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Chakra's



Summaries

Virgo Sun ☉ ♍ and ☾ ♓ Pisces Moon man

([786] i.thehoroscope.co)

An Idealistic Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Tolerant, discreet and conciliatory;

Negatives: Messy, negativistic and obnoxious;

Perfect partner: Someone who will stand by their development;

Advice: They should try to be less irresponsible when they promise something.

Sun ☉ in VII 7th House

([865] i.thehoroscope.co)

Real charmers - Summary:

Strengths: Charming, sociable and open-minded;

Challenges: Cautious, cold and distracted;

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

Moon ☾ in I 1st House

([872] i.thehoroscope.co)

The need to get noticed - Summary:

Strengths: Affectionate, caring and straightforward;

Challenges: Moving away from bias and negativity;

Advice: Do something that brings spiritual satisfaction.

Neutral: Feeling like vulnerabilities are always on display

Moon ☾ in 26th Nakshatra: Uttara Bhadrapada

Short Version [2]

Strength: inspiring speaker, good problem-solving ability, attractive, disciplined, compassionate, strictly follows principles, generous, financially successful, tends to make money on their own, economical, charitable, humanitarian, merciful, intelligent, benefits from children, drawn to the unknown, virtuous, happy, wise, love for family, self sacrificing, benefits from gifts or inheritance, defeats enemies, satisfied, service oriented, controls anger, marital happiness, balanced, provides nourishment for others, gives advice.

Weakness: withdrawn, unenthusiastic, develops long-term enemies or is involved in disputes that take a long time to resolve, over analyzes outcomes, self-centered, financially focused, gossip, lazy, addict, irresponsible, highly emotional.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in third pada

(10°00'-13°20' degrees Pisces): Libra navamsa. You are happy, open-minded, and warm-hearted. However you can be somewhat calculating in your interpersonal dealings. You choose your words carefully.

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

Mercury ☿ in ♈ Capricorn man

([902] i.thehoroscope.co)

A man of strong principles - In a nutshell:

Positives: Responsible and composed;

Negatives: Aloof and impulsive;

Soulmate: Someone who is just as perfectionistic;

Life lesson: Not feeling overwhelmed by certain challenges.

Mercury ☿ in XI 11th House

([918] i.thehoroscope.co)

Endless ambition - Summary:

Strengths: Eccentric, intelligent and curious;

Challenges: Dominating, picky and manipulative;

Advice: They shouldn't let themselves affected by others' opinions.

Venus ♀ in ♉ Taurus man

([923] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Energetic and patient;

Negatives: Domineering and forceful;

Soulmate: Someone who takes life with attention and determination;

Life lesson: Should value their friendships more.

Venus ♀ in III 3rd House

([947] i.thehoroscope.co)

The peace bringers of the zodiac - Summary:

Strengths: Tactful, emotional and motivated;

Challenges: Changing moods and lack of confidence;

Advice: Make peace with making mistakes.

Neutral: Many will see them as childish

Mars ♂ in ♌ Leo man

([965] i.thehoroscope.co)

He wants to be noticed by everyone - In a nutshell:

Positives: Creative and ingenious;

Negatives: Obstinate and boastful;

Soulmate: Someone who has a kind and spirited personality;
Life lesson: Don't forget to praise others' efforts too.
Neutral: His aims in love are pretty high up

Mars ♂ in VI 6th House

([986] i.thehoroscope.co)

Can't stand unfairness - Summary:

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♍ Virgo man

([998] i.thehoroscope.co)

Understanding them - In a nutshell:

Style: Productive and analytical;
Top qualities: Grounded, discerning and rational;
Weaknesses: Obsessive and excessively attentive to details;
Advice: Boredom can also serve a purpose.

Jupiter ♃ in VII 7th House

([1011] i.thehoroscope.co)

Very connected with their own emotions - Summary:

Strengths: Determined, cooperative and diplomatic;
Challenges: Meddling, arrogant and stubborn;
Advice: They need to learn how to rely only on themselves.

Saturn ♄ in ♏ Scorpio man

([1024] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Passionate and resourceful;
Top qualities: Loyal, stern and intense;
Challenges: Stubborn, too bold and cowardly;
Advice: Don't be reluctant in helping others, even if there is no end game for you.

Saturn ♄ in IX 9th House

([1037] i.thehoroscope.co)

Appreciated for their efforts - Summary:

Strengths: Spontaneous, logical and resourceful;
Challenges: Untrusting, naïve and cynical;
Advice: They should listen more to what those around them have to say.

Uranus ♅ in ♏ Scorpio man

([1048] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Passionate and resourceful;
Top qualities: Intuitive, loyal and affectionate;
Challenges: Manipulative and easily changeable;
Advice: Move away from the idea you can control people.

Uranus ♃ in IX 9th House

([1061] i.thehoroscope.co)

An easy-going personality - Summary:

Strengths: Idealistic, mysterious and open-minded;
Challenges: Impulsive and controlling;
Advice: They should look at difficulties as opportunities to grow.

Neptune ♆ in ♊ Sagittarius man

([1073] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Exploring and demonstrative;
Top qualities: Mysterious, adventurous, revealing;
Challenges: Personal struggles and indecisiveness;
Advice: Sometimes you are completely tactless.

Neptune ♆ in X 10th House

([1086] i.thehoroscope.co)

Careful about their dreams - Summary:

Strengths: Hard-working, elegant and approachable;
Challenges: Perfectionistic and judgmental;
Advice: They need to dedicate more time to their families.

Pluto ♇ in ♊ Sagittarius man

([1097] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Principled and exploring;
Top qualities: Trustworthy, resourceful and spiritual;
Challenges: Superficiality and lack of tact;
Advice: You need to keep close to family ties.

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 ♎ Libra

([1119] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Friendly, charming and diplomatic;

Challenges: Selfish and impulsive

Taking good care of themselves, Impulsive and focused on themselves

South Node ♋ in ♈ Aries

([1125] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Ambitious, talented, adventurous and loyal;

Challenges: Individualistic, unpredictable and procrastinating;

Willing to meet others' expectations, Giving more importance to feelings than to physicality

North Node ♏ in VIII 8th House (Scorpio)

([1120] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Serious, appreciative and gentle;

Challenges: Unpredictable and dramatic

Meant to explore profound matters, Darkness and what is forbidden

South Node ♋ in II 2nd House (Taurus)

([1126] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Self-reliant, direct, exploring and honest;

Challenges: Instinctual, arrogant and harsh;

A need to explore the different sides of life, They are beyond self-resilient

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♒ Aquarius

([1147] elsaelsa.com)

Neo-Creator

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in XII 12th House

([1160] elsaelsa.com)

Gifts of Shadow

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Mercury - (0°56')** ♎7 | ♋11

([3] astromatrix.org:) Mental Focus

Opportunities: 1. Building a Self-Directed Life 2. Living by Your Own Values

Challenges: 1. Showing Your Vulnerabilities 2. Bringing People Closer

► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (2°20' S) 001 | 001

([24] astromatrix.org:) Emotionally Intuitive

Opportunities: 1. Developing Your Psychic Sensitivity 2. Making Deep Connections

Challenges: 1. Protecting Yourself 2. Dealing with Difficult People

► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☉ Sun** - (7°21' A) 117 | 117

([149] astromatrix.org:) Seeking Approval

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

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

► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ☉ Sun** - (6°16' S) 117 | 117

([150] astromatrix.org:) In Your Own World

Opportunities: 1. Embracing Your Journey of Self-Understanding 2. Judging Success on Your Terms

Challenges: 1. Finding Your Inner Security 2. Avoiding Co-Dependent Relationships

► **Sun ☉ Opposition ☾ Moon** - (9°41' A) 117 | 001

([140] astromatrix.org:) Me Or You

Opportunities: 1. Discovering what You Want 2. Gaining Fulfilment from Within

Challenges: 1. Balancing Order and Chaos 2. Having Relationships for the Right Reasons

► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (1°05' S) 86 | 112

([635] astromatrix.org:) Unpacking your desires

Opportunities: 1. Deeper understanding of sexual energy 2. Transforming areas of disempowerment

Challenges: 1. Dealing with triggering experiences 2. Postively transforming rage

► **Moon ☾ Sextile ☿ Mercury** - (3°10' S) 001 | 111

([232] astromatrix.org:) The Charming Speaker

Opportunities: 1. Letting Your Curiosity Run Free 2. Embracing Your Intuitive Insights

Challenges: 1. Gaining Internal Balance 2. Making a Social Contribution

► **Saturn ♄ Square ♀ Lilith** - (2°18' A) 119 | 112

([658] astromatrix.org:) Becoming Yourself

Opportunities: 1. Self-Actualization 2. Breaking through boundaries

Challenges: 1. Sacrificing your assets 2. Taming your wild emotions

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 ♃ Jupiter** - (1°15') 001 | 117
- 2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°18') 117 | 119
- 3) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°20') 001 | 116
- 4) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°57') 001 | 119
- 5) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°51') 116 | 110
- 6) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°03') 117 | 119
- 7) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°04') 117 | 110
- 8) ► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°01') 119 | 110
- 9) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (2°20' S) 001 | 001
- 10) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☉ Sun** - (7°21' A) 117 | 117
- 11) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (9°05' S) 117 | 117
- 12) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ☾ Moon** - (9°41' A) 117 | 001
- 13) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♃ Jupiter** - (6°45' S) 001 | 117
- 14) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (7°59' A) 113 | 119
- 15) ► **Sun ☉ Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (3°09' A) 117 | 119
- 16) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ☿ Mercury** - (3°10' S) 001 | 111
- 17) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♁ North-Node** - (3°54' A) 116 | 118
- 18) ► **Neptune ♆ Sextile ♁ North-Node** - (4°46' A) 110 | 118
- 19) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♆ Neptune** - (0°37' A) 001 | 110
- 20) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♇ Pluto** - (0°13' S) 001 | 110
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♆ Neptune** - (6°44' S) 117 | 110
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♆ Neptune** - (2°57' A) 001 | 110
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♇ Pluto** - (2°07' A) 001 | 110
- 24) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♄ Saturn** - (3°23' A) 116 | 119
- 25) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♅ Uranus** - (3°07' S) 001 | 119
- 26) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ♄ Saturn** - (0°26' A) 001 | 119
- 27) ► **Mercury ☿ Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (3°35' S) 111 | 117

- 28) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (0°48' A) ♃3 | ♎7
 29) ► **Mars ♂ Trine ♆ Neptune** - (0°52' S) ♎6 | ♋10
 30) ► **Mars ♂ Trine ♇ Pluto** - (1°42' S) ♎6 | ♋10
 31) ► **Sun ☉ Semi-Sextile ♋ North-Node** - (1°58' S) ♎7 | ♌8
 32) ► **Ascendant ASC Quincunx ♂ Mars** - (1°29' A) ♏1 | ♎6

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♍ Virgo 21° 33'

(Betty Lundsted)

The Virgo child enters a mother-dominated environment. The Sun is in a feminine polarity, which indicates that the father is a passive figure. There is a different expression of the earth element in the Virgo, since the childhood environment stresses education and mental development.

For centuries, Virgos have been told that they are too critical, too intellectual, too rational, too involved with education, too involved with finding fault in others; and that they emphasize petty details rather than concentrating on main issues. It seems to be true - these qualities are often a part of a Virgo's character. But how are these character traits developed?

Virgo is born into a family where Mom is quite put out with Dad. In many instances, Virgo is born when the mother decides to have a much-wanted child. She then goes through the crisis of having to stay at home from work to take care of the kid. The work environment offered office relationships that were enjoyable; the office offered a chance to exchange information with others that is usually lost when a woman stays at home to take care of a child's needs. This mother begins to resent her husband, for after the child is born she can't afford baby sitters since the family has just lost her income.

Or, the Virgo child is born into a family where one more child is another financial responsibility that is added to an already heavy burden. The mother resents her position, and begins to question her husband's ability to support his family. She not only criticizes her husband, but doubtless criticizes her own mother, her in-laws and the whole neighborhood. It isn't too long before she gets around to criticizing the little Virgo as well. Because the mother is such a dominant force, the criticism that she offers is taken quite seriously by the child.

In general, Virgos have a serious need to be appreciated and needed as they reach adulthood. They choose occupations which are necessary, which provide service for different groups; or they tend to become involved in occupations where they are overworked and underpaid. They are an employer's delight because they often give more time to a job than they are being paid for. Their problems begin when they start to find fault with everything and everybody around them. The motive is simple: 'If I can find fault with you before you find fault with me, then everything is ok.' Children raised by highly critical parents are going to grow up to be critical adults. We pick up our basic patterns of behavior from our parents. The attitudes we encounter are deposited in our subconscious very early in life. As we get older and look inside ourselves, we sometimes notice with amazement that we have become a carbon copy of our parents!

The mother may instill in her child values that will also discourage Virgo from feeling comfortable in certain adult aspects of relationships. Often, the mother of a Virgo goes through an antisexual period during the kid's infancy. She worries a lot about hygiene, and the normal functions of the body are often regarded with distaste. Mothers of Virgo infants have been observed to have extremely negative reactions to the job of changing dirty diapers. All children wear diapers, and all humans eliminate body waste. However, when a child's diaper is changed with disgust, and the child is only two or three months old, he begins to feel that the disgust relates to some unsatisfactory behavior on his part. If one shows disgust or disdain to a dog while it's in the training process, it can be trained not to eat! A child exposed to this response will develop guilts about natural functions, including sexuality. Most Virgos feel guilty about their sex life, and handle sex with embarrassment, or not at all. However, Virgo is an earth sign. We often use the word 'earthy' to indicate someone who is practical and sensual and a part of the earth. Virgo children have trouble compromising between their sexual desires and their sexual attitudes.

The Virgo female grows up in an environment in which she is close to her mother, but this closeness may be of either the love or the hate polarity. She feels criticized and unsure of herself. She doesn't have a lot of confidence in her ability to handle life experience, since her childhood was full of admonitions and criticisms. As she progresses into her teens, her body starts making demands and inquiries into her sexuality. Many young Virgo girls have early sexual experiences because they are looking for 'a port in the storm'. They also want to understand how it feels to be a woman. Some Virgos marry for the first time in order to get away from home and mother. But as time goes by, the Virgo begins to feel guilty because the power of the subconscious pulls on her rational mind. She may even grow to resent her sexual needs.

She often goes back to college after marriage to get her degree so that she can go back to work in a professional capacity. At that time, she begins to treat her husband much as her mother treated her father, and disappointments begin to happen in the relationship - they begin to grow apart.

The Virgo male has a more difficult time of it. He is a mother-dominated child in an atmosphere where his father is criticized and rejected. As he grows up, he's quite angry that his father is so incompetent. He feels that if his father were a better provider, his mother (the centre of his universe) wouldn't be so unhappy. Consequently, the Virgo often works too hard on a job in order to prove he isn't the 'no-good' that Daddy was, and he gets very angry when his work is not appreciated.

He gets the same dose of bacteria phobia and disgust that his sister did from his mother, and he enters adulthood with a bit of a sexual double standard. He wants to be sexually involved, yet he thinks sex is a little vulgar. The Virgo male can carry a great deal of resentment towards his mother. If she is really overpowering, and if she is intensely critical of him and his dad, the boy may not want to have any involvement with women at all; for every time he sees a woman he sees the characteristics of his mother.

Men born into feminine signs have more trouble dealing with women than do their masculine sign counterparts. Because Mother ran the household, and seemed to be the ruler of the universe, it is more difficult for these men to converse freely with women; subconsciously, they think that women have 'therpower'. When they learn that 'the power' is really related to the concept of the feminine principle, and that this power is in them and can be used in a material sense for building something in the material universe - whether the building is intellectual or physical - then they are free to see men and women as human beings. Until they reach an understanding of the masculine and feminine principles operating in the universe, they will over-listen to women. It's difficult for them to have a disagreement with a woman; they can't easily handle opinions from a woman, and they overreact to what she says. A woman may have no idea that the Virgo male is reacting to her in this way. She just notices that he's too detailed, too involved in statistics, too involved in proving his points by quoting passages from all the books he's read; and she can't get a straightforward conversation out of him. If it happens to be a positive-sign woman (who wasn't to be respected in her own right by men in general) encountering a Virgo male, these two can engage in a most interesting argument, all based on the subconscious drives within them!

If Virgos want to form real relationships, they need to sincerely dedicate themselves to the art of relating. It's something they need to learn because when they were children they didn't see relating between their parents. Their parents essentially play 'Mr. and Mrs.' roles; the man-woman factor in the relationship was impersonal. Virgos have to figure out for themselves what a relationship is, how to do it, and whether or not they feel they can take a chance with it.

Perhaps the most difficult thing to understand about Virgos is that it's normal for them to criticize people they are fond of - they criticize when they care enough to criticize at their very best! However, they don't accept criticism very well, because they're already a selfcritical group; so they don't want to hear any suggestions from a partner. When they

realize that they need to share their mind and their emotions with someone they care for; when they begin to care enough to care about how their partner feels; when they can give up being self-defensive every time a serious discussion takes place, then they are on the road to having a good relationship.

(Haydn Paul)

The Virgo personality is usually careful, efficient and methodical, deriving great pleasure in creating order from confusion and chaos. You will like to put things straight and tidy, to organise your environment and also any people that happen to be there.... You have a high degree of common sense, and can be an active thinker who has to put thoughts into practice. You are efficient at handling and working with details in life, and are able to learn new things quickly and easily.

You may find it difficult to feel content with life, yet have difficulty distinguishing which aspects should be changed to improve it. There can be anxiety undercurrents, and through excessive worry your nervous system can be affected, creating ill-health. You may need to be careful that excessive work does not place too much strain on your health, as you tend to be one of the consistent and reliable workers of the zodiac.

