisfy the will to achieve significance, but you will have to realize that only hard work and self-control can get you what you want. What you gain from your habitual actions is inadequate to your needs, as can be easily demonstrated. For one thing, you haven't progressed from obscure positions to position of increased responsibility. Also, you either haven't been able to win favor with people in high places, or you've done so by making concessions to them. If you get your ego out of the way, you can accomplish many things.

You may have some problem in relating to the opposite sex. Comfortable domestic conditions may be impossible unless you can get that chip off your shoulder. You are argumentative and defensive, probably because of your emotional insecurity. This can be reversed if you will change your fighting attitude and become more compromising. You have a serious misalignment between what you want and what you are willing to do to get it. The possibility of realizing your dreams is in direct proportion to the investment you make.

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests the existence of considerable inner stress and tension within the personality, where solar will is in conflict with deep-rooted feelings, emotions and instincts, and where the conscious and evolutionary self may be trying to move in a direction which is contrary to certain habit patterns, especially those connected with security and protection of self boundaries.

The ongoing struggle is in resolving contradictory inner messages, a psychological tendency which may have its roots deep within childhood perceptions of the parental relationship and your sense of emotional contact with your parents. As the Moon signifies the mother, and the Sun the father, in this context, there is the implication that there was a crucial problem inherent in that parental relationship, perhaps incompatibility on some vital level, or a lack of communication which may have led to a marriage breakdown in some respect. This may not have been evident on the surface of that relationship, but existed as an underlying current within the domestic psychic atmosphere which you registered. There may have been a partial identification with one parent to the exclusion of the other, perhaps because one parent had little time to spend with you. Somehow the inner dynamics have been distorted, resulting in personal frustration and difficulties in joining will and feelings in co-operation together.

Unless steps are taken to achieve individual integration, you are liable to suffer from emotional insecurity founded on a resistance to fully accepting the nature of your habitual feeling responses. A probable action that you take is inner denial and repression, and this will have eventual consequences of intensifying those inner tensions and possible personality splits. Yet because these powerful emotions seem to burn within you, you try to control their release through expressing them in daily life, and because of the pressures that can accumulate you may display argumentative,

provocative and belligerent tendencies in your relationships at times.

The danger is falling victim to your own powerful desire nature, and being perpetually frustrated through aiming high and losing an appreciation of what exists in the present. There can be a restless, searching quality to this aspect which results from the need to resolve deep inner conflicts; the problem is finding the way to achieve those desires. This need stimulates inner questioning, especially related to 'What's it all about?' and 'What is the meaning of life?' These become promptings from your inner Sun, encouraging you to start on your heroic quest to discover the solar centre and the spiritual dimension of life.

Yet you can often act as your own worst enemy, reacting in ways that diminish any likelihood of success. You may fail to see how you can utilise existing resources to deepen life enjoyment or reach aims; you may refuse to make necessary compromises; you may consciously devalue your potential and abilities, eroding away self-confidence; you may clash with others who could have been supportive to your efforts. These unconscious patterns of unresolved frustrations interfere between your conscious will and deeper needs, tending to negate satisfaction for either. Sometimes, as a result of this inner stress, all you feel like doing is being very destructive, liberating the repressed energies by either verbal or physical expressions of bad temper.

The problem facing you is the movement from 'here' to 'there'. That abyss stares you in the face and will not go away, and apparently, try as you might, you still cannot cross over to the promised land. Being 'here' feels wrong, and you believe that you should be 'there', but how can it be achieved? The only way to gain your aims is through a radical transformation, so that the 'old you' remains on this side, and the 'new you' appears there to claim your ambition. This is the challenge confronting the hero at every stage of his quest, and each step forward on his path represents difficulties overcome on the journey towards the magnetic light that he senses and follows.

How may this be done? The honest answer has to be 'with difficulty' and with much hard work. Your promised land will not be gained without great perseverance and struggle, proving your capabilities, transcending any obstacles on the way and never accepting defeat. You may need to pursue additional training or study to qualify for a specialist skill, or to help unfold latent qualities and talents. You may need to apply self-discipline to maintain your efforts, and to display your intention to work until success happens.

Relationships may need improving through compromise, to avoid unnecessary conflicts resulting from your frustrations. Lessons need to be learned from previous experiences, and applied in daily living. Clarity may be required between what you desire and what you are prepared to do to achieve it, and trying to ensure that your aims will actually be emotionally satisfying when achieved. Integration between your conscious will and those underlying emotions is vitally necessary, and the best way for this is to allow the emotions to rise to the surface of your mind, so that you can look at their nature and

develop an understanding of their needs, and then attempt to fuse will and emotions via the medium of the intellectual mind, through imposing a more powerful light upon that emotioanl sea. Investing great effort should result in steps towards realising those desires. It is not an easy path, although viewing that inner stress as motivation is at least a positive perception of what personal frustration can provide as a transformative spur.

Otherwise, what options are left to you? Living with personal disharmony; experiencing lack of success and frustration of aims; a restriction of personal potential; problems spilling over into your domestic life, career and social relationships; dissatisfaction in intimate affairs with the opposite sex; domestic responsibilities and duties limiting your freedom to reach your ambitions, and possible ill health (digestive problems) stimulated by emotional and psychosomatic tensions.

If you take the challenge to resolve the conflicts and contradictions of this square, then finding constructive outlets for your powerful energies may help to form your new path. Learning how to listen to those agitating feelings, and managing to integrate them into your life instead of ignoring them, will help to restore a sense of balance and well-being.

Sun square or opposition Moon

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The uncertainty generated by the square arises from the fact that the conscious behavior (Sun) conflicts with the behavior needed to give a sense of security (Moon). Therefore a square between Sun and Moon can make the native very unsettled, especially if the background of the elements is tense.

In the opposition, the kind of uncertainty is different. This opposition makes us painfully aware of our duality. Conscious behavior and unconscious reaction patterns clash with one another, yet always have something in common because the signs in which they are posited lie on the same axis. Therefore, when they are in opposition, the Sun and Moon can complement one another well once they make common cause. Until such time as they do (and this may take quite a while), the native will suffer from a nagging sense of discomfort and insecurity.

In either case, the native is inclined to adopt a certain form of behavior to the virtual exclusion of its alternative, and so the latter seeks to express itself indirectly. But if he does give both forms of behavior a chance, he generally ends up feeling like 'two individuals rolled into one' with first one, then the other in the forefront. Those around him never know what to expect, and the native feels plagued by inner instability. Usually he has an identiy problem and often wonders which character is the real him, to which

the answer is 'both of you'.

The uncertainty can result in many things being left half done, or in perpetual changes of opinion, or in general dissatisfaction with one's performance; in short, a great deal of energy has to be expended on tackling inner insecurity before the native can begin to solve external problems.

Nevertheless, hard Sun-Moon aspects do have considerable energy at their disposal. The uncertainties and the obstacles produced by their tension compel the native, sooner or later, to start sorting things out. The tension between the Sun and Moon send him in search of answers to such questions as 'Who am I?', 'What is really implied by the difference between male and female?' and 'What is significant in a relationship?'

It is not uncommon for conflicts between the Sun and Moon to present problems with the life partner. Since, among other things, the Moon represents what a man is looking for in a woman, and the Sun represents what a woman is looking for in a man, the native tends to fall in love with somebody who jars him or her in some way. At the same time, the hard aspects provide sufficient energy to deal with any problems that may arise. The latter are usually caught in time because, being so insecure, the native is quite sensitive to them and is prepared to work hard to stop them escalating. Therefore it is entirely possible for people with a square between the Sun and the Moon to make happy marriages.

34) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (4°24' A)    ♈1 | ♏10

(Haydn Paul)

The square indicates that restrictions and limitations derived from your own inner psychosocial attitudes, values, beliefs and image are likely to confront you, and that these often emerge from a lack of self-esteem and personal insecurities.

The power of your solar energy is being held in check - almost imprisoned - by Saturn, until you succeed in 'learning certain lessons', 'recognising inner messages', and manage to transform those constraining attitudes that can cause the failure of your dreams through attracting obstacles along the path.

Part of this may have been influenced by your early childhood environment, where conflicts with parents (especially your father) or with authority figures have left you feeling defeated and psychologically wounded. Possibly attempts at being childishly self-assertive were unsympathetically crushed and rejected by strict and disciplinarian adults, or your efforts at self-expression and communication of feelings were dismissed and ignored. Whatever circumstances were experienced, the result was a diminution of a developing personality and loss of confidence and self-esteem.

You are likely to hold psychologically defensive attitudes towards life, not able to trust in the beneficence of the universe or people around you, often expecting that rejection and failure will be the only results that will come to you. With such expectations, the mirroring by the universe will bring such results. A transformation in your worldview is required to alter this pattern.

The operative effects of such a pattern are as follows: a fear of 'superiors' and authority figures, and the forming of negative comparisons between yourself and others; an underestimation of or failure to recognise your latent potential, qualities and strengths; a lack of personal assertion, and a tendency to be passive, fatalistic, pessimistic, rigid and insecure; a lack of self-confidence, and a belief that you are unlovable and will never taste success; health may be affected, with a loss of physical vitality and vigour, or psychosomatic ailments may periodically erupt. Looking out at life, you may imagine a constant frustration at your efforts, a life of hard toil for little result, and a scattering around you of unrealised dreams.

But if this is the case, then it is within you to transform the inner attitudees that generate such a reality; your life can always be changed for the better. This is the challenge and test facing you, to rise beyond those apparent inner limitations and restrictions that to some degree you are choosing to impose on yourself. Specific areas of oppression may be those associated with the sign and house positions of Sun and Saturn, and resolving the lessons implied in those spheres may hold a key to open the rest of your life to a more favourable future.

In failure and rejection lie the seeds of possible success, providing that you recognise the lessons and messages that are contained within such experiences. A new approach to self-evaluation is required, one that is not depreciating and negative in prior assumption, but values your strengths and qualities and sees them as assets that can be successfully employed. You may need to review all those traditional attitudes and worldviews that you have acquired in life, and see if they are restrictive or can positively serve you. When life presents obstacles in your path, you have two fundamental choices; defeat or discover a way of moving beyond. The first is a path of self-limitation and stagnation, the second is the path of self-development and evolutionary growth, and that is the assertion of the solar power and of a higher self. This second path is the one that beckons to you.

While success may never be easy, and you have to work hard for every step forward, changing your conditioning attitudes is the transformative key. Your character can be strengthened and amplified by attitudes of optimism and positive cheerfulness; begin to trust in the universe and yourself, and you will succeed in restoring your selfimage to a positive perception. The aim is to re-empower yourself. One of the most effective ways to do this is through techniques of creative visualisation, which can aid in the psychological reprogramming of all inner attitudes, replacing them by beliefs and worldviews that become positively attractive to the good experience of life. Take the time

to explore such techniques.

Relationships could be similarly transformed. If you have been holding a negative self-image, it is always difficult to believe that anyone could love or be interested in you, so relationships may have been unsatisfactory, uneasy and lacking development. If you transform any unsuitable self-images, then relationships can assume a new light and vitality. Partners may appear who understand and value you for what you are, and have a faith and trust in your latent potential being actualised. Love is a great transforming power, and you will develop under such a gaze from another. Through consolidating and recognising your power, your solar will can be applied to attain your ambitions. Through sharing with a partner, you can gain a renewed perspective, healing and resolving conflicts which may have been previously detrimental. This square's tendency for negativity is not inviolable; it can be the spur to change, provided you choose to take the future into your hands, and to recreate it into a positive pattern. This is the Saturn lesson and test that is really confronting you; a demand to assert your unique solar power.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because of the square of the Sun to Saturn, you have had to resolve conflicts about your self-worth during your early years and even into adulthood. You are naturally defensive and fear rejection by people you think of as superior. Success will not come easily because you underestimate your potential and don't assert yourself when you should. You must be willing to suffer the pain of rejection and the frustration of not reaching your goals. From these experiences you will learn, and your judgement will be sharpened so that you can make decisive plans for success. You just may have to fail in order to succeed.

Your qualifications show that you are suited to make achievements in teaching, philosophy, industrial management, conservation, or any occupation that requires methodical application of knowledge and experience. You must expect to begin at the bottom in your chosen field and plan your rise to prominence one step at a time. You must also learn to like yourself so that you can successfully meet competition as you continue to grow.

Your present lack of confidence can become self-assurance later. And this applies to your personal relationships as well. In your early years, you tended to assume that others would not welcome your company, perhaps because you were not as aggressive and compulsive as they were. But then you realized that not everyone admires people who come on strong and that you could relate to many people after all. You will undoubtedly choose a partner who can accept you as you are. Your mate will recognize that your potential is much greater than you know and will believe in you.

Try to maintain a positive outlook on life. By talking to those you admire, you'll discover that they too have apprehensions and fears, and you are not alone.

(Betty Lundsted)

The child is born into an atmosphere in which the father does not like himself. The Sun represents 'I am'; it also indicates the type of physical father. Saturn indicates where repression comes from. It also indicates the psychological influence of the father on the child. It can also be used to indicate how the father's father was - for when Saturn squares the Sun, it indicates that the grandfather was influential in developing the behavior pattern of the father, who in turn influences the child.

Saturn runs in seven-year cycles, and the Bible is full of references to heredity and the sins of the fathers being visited on the sons. This metaphor can be interpreted as the influence of a parental behavior pattern on the children born into a family. When this aspect occurs it can mean that the father is feeling sorry for himself when the child is born, or he resents his fatherhood, his career, his life style, his responsibilities, his neighborhood, etc.. The child born at this time will inherit or learn Daddy's behavior pattern. The learning process is an unconscious one; the parent may not even be aware that he can influence his child in this manner.

The life pattern that the child develops will be described by the signs that the Sun and Saturn are in. Again, the child born into a positive sign may be anti-tradition, anti-father, anti-men, anti-organization. This energy can be used for accomplishing either good or bad, for world changers go against tradition but so do rabble-rousers. How one wishes to use this energy is a personal decision.

When the child is mother-dominated, the Saturn affliction may affect him / her differently. The male child has to garner a sense of self-worth in a world he feels is balanced against him. Mothers rule the universe, he thinks; men have no value, he doesn't care for his father, and eventually he may manifest symptoms of not caring for himself. If the child is a girl, this aspect will affect her relationships with men, for she will have to work through her dislike of them. Here is the set-up for the homosexual woman, or for women who marry in order to disempower men, or for women who become passive and select men who destroy them, for what else do men do?

Often the Saturn square Sun children have a father who leaves them. This is particularly important for girls, for some of them subconsciously expect any man they love to leave them since Daddy did. One never knows how the energy of the early environment affects the mind; but we can begin to understand when we listen to a client's problem and begin to tie it into the chart. Because we don't remember our early childhood impression, sometimes the only way to unearth them is by trying to understand the language of the symbolism contained in astrology.

Sun square Saturn people carry with them an aura of resentment toward any authority figure, including the boss. People in management dislike people with this aspect, for a

lthough the employee does his job he often does it with an 'attitude'. These people are sometimes better off self-employed or working at the management level, for they don't work well with others. In order to get into management, however, one has to do some time on the obedience level. Once a job is well learned, or if we have a talent to offer, we can advance our status. It's important that these people receive the training necessary to free them from subordinate positions.

The aspect also doesn't make for enthusiasm in the school system, for teachers represent a form of authority too. Young people with this aspect need to learn to work with the Saturn energy long enough to turn it into a friend. Once the energy is disciplined, they can be world changers, for they methodically plod through reams of ideas and can decide which ones will be most productive. They have energy that allows them to stick to a commitment long enough to complete it.

On the self-awareness level, since the father negatively influences these children on a psychological level, and this influence is rarely conscious, they need to develop feelings of self-worth. They have to convince themselves that they have a right to invest time in themselves, to build a sense of self. When one has no sense of selfworth, one even feels guilty about asking for help, so it's difficult to go into therapy.

These individuals may project all their problems onto others - it's the world's fault they aren't successful - and they may sound rather paranoid. A relationship that doesn't go well is the partner's fault; and all the ills in life happen because of other people. However, they aren't able to put much into a relationship until they like themselves, so healthy people may leave them. Understanding the attitude alleviates the problem. Learning that we all have a right to do something to help ourselves can lead these individuals into the right path. When we are on the right path for ourselves, we can feel it in our guts. We begin to feel good.

35) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♂ **Uranus** - (4°56' S) ♀1 | ☿4

(Haydn Paul)

The energy of the square aspect can feel highly frustrated and in some cases turn towards a more aggressive and potentially violent form of expression, if there is not a suitable channel for it to be released through. Discovering adequate forms is important to anchor the Uranian energy successfully, so evoking that Sun centre cohesiveness is essential in dealing with the highly charged Uranian energy and is common to all these aspects made to natal Uranus. This is a perpetual Sun-Uranian task.

You can be erratic, individualistic, restless and nervously agitated, desiring independence and freedom from all social restrictions. you may be a natural dissenter, a social trouble-maker, preferring to support your own minority view; it is even likely that your tendency to dissent can lead you to become socially isolated and alienated from



others or radical groups with whom you are in basic agreement. If unmodified, and released indiscriminately, this energy is quite capable of 'causing trouble in an empty house'. Being the devil's advocate is a function that can often lead to confusion and loss of self, as eventually you either erode or lose sight of your own attitudes, beliefs or ideals, and this displaces you from strengthening your solar centre. Even if the majority hold a certain opinion or belief, then that alone can require you to reject it and to oppose its validity. From a more inclusive perspective there can be some truth in such a standpoint, as the majority viewpoint is often that of 'the lowest common denominator' and can reflect the most separative beliefs and opinions.

It must be remembered that such an attitude is really the intrinsic tone of the excitable, highly charged and volatile Uranian energy, but taken to a more personally destructive extreme. The exaltation of the unique individuality has to be achieved in a correct and wise manner, by attuning to the deeper solar centre of the individuality; otherwise, the negative and separative destructive tendencies can emerge into action.

You can be undisciplined, hating those predictable routines of life and work, often finding it hard to act responsibly and with full commitment. You react against conforming to social rules, feeling that they constrain your freedom, and you often follow your choices, irrespective of the repercussions and costs of doing so. You will probably fail to listen to well-meaning advice, and a stubborn need for self-assertion can lead you towards those very experiences and problems that you were being warned against. If you look honestly at your life, you will observe those times where you misjudged, making foolish decisions and choices often through sheer contrariness and by asserting your 'free individuality'. Without awareness, no-one is ever free, but is merely a prisoner to their own unconscious tendencies, a prey to them, like playthings of the inner gods. It is only through your solar centre that the planetary influences can be controlled and balanced, so that the positive characteristics can shine through, illuminating your life and creative expression.

At times you may become a little paranoid, especially when your choices have been unwise, influenced by less conscious and unintegrated forces in your psyche. It does not have to be like that. You can choose to take a more direct conscious role in your life, and not be a victim of your own ignorance. Those 'enemies' that you can project out into the external world are often your own unresolved inner demons that are slowly consuming you from within.

The square can be an aspect of frustrated blocked transformation and renewal; the inner personal revolution that both Sun and Uranus would like to bring is being blocked. These inner tensions can become potentially violent, and need to be redirected into constructive positive channels. You need to release any tendencies towards impracticality, antisocial attitudes and hidden urges for personal power, to stop being antagonistic purely for the sake of performing the adversarial role, and use the freed energies to renew your own life. Compromise and balance within your nature, and

allowing an inner transformation to strengthen your focus on your solar centre, is the key to a more satisfying relationship with the greater community, and for you to enter into more beneficial and harmonious intimate relationships.

As is probably recognised, you like others to be submissive to you, yet tend to lose respect for their individuality when they fall into that pattern of behaviour. You need to learn how to respect and elevate their uniqueness because that is the corollary of your 'trip' and 'philosophy'. Emotional depths need to be stirred more, letting those poisons of frustration and emotional conflicts rise to the surface to be encountered and understood, releasing and transmuting them by accepting them as a shadow part of yourself which should be acknowledged and never denied. Doing so will harmonise your energies more, offer greater inner peace and tranquillity (as far as Uranus will allow), and clear those festering poisons out of you. This will enable your unique individuality to flower in freedom. Your life can change from acting as a frustrated opponent, and become more what you are and what you truly stand for, moving away from a negative stance into one of positivity. Your choice is to do this, and the benefits will be yours to enjoy as the aims of your solar nature begin to reshape your life.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to Uranus shows that you are eccentric and sometimes unprincipled in your behavior. You insist on being allowed to do anything you want, even when you know you're wrong. You have a strong desire for power, and you persist even when it is clear that others won't grant it to you. Basically an upstart, you always have to express an opposing point of view, if only to cause dissension. Learn to base your position on sound, realistic values so that you aren't unjustifiably at variance with the majority.

Before you can succeed, you must re-examine your attitudes about authority in general. You must get over the idea that people are deliberately trying to restrain you, or that others are treated better than you. Your arrogance and unwillingness to follow rules will restrict your development. Humble yourself when necessary and learn how to grow one step at a time. You will earn the respect of others if you don't seem to threaten them. Although you doubt your own competence, you direct your anxieties toward other people.

Once you realize that others may be as sensitive about their own egos as you are, you will have established a solid foundation for realizing your objectives. Compromise will assure mutual benefits for everyone. You do have leadership ability, which you can use dramatically in dealing with large numbers of people. Teaching, the physical sciences, politics, or government services at any level will provide you with the creative expression you want and need.

Socially, you are at odds with anyone who challenges you, and you may be referred to

as a 'troublemaker'. Although you have many friends, they are mainly those who are willing to submit to you. This facet of your individuality colors your romantic affairs. You demand subservience from others, but lose respect for them if they submit. You will have to make many adjustments in your outlook before you can attain emotional satisfaction. Your strong will may disguise the depth of your emotional feelings.