Your life-attitudes are fundamentally conservative and traditional, and you are cautious and protective regarding your interests. You tend to seek perfection in people and the world (which you will never find), and can tend to point out faults to others; sometimes, these comments can be too sharp and upsetting, even if your perceptions are generally accurate. Yet when you consciously choose to be, you can reveal a tactful and diplomatic style of expression. You may not always judge yourself to quite the high degree that you expect from others though.... Your attitudes, beliefs and opinions can become too fixed and inflexible, which can make change and development difficult to achieve, as well as leading to conflicts with others.

You can be an efficient financial manager and organiser of your domestic life, needing this to feel secure. You are very conscious of the value and importance of ensuring that the family unit remains cohesive, and are willing to expend considerable effort in that direction. There will be a strong sense of morality - reflecting traditional values - and your life will probably move along socially acceptable routes; you prefer this, as you are a bit restrained and choose to stay on secure 'well-trodden paths'.

(Betty Lundsted) (contd.)

You probably hold back your emotions, feeling less comfortable with them, because they represent elements of chaos and unpredictability which you feel you are opposing in the world. You will rarely be openly demonstrative about your feelings, which can lead to greater inner strains and tensions until they need to be periodically or explosively released. You need a partner who appreciates your efforts and sympathetically

understands the challenges of your nature. You may display philosophic resignation and attempt to 'soldier on' when difficulties arise; you tend to subdue your desires in order to maintain a working relationship, but you may have to beware of becoming resentful of your sacrifice and frustration of needs. There may be some inhibition with sexuality, perhaps a self-consciousness and unease with your sexual desires and feelings, until you can overcome deep fears of losing self-control to those powerful energies.

You are domestically oriented, enjoying home life, and are not too keen on travelling far unless it is with your family. You are orthodox and conventional regarding most things in life, but your main criterion and test is for practicality and applicability in life; and if that is met, then it is acceptable. You can serve as a valued adviser, organising behind the scenes, and be a performer of thankless tasks due to that self-sacrificial Virgo quality.

(Sydney Omarr)

Virgo females

Virgo women are discriminating, often regal, very often tiresome in their pursuit of cleanliness; and, more often than not, aware of the details of any project you might be considering. This woman appreciates money in the bank, and is not at all averse to seeing the ring on her finger. Promises are fine; she will appreciate the fact that you are well-meaning.

But she does demand results. In so doing, she is capable of bringing out the best in you. She is mercurial, earthy, energetic, full of plans; she is ambitious, not only for herself but also for you.

One of the best hints is this: do not underestimate her. She knows what she is about. She can set a goal and overcome the most tremendous odds. She is an invaluable ally; she will not let you down if you take her into your confidence.

If you are seeking some kind of half-relationship, she is not the woman for you. But if you are serious; willing to go all the way for her, and accept her as a full partner; then she can be a wonderful asset.

Virgo women want to know where they stand. It doesn't help to beat around the bush with them. If you are kidding, or if your purpose is a night of fun, come out and state the case. That way, the Virgo woman respects you and you'll probably have more fun than would otherwise be the case.

These women have a genuine interest in serving the public; they are dedicated workers, and seldom know the meaning of fear or defeat. They are natural fighters, and their goal is truth. It doesn't matter what traditions fall before them in their quest; the important thing is to reach the goal.

You had better look elsewhere if it is a 'Betty-Bop' girl you want. However, if it is a woman who is intelligent, loyal, frank, discriminating, thorough, and wryly humorous, you have picked the correct one in Virgo.

One more hint: confide in her, and you will assure her that you are sincere. Keep things from her, and she will suspect the entire framework of your character and your motives.

Virgo males

The Virgo man is demanding; he asks that you prove yourself, that you be willing to sacrifice when necessary. He is not apt to be a 'sugar-daddy'. He knows the meaning of work and the value of money. He is discriminating; not easy to fool; he is the kind of man a woman can depend upon for security. But if you are not willing to give as well as receive, then it would be best for you to forget the Virgo man.

This man likes to feel he is worthy; integrity is a key word. He applies his own standards to others, including you. He will not tolerate deception.

His mind is quick; he is mercurial and earthy. He usually says what he means, and he usually means well. This, however, is not always apparent. At times, he may appear hypersensitive and over-critical. These are things you should know if you are interested in a Virgo man.

He is practical, honest, fair; he is also basically shy - it is difficult for him to express his true feelings. He is not the kind of happy-go-lucky fellow that others immediately accept. This is one of his problems. Learn to read between the lines; try to understand that sentiment is something he has trouble expressing. This man is conservative in the way he expresses himself; there is plenty of reserve in his make-up. You will have to be patient and loyal.

This is not a pretentious man; often you will have to help him build confidence. He needs a woman who has faith in him; who can appreciate his patience and willingness to work toward and achieve important goals.

In all, the Virgo man often proves his value; he is a good bet for a long, solid relationship. If you are looking for lots of laughs and little permanence, this is not the man for you. But if you want to build for the future, you've found your man.

(Skye Alexander)

People who have their Suns in Virgo are usually hard-working, conscientious, meticulous and well-organized. You pride yourself on your efficiency and your dedication to duty, and you can always be depended upon to get the job done. What you lack in creativity

you make up for with effort. You express yourself in practical ways and want to see the results of your work. Modest and unpretentious, you consider yourself an 'ordinary guy' and identify with the common people rather than the élite.

Methodical and analytical, you have an eye for detail that could serve you well in careers that require precision and accuracy, such as accounting, tailoring, watchmaking, dentistry, drafting, microbiology, engraving or finish carpentry. You patiently and diligently work to hone your skills, always striving for perfection.

However, you need to guard against carrying your perfectionism to extremes. Your focus on individual details often causes you to miss the larger picture. The expression 'can't see the forest for the trees' certainly describes you. You expect yourself and everyone around you to be perfect, but because your expectations are impossibly high, you set yourself up for disappointment. Your outlook is often rather negative, and you can be overly critical and 'picky', finding fault with things that others don't even notice.

You see your 'role' in life as serving others, and frequently prefer to remain in the background, in a support position, rather than grabbing the spotlight. Timid, shy and self-effacing, you tend to undervalue yourself, and, as a result, often allow yourself to be taken advantage of by others. You rarely seek rewards or recognition for what you do. When others take you for granted, however, you become bitter, complaining and resentful; yet you still might not stand up for yourself.

Exceptionally neat and orderly, you can be a bit neurotic about cleanliness. You may wash your hands every fifteen minutes and brush your teeth after every cup of herb tea, and wouldn't think of wearing the same shirt twice without washing it. Your desk is the epitome of organization; your checkbook is always balanced; and unless your Moon is in Pisces, Scorpio or Aquarius, your home probably looks a bit like an operating room.

Also fastidious about your health, you worry excessively about germs, take your vitamins and are fussy about what you eat. Sensitive, nervous and not particularly vital or energetic, you might experience a variety of stress-related illnesses. When you're upset, you are more likely than other people to suffer from problems with the digestive system. Your interest in health and nutrition might lead you to pursue a career in a medical or dietary field - which also would satisfy your desire to serve and help others.

(Sasha Fenton)

Virgoans are not usually good at dealing with strangers. They are shy, suspicious and unsure of how to act or react. They convey this discomfort to others and may, therefore, present a hostile or even surly front upon first acquaintance. Some Virgoans learn how to present themselves in a pleasant and welcoming manner, but the coolness and suspicion are still there just below the surface, hidden from the masses, but easily detectable to those with sensitive antennae. Once they have established that the

stranger is not going to borrow money from them, laugh at them or bore them to tears, Virgos can become excellent and very animated company.

Virgoans are kind, and can be a soft touch to less scrupulous types. They want to be liked, and, even more importantly, to be respected. They are very sensitive, easily hurt, and easily defeated or turned from their purpose. This tendency is, thankfully, often modified by the presence of planets in stronger, more determined signs. They are the specialists of the zodiac, possessing a great deal of knowledge about their own particular subject, but are fascinated by all forms of knowledge, and they take an interest in everything around them. Virgoans are modest and retiring, so they don't care to blow their own trumpets or to push themselves to the forefront. However, they won't tolerate being made to look foolish. Being clever and articulate, they can react in a very spiteful manner when their feelings are hurt. Many Virgoans have a great deal in common with Geminians because the planet Mercury rules both of these signs. Virgos can be as adept in the business of communicating information as Geminis, but the difference is that Virgos will usually keep within their own subject when doing so. Therefore, Virgos make excellent teachers, specialist broadcasters, and sports, business or fashion reporters. These people like to help others, and love to feel that their contribution to the betterment of the lives of others really makes a difference; thus, many Virgoans choose to work in the field of medicine, social work or politics.

The chances are that the Virgoan's childhood was nothing to write home about. It seems that whenever this sign is prominent in a chart, the parents probably went through the motions of caring for the child but didn't really love him or imbue him with much selfconfidence or self-respect. The parents may have been repressive or over-disciplinarian, with far too much emphasis on keeping up at school, keeping clothes and shoes clean, and being seen and not heard. Virgoan children don't need much discipline because they respond very quickly to love and also to reasoned argument, and they want their parents to love them and to approve of them. Unfortunately, they find themselves spending too much time staring at their shoes in shame while being berated for some totally unimportant minor infringement of parental rules. In childhood at least, this sign seems to have an extremely difficult karma.

Virgoans are modest and retiring, and they don't like to make a display of themselves in front of others, so they are easily embarrassed. They frequently have specialised knowledge and skills which are highly developed because they concentrate on their chosen subjects and take a deeply professional and responsible attitude to all that they do. It sometimes takes a while before this knowledge and ability becomes apparent to others because they tend to hide their light under a bushel. Work is important to Virgoans, and they need a measure of status within their job and also need to be acknowledged as experts within their field. If they have this status and they feel secure in their work, then they are happy and comfortable; but when uncertainty strikes or when they have to fight for their rights, they lose confidence and become dejected. Whatever task a Virgoan tackles, he does it in the best way possible and likes to think that he is

fulfilling his duties to the best of his abilities. He is quick, intelligent and thorough, and deserves to have his efforts recognised by his superiors. The fact is that the opposite often happens, and he is made use of, taken for granted, and not accorded the respect which he deserves. This can turn him very sour, and make him extremely tetchy and difficult.

It is all too easy for Virgos to be sarcastic and hurtful to others and to undervalue their efforts in much the same way as they feel that their own efforts have been undervalued. Indeed, many Virgos have quite hard exteriors, but the prevailing Virgo nature is to be kindly and thoughtful to others, and to have impeccable manners.

Virgos often have quite good hair and, in common with the other earth signs of Taurus and Capricorn, males tend to keep most of it until well into old age. Virgoans look old for their age when young, but they seem to stop ageing somewhere in their mid-forties and remain much the same for the next thirty years or so. Most astrology books talk about a protruding tummy and, although usually slim, they often do have a slightly bulging stomach.

Virgos have an intelligent and lively look about them which becomes very animated when they are talking on their favourite subjects. The two most common Virgo features are a strong jaw bone with a rather protruding chin and also a widow's peak. Some Virgos suffer from acne when young, but most have excellent skin and a very good bone structure which makes them highly photogenic.

Weak spots for health are the nervous system, bowels and skin. Virgos can suffer from allergies such as hay fever, eczema, asthma, and stomach ailments such as colitis and ulcers. These subjects are usually very health-conscious, and strive to look after themselves. However, Virgos should try not to over-analyse their problems, and they should treat themselves to some gentle but regular exercise.

Virgos like to be of service, both to the community in general and to their superiors at work, but they need to be appreciated in order to be happy in their work. They are probably better off as part of a team than as the boss of any organisation. As a boss, they can be pernickity and demanding towards those under them. Virgos have an aptitude for any kind of communications work, and, therefore, can be found in the media, as secretaries, telephonists and drivers. These subjects like to help humanity, and they also love to teach, so many of them take up teaching either as a main career or as a hobby.

Anything which involves sorting or analysing is right up most Virgoans' street; therefore, accountancy, systems analysis, computing or record-keeping, and even marketing jobs, will suit them. Many Virgoans are attracted to the world of medicine in all its forms, and thus can be found working in hospitals, as alternative health practitioners, or as therapists of all kinds. Their sympathy, kindness and ability to listen carefully make them

excellent counsellors and advisors. Many Virgoans like to follow an unchanging routine in an organisation which has a well-defined structure.

Other Virgos are attracted to jobs which give them a bit of variety and a chance to express themselves. The sign of Virgo is associated with the harvest, so the idea of growing and preparing food, especially nutritious food, appeals to them. Virgos like travelling, and will often turn their experiences to good advantage by writing about both their travels and the people they meet along the way. One profession which is peculiarly Virgoan is that of acting. It seems that Virgos can shake off their shyness and inhibitions as soon as they don the mask of another character, and they seem to have a real knack of making their portrayals realistic.

There is a fairly large segment of the Virgo community who seem to defy the usual interpretations of this sign's nature. For one thing, these people can be extremely untidy in some or all areas of their lives. Some are tidy at home but keep their papers in a muddle, while others do the reverse. Some appear to live in apple-pie order but shove all the mess into cupboards where it cannot be seen. Others are simply completely disorganised. The reason for this phenomenon is the theory of 'polarity' in which the very characteristic for which a sign is known is polarised so that the person displays completely opposite traits and habits.

Another Virgoan polarisation is laziness. There are many Virgos who, while having very active minds, don't actually get down to doing much of anything. Yet another anomaly is the type of Virgo who is attracted to big business and who may be a tough, heartless go-getter who neglects his family and makes everyone else's life a misery. In fact, this last one is not such an anomaly because obsessional workaholism is a very Virgo trait, although it is unusual for a Virgoan to have the confidence or the strength of character to become a mogul or a tycoon. The motivation behind the go-getter Virgo is a sneaking feeling of worthlessness or a fear of losing what they have gained.

Typical spare-time activities might include helping out in a café, making cakes for pleasure, running a small library or acting as secretary to a committee. Many Virgoans are keen on sports, either as a spectator or as a participant, and they will follow their team's progress with great dedication. A quick round-up of those Virgoans whom I know reveals a famous broadcaster who was once a top actor, a top chef, an accountant, a teacher and a vet.

Virgos are fairly careful types who don't like spending money unnecessarily. They are quite fussy, however, and don't care to live in dirty, cramped or run-down circumstances. Virgoans are very clever at making and mending, and will repair or renovate whenever they can. These subjects don't seek an ostentatious or glamorous lifestyle, but they may be more interested in the quality of life than the quantity of it. Being neither high earners nor big spenders, Virgos are thrifty, modest in their requirements and sensible. Being an earth sign, they often enjoy having a bit of land or a garden to work in, and they will grow

good things to eat whenever possible. Many Virgos work from home, either on a part-time basis or as part of their normal job, so a study or room where they can think is much appreciated. Virgos are sensible with money, making sure that they have enough behind them for times of trouble or to help their families out if they need it. They don't throw money around and, although charitable, don't give it away unnecessarily either.

Virgo is a mercurial sign, which suggests that they can be restless and that they need a decent and reliable vehicle at hand. Many Virgos own subsidiary vehicles such as a small van or a bicycle in addition to a car. Some Virgos enjoy travelling, especially when this offers an opportunity to gain new knowledge. Virgos spend money on books, magazines, newspapers, computers, television and radio equipment, and then more books. Some Virgoans are keen on gadgetry and collect the kinds of tools and equipment associated with craft work or even office work. They enjoy visiting the local cinema and theatre, the ballet or opera, or local sporting events. Some are avid followers of sports, while others are involved with local dramatics and dancing or exercise classes. Some Virgos spend a good deal of money on special kinds of foodstuffs or alternative remedies.

Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

Virgoans, in general, look forward to retirement as an opportunity to cultivate and develop the hobbies with which they have always filled their spare time. These will almost certainly include gardening, for they are natural and enthusiastic gardeners. Any diminution of income, provided it is not massive, will be greeted with equanimity; careful with money, they are not devoted to it. Lack of self-confidence can make changes at work rather difficult to cope with. The threat of being fired is frightening; out of work, they are peerless in their effort to find a new job; and, willing and hard workers, they should do so more easily than most.

It is essential for Virgoans to spend as much time as possible in the fresh air and, if possible, in the country. Children of nature, their spirits are revived by long walks and cycle rides. This is also a sign much related to wholefood diets and vegetarianism. The Virgoan diet must contain plenty of fibre: this Sun sign rules the bowels, and constipation can cause problems, usually because of an unbalanced diet.

Medically administered drugs don't suit many Virgoans, and they should always watch carefully for any allergy. Holistic and homeopathic treatments are often favored, with excellent results. Balance is the best answer to Virgoan health problems, plus exercise and fresh air; it is a mistake to sacrifice these for family or work. These people also benefit considerably from relaxation techniques such as yoga; meditation is especially good if they are prone to worry, although resulting introspection may exacerbate the problem.

As a result of worries (perhaps about their career or family), Virgoans are often

vulnerable to severe headaches or even migraines. A change of diet may help more than they realize, so they should seek medical advice if they do have painful headaches.

Virgos can be fairly good family members, but they can also be very difficult to live with. The two main problems are their lack of confidence and their fussiness. Unless the Virgo can find a partner who is prepared to help them get over their doubts and fears and who can also go along with their 'fiddle-faddling', they may end up out on their ear. Virgoans are very houseproud, good cooks, and wonderful friends. They are very responsible family members, taking care of their partners and their children even if the relationship breaks up. Many Virgos marry more than once, possibly because it takes the experience of a couple of serious relationships before they can relax enough to become livable with. Many Virgoans make better friends than marriage partners because they cannot take too much of the day-in, day-out demands of a serious and committed relationship, and they can be far too critical.

Virgos are kind, and this kindness seems to lead them to attract a fairly demanding type of partner. Their constant attempts to fulfil these demands can wear them out in the same way that a sparrow can be worn out by an adopted cuckoo. These subjects are quite easily bored by those with whom they have to live, and, in many respects, are happier when working than when trying to deal with relationship matters. Most Virgos are hard workers who define themselves by what they do rather than what they are. Some of these subjects duck out of the family or relationship problems by trying to make themselves indispensable at work. Many Virgoans are so genuinely devoted to their work that this puts an unbearable strain on their relationships. Some Virgos can be intellectual snobs, choosing their friends from among those who reflect their cultural or intellectual status. Others may choose to 'marry beneath them' so that they can look down contemptuously on their partners. Virgoans don't leave jobs half-done, and they are not sloppy in their approach, so their partners can be sure of good meals and a well-kept home and garden. Some Virgoans are highly intellectual and fairly incompetent at 'hands-on' household jobs; while others are highly dextrous, incredibly practical and capable around the home, and far less tense, intellectual and difficult to live with.

Virgos can be surprisingly untidy, and they may not like their own particular corner of the house or their personal papers to be cleared up or disturbed. A Virgoan household may be filled with interesting friends and relatives, because they love nothing better than to chat. Virgoans are wizard at helping others or giving excellent advice; however, they don't like people to overstay their welcome. These subjects are not vain or especially demanding, but they like to have things 'just so', and can make a terrible fuss about trivial matters. Virgoans can be quite irritable, partly because they find it difficult to stand up to people. This means that they may bring their work problems home and thus become quite tetchy to live with. They can be perfectionists who expect too much of themselves and far too much of everyone around them too.

Virgo is an earth sign, which gives them common sense, practicality and a love of the

good things of life. Although fairly careful with money, they are not mean, and they will do all that they can for their families. Virgo men are very supportive of working wives, and they are often happy to occupy themselves with some of the housework. This is partly due to a reasonable attitude, and partly due to their hatred of sitting still and doing nothing. These subjects can be seen at their best when one of their loved-ones is ill, because they make excellent nurses. However, when they themselves are ill, they can be quite demanding, and some Virgoans are permanent hypochondriacs. Not all Virgoans bother with relationships; after experiencing an early failure, many of them go on to live alone and look after themselves.

Virgos are surprisingly strongly sexed, probably because this is an earth sign. They are also curious, and may get into sexual experimentation fairly early in life. If they miss out on this, they are likely to go in for 'adventures' later in life, either after a long-standing partnership breaks up or even while it is still in operation. Virgoans of both sexes quite like to be shown what to do in bed because they sometimes find it difficult to take responsibility for their own sexuality. The rulership of their sign by the planet Mercury suggests that they are willing to live out their fantasies; and, being kind and fair-minded, they will help their lovers to live out their fantasies too. Virgos don't like making love with unwashed people or in dirty places, because their sensuality demands a certain amount of comfort. They have an almost theatrical sense of 'scene', which suggests that they enjoy love-making in a pleasant, perhaps even specially arranged and decorated, area. Virgoans are fussy about their partner's looks, and don't much care for someone who is obese or who doesn't look after him- or herself. Virgos find sex easy, but affectionate behaviour quite difficult, probably due to the lack of cuddling or play in their own childhood.

Being very dutiful, Virgos will try their best to do the right thing by a whole variety of family members. However, they can't take too much of a good thing, and, therefore, prefer to keep their visits to or from relatives very short. However, these subjects love to entertain and will happily provide food and drink on a special occasion, and then more happily say goodbye to them at the end of the visit. Virgoans will help out their sisters and brothers when necessary, and will strive to keep in touch with them over the long periods of time and over great distances. They also tend to keep in touch with friends, even those who move out of the country. Their favourite relationships are probably the ones which they can conduct on the telephone; but, surprisingly enough, they are not good letter-writers.

As children, Virgos are shy and diffident, and easily hurt. They are easily shamed, and seem to carry the burden of the guilt of the whole world on their shoulders. They may suffer quite a bit at school, and can be bullied by other pupils or teachers, or both. They seem to make a very bad karmic choice of parents, having fathers whom they love but who are distant and rather demanding. Their mothers may be far more interested in keeping up appearances and fussing about silly things than loving and caring for the Virgo child. Some Virgoans have mothers who are so incapable of looking after their

children that they find ways of opting out of motherhood altogether. These children are expected to excel, but their fears, phobias and lack of self-esteem makes it hard for them to do so, while other children and even the parents of other children may be jealous of their obvious intelligence. Many Virgoan children grow up with a sense of abandonment.

As parents, Virgoans try not to recreate the mistakes of their own childhood. However, because they were not shown much real affection themselves, they find it hard to relate properly to their own children, and may, therefore, pass on the silly demands for scholastic performance and perfect behaviour which made their own childhood so intolerable. If the Virgoan finds his children difficult to understand or to deal with, or if his marriage breaks up, he may physically distance himself from them.

(Robert Hand)

You are very careful in everything you do, and you put a high value on neatness. When you aren't neat, you lose respect for yourself, because you have very high standards in that as well as in other areas, which you want to come up to as much as possible. You expect others to live up to those same high standards, and you are easily disappointed if they do not. When you see something is wrong in someone or something, you don't hesitate to point it out. But you will have to learn to be considerate when you do this, because criticizing others creates bad feelings.

You are very interested in learning as much as possible about the world, particularly about how to use various kinds of tools. Since you want to learn practical skills, it would be a very good idea to have a hobby in which you use your hands. In whatever you make or do, you apply the same standards of perfection that you want other people to live up to. As a consequence, your work is far more careful than other people's. If you know you can't do something right, you won't do it at all. You tend to worry about your health, but you don't need to. Your health is as good as anyone else's; you are just more concerned about it. Probably you will follow good rules of health.

You like to help others, because being useful makes you feel good. You are able to put off what you want for yourself in order to help someone you love do what he or she wants. Others will respect you for this.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

For those born under the Earth sign of Virgo, the hub of the universe is work. Since Mercury rules Virgos, they are forever seeking knowledge, which will bring matter under the control of the mind. Through this seeking, they learn that the mind of man is a good servant but a bad master, especially when the mind usurps the sovereignty of the spirit. Virgos have to learn that although the body must serve the mind, ultimately the mind must serve the spirit.

Virgos are meticulous in their work, paying a great deal of attention to detail, and doing things carefully and efficiently. They like to bring order out of confusion. Because they value work and have a great deal of respect for it, they will go to great lengths to help a friend find employment, but will seldom raise a finger to help someone who gets into difficulties because he refuses to work. To Virgos, the only true aristocracy is the aristocracy of the worker.

Virgos, however, are much too practical and intelligent to allow anyone to make martyrs of them. When the demands made on them become excessive and unreasonable, they say 'no', with conviction.

In its best form, this sign makes for efficiency and a brilliant performance of duty. At times, however, it bestows a narrowness of outlook: the individuals may be unable to talk about anything except their work, and they lack interest in anything that is not related to work.

Virgos subject their world to a microscopic analysis. Occasionally, they are engrossed with trivialities to the extent of becoming blind to the significance of the issue as a whole. Eventually, developed Virgos learn discrimination between the essential and the trivial. Once this power of making distinctions evolves, Virgos are able to become great scholars, constructive critics, excellent editors - all exacting perfection. The key phrase for Virgo is 'I analyze'.

However, Virgos should not mistake brilliant intellect, with its accompanying faculty of criticism, for heavenly wisdom. They must learn to be absolutely dispassionate in evaluating both their own performance and the performance of others.

They function at the height of their powers in careers that are related somehow to service. They are capable of great self-denial if they think their work is worthy of it.

Virgo also rules health. In this phase of their evolution, therefore, Virgos must learn that wise men do not exhaust their body energies by worrying, fretting, or overworking. Foolish fears and apprehensions can lead to semi-invalidism. Nevertheless, this sign has a marvelous physical resistance to disease, once the mind develops discipline. If Virgos can keep out of the clutches of disease, they become effective healing agents, exercising a splendid influence on the sick. Virgo bodies reject all artificial food or medicine. Food is quite harmful to them when they are angry or in extreme anguish.

Because Virgo is an Earth sign, Virgos admire material progress. They like good food and are fond of comfort and good clothes. Many people born under this sign are leaders in fashion. Virgos will inspect the labels on clothing to determine whether the article was manufactured by a reputable firm. No shoddy workmanship is passable for Virgos! However, they must learn to refrain from gossip and chattering about people who do not

seem to approach their own particular standard of good appearance.

It is difficult for Virgos to accumulate large sums of money because of their excessive expenditures. They need to develop a system whereby they can avoid unnecessary expense, for while they are able to go on saving 'sprees', the saving never lasts.

They are impressed by eloquent words strung together like pearls. These sounds are music to their ears, and they prefer them to less subtle expressions of affection.

Many Virgo people are indifferent to love adventures, and often remain voluntarily unmarried; no-one measures up to their standards of perfection.

Married women of this sign possess a greater executive capacity than their partners. They place themselves as the real family heads, governing husband and everyone around, and taking the responsibility for their homes and families.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a helpful though critical heart. You have the will to use generously your sense of precision - without developing it into pedantry. Your life should be led in a spirit of service and modesty - as opposed to one of drudge and self-doubt. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is thoughtful and attentive, and / or too exacting or lax.

You have an aura of authenticity that acts as an example to Other that it is possible to improve his / her life and to be true to him- / herself. You generate a sense of industriousness that encourages Other to become more efficient at his / her life tasks, as well as your showing him / her better techniques for doing so. You also have an air of selfcontrol or inner restraint.

You can alienate Other with a pat or know-it-all attitude that invites Other to leave you with only your apparent self-righteousness for company. You can also alienate with a workaholic life-style which misses the point that true efficiency leaves time for rest and recreation; and with an inhibited nature that smacks of being afraid of life beyond your idea of it.

You overemphasize your need to be seen and heard to be right - which could be wrong in itself! You also overemphasize the importance of the practical at the expense of the natural or to the detriment of emotional priorities. And you stress your insistence on purity and correctness in Other, while overlooking the fact that rough edges and imperfections are a fact of life.

You can feel weak when you have no answer, reason or solution for something - and when you have to allow Other to help him- / herself. You can also feel weak when your efforts appear not to be producing an obvious result; or when Other reflects personally

on you as not being the 'perfect person' that you like to think you are but obviously are not.

When you are alone, it is hardly surprising because Virgo is the sign of the hermit. The reason behind such withdrawal will be a feeling that you or Other is not good enough. When deliberate, such a retreat would be for reasons of 'getting your act together' or to become more sure of yourself as an individual before letting anyone else too close. In the case of involuntary isolation, it could be for the same reasons - but you just don't know it. But it is just as likely to be because you have still not removed the fly from your own ointment. This means that you continue to have, or rather believe you have, a dimension to your being that is too delicate and private to share. If so, you will be alone until you accept that this is a judgement you have made upon yourself (or Other), in order to avoid making any real changes in yourself.

(Grant Lewi)

To discover the motivating drive in the life of any Virgoan, it is necessary to look at the work he is doing; for so deep is Virgo's utilitarian sense that he identifies himself with his work and is quite willing to lose himself in it. His personality and character development depend, to a peculiar extent, on the nature of the work he has set himself, for he will be as big or as small as his job or mission. He is capable of becoming single-tracked, absorbed and narrow over whatever he happens to fall into. He is capable of making work his god, and thus going high and far in a chosen direction. He is capable of expanding his spirit by selecting a career somehow related to service. He is capable of the extremes of self-denial if he thinks his work calls him to that. And he is also capable of feeling that his work requires self-immolation, self-limitation and self-sacrifice to an inordinate degree. However you figure it, the puzzle of his nature will be solved if you find his attitude toward the hub of his universe, his work. So true is this that when you run across an unemployed Virgoan you have the most woe-begone and incomplete personality in the world. In losing his work, Virgo loses his whole reason for being. In its best forms, this makes for efficiency and brilliance in the performance of duty, and it may take the sense of duty into very humane realms of selflessness. In its worst form, it makes for narrowness of outlook, great inability to talk anything but shop, and lack of interest in anything not related to work. So engrossed does Virgo become in his job (task, mission, message, or whatever he calls it) that he sometimes seems intent on destroying all the rest of his personality that doesn't belong to his work. He loses interest in extracurricular activities, so that his life is one long routine of keeping the nose to the grindstone; and he is unhappy when for some reason or other the grindstone stops or his nose gets away from it. To fix the aim high, to select a job that requires diverse talents and wide knowledge, is Virgo's best bet for a well-rounded life. If he has the misfortune to be able to find progress and security in a rut, he is likely to see only the progress and not realize it is a rut. He needs activities, companions, fun, diversions, hobbies to broaden his life, and should seek these along constructive lines lest his overtaxed body and brain force him to seek them in undesirable forms of escapism,

brooding and introversion.

(John Townley)

Of all the Sun signs, Virgo is the most adept at the care and feeding of a lover. You will go to great lengths to find out and provide whatever pleases your partner. You also put a high value on a lover who is aware of what pleases you. You must, however, make a particular attempt to let your lover know just what makes you happy, because other people are not likely to be as observant as you. What you consider neglect may just be an oversight. Don't wait for your lover to stumble accidentally on your favorite turn-on; let your tastes be known from the beginning.

You will do well to find a lover who is very meticulous about being physically loyal to you. Carrying on more than one affair at a time would be difficult for you, because you want to give each one such detailed attention. Therefore you are more comfortable with a longterm affair that gives you plenty of time to structure the relationship. For you, a partnership is like a house - the more careful the craftsmanship that goes into building it, the more enjoyable and rewarding it is to live in.

Giving and receiving gifts, particularly hand-made presents, may be a very potent expression of love for you. But do not be disappointed if your loved does not appreciate your gifts as much as you do, for not everyone is the same. Instead, find out what kind of communication your partner prefers, and direct your love energies there.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Virgoans are in constant motion due to their abundant nervous energy. It is vital that this energy finds a positive outlet; otherwise it will be frittered away in restless twitchiness. Virgoans should also learn to center themselves and achieve inner calm. If they don't, tension can be a severe problem and, mixed with the almost inevitable Virgoan worry, will lead to nervous upsets. Worry is at the root of most personal problems for these individuals, and is best countered by their analytical, critical and practical qualities.

Most Virgoans are practical, but those who aren't can all too easily become bogged down in the small details of problems. This, indeed, is one of their chief difficulties: that their critical acumen can be overapplied, both to themselves and to other people, causing problems in personal relationships. Relentless, carping criticism is their worst fault.

What is needed is a positive synthesis of these qualities, producing people who are hardworking and practical; who will stand no nonsense, and deal sensibly with problems (their own, or other people's); and who are most likely to realize their full potential.

Virgoans are talkative and lively in argument; and, like their Mercury-ruled cousins

Geminians, they enjoy communicating their ideas, which are usually without frills, and clearly and economically expressed. Here again, however, a penchant for detail can trap them into overelaboration; they must learn to see the broader outline of things.

Self-denigration can often get in the way when a Virgoan is thinking of deepening a personal relationship: 'What does he / she see in me? - I'm not good enough for him / her.' This can be genuine modesty, which (especially in a young person in love for the first time) can be charming - but more often the problem is deeper, and Virgoans should strive for the self-confidence which will allow them to accept compliments gracefully, and (most important) to believe them. They are kind and willing to do anything for their partners, but their natural modesty can stop them fully expressing both their physical and their emotional love. They must learn to relax, and if (in some cases) they have taught themselves to regard sex with suspicion, learn to see it as a happy expression of that emotional devotion which they should allow themselves to show to a partner. The other most inhibiting factor is their tendency to nag, which they must curb.

The Virgo child is neat, clean, and a very willing worker at school. Exercise books will be totally devoid of dirty smudges, and the handwriting will be clear and legible. Willing workers who truly enjoy being given things to do, these children can earn a reputation as teachers' pets; this is not the case. They simply like being kept busy. Rather shy, so that the playground can seem threatening, they may be seen as standoffish. Parents should do everything possible to help them develop self-confidence, especially at examination time. The Virgoan tendency to worry will otherwise be overwhelming, and mysterious illnesses will appear.

Virgoans will work from dawn to dusk to build and maintain their family home in a way that satisfies their own highly critical standards. Career women will make time for domestic work, but mustn't spend so much time cleaning and polishing that they never enjoy the environment they so lovingly create. If a partner accuses them of an obsession with spit and polish, they should take note! Similarly, both sexes should try to avoid bringing work home; otherwise they'll never have time for their family.

To work at their very best, Virgoans probably need supervision. Not only is it often difficult for them to see what should be done, but even if they can do so they may be apprehensive about taking matters into their own hands, fearing themselves incompetent or wondering how other people will receive their efforts. But given an instruction they will follow it to the very best of their abilities. They make excellent personal assistants and here, too, are the natural formal critics of the zodiac. As writers, they have a sharp, incisive style which is of great advantage if they are working in the media. Many make excellent teachers, and others do well in the medical profession, both in conventional and in complementary medicine.

Virgoans are not frantically ambitious; in top jobs, they must watch their tendency to carp if they want to be popular as well as efficient. A high salary will be carefully managed,

but they should try to enjoy spending money as well as investing it.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of individuality manifests through selective analysis.

Symbol: Chemists in a laboratory test the purity of various drugs.

People with the Sun in Virgo have a consuming desire for perfection, especially with regard to their work. This is not an easy placement because the work of nature is still far from perfected and the Earth itself is only slowly evolving toward an ideal state. Therefore, the Virgoan is frequently frustrated in his efforts to tidy up his small corner of the universe. Yet he toils without much visible reward and, gradually, the results of his labors become evident.