(Betty Lundsted)

Because the Sun represents the self and Uranus represents the behavior pattern of a generation, the square is not easy. During the individual's childhood, the father is stubborn about his eccentricity. He may be a 'thwarter' in the social structure, or he may resent the social structure of his day. He may be a religious or political dissenter. But, in some way, this father reaches out to make some changes in his world. He may do this from a positive or a negative point of view - and end up by being productive or merely stubborn and eccentric. The father probably finds his child's behavior difficult to cope with as well.

The aspect works differently according to the sex of the individual and the dominant parent situation. A male with a positive sign Sun will be a radical; so will the female. The person coming from a mother-dominated family will resent the father's radical position. The mother-dominated male may have problems accepting his unconventional attitudes; or he may be unconventional at the cost of getting to understand himself. The mother-dominated female will have an unorthodox attitude toward men since she resents her father's position. She will draw an unorthodox male, and perhaps will not develop her talents because of such relationships.

The unorthodox factor will be present throughout the life, but one can choose to be unorthodox-productive or not, as one wishes. As we mature, we find via the system of trial and error that certain energies can be used productively or not. When a woman chooses an unorthodox mate (or a controversial one) and plans to have a family, she may end up with a mate who refuses to take the responsibility of fatherhood. This eventually limits her growth, since she may be forced to support her children rather than being in a situation where she gets help. When she is twenty, she can't see this - therefore the trial and error.

36) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (7°05' S) ♃1 | ♁4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square causes the natives' attempts at individual expression to be out of phase with the current of larger events in their society. Sometimes they hold back when they should go forward, or vice versa.

Circumstances in their lives and in their society tend to block their self-expression and

creative endeavors. They find themselves poorly adjusted in their social and romantic lives.

(Bernice Grebner)

This seems to put a stronger than usual accent on the Sun and its position. There is a greater awareness of the self or ego. It denotes the person who can be self-opinionated. However, this would cause an up-and-down belief in himself. There isn't the calm and poise that is found when a Node trines the Sun. This person is apt to be quarrelsome concerning things at the nodal positions. It is difficult for him to arrive at success in life. There is difficulty in establishing balance of the functions at this nodal axis. The action and stress seem to come out at the Sun's position.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This is a balancing aspect in terms of Karmic inflow-outflow. Under this condition, one has to do just the right amount of growing in this lifetime. The imbalance, in whichever direction it may be, often kicks you around so that you do just what is needed. As a result of this, general frustration, delays and anxiety in one's ego-achievement are seen. You have to learn to bow to the circumstances and take your number in a long waiting line. It does provide a good amount of fighting spirit and endurance. In this aspect, possible birth in a poor or restrictive family is quite likely. Hidden tensions with 'father-figure' or male identity in life are very significant. In life, this person goes through various circumstantial suffocation, which makes him quite self-examining or introverted at times as he grows older.

37) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♄ **Uranus** - (3°25' A)    ♄7 | ♅4

(Haydn Paul)

The square will be felt as an inner tension: you are torn between the Uranian search for freedom and a deep need to feel safe and secure. This is a clash between the familiar patterns of the known and the siren call of the potential of the unknown.

This is likely to be felt as a fear of commitment and risk. Whilst you will be attracted towards greater freedom, with the possibility of creating a context where you can be more fully yourself, the likelihood is that you will resist the impulse. As you analyse your options, you prefer to play safe, as you cannot obtain these cast-iron guarantees that you would like as to the future success of your choices. This inner frustration that is likely to build up can cause stress, as a part of your nature is being denied and repressed.

You are liable to feel some emotional unease, where you are afraid of allowing full emotional expression, or even properly acknowledging your emotional nature. It is a fear of 'letting go' that is the root of this difficulty, where emotional or material losses are to be

avoided if at all possible. This may have arisen through childhood experiences of loss which deeply affected you, or through a pattern developing that too strongly identified your self with people or possessions, so that with any withdrawal or removal of them from your life, you felt that you were losing part of yourself.

You will feel that you need to keep a tight control on life, trying to ensure that chance and predictability are fended off; in this sense, you accept the more grounding energy of Mars, whilst denying the unsettling but potentially liberating energy of Uranus. You apply the Mars energy in terms of conservation, ensuring a protection of your resources through prudent and cautious organisation. You intend to apply yourself diligently to your objectives, even if you expect that they will take longer to achieve without taking risks; the problem is that for varying reasons, your intentions often fail to be realised, perhaps through an impatient Uranus unravelling those attempts at persistent effort. Or your interest wanes as you reach a point where a more risky decisive step has to be taken. When that journey of a thousand miles requires the taking of the first step, you may decide not to travel anywhere, preferring established security.

Yet you may find that you are willing to allow the Uranian impulse to move freely in your life. This could initially arise as a result of a phase of denial where some external circumstance beyond your control throws you into a period of confusion and turmoil. Redundancy or the sudden collapse of a marriage could be triggers for Uranus to break through that dam. Certainly, it will not be denied expression for all your life, and that side of the square will need to be accepted and integrated.

There is potential that even while maintaining your relative control you could safely begin to open up to new horizons, to explore other interests, to expand and liberate your limiting conception of your nature and life. There are strong foundations there, and you should be able to build efficiently upon them. To achieve those ambitions and personal desires, you will have to take some risks at some point. If you are not committed to achieving them, then it is unlikely that you will ever succeed, because your focus and energy flow will be too diffused and unconcentrated to generate the necessary momentum. That erratic will-power needs to be drawn through into a regular consistent direction. If you can succeed in liberating that inner frustrating tension, you would be surprised how effectively that energy could be applied to reach your aims, instead of clashing within you. Your personal relationships would also improve as the stress began to disperse, and you felt that a great weight was lifting away from your shoulders. Releasing that pent-up, potentially violent energy could mean the dawn of a new era of personal creative enrichment. To free yourself from the restrictions of this square aspect, you have to open up to life's insecurities and risks. It's your choice.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mars to Uranus shows that you have a strong desire to be free to exploit yourself without hesitation or restraint. However, the fear of emotional or material

losses reduces this drive to prudent levels. You must have self-control in order to conserve your personal resources, and you should have some guarantee of safety in any deliberate action that you take. You may feel much anxiety and apprehension for accomplishing less than you could if security were not an important consideration. Before you begin any contemplated action, you must be assured that the effort will not have been wasted.

An undercurrent of measured caution always accompanies your professional activities. Because of this, it will take longer to realize your goals. Once you achieve your objectives, however, they will be far more permanent because their foundation is solid. You will still be impatient, though, for postponing projects can be aggravating. There is no alternative, unless you go ahead, taking the chance that others won't resist you and challenge your desires.

Your romantic needs are strong, since your desires are well-developed. But the responsibility associated with emotional satisfaction may deter you from every marrying. If you readily accept responsibility, then the urge to marry may occur early in life. Otherwise, you will have to relate to someone who can accept an arrangement without legal sanction.

You should avoid machinery until you learn to protect yourself. You must acquire a healthy respect for safety. Try not to exceed the limits of your physical capabilities, and if you are in doubt about whether to indulge in a physical activity, your decision should be negative.

If you are in charge of others in your work, don't expect them to perform as you would. They may not have your drive. Above all, moderation in all things should be your guide.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars is the indicator of the action principle and how the qualities of self reflected by the Sun archetype will be expressed. Uranus indicates the overall behavior of the generation we are born into, as well as how eccentric or self-willed we are.