Virgoans accomplish much of the drudgery of the world. They are essentially practical, not because they disbelieve the metaphysical verities, but because they already have more than enough to busy their hands and minds. They are like the industrious Martha in the Bible, who was too preoccupied with household tasks to attend to the words of the Master. Their philosophy maintains that the kingdom of heaven is won through selfless service, and their efforts are directed toward making life more tolerable for people here on Earth. They believe that cleanliness is next to godliness - or is the first step in that direction. As a result, they are more often to be found scrubbing than praying.

The Virgoan mind is acute, discriminating, and methodical. With nimble Mercury held down by a concrete Earth sign, this person is more of a plodder than a sprinter. His efficiency may be impaired by a tendency to fret over trifles that other less-conscientious souls would dismiss or fail to notice. In consequence, he is accused of 'missing the forest for the trees'. He needs to make a special effort to gather up the details he so readily analyzes and to resynthesize them into a comprehensive whole.

Too often the Virgoan belittles when he ought to be big. This hypercritical attitude is hardly conducive to romance, and may delay marriage - sometimes permanently - while the search for the perfect mate continues. Once the choice is made and the knot is tied, however, the chastity for which the sign is renowned makes the Virgoan a faithful spouse, who expects the same of his mate.

The meticulousness of this sign finds an appropriate outlet in matters relating to diet, hygiene, and sanitation. A competent Virgoan nurse in an immaculate white uniform, keeping an eye on things, is a reassuring sight to a bedridden sufferer.

Virgoans are often accused of being fussy, but these servers of the race are welcome to be as exacting as they please when their attention is centered on the selection and preparation of food and medicine, or the maintenance of sanitary conditions. They are especially suited to the medical professions since their discriminating minds are directed

by a genuine impulse to be of practical assistance to people in need. Many are capable dieticians, nurses, pathologists, pharmacists, and laboratory technicians. A drugstore is a typically Virgoan institution because it dispenses medicines and handles a multitude of small necessities. Many Virgoans assume that 'where there's an ill, there's a pill', and they like to be able to count on their doctor to spot something wrong with them.

Virgo people are invaluable in business as accountants and secretaries. Other congenial professions are teaching, writing, and research. As editors and proofreaders, they are unexcelled. Seldom assertive, they manage in a reserved way to make themselves indispensable to whatever organization they are serving. Their predilection for order and routine may lead to a career in one of the military services. Women of this sign are such that they are often called upon to work outside the home.

The Virgoan's vices are his virtues carried to excess. He can be factual to the point of tedium. Attention to minutiae may degenerate into hairsplitting; and his insistence on keeping everything in its proper place can fray the nerves. He is prone to hypochondria but generally leads a long and healthy life because he pampers himself. He regards his body as an instrument to be maintained in the best possible condition, and he expects it to give him faithful service in return.

Virgo rules both work and health. For many members of this sign, the conditions of their employment, and the satisfaction or dissatisfaction they feel in the performance of necessary duties, are intimately connected with their physical and mental well-being. It is, therefore, supremely important for the Virgoan to find his proper niche in life. If his job is not in some appropriate field, he will be at odds with himself and will suffer in body and mind. He can maintain a steady routine and work in unassuming ways, like a small jewel in a complicated watch, and should take special care to select an occupation where his critical attention to detail can be put to practical use and his reliability appreciated.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Virgo individuals may feel they have the right to be right; to discriminate, to criticize and analyze themselves and others; and to be acknowledged for their righteousness.

Static

When you focus on wanting others to recognize your righteousness and purity, you may unconsciously behave in Virgo ways that are stuffy, prudish, puritanical, compulsively ordered, and haughty. To be acknowledged, you might elicit judgement on right and wrong, and use your analytical ability to appear important and set apart from others. In proving your ultimate rightness, you may use your finely honed critical talents to point out your own flaws. This backfires by resulting in a basic lack of confidence in your own spontaneity. Additionally, you may attempt to appear more righteous by pointing out the

flaws in others, in accordance with your value system of rigid rules and regularions for perfect behavior. When others don't appreciate or understand your good intentions, you are surprised. Indulging in the Virgo tendency to compulsive self-righteousness can scatter and deplete your energies. This indulgence may disrupt the focus and selfconfidence that are needed to act.

Dynamic

You can focus your attention on uplifting others through your talents and abilities for creating order. Then you notice the ways in which you can truly serve others without having to feel right about it. Recognizing the inherent worth of others gives you trust in your vision of their perfection. This frees you to contribute in a way that effectively supports them. Your desire to serve is appreciated when you expose others to your perception of their inherent value. This reinforces mutual self-worth. By being aware of others' personal desires, you can motivate them successfully through assisting them in reaching what they want. The resultant success increases their vitality and sense of wellbeing. When you place serving others above your judgement about whether or not it is the right thing to do, you can abandon rules and regulations. This results in self-trust, allowing you to act spontaneously in a way that automatically works to facilitate any situation. If you are aware that your intentions are truly pure, your sense of acting rightly is fulfilled.

(Isabel Hickey)

Virgo is represented by 'the harvest time', the gleaming of the wheat and the fruits of the earth'. The keyword is 'I analyze'. It rules the assimilative system in the physical body.

Virgo's symbol is depicted as the Virgin, holding a sheaf of wheat. This symbol indicates the gathering in of material needs, just as the Virgo people collect, digest and correlate facts for their mental values. The Virgin denote purity and perfection. Virgos' desire is to reach the highest possible perfection, not only for themselves but for those around them. They have a greater sense of power than they are able to express, resulting in an inferiority complex. An inferiority complex is a superiority complex turned in on itself. Virgo is constantly learning the lesson of humble service and patience. These people find their fullest expression through service to others, being willing to do it quietly but thoroughly. Taking care of endless details and routine jobs is where they function best. There is a cautiousness and oftentimes a selfishness in Virgo that is often unrecognized by the person born in this sign. It is difficult for the person to communicate and articulate where their inner thoughts and feelings are concerned. Their home is extremely important to them, for they feel more secure there than in any other surrounding. They are not gregarious because of their shyness. Their state of mind has a direct bearing on their health. They can become hypochondriacs if they become too self-centered and anxious about their health. Nervous tension is the person in the body giving the body a hard time.

The Virgo individuals' greatest fault is being too critical. Their analyzing mind can cause them to degenerate into faultfinding, criticism and irritability. Virgos' real satisfaction lies in the realm of work and service. They are one of the best workers in the zodiac. They are practical and down-to-earth in their approach to life. They are good in the field of accounting and bookkeeping. Virgo women make excellent nurses and there is a strong purity and fastidiousness in them. They dislike anything crude or coarse. There is a sweetness and a lack of aggressiveness in this sign that gives a great attractiveness to those born in this sign. Virgo people make few enemies and have many friends due to their quiet, gentle manner.

Because of their own inner feelings of inadequacy, they can be very demanding where their loved ones are concerned. Their need is to learn to be less critical and more loving. Venus, the love principle, is unhappy in an area where the lower mind operates. Love withers in a critical atmosphere. We relate to others through the heart, never through the head. We recognize this fact subconsciously when we use the term 'Never mind'.

In the universal scheme of things, Virgo stands for the 'womb of time' wherein God's plan is being worked out through pain, struggle and conflict. These are the things that set the consciousness free from being earthbound. Virgo represents the sign of the hidden Christ in every man; the seed planted in earth, that must root in the darkness, and through struggle break its sheath and struggle towards the Light. Virgo is the last of the personal or involving signs, and is the threshold of the birth of the inner man. The personality is developed from Aries to Virgo; the soul is developed from Virgo to Pisces.

(Myrna Lofthus)

Virgo people are happy in careers that demand technical or analytical skill or that affords the opportunity for service - often in a subordinate capacity. Some of the careers are medicine, chemists, craftsmen, administrators, accountants, secretaries, teachers, and photographers.

Five positive key words are: analytical, industrious, systematic, considerate, and reliable. Five negative keywords are: aloof, skeptical, finicky, critical, and self-centered. The key phrase is 'I analyze'. The key word is 'service'. Their basic nature is 'the critic or craftsman'.

In mythology, Virgo was the goddess of justice. She was the daughter of Jupiter and Themis. Her reign was during the Golden Age of Leo. When humanity defied her rule in the Age of Cancer, she returned to the heavens in disgust.

Virgoans have inquiring minds, with keen analysis and remarkable memories. They enjoy analyzing problems. This is a major reason for their wanting to know how, why, when, and where.

They are hard workers who are practical, with a flair for detailed work. Their nervous energy causes them to become involved with a lot of activity. However, this nervous energy also causes them difficulties, for they find it hard to relax.

They can, usually, rise above defeats. Their ever-active mind seeks new ways to find success.

A Virgoan can generally be depended upon to fulfill a promise. They have a flair for organization, and enjoy setting up schedules. There is an inborn love of order and harmony.

They are always subconsciously seeking perfection in whatever they attempt. Because they push themselves so hard to be perfect, they have a tendency to look for perfection in others. If they find it lacking, they can become critical and fault-finding.

As a general rule, Virgoans dislike anything crude or coarse. They prefer satire over smutty jokes.

They do not enter friendships lightly, but have a sincere interest and a loyalty to those they make their friends. A buddy-buddy relationship on first meeting is not for them. This may make them appear to be standoffish. In actual fact, they are very reserved, shy people who find it difficult to talk about their inner thoughts and feelings with comparative strangers. They have very few enemies because of their quiet, gentle manner.

Like Gemini, Virgo is a sign of worry. This tension can affect their health, causing intestinal disorders, skin eruptions, and ulcers. They need to develop a positive outlook on life, as this has a direct effect on their health. If they become too anxious about life, they can become hypochondriacs.

They are generally healthy and are always looking for new ways to take care of themselves. Whether young or old, all Virgoans need a quiet period each day in order to rest their active minds.

Their rulership over the sixth house causes them to feel that service to others is imperative. They do this willingly, thoroughly, and without fanfare.

In love, a Virgoan has difficulty in expressing himself as ardently as he desires. Although they may appear to be self-sufficient, they are really happier when they have someone to love and who loves them.

A Virgoan can be a difficult parent if allowing his / her love of neatness and tidiness to become all-important. These people must, also, watch their tendency to be over-critical. However, they are extremely helpful when it comes to assisting their children with

homework or handiwork of any type. Because of their inability to express their affections easily, they must actively cultivate and project warmth to their children.

As a rule, Virgoan children are conscientious students. They enjoy the routine and discipline of school. They do, however, like to know 'why' a certain procedure or routine is required. If the answer is acceptable, they willingly comply. Out of school, they enjoy working with their hands. The girls have a flair for sewing, and the boys enjoy tinkering with bicycles, wood products, and construction kits. They must be encouraged, however, not to be too tidy or fussy.

Sun ☉ in 7th House

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

Issues of domination are often associated with challenging aspects to the Sun in this house. An alternative expression of this Sun position is to be too assertive, lacking sensitivity to others, and adopting a more self-centred attitude which can ignore the

needs and desires of partners. The lesson that requires understanding in this case is the development of a co-operative spirit which recognises the validity of differing styles of self-expression, and a corresponding domination of that impulse to dominate.

Sometimes there are needs to attain social prestige or community authority, so that a mark on society is made. The search for 'power' is again externalised into society; and evidence of personal potency is gained from the range of social influence, rather than unfolding the inner solar strength.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

Contracts, commitments: Commitment is life-affirming; noncommitment is life-denying.

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

unyielding adversaries. You need to be fully informed at all times so that you don't have to take second place to anyone.

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

When the philosopher Martin Buber wrote that 'Man becomes an I through a You', he could have been referring to those with the Sun in the 7th. Almost paradoxically, a sense of their own power, purpose and individuality is found through partnership and relationship. Participating in joint activities raises issues which enable them to define who they are more clearly. Through the ups and downs and entanglements encountered in the attempt to form vital, honest and life-supporting alliances, the identity is shaped

and strengthened. It is a fact of life that something exists more clearly if it can be seen in relation to something else; likewise, a personality has more meaning when seen in relation to other personalities. When the Sun shines in Libra's house, the 'I' needs a 'Thou'.

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

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

Moon ☾ in ♓ Pisces 11° 52'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you habitually seek the behavior of others to automatically validate your concept of universal perfection, you may refuse to see life as it exists. Living in your vision of universal perfection on Earth, you can unknowingly lose yourself in ivory tower beliefs. These beliefs prevent you from listening to people and seeing them in a realistic and unpredictable way.

When others fail to live up to your Pisces vision of their perfection, you might feel personally betrayed. By seeking a higher perspective to make them or yourself wrong, you may create self-isolation in the process. This constant disappointment brought on by others violating your expectations results in self-invalidation, confusion, and an inability to cope in relationships.

Dynamic

When you take responsibility for imparting your vision of other people's perfection, you may notice that past methods of theoretical communications have simply not worked. The truth is that others cannot provide the perfection you seek. They are preoccupied with thinking about their own imperfection. Your lesson is to heal the negative thoughts of others so that there is room for the positive solutions within them to come forth. Then they are able to alter their behavior and align themselves with their inward perfection.

You can heal negative beliefs by noticing the reality of other points of view. You can relate on an equal and sharing level when you encompass the point of view and thoughts behind the other person's action. By opening this door, you experience the unconditional love you seek.

As you create a positive atmosphere, you reassure individuals with your trust in the perfection of things as they are. You can supply a larger picture of the appropriateness of their specific process. When your perceptive powers are used to discern where another is feeling a lack of self-protection, you can contribute the communication that promotes the faith and self-acceptance. In this process, you validate your vision and are also healed.

General

You have an idealistic and naive approach to life. You seem to float through the harsh realities of daily routine, smelling only flowers along the way. Deep disappointments can result when the world does not live up to your idealistic standards of human behavior, but before too long you pick yourself up and put on your rose-colored glasses again.

You have certain material dependencies that you feel are necessary to maintain your healing spiritual consciousness. You are used to having others take care of you, cook for you, and set your daily routine. You have never developed self-discipline, which is a lifetime task; you are learning to accept your responsibilities and set your own schedules.

You are accustomed to living in a timeless reality, but you need to learn the practical value of infusing celestial reality into daily life by sticking to a routine and by paying attention to being on time. These factors can make your life strong and give you confidence in relating your spiritual consciousness effectively to daily living.

You are also learning to pay attention to diet and health. You are learning to be responsible for your own nutritional well-being. You are learning to discriminate and to ingest those foods that give the body a feeling of balanced strength, which allows your spiritual consciousness to flow without interruption.

You are inclined to trust the universe completely and to merge yourself with total reliance on the universal flow. This patterning has been overdone, however, and has led to a

certain stagnation. It is only by learning to apply your sense of faith and unconditional love in daily life that your bliss feelings can be regenerated. Again, focusing on your clearly defined goals and applying the needed discipline are necessary.

Your destiny is suited to using the fruits of your spiritual practices - unconditional love, the ability to heal, your vision of loveliness - to freely and effectively work for the good of those in your circle of influence. You will serve or suffer in life. You can choose either to actively and constructively serve society or to suffer behind the private walls of feeling misunderstood and walked on by the world. When you have taken responsibility for setting up the necessary structures in your life, this will act as a support system through which universal emotional energies can flow in a balanced way. Then you will be on the path to emotional fulfillment in life.

(Tracy Marks)

Having Moon in Pisces means that we need space in our lives to drift and to dream, relationships based upon empathic bonds, and openness to sources of inspiration inside and outside ourselves. The watery energies of the Moon are easily expressed, and sometimes overly emphasized, by a Pisces Moon placement. When we experience our feelings and needs, we may even indulge them through long bouts of crying, selfpity, or elicitation of sympathy from other people. With or without awareness, we may seek to escape from ourselves through fantasy or idealization, or through such addictions as alcohol or drugs. Many of us with Pisces Moons may vicariously experience our feelings and satisfy our needs by continually focusing upon the feelings and needs of others and devoting ourselves to their welfare.

A parent who was a Piscean influence most probably responded sensitively and compassionately to us and encouraged our inspirational temperament. However, if our Moon is afflicted, such a parent may also have had a detrimental influence upon us. He or she may have overindulged us, catering to our aches and pains, or too frequently played the martyr, giving to us wholeheartedly but also invoking guilt or seeking complete dedication in return. He or she may have been hypochondriacal, or of an ethereal nature which could not easily come to terms with physical reality. A Piscean parent may have been victim to his or her own addictions, or tangled in dreams or fantasies and not fully emotionally or physically present.

We who have Moon in Pisces may need to learn how to respond constructively to our own feelings and needs, to serve ourselves and give to ourselves rather than attempt to lose ourselves in others. Often, because we suffer from a divine discontent, we may have difficulty accepting and adapting to the realities of an earthly existence; we need to be able to translate our visions into action, to live those dreams which are viable, thereby forging a link between our practical and spiritual or creative natures. We may seek to experience oneness in close relationships, but we are not likely to know wholly that oneness unless we cultivate our attunement to our own creative and / or spiritual source,

and open our hearts to the fullness of both the love and the pain within us.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Pisces, the moon indicates the native is restless, sensitive, impressionable, subject to brooding and changes of mood, and fond of travel, yet needing an anchor, a place to remain in happiness and contentment. He can be self-indulgent; also very capable of sensing moods in others, even of perceiving their thoughts. He can be found working behind the scenes, including behind a camera, or in institutions, hospitals, etc.. He looks constantly for some kind of Shangri-la, and dives into seclusion when hurt - he wonders when others will recognize the loftiness of his motives.

He is only truly appreciated when he appreciates himself, and this is not accomplished unless he lives up to his highest ideals. There appears to be no middle ground.