The square indicates that the peer interests or behavior patterns of the individual may keep him from taking action that reflects the interests of his Sun. Action taken may be more impulsive than well-thought-out; and impulsive action is sometimes somewhat self-destructive. The goals, the overall scheme, the best-laid plans can be totally forgotten in a moment of anger. The early childhood environment reflects parents who may have impulsively put a stop to the individual's activity in some way. This aspect can indicate some form of abuse toward the individual, either physical or emotional in nature. If the square also ties to planets that symbolize the mother and father, the source of the abuse can be determined.

On a sexual level, the individual may bring a great deal of anger into relationships. The aspect is sometimes found in adults who have some need to hurt either themselves or others because of the sex drive. The energy will manifest differently depending on the signs involved.

A woman with this square will function a bit differently from how a man will, for she may get into a self-destructive situation apparently caused by the kind of lover she chooses.

The energy can be creative once it is channeled properly, but that has to be learned. Part of the learning process includes taking responsibility for one's actions, learning to see how behavior patterns conflict with what one wants. Because Uranus represents the behavior pattern of a generation, this can indicate a person whose action conflicts with that of the peer group, and the conflict can manifest in either a constructive or a destructive manner. The choice is ours. If this energy is rechanneled, it brings out the creative genius that lies buried beneath the anger, for this aspect can indicate a brilliant mind.

#### 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 unrestricted, 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.

38) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♀ **Pluto** - (4°31' S)    ♄7 | ♅10

(Haydn Paul)

With the energy released by the square, you will be mainly motivated by self-centred tendencies and a need to 'throw out' overflowing and excess martian energy. You tend to think that the power of your natural energy is sufficient to win you success and satisfaction; and indeed the force and directness of it often can, but using it in such a way often overrides sensitivity and awareness of others. Considered aims and planning are often ignored under the immediacy of impulse and desire; and a spirit of recklessness can ignore any thoughts of the possible future consequences of your actions, provided you believe that your desires will be satisfied.



You find it difficult to motivate yourself for long periods of time, as in a commitment to achieve something through careful planning; you have problems in disciplining and directing your will sufficiently for that kind of effort, and you are more suited to using your force in a more immediate, spontaneous impulse for self-satisfaction. This is also partly because you experience some conflict in directing your will to achieve your desires, and rarely feel as though you are making the most of your talents.

There can be a sense of inner frustration, caused by the forceful nature of this energy, and a lack of a suitable channel along with to direct it in a constructive manner. This will create a lack of patience, a potentially violent temper and sexual aggressiveness, where you 'throw out' excess energy through a dictatorial and demanding personality in order to dominate others. You may need to develop a more healthy perspective on sexual expression, one which regards sex more in terms of relationship and partnership, and less in terms of self-satisfaction, energy release, domination, exploitation and aggressiveness.

This experience of inner stress is symptomatic of clashing energies; it is not something that you have to endure all your life; it can be adjusted to be more harmonious. One way to begin this reorientation is to learn how to determine the overall direction of your life, to see a broader picture of your immediate social influence and how you want to live in relationship with others. To break down this preoccupation with self and to appreciate and acknowledge the feelings and needs of others as being as valid as your own is essential, and a key to transformation. By becoming clearer as to personal aims, you can begin to apply your will consistently in order to achieve them over time; desires for instant self-gratification are unrealistic. Learn how to live in equality of partnership and relationship; a mutuality of needs, desires and responsibilities requires mutual sharing and co-operation. Avoid tendencies towards domination and power struggles. Basically, you require suitable channels into which to pour your energy, constructive channels that are life enhancing for you and others. You tend to devote most time and energy in opposing others through conflict and aggression rather than in working together for group benefit; find ways to become positively in favour of something, and then add your energy to help it become real. There is much greater satisfaction and fulfilment in that form of achievement than in struggling to satisfy a very separate self that you try to maintain.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square of Mars to Pluto provides you with an overly forceful nature. You are inclined to be extremely aggressive in pursuing your ideas, and your behavior is often foolish and reckless. If you assume that you can assert your will on others with impunity, you may discover later that you've created a problem you can't handle. The embarrassment of such an incident can make you angry, and you may even resort to physical violence in retaliation.

When frustrated, you can become abusive, which will cause problems in your relationships with others. The result may be domestic difficulties and antagonism from your superiors, which could jeopardize your income. You must learn to curb your temper under stress, or you will bring yourself more grief than any temporary satisfaction would warrant. Once you learn this, you will find that you can accomplish what you wish because of your courage, determination, persistence, and self-driving ambition.

You have a highly developed but unrefined sexual drive. When your advances are rejected, you overdramatize and exaggerate the importance of the incident. The sexual drive is significant, to be sure, but you need to assess its value in relation to your total life direction. Make sure it is balanced by other facets in your relationships with people.

When you are unhappy with disagreeable elements in your environment, examine these elements realistically, not emotionally. Get someone else's opinion and then submit the problem to a person with the authority to do something about it. If you attempt to take matters into your own hands, they will only get stained in the process.

A final word - try to be for a cause with the same enthusiasm you show when you are against something. Love works wonders in getting people to work voluntarily with you. Resist using ultimatums when you run into resistance.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a difficult energy level that needs to be channeled and understood before it becomes productive. A square indicates that the planets involved in the aspect are working against each other. In this case, it indicates that Mars (I act) works against Pluto (my unconscious motivation). It signifies a person who takes action that may be spurred by negative input from the psyche, or a person whose need for control works against his ability to take action.

Anger may be confused with sexuality when this aspect is present. This individual may use sex to control other people. The Pluto-Mars square requires that an individual control the action taken, and when his universe crumbles, anger takes over. Blind rages can surge up from the unconscious. Because the rage can be so intense, those who own this aspect are aware they have it. They are usually afraid of their own anger. They may not be willing to admit that the anger exists, for these are often people who implode - they push the anger far down into the depths of the personal unconscious because they are afraid of expressing it. People born in Fire or Air signs usually suppress this aspect, for anger is not considered 'spiritual'. Folks who've attempted some form of spiritual development don't want to admit to having this anger, for they are not proud of it.

However, in order for the aspect to become productively creative, the anger has to become conscious and channeled into other directions. Anger is merely unchanneled

creativity. This person needs to become aware of the Plutonic sensitive points so the anger can be consciously let go. Anger usually manifests when we are afraid of something or when our feelings are hurt. When the fears and hurts are understood, we no longer need to be angry.

## Mars square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects between Mars and Pluto are the most forceful and violent we can have. Everything to do with executive ability, energy, action and the like is combined and intensified. Therefore the fierceness and pugnacity of these aspects can run to extremes, in both a positive and a destructive sense. This is seen in the champion sportsman (especially in those practising pugilistic sports like boxing), but also in criminals. With the hard aspects, we are determined to get the most out of ourselves and out of life by doing something hair-raising (like stunt work), by pushing ourselves to the limit (especially in sports that are physically or mentally demanding), or by pitting ourselves against formidable opposition even without resorting to physical violence (as seen in that indefatigable exponent of passive resistance, Mahatma Gandhi). We are fascinated by challenges and fights, physical or mental (or a combination of both), and can never have enough of them. Too many of them weary us, but we seem unable to ignore them.

We are always eager to prove ourselves; and this makes us opponents to reckon with in politics, sport, etc.. With the energy of the tense aspects, we fight hard, provoke controversy, and seem to enjoy throwing ourselves into the fray. The danger with these aspects is that we can be too hard on ourselves and others, to the point of cruelty. However, if the rest of the chart indicates gentler tendencies, we confine ourselves to holding our own. The more drastic the situation, the grimmer and more purposeful we become. The ability to work under great strain is outstanding.

Obstinacy, energy, craving for power, and desire to succeed are great, and can make us impervious to what others want and think. We go our own way in spite of everything. But obduracy can bring us into risky situations, so we do need to be careful.

39) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (1°16' A)    ♄7 | ♅4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect indicates a condition in which the actions and impulses of the natives are likely to be at odds with current social standards. These people tend to express their aggressive tendencies at inappropriate times and places. They may appear to have bad

luck, because they lack the ability to act in harmony with the events around them. Others then become irritated, and the natives themselves frustrated.

(Bernice Grebner)

Along with this aspect comes cruelty or a stern nature. This person has sudden erratic bursts of enthusiasm and energy; he blows hot and cold. He usually wants to start new enterprises but loses interest in them when the first challenges are met. It gives impatience, and may disturb the physical vitality, which can cause physical suffering. It gives much sexual energy, sometimes to the point of sexual promiscuity. Squared energy (Mars) doesn't work well with the South Node area; it leads to excess. However, it does seem to work better with the North Node area where this excess is needed.

(Mohan Koparkar)

Energy balance is achieved, or forced into being achieved, in this configuration. Often one finds that they have no energy when they have a lot to do, and vice versa. In a woman's chart, it often signifies hidden difficulties with men or even difficulties reaching sexual satisfaction. Lack of good health is more common in this aspect than squares by nodes to any other planets. Dealings with brothers, or being big brother to someone, is highly necessary as a part of this aspect. The energy applications of this person are often curtailed or obstructed by the circumstances. As a result of this, their goals get distorted or the efforts do not necessarily go along with their desires. Common consequences are accident-prone nature or misdirected energies.

(Donna van Toen)

This person generally wants to grow, and starts new activities accordingly, but may lose interest in growing once challenges have to be faced; the nodal pull can exert tremendous tension. There's similarity with Mars conjunct North Node in that tensions caused by the nodal imbalance often find an outlet in quarrelling or aggressiveness; there are also many similarities to Mars conjunct South Node. The way in which conflicts are dealt with will tell you a great deal about the state of nodal balance.

Mars square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Disharmonious collaboration, the desire to quarrel, a lack of good fellowship. Quarrels and disputes within communities, organizations and associations, interruption of associations.

40) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♀ Venus - (0°40' A)** ♃1 | ♋9

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus trine the Ascendant gives you a charming and conciliatory manner that generates warmth in the people you deal with. Usually you are sociable, refined, and gracious, but at times you artificially turn on the charm to win someone's support. Although you enjoy receiving gifts, you prefer to reciprocate with favors rather than gifts; you don't often spend money, except on yourself. If you do buy a gift for someone, you would rather deliver it personally than send it.

You deliberately avoid discussing other people's negative qualities for fear your own bad features will be mentioned. Because you cannot stand criticism, you don't like to hear what may be the truth about yourself. You try hard to win the approval of your friends, and you make concession to them so they will think well of you.

You may have to work harder than your co-workers to please those you work for. Perhaps you don't take your work seriously enough to satisfy your superiors, so you make the extra effort to prove that you are responsible.

You probably did receive an education, and you especially enjoyed the social aspect of college life. You also were looking for someone who was as career-minded, refined, and socially oriented as you are. You must respect the person you are attracted to, and that person must want to improve on the traditional life-style of the past. In other words, you want someone who will be eager to succeed and to acquire the comforts of success.

You win friends easily, and you make it a point to hold on to those who can be helpful in your career. You usually make encounters with people who may become important social contacts, and you genuinely like these people as much as everyone else.

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.

41) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (5°00' A)    ♎8 | 0012

(Robert Hand)

This aspect will be extremely useful, first by helping you find the right direction to take in your life. and second by enabling you to make others feel positive about you and eager to help if you need it. You are able to pursue your goals without making people feel that you will take something away from them. You have a strong sense of social responsibility, a feeling that you should give your life over to a purpose that is useful in the world. It isn't that you are totally selfish or self-sacrificing, but that nothing seems worth doing unless it is of use to others.

You will always get along easily with authorities, and while you are young that usually means people who are older. You know that they have something to teach you, and you are willing to learn from them. You don't feel you have to show everyone how smart you are, even though you believe that you are rather special. You are willing to take your time and let the world find out how much you can do.

You will always have a project to work on, because you hate to be idle, either in mind or in body. Usually you are busy with some consuming interest, which may mean more to you than being with others. You feel that you are self-sufficient, and that your activities are enough to give you a sense of fulfillment in life. You don't feel an urgent need to be with others all the time.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates a constructive attitude toward work which facilitates a rise to prominence in the native's chosen profession. His honesty and sincerity will gain the goodwill of people in positions of power, who in turn will help him further his ambitions. This aspect is especially favorable for a career in law or in the ministry.

Professional success ensures the wherewithal for a happy, secure domestic life. The natives love their families and have a positive attitude toward family members.

## Jupiter trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Jupiter and the Midheaven, we generally know how to make a good impression on the outside world. We can encourage others by a friendly, cheerful attitude and, conversely, others are prepared to help us, too. The self-image is a confident one. We adapt well to the various circumstances of life, and luck is usually on our side. Good opportunities seem to present themselves of their own accord without any notable effort on our part. But, since everything runs so smoothly, we tend to become easy-going and self-indulgent.

Freedom to develop is not something we have to fight for with this aspect; usually it is handed to us on a plate. The position of Jupiter is excellent for a (big or small) rise in life - a rise often brought about (in part, anyway) by a wide range of interests. Once again, to issue the statutory warning that ought to accompany all Jovian aspects, we must try to avoid thinking that we always know best. However, with the harmonious aspects our style is so relaxed that it seldom raises many hackles.

42) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (4°52' S) ♀8 | ☿4

(Robert Hand)

Probably your beliefs and ideas are different from those of the people around you, and you put a different value on physical objects as well. You do not like to be tied to possessions that you must take care of. This means that eventually you will prefer to have as few possessions as possible so that you can go wherever you want without any worries. Very early in life, you will decide that you have to follow a path that is uniquely your own and does not follow anyone else's ideas about what is good for you. You want to break new ground, but in order to get there you won't have to battle others, especially your parents or other authority figures. You should be sufficiently creative so that you can make them see the desirability of letting you have your way to a reasonable extent.

You may change your mind several times about what you want to do with your life, not so much because your mind is unstable but because it is so difficult to find exactly what you need. Incidentally, this can be a sign of an interest in or, later, a career in a technical field, such as electronics, computers, engineering or science. Or you may be interested in the occult and astrology.

You like a certain amount of excitement in your life, to keep from getting bored. You prefer anything new to what is old, so you will not be particularly interested in keeping in touch with your childhood and your past once you are finished with it. You are future-oriented, always looking ahead to the next thing to come along.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates professional success and even fame through unique contributions to the natives' professions, which are in unusual fields. Renown may come suddenly.

The configuration favors scientists, occultists, astrologers, and particularly those in electronics.

The home life and family conditions are likely to have an original flair. There can be unusual gadgetry or architecture for the home itself.

Uranus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is less fickleness and provocativeness with the harmonious aspects, our behavior makes it quite clear that we mean to go our own way, that we are highly individualistic, and are always ready to fit the new into the old - indeed there is nothing we like doing more. We are prompt to take part in changes, often initiate them, and keep alert to what is going on instead of settling down to the day's work. We like novelty - especially in social and business affairs: a dull office routine drives us to distraction.