He tends to be too easy-going, too willing to change the course of his action if obstacles appear, and too willing to back down. The astrologer must help him see the folly of making so many 'zigs and zags'.

The native is fascinated by the occult - he is called 'psychic' by many of his friends. It is necessary for him to adhere to the highest principles. Otherwise, he begins to suspect his own motives, and then his entire framework of confidence crumbles like a house of cards. He is affected by the moods and feelings of others, and can be sent into a fit of gloom by observing family members as they quarrel.

He wants to be surrounded by happiness - but cannot seem to put his finger on his own salvation. His worst enemy: indecision. His best friend: confidence in his own ideals.

(Grant Lewi)

To achieve wisdom, to dwell in the high, secluded valley of Shangri-la, to know yourself and your relation to the Universe, to be in tune with the infinite, and to be recognized as a person of understanding: these are the constant aims of your life, in fulfillment of which you satisfy most truly your esoteric picture of yourself. If you want material things, it is so that your study and contemplation may be comfortable, untroubled by worry over security; and if material things are hard to get, you are capable of achieving a philosophy that makes them unnecessary to your contentment and self-development, which is always the kernel of your nut of life. On the other hand, if material things come easily, if circumstances and your total personality conspire to start you on an upward spiral toward success, your inner nature will tell you that success and luxury are, for some deep spiritual reason, your due; and the comfort they bring your spirit may lend you power in getting more and more of them. In no case, however, are material concerns of first import to your deepest and truest self, whose search is always for self-knowledge, self-understanding and selffulfillment in the intangible sense that depends on nothing

outside you. You are unhappy only when you violate, in action, thought or word, some truth that is essential to you, or when you realize you have acted counter to the dictates of your own self-taught wisdom. Too continuous violation of your own code causes brooding and deep unhappiness, and thus your only sure path to contentment, which is your success, is to make sure that you adhere always to the wisdom already acquired, and build stone by stone toward that high pyramid of wisdom in the completion of which is your success.

(John Townley)

Your emotions are very intense and finely tuned, and you can usually see into the heart of an affair more quickly than your partner. But your flashes of insight are not steady. You are likely to have considerable mood swings and changes of heart within a relationship until it has settled for a period. Only time can give your affairs more concrete definition.

For that reason, you should find a lover who is more stable than you. Such a partner will see through to the real you underneath, and won't be thrown off by your seeming inconsistencies.

Because you are more concerned with a lover's internal values than with their external expression, others may think that your friends and lovers don't match your style. But you are hardly aware of any inconsistency, because you see directly to a person's heart, ignoring external trappings, which few others can do.

Concerning physical matters, you are likely to be rather impractical. It would be good to have a partner who can handle the bothersome petty details of existence so that you can then attend to the more meaningful issues in life without being distracted. Under such circumstances, you can transform love into a clear, pure vehicle for personal understanding and revelation, both for you and for your lover.

(Robert Hand)

You are a very sensitive person with strong feelings. If someone makes a harsh remark, you take it very hard. In fact, one of your tasks in life will be to develop a thicker skin. Not everyone is so sensitive as you or so considerate of people's feelings. But your sensitivity is good in some ways because it makes you kinder and more considerate of others, and less likely to hurt anyone. You like to take care of people and animals, especially if they are sick or hurt. But you should stay away from people who are always negative, because you pick up and react to their feelings very quickly.

You have a rich and lively imagination, which can make you very creative. But you may spend too much time in your own private fantasy world and avoid dealing with the important matters of the world around you. It is much easier for you to daydream than to

face up to the real world.

As you get older, you may develop an interest in the occult and supernatural - not in the horrible aspects such as witches and vampires, but in subjects such as ESP and clairvoyance. You are very interested in the mysterious aspects of the world around you.

As you get older, you should learn how to stand up for yourself and resist people who are more aggressive. You are very likely to avoid conflicts, even when you should defend your own ideas. If you do not stand up for yourself, you may attract people who will exploit you and take advantage of you.

(Haydn Paul)

Moon in Pisces suggests you may be an emotional dreamer, highly sensitive to the tidal vacillations of your feelings and those of others around you. This heightened sensitivity verges on a psychic ability, and you will be empathic, receiving impressions from the collective emotional psyche, almost like a psychic sponge, leaving yourself vulnerable and impressionable on an unconscious inner level. Without realizing it, you often reflect moods and feelings of those close to you, incorrectly believing that they are your feelings; you may carry the emotional burdens of many, and this can weigh your spirit down. Some may take advantage of your self-sacrificial attitude, turning you into a victim or martyr for them, so you may need to guard against this unconscious tendency.

Real life is not really to your taste; it can be too harsh and demanding, making too great an impact on your malleable feelings and wearing you down through constant emotional agitation. You may seek escape through imagination, fantasies, dreams, and addictions, such as alcohol, drugs, and sexual activity. Prolonged exposure to your private dream world may make you less able to deal with the demands of human existence; and time and effort may be spent in dreaming of a better future rather than actually working to make it a reality.

You will have close access to your unconscious mind, and this may pose certain problems. While it can inspire imaginative creativity through channels such as poetry, art, or music, this needs to be carefully disciplined and focused. If such outlets are not available, they could be developed; yet, if you have no way to direct these energies, they will circulate within your nature. This implies that they will further amplify your sensitivity, emotions, and feelings, and probably make you more psychologically vulnerable. The danger is one of imbalance and of overstimulating some of the more negative Moon-Pisces tendencies. Feelings may arise of persecution, guilt, sacrifice and martyrdom, hypochondria, or losing touch with mundane realities as dreamscapes take over. The unconscious may flood a personality and swamp it, creating neuroses and psychoses.

But equally, there is a positive dimension to this which can be released through your choices. Mediumistic abilities may exist, and these should be developed through modern

techniques of channeling, whereby inner teachers can be contacted for guidance and support (although discrimination must be applied to ensure that the messages are genuine and reliable).

Your feelings and emotions are easily expressed; few blocks exist in you, and you are most familiar with following the messages of these impulses, even to the exclusion of rationality at times! Natural empathy can be developed into giving practical aid to and supporting others through counselling, healing, or teaching. Your ideals and dreams of a better world can be made real by actualizing your visions and by manifesting spiritual realities into the physical level.

Cease any tendencies to live through the vicarious feelings and experiences of others, and reabsorb your projections back into yourself, so that you achieve greater integration instead of allowing disintegration to occur through losing yourself in others. Take a more positive approach to honoring feelings as being important, rather than acquiescing to the greater importance of others' feelings. Value your empathic contribution to relationships and appreciate the sense of intimate closeness that this brings. Learn how to fulfill your need to serve others, not through self-sacrifice, but as a means of empowering them to accept their own emotions and feelings; by showing them how to live with these, you help them gain the benefits of a sensitive response to the mysteries of life.

By transcending a tendency to protect your emotions, perhaps through social shyness, you may learn how to take advantage of this sensitivity, both in a constructive attitude toward your emotional dynamics, and in compassionate service to others. Your path through life lies in the watery realm of feelings; learning how to navigate those sometimes stormy waters may help you to guide others across their own inner seas.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are very responsive to the depths of human experience, and you have understanding and affection for all people. You are emotionally naive and continually overlook other people's shortcomings and deficiencies. However, you can be easily hurt, and you tend to cry or feel sorry for yourself at the drop of a hat.

You don't like to face facts coldly and subjectively, and your relationships will suffer because your feelings are so sensitive. At times, you may lack humor and common sense, and you can be like the proverbial Russian who loves to be sad.

Your senses can deceive you because of your over-developed romanticism and optimism; you wear the original rose-colored glasses. Because you want to believe the best about everything, truth and reality upset you. You usually have musical, poetic and artistic talent.

Depending on the aspects, this can be the worst or best position for the Moon. If this

placement is favorable, it gives true vision; if the placement is unfavorable, it can cause total illusion or disillusion. You are quiet, retiring, amiable and sympathetic to the underdog. You are gentle, at times easygoing, unworldly and dreamy. You change your mind often; thus, you can be undependable, easily discouraged and depressed. This is the most psychic position of the Moon; yet there might be sorrow and many obstacles in reaching your goals. You need to feel sheltered and loved, and you like beauty, harmony and comfort around you because you suffer in adverse environments.

In a woman's chart, emotional excess may bring health problems. A woman with this lunar placemetrn may marry late. This position often adds a silent magnetism that attracts men.

A man with the Moon in Pisces wants a devoted, affectionate and sympathetic mate, who is likely to be a strong influence and indispensable in his private life, but not necessarily in his career.

In your eyes, your mother is sympathetic, but she may be very involved in her own life. You don't always see her clearly, at times over-idealizing and at times underestimating her.

(Sasha Fenton)

To some extent, the mutability of Pisces weakens the active, cardinal nature of the Moon. The Moon is associated with one's innermost feelings and underlying emotions; and the sign of Pisces, being devoted to emotion, suggests that even if the subject's outer manner is confident and capable, there will be a terribly soft heart hiding deep inside.

If this is your Moon position, you will spend some part of your life searching for answers to deep and indefinable questions. You will contemplate the meaning of life and the possibility of an after-life, and could even be drawn to a religious or quasireligious way of living. Your energies to some extent will always be directed towards trying to improve the quality of life for others and to introducing people around you to a gentle and healthy understanding of their minds, bodies and spirits. Life may disappoint you as it may never match up to your idealistic dreams and indefinable yearnings. Yet, somehow, life must go on; and you will probably wish to live it to the very full; therefore a particularly Piscean form of practicality often seems to combine with your desire for perfection, and the requirements of the hereafter.

You can be surprisingly ambitious. This ambition may take the normal route of upward mobility in the working and the suburban community, or it may take a totally private form. You could push yourself to improve your performance in a creative capability. Either way, you have the long-term patience to achieve your goals. You also have the gift of creative visualisation. The only real drawback to your reaching your goals is your lack of

confidence and your fear of making other people angry with you for competing with them. A sarcastic remark can wound deeply and is never forgotten.

On a more mundane level, you are extremely sensitive to the needs of others. Nobody is kinder, more thoughtful and considerate; you seem to feel other people's wants even before your own, and you can soak up other people's moods and desires psychically. There is a definite need for you to assess your own feelings from time to time to make sure that they are yours and not those of the people around you. You should also note that it doesn't always do to rush in and smooth the path of others; it might do them more good if you were to allow them to solve their own problems from time to time. Not everybody will want your intervention - although, human nature being what it is, most people will take advantage of free help when given the chance. If you become a permanent listening ear for neurotic friends and relatives, you will become worn out, depressed, and even physically ill. There are people who don't want their problems solved because this would stop them from attracting the attention and sympathy of others. You must make a special effort to avoid the truly mad, bad and sad for your own mental health's sake, even if it means abandoning some of those who call themselves friends.

Like all those who have the Sun or Moon in mutable signs, you have an inner streak of resilience and can usually find a way round your own problems. If absolutely pressed, you can stand up for yourself very well and dish out a surprisingly devastating dose of criticism. People tend to forget, just because you are so ready to sympathize and to understand their needs, that you also see their faults and inner motivations. If you are wounded, you withdraw into your shell. But if the problem is too great, you can be very spiteful and destructive. Destructive behaviour does not come naturally. You prefer to take the role of counsellor, teacher and guide.

Like Moon in Cancer subjects, you can be a really monumental worrier, beginning with worries on behalf of your family and friends, your health, money, the state of the nation, and the imminence of nuclear war. You could be mean in small ways, smoothing out paper bags for reuse or moaning about small expenses. In a way, you can be penny-wise and pound-foolish because you are never mean about large issues. You are always broke but usually manage to do the things you want. You will spend money on musical and recording equipment, books, dining out and trips. Most astrologers will tell you that you like to be on or near the sea; but where travelling is concerned, you don't actually mind where you go as long as you don't get too worn out in the process.

You will not tolerate injustice in any form; and, if you see a child, an animal or a person of a different race being badly treated, you truly go bananas. You value loyalty above all things, and hate to let anyone down. Friendship is terribly important to you, especially as some of you have difficult or demanding family members, thus making friendship outside the family essential.

All solar and lunar Pisceans are creative; many are artistic; and you need to express this creativity somewhere in your daily life. You work at your own rather strange pace, often like a dervish for a month at a time, and then switching off for a week in order to recharge your batteries. Most of you enjoy some kind of sport; swimming is probably high on your list; also dancing, tennis or just walking the dog. Every lunar Piscean that I have come across is a naturally good dancer, especially ballroom dancing. Some of you can be serious athletes or dancers, but this will require strongly competitive elements elsewhere on the chart. Those of you who have a very ordinary job will probably have a creative interest on the side. Some of you will privately work in the psychic or even the magical field, often without the people at your place of work having any idea of this other interest. You see omens in everyday events, and may be superstitious and fearful of unexplainable dark forces which sometimes seem to gather around you. Even the most practical among you can feel patterns in events which seem to occur.

You are not as changeable in your moods as most astrology books would suppose. Oddly enough, people who have the Moon in fixed signs are by far the moodiest. However, when you do become emotional or upset, the feelings go deep. You are able to hold a grudge for ever, but you are equally apt to remember those who stand by you in times of trouble. If someone hurts you gratuitously even in a minor way, you will never quite be able to trust or really like that person again. Women who have the Moon in water signs can often attribute some of their mood swings to pre-menstrual tension - I'm not quite sure what men can blame their moods upon. In some ways, your apparent moodiness stems from your inability to get the whole of your life together at any one time. It seems that if your work is going well, your love life will be in a state of collapse and vice versa. Even if everything is going well, you can be discontented due to boredom!

Your home is your haven, and it is also a haven for a good many other people. Many of you work wholly or partly from home, which often involves people coming in and out. The place is also permanently full of friends and neighbourhood children. Lunar and solar Pisceans are supposed to be loners, but I have yet to see any evidence of that: your 'phone and your doorbell are always ringing. Many of you literally don't bother to shut your door as there are so many people pounding in and out. Your home is attractive and comfortable but not over-decorated or cleaned to the point of sterility. You love warm colours, interesting textures, pictures and music; you fill your home with these plus, of course, books, books, books! You read almost anything, but probably novels, books about the occult, history, psychology, health and magic will be lying about somewhere on your shelves.

You can be so adept at hiding your inner nature that your kind heart might be buried under a shield of efficiency, toughness or even sarcasm; this is mainly a selfprotective shield. You are slow to reveal your own inner feelings, and it takes some time for you to get to know and trust someone. Some lunar Pisceans even go through many years of marriage without their partner ever really being let into their innermost hearts. You can

be a little manipulative at times, either to prevent yourself from hurt or in order to benefit those around you. When you are entirely comfortable with someone, you can be surprisingly bossy in a rather mother-hen way, but you do it for their own good.

Both solar and lunar Pisceans have an all-or-nothing relationship with vehicles, either being fabulous drivers or hating the whole business of learning to drive and not bothering with it. Some actually do learn and then avoid driving whenever possible. Very strange.

In marriage you are so supportive that you can spend more energy on your partner's behalf than on your own, and you really have to beware of becoming a martyr or a doormat. You tend to maan a bit about your partner, especially when you are feeling tired or depressed; but this is almost an expression of affection, and often doesn't mean much. You certainly need love and approval; and although you can live alone, you far prefer to have someone to love and be loved by. Not receiving the love and understanding which you need in childhood, you actively chase after it in adulthood. Some of you are so shy and repressed that you never get the love you want, and then you may retreat into a life of daydreams and illusions which would make a Walter Mitty appear down-to-earth. Your powerful imagination is both your most valuable asset and the point of your greatest weakness. If you can channel this into creative pursuits, spiritual development or work in the counselling field, you could overcome most of this.

You make an excellent parent because you understand the needs of children and are happy to spend time playing with them. I'm not sure about this, but I think it's probably that you don't relate to babies as much as slightly older children who can talk and play. Certainly you find no difficulty in playing 'Let's pretend'. You are probably way ahead of them on that one anyway. Your children are encouraged to respect adults but not to be afraid of them. You respect the dignity of children. You could be so busy teaching them about the universe and the world around them, and giving them all the love that they need, that you overlook their need for clean shirts and breakfast cereal. Don't worry, they will survive and will love you all the more for it.

Your greatest fault is your over-sensitivity to criticism. Nobody likes to be criticized, but you really do seem to suffer. Your self-esteem is low enough to begin with; you don't need to have someone else giving it a further battering.

Although you are friendly and non-hostile in your approach to new people, if you really fancy someone, your first reaction may be to run in the opposite direction. You fear rejection, ridicule and loss. You are afraid to become close to someone, in case you learn to rely on him / her and then lose him / her again for some reason or other. Love relationships make you nervous because you are aware of your great need for emotional sustenance and of your vulnerability. Adolescent relating can be very painful; later on, you learn some protective techniques, but these may be ultimately manipulative in that you may not allow yourself to take a chance on expressing your genuine feelings - this

again is due to your fear of rejection. Do try, if you can, to be yourself in a love relationship, and not the pseudo person whom you think your lover wants you to be. In most cases, it is better for you to connect with someone whom you know on a friendly basis rather than to jump deeply into a new relationship. Being incredibly romantic, you appreciate little presents, birthday cards, candle-lit dinners and shared memories. You have a stock of romantic melodies and catchphrases which you link to your lover.