Alternative viewpoints are quite acceptable to us, and we try to break down rigid forms and barriers in ourselves and in society. We may advocate processes that lead to the spread of democracy or that revitalize the community; we may become absorbed in occultism, astrology, crazy inventions and so on. If possible, we turn these interests into a full-time occupation, and could succeed in integrating them into both social and business life.

Even with the harmonious aspects, upheaval is not unknown; often we bring it on ourselves. There is nothing mysterious about life suddenly propelling us in a new direction, as it does every now and again: inner transformation is the real cause.

43) ► **Mercury ♀ Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°41' A)    ♀3 | ♂7

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mercury trine Mars shows that you have a lot of creative energy and the imagination to express it in many ways, although you sometimes lack the enthusiasm to do so. You know your capabilities and limitations and have enormous potential to succeed in almost anything you attempt. However, success never seems urgent enough



to instill in you the desire to achieve. You cannot be forced to do anything you don't want to do, and no-one can deter you from what you want.

You have considerable depth of understanding, and the ability to concentrate when it is important. Well-informed on many subjects, you can hold your own in any conversation. You are inoffensive and friendly to everyone you meet. You can be trusted with classified information and would never reveal someone else's secrets.

There are many fields in which you can apply your skill in communication. Some of these are law, politics, public relations, education, writing, acting, and military service. Another endeavor that would prove rewarding is working with young people or children. You have the patience to cope with their boundless energy and the enthusiasm to stimulate them to achieve on their own. Whatever occupation gives you the most satisfaction is yours to choose. You are not intimidated by the excellence of your contemporaries, and you don't threaten those who are less skilled than you. You are equally at ease working alone or with people in large groups. But you can achieve the most worthwhile effects by working with groups, since your temperament lends itself to this.

You may also enjoy many avocational interests, especially crafts. You could become so competent in a craft that eventually you might make it your primary occupation. You have the talent for this kind of work and the imagination to succeed.

You enjoy the company of people who are not troubled with psychological hangups. Not one to interfere in the lives of others, you demand that others give you the same consideration. You will probably respond emotionally to a person who is creative and inspired, someone who would co-operate with you in a mutual endeavor suggested by either of you.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect signifies an open household during the individual's childhood as far as certain kinds of communication are concerned. The most value from this aspect comes when it is applied toward career, for it is a prolific communicator: the mind is always working and is capable of being extremely productive. The aspect will only work if it's free, so look to see if it carries hard aspects from other planets.

This mind can be lazy, for the gift hasn't been earned in this life. When the talent is a natural one; when the person hasn't struggled to 'earn' it from a conscious point, he may overlook its importance or even its existence. This can indicate a person who procrastinates.

Mercury trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Much of what has already been said about the conjunction also applies to the harmonious aspects. Mars sextile or trine Mercury indicates an alert and acute mind, and may make a fluent communicator. Conversation is brisk and lively, pugnacious and energetic, and the native is quick on the uptake. These aspects are accompanied by excellent powers of concentration, and can give an edge over nearly anyone with whom he or she may be arguing; so he or she is a surefire debater. Since the aspects are harmonious, the native is less likely to antagonize others than one would with the conjunction or with one of the discordant aspects, and is less likely to become embroiled in altercations. Nevertheless, mental activity is as great as it is with the conjunction. The native sees all kinds of connections and snatches at all kinds of ideas from outside. Constant alertness enables this person to pick up information readily, but thoughts give him or her little rest.

Being free to express opinions is something that is considered important. This person has independent views on everything. Although Mars does not encourage mature reflection (so there is every chance that ill-considered conclusions will be reached), this is offset by the speed with which relationships can be seen and facts can be absorbed. Even when young, this individual displays the need to be independent in thought and deed; however, the openness of a Mars / Mercury aspect gives the grace to admit when he or she is wrong.

Mercury is the planet astrologers look at when we wish to know about manual dexterity, and, when it is harmoniously aspected by Mars, we often find that the owner of the aspect is very skilled with the hands, even though Mars may encourage the individual to leave tasks unfinished.

(Charles Carter)

This contact powerfully strengthens the mind, and gives great vigour to its faculties, especially the more practical and positive ones. It is untiring, incisive, alert, and singularly capable of detecting weakness in the positions of its opponents, and of instantly taking advantage of them. It is common in the charts of people who have engaged in successful struggles, such as military or naval commanders, politicians, financiers, and reformers. It has been stated that contacts of some kind, usually malefic, were always found in the mpas of pacifist conscientious objectors during the Great War.

The position is courageous and often rash, so that even the good aspects do not tend to personal security, although naturally the effects are not likely of themselves to be very serious.

It tends to literary work and is often childless in a physical sense, its books being its

offspring. At the same time there is much fondness for children and their society.

The disposition is usually good-natured, but soemtimes the native is centred in his own interests ;and there is, as a rule, more practical common sense than sentiment in the character.

It is excellent for debaters and disputants, being very quick in argument and retort and never at a loss for an answer; it loves a fight, with either the spoken or the written word. It is probably good for all trades and occupations that have to do with traffic and engineering work that is connected with locomotion.

With regard to health, it strengthens the nervous system and gives quickness of hand and eye, but it is apt to cause the native to like to run risks and seek the sensation of danger.

44) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (3°59' A)    0012 | 11.8

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect between these two planets offers the most fluent and the easiest ways of expressing that inner potential, and has several similarities with the characteristics of the sextile.

There is likely to be a natural religious and spiritual affinity, whether orthodox or unorthodox, and possibly pursued through a more mystical orientation, an interest in occultism, or by your own heightened psychic sensitivity. You tend to recognise that spiritual insight and attitudes can help you to infuse supportive foundations in the lives of those who are responsive, and can enhance meaning, purpose and life direction. These need not be traditional religious philosophies or theology, but are a personal path which unfolds from your own insights and values, emerging from that ability to understand life and people that seems to be a part of you.

This approach is less intellectually biased than with the sextile aspect, focusing more on feeling, emotion and intuition, and so the path of the mystic and of contemplative meditation may feel more natural to you. Exalted emotional experiences are of an intensity that you welcome; and it is the evocation of such sensations that can draw you towards communal and religious activities that enhance ceremony, atmosphere, communion and a touch of dramatic mystery. It could be the appeal of the High Church that you find attractive. It is the love and relationship aspect of the spiritual life that motivates you, rather than the knowledge or wisdom dimension, and indeed you may lack discrimination to some degree. Even so, you do succeed in successfully integrating your inspired knowledge so that it is absorbed within your optimistic outlook on life and serves to add richness and variety.

There is likely to be a deep sensitivity to your local and world environment, and a strong sense of community spirit. Your basic attitudes are positive and progressive, in that you see the light imprisoned even within the deepest darkness, and have faith that it can be released into constructive activity. It is this essential trust in life and people that can give you strength, both in your own path through life and in supporting others when times are hard and challenging. Your generosity of spirit is one which can be relied upon when friends and family are in need. In several ways, you will both grow and feel fulfilled if you are engaged in service to others, when something real, constructive and positive can emerge from your efforts; and this can lead you into the medical and nursing professions, community welfare and forms of teaching, or into developing beneficial social programs which increase the opportunities for others to release their potential or enjoy life more. Attempts to refine and improve society are likely to be your most effective channels to work through, although you may also do this through creative means, such as art, music and literature, where your expansive imagination can find ways to be anchored in objective forms. You recognise that there are always causes which can benefit from your support and energy, such as international aid organisations.

In intimate relationships, ideally you require someone who is essentially compatible with your outlook and attitudes; someone who can understand and respect your sensitivity and refinement, and who acknowledges, values and supports these qualities. Because you have so much to offer, there may be occasional inner clashes between a few self-centred demands and needs and your higher ideals; following the path indicated by your ideals will prove the most apt way, and ensure that the positive tendencies of these planets shine through.

In a few, the spiritual and mystical worlds may be extremely attractive, so much so that the ties of mainstream society fail to bind them into a traditional lifestyle. In such cases, a withdrawal into the world of contemplation may occur; a monastic life or one of non-materialism may greatly appeal. Some prefer to remain free and wander without too many ties or possessions, and adopt a travelling Bohemian lifestyle like the 'New Age travellers' scattered across the world, free to listen to their own inner inclinations and to experience the boundless nature of Planet Earth by exploring alternative cultures.

(Robert Pelletier)

With the trine between Jupiter and Neptune, you have the inspiration and integrated knowledge to make your life rich and contented. Your deep spiritual understanding of life and people will give you moments of serene contemplation. Being aware of the coarse realities in your environment, you may offer to make some contribution to refining them. You can see good where others see evil, constructive potentials where others see decay, and restored order where others see chaos.

With your sophistication, you should participate in activities that benefit the public. Your efforts could stimulate social programs for developing the productive potentials of poor

people. Education, art, religious interests, and writing are some avenues for expressing your enormous creative talents. These would prove successful to you and immeasurably beneficial to others.

You have the deepest respect for religion and philosophy because they bring order to the lives of those who respond to them. For yourself, however, you are fascinated by the occult and have a deep understanding of mystical matters. Your psychic abilities are considerable, and much of your knowledge comes through this faculty. Others sense your strength when they seek comfort from you. Permitting others to benefit from your tender, loving care helps relieve your spiritual anxieties.

Your greatest fulfillment is through service to others, especially when your efforts result in lasting benefits. There are always causes to which you can make a significant contribution. Even if you are not gainfully employed, you will be involved in useful activities, such as art or fashion shows or a benefit for a needy cause.

Your refined nature is comfortable in romantic attachments with others of similar persuasion. You never sacrifice your ideals to satisfy a physical need, for you respond only to people who have meaningful spiritual values.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here the addiction comes up again. This person will be in pursuit of the perfect spiritual relationship and may be drawn up sharply when he discovers that other people don't relate the way he does, or that other people don't want the same kind of relationship he wants. He wants some lovely pie-in-the-sky kind of relationship that just happens. The reality of having to compromise with another person, and the reality of having to face the necessities of survival - like working and paying the rent, etc. - may bother him. This personality may not want to take self-responsibility in the real world. When this happens, he attaches himself to other people without looking to see what the other party wants from him. He may not recognize what the possibilities of the relationship are.

On the constructive side, this aspect indicates a person who is naturally interested in religious philosophy and the pursuit of metaphysics; and even orthodox religion may give solace. However, it's important that he really learn how to relate, for he will feel better about himself if he does. When Neptune clouds relationships, it really indicates that he doesn't fill half of the relating requirement - he doesn't take the time to determine what the other person wants from a relationship, what the other person needs, or even if the other person is available. Unrequited love relationships are not the answer. He must learn to listen to the other person. As he develops perspective, he will find himself in more fulfilling situations.

## Jupiter trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The harmonious aspects between Jupiter and Neptune make us just as idealistic and dreamy as the conjunction does, but there is a fair chance that we shall be able to express ourselves more easily with the former in our charts than with the latter. However, this ease of expression can be accompanied by passivity; we have definite artistic and musical talents but may fail to develop them.

In general, we display considerable interest in religious and metaphysical topics and problems, but sometimes have difficulty in keeping both feet on the ground and tackling problems in a sensible way. We try to make things out to be more beautiful and ideal than they are, and can stray for a long time in a world of illusion. All the same, just like people who have the conjunction in their charts, we may feel impelled to undertake social work. It is quite likely that we shall have a great love for people and animals; but we need to take care not to impoverish ourselves so much in helping others that we become part of the problem we are trying to solve. Even with the harmonious Jupiter / Neptune aspects, excessive generosity and unworkable idealistic schemes for helping others can set us on a collision course with hard facts. Addictions are another possibility. In aspects of this kind, particular attention should be paid to the personal planets, through which the aspects can readily make their presence felt.

Usually we are deeply religious: perhaps as traditional church-goers (never dogmatic in a rigid sense but sometimes extremely fanatical), perhaps as a follower of some system of metaphysics or spiritual science. The need for a sense of personal (Jupiter) and universal (Neptune) integration is very strong, but the actual form in which this need will express itself is not too crucial.

(Charles Carter)

One of the commonest and most marked results of this influence is hospitality, and this is but one aspect of the quick sympathy which it is usually ready to bestow upon all who are in need. Sometimes this is directed towards the animal world, sometimes towards the slum-dweller and outcast. The lower the position and the worse the circumstances of the applicant, the more willing it is to succour.

There is considerable emotional content, and, besides philanthropy, this is often discharged in the form of art, especially music. The sensitivity is very great.

The Jovian part of the combination also inclines to metaphysical speculation or psychic investigations, and thus we get many spiritists, students of New Thought, Christian Scientists, and followers of other sects of this description.

Like Mars-Neptune, it inclines to make the native seek the grandiose and the seemingimpossible, but its action is milder, gentler, and more subtle. It is idealistic, and may easily tend to drift away from the actual world, or to deny or ignore its importance. It is other-wordly, and its sense of values is at variance with that of the ordinary man or woman. It is often unable to develop properly in mundane conditions, and may seek the shelter of some form of retirement.

Whereas Jupiter-Uranus seeks power, this influence is much more concerned with service, even of a lowly kind; in less practical charts, there may be a proneness to a life of fantasy. It does not notice barriers, either between the classes, sexes, or nationalities, or between spiritual and mundane things; the whole range of the senses and the emotions is indefinitely enlarged.

It is good for receiving help from others without having directly merited it. Thus the native may himself minister to others in connection with a charitable organisation, and may be successful in obtaining funds for that purpose. Or he may find that he is himself the recipient of kindnesses from friends or strangers without having rendered them any particular services; he is often benefited by a 'helping hand'. Sometimes there is relief and happiness through religious retreat, and it is always an influence through which spiritual help and strength may come to the native abundantly.

However, here, as in all cases, much attention must be paid to the general strength of the two planets, especially by sign. Cases occur in which. Jupiter being out of dignity, even the technically good aspects carry with them some troublesome limitation, such as nervous debility, bad eyesight, family misfortunes due to fraud or imprudence, or scandal. In the charts of women, it may incline to faithlessness, indifference, or some form of 'Neptunianism'. Among examples of technically good aspects between these bodies I find: a woman whose husband was passionately fond of the sea and was frequently in danger on the sea; another whose fiancé belonged to a family with an insane taint; another whose husband died directly after marriage; one who contracted disease owing to the husband's loose living; one whose husband was lame; and another whose husband's chief fault was incurable unpunctuality.

Perhaps the chief effects of this configuration can best be described as anti-Saturnian - it tends to deprive the native of the virtues associated with the greater malefic, making them slack, kindly, apt to lend and borrow without regard to strict merits, Bohemian, free-and-easy, and changeful. But in the case of women it is clear that these characteristics are often exhibited through the husband, the native herself sometimes being very strict and conscientious, according to the tenor of the ascendant.

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