An important ingredient in the lunar Piscean's nature is curiosity of all kinds. Sexual and emotional curiosity strike early. I can't really find any way of putting this delicately, but the fact is that you love making love. The act of sex is a great outlet for you because it combines all your favourite feelings and sensations. Your senses are terrifically strong, especially your psychic sense; love-making gives expression to every one of them, including your powerful imagination. It may be a cold-blooded thought, but your nerves are delicate and often over-stretched, and therefore sex gives you a tremendous release of tension. A pal of mine tells me that he is 'horribly romantic' and couldn't enjoy sex without love. I think that goes for all the other lunar Pisceans too; there must be affection and fondness, if not outright adoration, for you to be able to really relax and enjoy yourself. My friend Nina says that she likes to have poetry read to her while she is in bed; I like poetry anywhere!

You might try too hard to please your partner both sexually and in other ways. Remember, the relationship stands more of a chance of lasting if both of your needs are being satisfied. Another difficulty for you is that you don't like being possessed. You yourself can be possessive, especially when in the early stages of a romance; possessive, hungry for love, and desperate to be reassured. There may not be enough touch, comfort or words of love in the world for you, but you can in your turn fill your partner with love and reassurance until the cows come home. You need affection even more than you need sex; you need to be cuddled. You need to play a little and to have fun with your partner. (Welcome to the pleasure dome!) Oddly enough, you don't much like to be touched by strangers. You need to keep a little distance between you and 'touchers'; this may be an instinctive need to protect your rather sensitive aura!

Some men are better avoided by Moon in Pisces women. The first is the selfdestructive type, such as the confirmed alcoholic. You may wish to reform this person, to teach him by loving him endlessly to mend his ways. This will get you nowhere and will only deplete your small reserves of psychic energy. Another is the paternal type who appears over-protective but who is in fact threatened by the possibility of your becoming independent or taking control of your own life. The two Piscean fish can make you stupidly romantic and earthily practical both at the same time.

Here are a few more oddities from the Piscean wash-bag. You like fresh air and the countryside but not when the weather is cold: then you prefer sitting by an open fire. You can be too serious at times, and you should let your friends encourage you to let your hair down and have some fun. You need to have good clothes and may be fussy about

the type of shoes you wear.

You are creative, inventive and easily bored; therefore, a routine job will not satisfy. Not having endless reserves of strength, you tend to work in fits and starts; therefore, you need a job where you can work at your own pace. Many of you have an urge to do something useful, and find work in hospitals or even in prisons. Many solar and lunar Pisceans can be found in the world of music, acting, dancing and art. Creative work obviously appeals. Floristry and cookery are typical interests. Glamorous work such as fashion interests you, as does the more up-market kind of public relations work.

Many of you are skilled engineers, electricians, telephone engineers and precision sheet-metal workers. This is because the work is detailed and creative, requires problem-solving techniques, and involves drawings. Obviously, drawing office work appeals, and many of you can be found working in aircraft factories!

I belong to an organization called the British Astrological and Psychic Society, which has nine people on the committee. We all have different Sun and Ascendant signs, but all nine of us have the Moon in water signs. Two of the group have the Moon in Cancer and the other seven have the Moon in Pisces. This must be significant, mustn't it? Some of us work full-time in the psychic field; others work on a part-time basis. One can find among our collective skills astrologers, palmists, tarot readers, numerologists, clairvoyants, aura-readers, graphologists, sand-readers etc.. All lunar Pisceans are natural psychics, but it is surprising how many are drawn specifically to work in the field. If you have Sagittarius, Aquarius or Gemini on your birthchart, you will probably want to teach. It seems that the Pisces connection gives one the urge to give gratuitous information to the world. Healing is also a naturally Piscean gift which many of you have.

You may have been born with difficulty, and could have been the youngest child in the family or perhaps an only child. The general feeling is that you were not an especially wanted child and were viewed right from the start as being a nuisance. Your parents would have been up against difficulties when you were very young; these could range from severe financial problems, deaths and tragedies in the family to the kind of situation where one half of the family doesn't talk to the other. There is, actually, strong evidence that you had early experience of the shortness and fragility of life due to the death of a parent or of someone close to you. Some of you would have been born at around the time of a death in the family; wartime births probably occurred during bombing raids!

One way or another, your childhood was rather lonely. Some of you felt yourself to be 'different' in some way, possibly being the only artistic and sensitive child in a household full of very rugged and practical people. Even with nothing tragic or 'out of gear' in the childhood, there was a need to withdraw into your imagination, to get away and spend time on your own. Most of you are avid readers, often attracted to stories about magic or science fiction. Finding it hard to make friends, you could have been badly bullied at school or, worse still, badly bullied in the home. You may have felt embarrassed by your

appearance, ie too tall, short, fat, thin, etc.. Somehow, you found it hard to relate to your parents, and may have been afraid of them or of other people around you. There may have been an overemphasis on a particular kind of moral or religious observance, or there is the possibility that you were or you may have been pushed at school further and faster than was comfortable. This would be a difficult situation as your natural inclination was to please your parents and teachers. A few of you were rebels at school and hated authority.

You developed a watchful approach to adults, and learned how to gauge their moods and how best to please them. This could be carried into adult life, making you adept at finding out just how to please people and to manipulate them to suit your own ends. More likely, you would manipulate yourself to suit the other person, and, therefore, never really learn to develop honesty and a sense of reality in personal relationships.

Adolescence is likely to have been a minefield as you learned to adapt to one person after another, not learning to appraise yourself of your own realistic needs and make them plain to others. All this can be sorted out later in life with an increase of awareness and self-awareness; and, to give you your due, you do go to considerable lengths to discover what's wrong and to put things right. Pisces is a sign which is associated with illusion - as you grow and learn, you should learn to channel your illusions into artistic or creative work and out of your dealings with others, especially in the personal sense.

If you have this Moon placement, you may not enjoy the best of health. You could have been weak as a child and have spent a good deal of time alone because of this. Later in life, the legacies of your childhood have a habit of lingering on. Your energies are quickly depleted, and your nerves are delicate. You can suffer from nervous ailments. The traditional problem area for Pisces is the feet; also the lungs. Heart trouble is a possibility; also skin allergies, migraine or asthmatic problems. You may retain water or have blood disorders. I have not yet come across a lunar Piscean with a drink problem, but smoking seems to have a bad effect. An old-fashioned astrology book of mine tells me that you are susceptible to social diseases! Anybody who works with people in a counselling capacity will be able to tell you that social diseases are pretty common and don't apply to any one sign of the zodiac or any one planet.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This placing of the Moon shows the coming together of two forces that are extremely highly-charged. The emotional content of Pisces is powerful, and when the Moon falls in this sign, the responses to all situations will also be emotional. This is not the type of emotion found, for instance, in fiery Aries: it is a very different force, discharged through very different channels and for different reasons.

The individual is easily moved, whether to great happiness or sadness. He or she may be moved to tears by a piece of music that rings nostalgic bells, or affected in an above-

average way when scenes of disasters flash onto the television screen. The response will be to do something kind and charitable, perhaps sending hard-earned cash to aid those in distress, even to the point of self-denial.

If creativity is shown in other areas of the chart, this placing will add sensitivity and imagination to the way in which it is expressed. However, the Moon in this sign may weaken the character, encouraging the subject to take the line of least resistance, especially when challenged. As a result, there will be a tendency to tell lies and to be very deceptive - not only towards others, but to the self as well.

When the subject does deceive others, her excuse will be that lies are less hurtful than the truth, and those lies will be told with an astonishing spontaneity. Parents with children who have this placing must be kind and understanding, but very firm indeed, in making their offspring realize that truthfulness is essential.

A warning should be given to the subject that, like those with a Piscean Sun sign or Ascendant, she may react adversely to medically administered drugs. When under stress, she must be strong enough to resist the extra cigarette or drink. Giving way to any form of negative escapism can become a habit that is hard to break.

The positive, caring, sacrificial qualities of this placing will contribute much if the individual has a sense of vocation. They are also valuable traits if she is involved in any of the caring professions, since the subject will have an understanding of those needing help, and an ability to give a favorable and sympathetic impression to anyone who is underprivileged.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in the sign Pisces indicates a supersensitive emotional nature which acts like a psychic sponge, soaking up the thoughts and emotions of others. This extreme impressionability on the unconscious level makes the person feel psychologically vulnerable, with the result that he withdraws into seclusion to protect himself emotionally. There are strong psychic and mediumistic tendencies; but without consideration of other factors in the chart there can be no guarantee that impressions received are reliable. People with this position have a vivid imagination which can result in poetic, musical, or artistic output. They are generally kind and sympathetic because of their sensitivity to the feelings of others. However, they can be easily hurt and may develop a persecution complex. If the Moon is afflicted in Pisces, there can be neurotic or psychotic tendencies, and irrational dominance by the unconscious mind. In some cases, excessive shyness is indicated.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a sensitive, though potentially evasive, soul. You have the need to be

selflessly involved with Other - but this could necessitate acute suffering. You have the instinct to go with the flow - but if there is too much pain you may crave escape. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is willing to make sacrifices, but could play the martyr.

You naturally respond towards Other with great sensitivity and empathy, thus finding a place in Other's heart and what goes on in Other's mind. You respond to difficult and painful experiences in the spirit of redemption, for you know that suffering ultimately heals. You respond to Other's longings, for they resonate with your own.

Your inner child reacts with intense sulks, despair or evasion when it is discovered that your feelings are not understood at all. Therefore, you must seek to understand / express them better yourself. It reacts with a refusal to face the hard facts of the situation; and it reacts when it finds that Other's fantasy turned out to be your nightmare.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who are weak or wounded, sensitive or poetic, and therefore seem in need of your selfless assistance; towards Others who initially promise to be your saviour and the answer to your dreams; and towards Others who are sensitive and subtle, but possibly misfits or escapists - or mad (ie insane).

You can get caught up in relationships which suck you dry, teaching you to be more discerning and self-preserving in future; in trying desperately to maintain the illusion of how you initially thought Other and the relationship ought to be; and in sorting out reality from fantasy.

When you are alone, it is most probably because you simply cannot take the risk of being hurt any more. However, if you are still hooked on Other and cannot seem to get free of him / her, your time alone would be best used building up a stronger sense of who you are as a separate individual, knowing where you begin and Other ends. This is a prime necessity for you, because without this strong sense of self, that 'melting into one' type of relationship that you crave can merely turn into an identity crisis (again). This is what that hurt actually stems from - getting addicted to Other as a substitute for something that should be your very own. And so some form of creative pursuit or spiritual quest is necessary to achieve this important objective of making one thing of yourself - for you certainly won't make one of yourself and Other until you have done so.

(Skye Alexander)

Your emotions are like the ocean: deep, mysterious, rich with life and constantly changing. You are reluctant, however, to reveal this vast and complex inner side of yourself to even your closest friends and family. Your feelings are easily engaged and easily hurt, so to protect yourself you hide your vulnerability behind a veil of secrecy.

Like a chameleon, you take on the color of your environment, at least in an emotional

sense. For this reason, it is important to you to spend as much time as possible with congenial people in harmonious surroundings. You have a tendency toward depression and morbidity; therefore, cheerful, upbeat companions can stimulate more positive feelings in you. Meditation also can help you to centre yourself and develop inner tranquility.

Highly sensitive, you connect with others on an unconscious, emotional level. You actually feel what they feel. This produces a sympathetic and compassionate nature. You cannot bear to see anything hurt, and identify with all the world's weak and helpless creatures. In an effort to help alleviate the suffering of others, you may become involved in humanitarian causes or social programs.

You appear psychic since you seem to 'know' things without being able to explain how. This extrasensory ability can be developed to a high degree, but you must be careful because you are also very impressionable and lack discrimination. You expect yourself to be perfect, and are unforgiving of your own shortcomings. In your heart-of-hearts, you feel unworthy, and it is easy for you to become a martyr. Pisces is sometimes called the sign of self-undoing, and you are all too willing to sacrifice your best interests for someone else, especially for lovers and family members.

You have a vivid imagination and are highly sensitive to color, sound and rhythm. Many people with Piscean Moons possess artistic talent. In particular, you might be drawn to painting, photography, poetry, music, and film-making or screen acting. Your ability probably revealed itself at an early age, and you seem to express it almost effortlessly. However, you can be lazy about developing your talents. You prefer to dream about the symphonies you'll write or the films you'll make one day rather than working to bring your dreams to fruition.

Somewhat shy and reclusive, you like being alone some of the time. For the artist, this is absolutely necessary. It is also important for spiritual development; and many people with Moon in Pisces are involved in religious pursuits of some sort. Be careful, though, that your retreat into solitude is not an excuse for escaping the demands and harsh realities of the 'real world'.

Your home is a refuge from the stress of the outer world, a place where you can recharge yourself with peace and quiet. You don't really enjoy entertaining at home, and when you do, prefer to see one or two close friends at a time rather than giving large parties. A lover of beauty, you might collect art and other things that appeal to your keen sense of aesthetics. You are less concerned with neatness, however, and your home may be in constant disarray. Some Pisces-Moon people feel that acquiring earthly possessions is materialistic, and spurn creature comforts to live in monkish austerity.

There was probably some instability in your childhood home: an absent or alcoholic parent, poverty, mental illness, or perhaps parents who were not emotionally supportive

of you. You may have felt helpless or defenceless, alone, even fearful. As a result, you grew up with a sense of insecurity that still exists, deeply-rooted, in adulthood. Perhaps your mother (or the nurturing parent) was weak, ineffectual or ill. Perhaps she was absent from your life, physically or emotionally unavailable when you needed her.

The forgiving nature of Pisces, however, will let you apologize for your mother's ineptitude; and, regardless of the facts, you probably believe she was a kind and loving parent - even a saint. In some cases, this can be true, for Pisces is also the sign of the saint. Indeed, your mother may have been a kindly, compassionate individual who was always raising money to help the poor, or doing charity work, or caring for others in some way - while neglecting her own children.

With your own children, you are usually too lenient. Though generous and loving, you sometimes fail to provide them with the structure and discipline they need. You also tend to worry too much about them and can be overly protective.

Your 'mothering' is not limited to your own family. You want to nurture and protect everyone in need; stray animals, homeless street people, and starving refugees in third world countries. People with problems seek you out, and you always offer a shoulder to cry on. Easy prey for the unscrupulous, you need to discriminate between those who genuinely need your help and those who are taking advantage of you. You also must learn not to feel guilty if you refuse to help someone.

This is especially true in close personal relationships. Sympathetic to those who have problems, you believe your love can cure them. The expression 'love is blind' can be applied to you. Romantic and overly-idealistic, you have difficulty seeing your partners as they really are. You prefer to view them in the light of your fantasies, as your fairy princesses or knights in shining armor; and you constantly seek the perfect lover.

It is usually easier for women with this Moon placement to express Piscean characteristics. Men who don't connect with the energy in themselves might be drawn to women who are gentle, submissive, idealistic, artistic, and / or spiritually inclined.

(Isabel Hickey)

Visionary. Dreamer. Romantic, sensitive, emotionally posited with a divine discontent that nothing of this world will take away. Poetical and mystical, if unafflicted. Makes a great gentleness in the person, but doesn't help in a worldly sense. Good for musicians and artists for this gives a greatly heightened sensitivity to life. A great sympathy for the underdog. Suffering through the emotions, for this position of the Moon is difficult. Needs to strengthen the will in order to withstand the impact of negative vibrations from others. In a male chart, attracts a sensitive and sentimental feminine. Not overstrong physically.

Moon ☾ in 1st House

(Haydn Paul)

Your self-perception and responses to people and the environment will be strongly influenced by feelings, emotions, and instincts. Life will be experienced and interpreted in terms of emotional reactions, where these biases of affinity and disaffinity will shape your life-style and decision-making. When choices need to be made, they will be referred to your instinctive feelings.

With such a dominant subjective response, you may lack an ability to understand others who have a different nature. This can cause misunderstandings and diminish potential relationship with those who relate to life through different perspectives, for instance those who evaluate experiences intellectually.

You have a sensitive and receptive lunar personality, which may create a phase-type quality to your temperament, through 'internal waxing and waning' creating changeable moods which can at times disconcert both yourself and others, especially where issues of emotional relationship or commitment to aims are involved. Finding a life direction may prove difficult, as your preoccupation is toward satisfying emotional needs, and you may find that the direction which develops is shaped by the paths of anyone you rely on for emotional support.

This can create dependency situations in which your attitudes and values are highly influenced by others, so that, through being impressionable, you reflect only what others want to see. Part of this may have developed during childhood conditioning by parental influences, especially by your mother's. Through your deep need for approval, you chose to behave to satisfy others' projections onto you. In so doing, you may have built a life-style that reflects the wishes of others rather than fulfilling your own needs.

Becoming clear as to your needs, desires, and ambitions may not be easy to achieve, yet it is essential in order to break negative dependency or become free from relationships where you have to deny your feelings in order to satisfy someone else.

Your lunar qualities form a sense of emotional connectedness with people; and at times this sensitivity can be close to a psychic or mediumistic talent which allows you to receive 'messages' from people or the environment. You may feel emotional empathy for some, and will have considerable sympathy for those suffering emotional pain; but you may have to guard against too deep an involvement with others through your empathic 'fusing' of feelings and emotions. Your presence can be supportive, although a dispassionate and objective type of counselling is not your natural style, due to your inability to distance yourself from feelings. This can distort your perception of others'

needs.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With a rising Moon there is a powerful hunger for personal significance and strong intuition about the trend of future events. Once the restlessness and moodiness of this position is brought under control, this can lead to amazing achievements.

People with this position are generally too sensitive for their own good, and tend to go to extremes, especially in youth. They usually have large, expressive eyes, a wide, expressive mouth, and a responsive face. They have a hard time masking thoughts and feelings, which flit rapidly across the face (though less so in Scorpio or Capricorn). They are inclined to think out loud, to speak whatever is passing through their minds at the moment, no matter how out of context or inappropriate it may seem to their listeners. Actually, they are always talking to themselves.

People with a rising Moon tend to marry young, and may fall in love too easily throughout their lives. Each new love does not diminish the emotional hold of past loves, though, which can make their love life pretty complicated until they begin to understand themselves. They love best those companions who cherish them for what they are, allow them to ramble on, and then set limits for them. They know that limits must be set, but have a hard time setting them for themselves.

They are pretty much incapable of objectivity. Even sympathy is hard for them as they do not see others clearly although they can become them, or feel them - that is, identify with them through empathy. This can make them appear cold when they turn away from persons or situations that are painful, because they have no buffers to protect them from the intensity of their own responses. They are generally not thinkers, because their intuition is capable of giving them all they require to grasp concepts and figure things out. They can come up with answers without any notion of how they arrived at them.

Extremely self-conscious in youth, they feel that everyone is looking at them and thinking about them all the time. They have a hard time getting over this, always giving themselves more importance in the scheme of things than is realistic. Yet this quality invests them with a natural authority, so that people tend to look to them for answers, particularly during a crisis. They are so self-oriented because their minds constantly fill with ideas and images and they must continually seek outlets or they become mentally and emotionally clogged.

They may seem unrealistic to less sensitive and less imaginative people. In fact, given a few other placements in that direction, they may acquire a reputation as a firstclass eccentric. However, they generally have a circle of friends who enjoy their idiosyncracies, for although they appear to be paying no attention to anyone but themselves, their listening powers are tremendous. They can absorb more about others

than most, and are capable of astonishing feats of memory and thoughtfulness. Even so, they are hard on intimates as they require constant outlets for their ideas and emotions, and so require a large social circle so they can go from one to another as they wear out each person.

They are usually very expressive in art, writing, speaking, acting, and music, but frequently have a hard time staying with one effort long enough to bring anything to fruition. They need a strong Saturn in their chart or they will blow all over the pond. They are usually very clever at spotting trends and coming up with the 'next big thing' that will please the public. However, they will need disciplined partners to help them take advantage of this gift or nothing will come of it.

If harsh aspects from Mercury show mental or emotional problems, there may be a danger of mental illness with this position, in which other people appear only as mirrors that reflect back the self. Surrounded by self images, they can find no objective reality to grasp hold of. At some point indicated by progressions, mental or emotional illness may even claim them as a permanent casualty.

In general, though, the rising Moon gives a great potential for growth and change throughout the lifetime. After the roller-coaster ride of youth slows down a bit, these people should be able to get a grip on themselves and put their great gifts to use.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-expression: Here we have a paradox: when the Moon is in the 1st house, the natural and active projection of self is inverted, so self-expression becomes 're-active' or, more properly, responsive. Your natural personality radiance is emotional, sensitive, maternal, and subject to the ebb and flow of moodiness. Needs are immediately projected from the surface, visible for others to see. When your needs are not met, there may be explosive tantrums, defensive shutdown, or collapse into hysteria, all major pitfalls. In general, however, this placement correlates with a 'softness' of personality. You are protective toward those you love or feel drawn to, with urgent sensitivity to those individuals' needs; and you're subtly defensive toward strangers, who may seem alien or threatening. The challenge is to make sure you're safe, then open up.

Natural persona: Your natural face is soft and maternal, almost 'moist', either sympathetic or needy, and sometimes both. This is especially true when the Moon occupies an expressive or emotional sign; it is less true when the Moon's placement is in a sign like Capricorn. There the moist quality may be replaced by a solid wall of seeming passivity.

Your name-tag says, 'I am responsive. Tell me what you need, and I will provide it for you, for needs are the most important thing in the world'.

Self-awareness: Spontaneous projection of emotional receptivity births awareness of the central, core self. Radiating yourself outward as either 'mother' or 'child' - defending, protecting, feeding, needing, clinging - reveals to you whatever your inner nature actually is. Awareness ebbs and flows in tandem with feelings. Once you're in touch with your needs and have discovered your inner self in any momentary setting, then come through your persona and act on what you've realized. Responsiveness to the outside world makes you aware of what you truly are, and what you truly want to do.

Boundaries: You buffer the tension between internal and external realities by being sympathetic to the needs of others. Insensitivity or lack of emotional expression disconnects the two different realities, creating a numbing alienation from self, while compulsive mothering or unconscious neediness destroys the distinction between the two, causing a sense of perpetual hunger and emptiness. The challenge, however, is to nourish yourself and your environment without creating dependencies. The positive result is contentment.

Vitality: Vitality is directly linked to emotional well-being. Proper diet and emotional comforts maintain your life force, although there may be heightened sensitivity to fluids, as well as vulnerability in the digestive or reproductive systems. You must learn the meaning of action in order to balance your tendency toward reaction. The force of habit has a profound effect on your stamina, either protecting and maintaining it, or disrupting and draining it. To heal yourself, discover what your habits are and reroute the imprints. Your relationship with your own mother is one of the most important of these factors, whether the connection is current and ongoing, or merely the result of childhood experience long buried within.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your mood depends on your feelings at the moment. When you are emotionally high you are outgoing; but you are shaken by any unsettling experience. Because of your emotional nature, you tend to lose your composure under stress. You become aggressive only when you have to protect yourself from abuse. It is essential that you improve your self-image, which you do by getting a formal education. This will allow you to compete successfully and will help you cope with your personal relationships. You must be able to deal objectively with the problems of the real world and not allow abrasive situations to disturb you emotionally. You need to develop your creative imagination in order to be productive. You must raise your credibility by capitalizing on your gifts. Education will help you find a way to express your understanding, compassion and concern for less fortunate people.

You want friends who understand your moods and feelings of inadequacy; but you often assume that people want your friendship only because you are so willing to help them. You are deeply concerned about your future and whether you will have sufficient resources to sustain yourself in later years. You are anxious to translate your ideas into

tangible rewards so that you needn't depend on others. Although you should set up a plan to achieve your goals, you tend to dawdle. You may feel that you are always making concessions to others, but you aren't really sure what you can do without them. Making concessions is a way to maintain contact with people; but it does make you feel inferior, which may cause some discomfort.

Your family-ties may be so strong that you don't have a life of your own. Breaking with the past will be difficult, but it must be done if you hope to become self-sufficient. Your goal should be to pursue your own destiny and to like yourself for what you can accomplish. It isn't easy for you to secure a position in your career, because you aren't sure you can succeed on your own. But remember, you cannot afford to deny yourself the benefits of using your talents imaginatively and purposefully. Loyalty to family is admirable, but not when it interferes with your destiny. When it does, it becomes slavery. No one has the right to expect you to put your own destiny aside in order to help realize theirs. Coping with these deep frustrations will not be easy, because their roots are buried in your early conditioning.

You willingly help people who need your tender loving care, but you should understand when to conserve your energy in order to avoid exhaustion. You are too eager to be available when someone says he / she needs you, perhaps because you want human companionship at any cost. Direct some of your energy to developing your own creative potential. Sacrifice some of your time for others if you want to, but remember to put yourself at the top of your list of priorities.

Don't underestimate the value of your creative imagination, which can help you solve your own and other people's problems. You have a calming effect on people in their time of need; they feel protected in your presence. Since you are insecure, however, you must be firm and refuse to allow others to dominate you. Learn to accept reality and use your talents to build tangible assets that will sustain you in later years. Don't feel sorry for yourself, and don't bury your talents.

(Howard Sasportas)

Any planet in the 1st house is amplified as if the volume has been raised on that principle. According to its sign placement, the Moon there energizes the emotional, instinctive and feeling responses of the individual. Unless strongly modified by other aspects in the chart, the person will radiate lunar qualities - sensitivity, receptivity and a kind of child-like openness to which others are naturally drawn.

While the Sun in the 1st wants to exert a dynamic impact on the environment, the Moon in the 1st is more inclined to stay fused with mother and surroundings. All little babies instinctively know that winning the love of the caretaker helps to ensure survival; and therefore they adapt to the mother's likes or wants. But those with the Moon in the 1st - even later in life when survival is not dependent on the presence of another person -

may habitually act as if their lives depended on being what others want them to be. Consequently, they exhibit a radar-like ability to pick up and read signals emanating from those around them. However, the interpretation of these signals is often distorted by a high degree of subjectivity. They can be so swaddled in their own needs, feelings and emotional complexes that they are sometimes incapable of viewing life or others at all objectively. In extreme cases, all they care about is what they want, and they can't easily give another person anything unless it fits in with that.

Nonetheless, the Moon in the 1st bestows an almost animal-like intelligence - instinctively knowing what to do in certain situations. They can 'sniff out' opportunity, 'feel' danger or 'hear' trouble.

The house with Cancer on the cusp or contained within it will be connected in some way to a 1st house Moon.

Mercury ♀ in ♐ Capricorn 8° 42'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you indulge in Capricorn fears of losing status by not knowing the answers to everything, you can develop a pretence of being the final intellectual authority in all fields. You may use every opportunity to gather knowledge and impress others, always assuming an authoritarian attitude. This can result in alienation and a breakdown of your credibility with other people. A pretentious manner when speaking may disenchant others, provoking them to withhold information. This can lead to a constant disruption of any attempted communication.

Dynamic

When you focus on the informational needs of others, you can effortlessly share ideas relevant to the situation. When your motive in giving information is to support others, you automatically communicate true knowledge and eliminate pretence. Relinquishing the Capricorn need to maintain authority allows others to share the information necessary for further mutual advancement.

You can cease to take yourself so seriously by paying attention to the sensitivities of others. Then you can organize the situation effectively and share authority. This opens the door for others to show appreciation and respect for your abilities.

(Grant Lewi)

You never miss a trick. You can hear the grass grow, see out of the back of your head, smell garlic three blocks off, taste the faintest suggestion of flavoring, and feel the difference in the diameter of two hairs. Your sense impressions are right down to earth: you see things for what they are, without any ifs, buts or ands. You don't intrude any judgement, any moral or aesthetic or social code, between yourself and reality. Morals and judgement may exist in your life, but they have no bearing, in your mind, on things. A sofa is a sofa. A bed is a bed. The moral aspect of these pieces of useful furniture will not occur to you till someone else thinks of it. Your practical reaction to sense impressions makes your viewpoint sanest and most authentic in the world; and you can often help others to get down to cases by calling them back from irrelevant details to a contemplation of the real thing under discussion.

(Skye Alexander)

Your mind works in a logical, orderly manner. Each thought follows upon the foundation laid by its predecessor, step-by-step. Before speaking, you carefully examine and edit your words so that what you say is sensible, clear and concise. You rarely say something you don't mean or will be sorry for later. If your Sun is also in Capricorn, you won't be very talkative, speaking only when necessary or when spoken to. You prefer to communicate only with people you know well, and are shy and self-conscious when you have to speak to strangers or before a group. (If your Sun is in Aquarius or Sagittarius, however, you'll be more open, talkative and sociable.)

Mentally practical and down-to-earth, your attention is focused on the here-and-now rather than some distant horizon. Though you may not be very creative or imaginative, you are capable of deep concentration, have a good memory, and excel at planning and organization; you get things done while others are still dreaming. Determined and persevering, you are able to focus your thoughts on a single project or idea for long periods of time; and once you put your mind to something you usually accomplish it. You are ambitious, have a good head for business, and believe in the work ethic. Your pragmatic, no-nonsense attitude can help you to succeed in the corporate world or in any field that requires common sense and clear thinking.

Your ideas and attitudes are generally conservative and traditional, and you are more inclined to look to the past for answers than to try something new or different. Cautious and sceptical, you often demand 'proof' before you'll believe something.

Although you may not learn as quickly and easily as others, you retain what you learn and find ways to apply it. It is most likely that you were a good student because you worked hard at your studies and took them seriously. You are most interested in subjects that can be used in some practical way, especially those which will benefit you professionally. Abstract ideas, philosophy, metaphysics or the arts probably don't appeal to you very much; you are more comfortable with facts and figures that you can put to

work in the physical world.

Serious and rather pessimistic, you are prone to negative thinking and can be terribly critical of yourself and others. You tend to be a worrier, pensive, contemplative, and at times fearful and morbid, thinking and expecting the worst of people and situations. Such negativity can block you from achieving your goals since you sometimes believe things are worse than they are and give up before you even try.

You are a bit insecure about your mental abilities. Consequently, you work very hard to develop your intellect and want to be respected for your knowledge. Perhaps you believe that others think you are intellectually inferior; and thus you are defensive and rather touchy in this area. In truth, you aren't as witty and quick as your Mercury in Sagittarius or Aquarius counterparts. However, this doesn't mean you aren't as bright as they are. As a child, you may have been stifled intellectually or denied a good education and opportunities to expand your knowledge. To compensate, you might go back to school as an adult, work doggedly to acquire advanced degrees, or go to great lengths to demonstrate your intelligence. Or, you might attempt to prove to others (and yourself) that you don't need a degree or intelligence to succeed, and strive to become successful and wealthy despite your 'deficiency'.

If Uranus aspects your Mercury, or if your Sun is in Aquarius, you'll be more progressive, unconventional, quick and abstract in your thinking. If Jupiter or Mars aspects Mercury in your chart, or if your Sun is in Sagittarius, you'll be more outspoken, talkative, optimistic and friendly.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Capricorn indicates a mind that is ambitious, shrewd, practical, organized, and concerned with attaining status through material accomplishments. People with Mercury in Capricorn are capable of extended concentration and good organization. They are methodical in thought and procedure, possessing the ability to take things a step at a time; and their reasoning process is thorough, but not necessarily original. Their patience and discipline can result in mathematical ability, which can be used in business or science. Mercury in this sign also gives good managerial ability, and it belongs to many successful executives.

People with this sign position will go through traditional educational procedures as a means of reaching professional goals and improving their financial and social status. In political and social ideas, they are generally conservative, and uphold the established order. They respect those beliefs that have proved their usefulness through the test of time. Since Capricorn, like Virgo, is an Earth sign, Mercury in this sign regards ideas as important only if they are of practical value.

These people are realistic rather than idealistic in their approach to their goals; they see

everything for what it is, and are not to be deluded or taken in by false idealism. Since they have a keen sense of awareness, little of practical consequence escapes their notice. However, there is a danger that their seriousness and mental discipline will lead to a stern manner and a lack of humor.

If Mercury is afflicted in this sign, material ambition may lead to avarice and the tendency to use people to attain material goals, without regard for human values. Material status may become an end in itself, overriding human values and all other considerations.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Although the mind usually works fairly slowly, the subject thinks in a constructive and practical way, able to form a rational and cool view of every situation. Mathematical ability is likely; but he or she will be slow when studying; and progress may be more steady than rapid. What is said is meant, and there is usually no time for idle gossip, with the subject seeming the strong and silent type. Pessimism is likely, especially if the Moon and Saturn form negative aspects, but there is often strong ambition and achievement. The approach is very matter-of-fact, and long-term planning presents few problems. Determination and decisiveness will be present unless other natal influences make the outlook bleak and depressed, when excuses may be made to cover up procrastination or lack of self-confidence. In any case, every move is calculated and made with great caution. A liking for quality and tradition is common. Achievements are often underestimated.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, Sagittarian over-enthusiasm and blind optimism are steadied. Common sense and a practical, cautious streak are added, plus the ability to cope with details. The broad Sagittarian sense of humor is spiced with the off-beat Capricorn slant, making the subject very funny at times. Sagittarian restlessness will be less of a problem, but versatility may be reduced.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, lively ambition and often a positive outlook is added by the Mercury placement. The subject enjoys coping with rivals, and careful planning and forethought come easily. The mind works in a very calculated and careful way, with plenty of common sense and usually excellent mathematical and scientific potential. Sometimes there is also musical ability. A measured, steady yet slow pace is common, but what is learned is done so very thoroughly indeed.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, Aquarian originality and perversity are steadied by the ability to think in a practical way, and stubbornness can be less of a problem. However, some conventionality will be added to Aquarian unconventionality, so the subject's opinions may swing between the two extremes. Some caution will be a counter to the Aquarian need for individuality and independence. A flair for science is present; and imagination will be shown in all intellectual pursuits.

(Syndey Omarr)

Mercury in Capricorn can be earthy, warm, giving, trusting, and capable of seeing only the best in others. This can lead to some situations which are sad, costly and enervating.

The astrologer's job is to help the native to use his abilities, including intuitive intellect. Perhaps, on the other hand, the real task is to have the native heed the message his common sense sends rather than disregarding facts and hoping for the best. He is industrious and works toward his goal, but doesn't always know in which direction the goal lies. He must be more discriminating and suspicious, and call upon personal resources rather than trusting those who perhaps are not trustworthy.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a methodical, though potentially rigid, mind.

You see life in terms of tried and true procedures, thereby enabling you to grasp the essential facts of an issue and discuss things in a step-by-step, logical fashion that creates order. You see things as being efficient or inefficient, useful or useless - and so you put across to Other what you set out to put across, as well as achieving an objective that you always have in mind.

You tend not to see issues and factors concerning Other that fall outside your rigidly set view of things; Other will ultimately take advantage of this if you fail to listen and learn from him / her. You also tend not to see that Other may have plans that will include you only if you alter your agenda and criteria. So take time out to see someone who can help you achieve this.

(John Townley)

When it comes to sex, you are not overly verbal, but you are fairly clear and firm in your opinions about it. That is an advantage, in that one can suffer from too much uncertainty about sex. But don't let your set ideas cause you to become too conservative or unwilling to try something new. You could miss out on a lot that way. It is a good idea to ask your partner about what pleases him or her most in bed, because with your direct approach to lovemaking you could easily pass over something that is very important to your lover. Once you know your lover's tastes, you will take care to fulfil them in a thoughtful fashion. Be sure to ask again from time to time, for your lover's needs may change; and the more aware you are of them, the better.

It is very likely that you agree with the common views of what is normal and abnormal in a sexual relationship. But you can enjoy unusual sexual expression precisely because it is unusual and therefore exciting. If you avoid different experiences without question, your sex life will be less interesting.

Because of your self-assurance, it may seem natural to you to dominate your partner sexually. But you should try not to do this, even though it seems easiest and best for both of you at first. Instead, seek out your lover's thoughts and fantasies, and give them equal weight with yours. That kind of true interplay will always enrich your relationship.

(Robert Hand)

You like to think and plan very carefully, for you have a cautious mind, and you don't want to jump to conclusions. Your mind does not work very quickly, but your carefulness makes up for that. You are good at organizing yourself and others, so you can direct activities if necessary. These talents may be useful in business when you grow up. You are a practical thinker, and you want to learn skills that will be useful in life.

You do not like to study abstract subjects for their own sake. You want to know about life as it really is; and unlike many people of your age when young, you don't spend times in dreams and fantasies. But be careful not to become too narrow. Many aspects of the world may not seem interesting to you at first, and your practical mind may reject them as unimportant. However, if you ignore these ideas, you may miss out on something.

Inwardly, you are a serious person, and your thoughts are serious. As a result, you may seem older than most people your age in youth, because adults feel they can rely on you. However, even though you are basically serious, you can be quite funny. You take the world so seriously that you have to make jokes about the things that bother you, in order to deal with them. Mercury in this sign is often associated with comedians.

(Freda Edis)

Ambitious and practical organizers, people with Mercury placed in Capricorn tend to a realistic mode of thought, and may be wary of any ideas which seem nebulous or unconcerned with achieving some materially secure status. Hard-working and with patient if somewhat plodding minds, these people think conventionally and methodically, one step at a time, often dismissing the joys of speculative thought as unproductive time-wasting. They value a disciplined and serious form of mental expression, and can seem to be of a humourless turn of mind as they struggle to achieve professional and material goals - there was nothing very humourless about Saturn devouring his own children through fear of being usurped. Steady and logical, though perhaps unoriginal thinkers, people with this placement incline to a thorough knowledge of practical affairs and established institutions. Some practical idealism and an acceptance of human inconsistency would help to counterbalance the depressing effects of the more negative qualities of this combination.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Thoughts are expressed clearly and rationally.

Symbol: A librarian arranges books according to a master plan.

Saturn-ruled Capricorn tinctures the Mercurial mind with patience, prudence, and practicality. People subject to this combination expedite their plans in a thorough and systematic manner, and can generally be counted on to carry out their stated intentions. Their ability to present well-timed and clearly reasoned ideas gives them a dignified and sensible demeanor. Even if they happen to be wrong, they command respect, for they seldom indulge in foolish or silly chatter.

Mercury and Saturn maintain their friendly relations with each other throughout the zodiac. Saturn issues orders which Mercury, the servant of the gods, willingly obeys. The heavy vibrations of Capricorn endow this quicksilver planet with the stability it inherently lacks, while Mercury contributes wit and skill to the Capricornian determination to succeed. A child of the happy marriage of Mercury and Saturn is the dictionary which serves as a final authority on words. While this planetary union is not inherently creative, it can, like a dictionary, serve as an invaluable aid in giving proper expression to talents shown elsewhere in the chart.

Just as the cohesiveness of the body (Saturn) is co-ordinated by the nervous system (Mercury), so is the cohesiveness of a nation derived from its system of internal communications. Ancient Rome was able to achieve greatness because of the efficiency of the communications network linking the central government with the far-flung reaches of the empire. Even after the empire collapsed, Roman writings, laws, and administrative procedures endured through the centuries. Words enabled the dead to rule the living and perpetuate the power of the past. Thus, Mercury and Capricorn co-operate to form lasting structures bound together by words and ideas.

Although this combination may give a wry humor, it is not really lighthearted since pessimism is the price Mercury must pay for Saturn's mature judgement. There is too realistic an assessment of the foibles and limitations of human nature to feel particularly cheerful about the prospects for humanity in general.

When the Sun is in Sagittarius and Mercury is in Capricorn, the mind has a longer tether. There may be greater optimism and religious idealism, but less single-minded concentration on the task at hand. As a manager, supervisor, guide, or teacher this individual may do better training others in practical skills than carrying them out himself.

The person whose Sun and Mercury are both in Capricorn seldom changes his mind, and should beware of becoming stiff and opinionated. Respect for tradition can impede progress as conservative Saturn freezes the Mercurial intellect into static patterns of thought. On the positive side, these individuals have the courage of their convictions, and will struggle dauntlessly to make their ideas accepted.

If the Sun has gone ahead of Mercury into Aquarius, the mind is more original and independent. This is a helpful blend for organized research. It facilitates the translation of progressive concepts into the type of laboratory oratory sanctioned by the arbiters of scientific orthodoxy.

Mercury in Capricorn can be serious or censorious, exact or exacting, dogged or dogmatic. The mind concentrates and directs thought with deliberate intent, but the purposes for which this gift will be used are still contingent on the age of the soul.

(Isabel Hickey)

Good concentrative power. Dignity and earnestness. Good memory and attention to detail. Tendency to lack of humor; and can be 'heavy' because of it. Can be bored due to their lack of empathy. Down-to-earth type, which can be wonderful if they don't forget their branches reach to the sky. Old head on young shoulders. Tendency toward moodiness and sulking. Apt to be 'earthbound' and need to learn joy. Fear strong where material things are concerned. Needs to cultivate faith and optimism. School-teacher type. Makes excellent teachers and excellent diplomats if they do not overdo on intolerance and sternness.

Mercury ♿ in 11th House

(Freda Edis)

Mercury's placement in the eleventh house can indicate the type of person who needs to exercise his intellect as part of the larger human family. This house is often where people look for intellectual friendship and companionship. It indicates the kinds of associations they join and where they find or reject group identity. People with this placement may develop an interest in gathering knowledge by promoting groups with a common purpose. They may or may not be vociferous in their interests, depending on how they use the aspects made to natal Mercury. Often they can be intellectually engaged in formulating ideas of their ideal society, which may reflect both their hopes and their social objectives.

Mercury is anyway known for his friendliness, so he is likely to feel at home in the eleventh house. Aquarius has the ability to strengthen the bonds of humanity between people; and Mercury's connective principle helps that process. We see the more realistic extension of this principle in the myth of Prometheus. Prometheus, the light-bringer, was not to be entirely divorced from his shadow side; Hermes, the god of duality, sees to that.

Aspects made by Mercury in this house to other planets will indicate how socially skilful

people with this placement are.

The sign on the house cusp will also influence the way in which the thinking qualities of this Mercury placement are expressed in group or friendly activities. Mercury with Scorpio on the cusp may have a tendency to keep its thoughts to itself unless it can be sure it will be really effective in any joint activities undertaken. Mercury with Aries on the cusp may produce many original ideas in groups, but dislike the slowness of the decision-making process. Mercury's real function in any group activities is to recognize what has been left aside and to attempt to incorporate it, where possible.

People with an eleventh house Mercury may come to a realization that their effectiveness in groups and friendly activities is based on their own ability to communicate well. They then see that they need not project these qualities onto other people. There may be a desire to be open to the ideas put forward in groups which have a common and humanitarian purpose; but they may have to learn to integrate individual thought with feeling and action - otherwise, there could be a tendency to emphasize group ideas only.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of Mercury strengthens the ego, making it easy to set long-term goals and stick to them. These people generally appear to be flexible and easy to get along with to those with whom they interact briefly; but over a length of time or from a distance it is apparent that they have been working inexorably towards personal goals all along. This says nothing of what kinds of goals they will choose; they may be the best possible or they may be totally irrational, linked to childhood fears, etc., but in either case these people will go after what they want until they get it, whether it is good for them or not. They will go through any number of horrific experiences, if necessary, in order to get what they want.

They are usually attractive, often with an electric quality to the personality that attracts others to them. Sometimes this electric quality is out in the open, blazing directly from their eyes; sometimes there is a veiled quality, as though masked, but waiting to blaze out.

Whatever their financial circumstances may be, they usually appear to others to be well-off and to be able to get whatever they need whenever they want it.

They appear to be unconcerned with their own image, but actually they do care immensely how they look to others. They generally think quite well of themselves, and thus it is easy for them to create an exciting style.

They may be somewhat callous toward those nearest to them. They are more interested in their own feelings than they are in the feelings of others, and more interested in those

who are interested in them than they are in those who aren't. However, much as they like others to be attracted to them, they are not deceived by flattery. They like to measure their effect on others by how many they can attract, yet they themselves will also be subject to powerful attractions to individuals or groups.

They are the busy bees of ideas, carrying them from one group to another, buzzing with excitement, pollinating the mind of humanity. Yet it is not really ideas that excite them; it is the people who have the ideas; or perhaps, in their eyes, these are one and the same.

(Bill Herbst)

Group participation: You're very curious about what other people think, and, even more than that, about what's in the 'collective mind' of the group. You're crosscultural in approach, with an ever-increasing pattern of organizational affiliations. Whether you are a joiner or not depends upon the placement of other factors (such as the Sun and Venus), but in any case, the breadth of your associations is what's important. The challenge is to extend your network until you've been exposed to every kind of cultural group, so that your mind has the broadest possible base of information.

Appropriate behavior: You're fascinated by the spectrum of conventions in social interaction. Which fork to use first, how to address a business letter, what clothes to wear to a cocktail party - these small details of social living are endlessly interesting to your mind. Most important of all are the conventions around communication: how to talk to a certain person, what is all right to say and what isn't. You love to interview others, to find out what they're thinking. It doesn't matter so much whether you follow your own or others' rules of correct behavior, but be sure to learn them all. The pitfall is gossip, while the challenge is to master the politics of information.

Friendship, social circle: Friendship is based on intelligence and the willingness to communicate. Your friends need not be the deepest thinkers in the world, but it helps if they have quick and facile minds, and are interested in a wide range of subjects. If they don't enjoy talking, they're not really your friends. You like having numerous people from whom to choose companionship, so your social circle is large and diversified. Touching base with friends is a primary interest; you want to keep up with current events in their lives. Sensitivity is not your long suit socially, so keep an eye on your tendency to gossip without regard for the truth. Based on this placement alone, friendship could be superficial. There is, of course, nothing whatsoever wrong with that leaning, since your challenge as a friend is to keep life well-stirred, to expand the mental connections between people. Be active in friendship. Go somewhere, do something together. But most of all, have a good time.

Shared creativity: Shared creativity is a mental event. It's not that you're necessarily the brains of the group, but rather that you take off from and expand the thoughts that float around the group head. Your presence encourages the free flow of ideas as well as

debate over their relative merits. Your creative role is to disseminate ideas and provide constructive criticism to help perfect the group's expression.

Receiving love: You want expressions of love in verbal form. Even ordinary conversation, if sufficiently engaging, can be interpreted to contain the stamp of love. You're susceptible to a good line. What's important is a sense of stimulation, the massage of the nervous system. Love can be a delightful game of hide-and-seek. It's quite possible for you to feel loved by one person, but be enamored with the possibility of affection from another. You're an acrobat, able to juggle numerous light romances at once. The challenge is to understand that love is expressed through the mind, but that it emanates from the heart.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are a progressive thinker with your sights set on your future goals and objectives. You have a flair for defining your goals, and you know how to solve the problems you will face. You want to be free from the demands of your career so that you may pursue personally satisfying hobbies. Luckily, you probably chose a partner who shares your dreams and who is eager to become involved in enterprises that will enrich your life together. You have always had a strong urge to be free from financial obligations. You have always known that once you satisfied your material needs, you would embark on a more exciting course, doing all those things that you couldn't do earlier because of your responsibilities.

You are valuable to your superiors because you stay informed, and you are always qualified for a higher level of responsibility. You will probably be promoted quite often during your career, and your efforts will bring you the recognition you deserve and considerable appreciation from the public. People are impressed by your genuine concern, for you show them how they can solve their problems. The public is warmly disposed toward you; and you probably have a wide circle of friends from whom you can expect favors if you need them. But you would rather not be obligated to them, preferring to use your own talents to get through any difficulties.

You feel it is critically important to continually demonstrate your creative ability. Your loved ones enhance your potentials by indulging you in your need to prove yourself. It is to satisfy your family's needs that you work so hard to exploit your potentials. You sometimes doubt whether you can satisfy the needs of the people around you, and you aren't really comfortable unless you know you've been helpful. It is especially heartwarming to know that your efforts have helped people become more self-sufficient in handling their own resources. You suffer some anxiety when lack of money delays your plans. Being financially embarrassed is particularly painful to you, for it slows you down and dampens your usual enthusiasm.

You focus on achieving financial independence, and you apply yourself energetically to

that objective. You seem unusually competent in your work, and you deserve to retire early if that is what you want. Probably you won't truly retire, however, for you have many outside interests that give you much personal satisfaction. You are willing to make sacrifices while you are working to achieve your goals, because you know that you have to establish your own roots. Family obligations may have delayed the time when you could accomplish this.

It is important to you to make a substantial contribution to society, either in your career or as a private citizen. You've always felt some apprehension about your ability to carry out your plans as originally defined, although the public may never be aware of this secret anxiety. The chances are that you more than compensate for any subtle fears about your qualifications. You should be reassured by your superiors' approval of your effectiveness.

(Howard Sasportas)

Awareness of the self and life in general is expanded through friendships and group contacts if Mercury is in the 11th. Rather than just pursuing something alone, Mercury here enhances its knowledge by seeking other people who share a similar interest. For instance, you can study astrology on your own at home with some books, or you can gather together with other people interested in it. Through your doing so, other people's attitudes, points of view and experiences of the topic enlarge your own scope and appreciation. Helpful hints can be shared, and your own opinions aired: 'Oh yes, I hadn't seen that before, but did you ever consider...'. Problems with Mercury in this house could indicate trouble communicating or being understood in groups.

Mercury in the 11th also joins organizations which promote a common belief, concept or cause. One voice becomes many: a group of people thinking something is more powerful than just one person thinking the same thing. Mercury's thoughts might dwell on the ways in which society can be improved or advanced. Mercury in the 11th feels a kinship with like minds or with other group members, and sometimes acts as the group spokesperson. Then again, they may be the one that everyone else tells to shut up so that other people can get a word in. The nature of the group itself may be 'mercurial' - debating clubs, writing societies, or networking groups which link or refer one person or group to another.

Much of the same applies to friendship. If Mercury is projected onto companions, then those with this placement may seek a friend to do their thinking and decisionmaking for them. Or a friend may turn out to be unreliable, gossiping, or the type who says one thing and then does another. An actual brother or sister may be their best friend, or a friend is sought who can be like a brother or sister to them.

Venus ♀ in ♉ Taurus 4° 19'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

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

Dynamic

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

Like all the Earth signs, Venus in Taurus is slow to get involved in a relationship; and commitment will be very important to him / her. These people are capable of great loyalty to a partner, and will want this reciprocated. Once involved, they remain steadfast in their affections. They are likely to be possessive, and easily become very jealous if anyone threatens their relationship. People with Venus in Taurus tend to regard a partner as a possession, wanting to retain his / her affection inasmuch as they value and want to hold on to all that they acquire. Once involved, they do not easily give up on a

relationship, even one that has become quite bad.

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

portfolio first on your list of desirable qualities.

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

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

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

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

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

Men with this planetary position find the Rubenesque woman most appealing. No modelthin, androgynous females for you - you like your women voluptuous, even plump. Nor do you enjoy partners who are independent or assertive. Your feminine ideal is sweettempered, sensual, seductive and passive. If she's also a good cook, all the better.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

If the Sun sign is Pisces, Venus here adds stability, and is a good counter to Piscean elusiveness. The emotions are steady and tempered with common sense and fiscal ability. A practical approach to both love and financial matters is often present, and the placing will add to the creative flair of Pisces, helping to give it concrete form. As a

friend, the subject is more reliable than most Sun sign Pisceans, but an element of possessiveness may emerge within relationships.

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

You have a robust, physical, sensuous (or sensual) response to emotional vibrations. You are demonstrative, affectionate and passionate. You love to touch, to hold and to be held by the loved one. You are both sensational and passionate; to know the difference, and to let the true instinct relace the false one, is to achieve mastery of yourself and of others. Plenty of love addicts have this position; to them, love means physical enjoyment and little more. Raised to its best, this position of Venus enables you to elevate physical earthly love to a high spiritual plane and to understand the beauty of true union in a union of true beauty. You understand love deeply; you accept it with your whole being, are content to express it wordlessly, and value love's silences more than its speeches. You know both ecstasy and despair of love; and you cling to a love once given and received with unbelievable tenacity, even in the face of great obstacles. You believe in

love, in its earthly as well as its spiritual form, and will not be content till you have found both in one individual. Your emotional responses color your whole life; all sense reactions are intensified by this position, and your love of color, art, music and beauty in any form relates directly to the creative impulse which draws on, and interpretes to you, all the experiences that earth has to offer.

(Syndey Omarr)

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

You are repelled by a lack of physical affection or a poor sense of touch; by philistines with no sense of beauty or love of Nature; and by synthetic, ultra-modern or newfangled lifestyles, and Others who have such.

When you are alone, it is quite likely that you are still actually with someone but are alone in the sense that Other is no longer the company he / she was, or even the

company in which you wish to be. The reason for this is that in concentrating, consciously or unconsciously, on having material stability or outer appeal in a relationship and partner, you have overlooked the importance of the inner person or quality. Your aloneness, whether you are still with someone or not, is in aid of forcing this spiritual or psychological consideration upon you. A variation upon this theme, which applies mainly if you are entirely alone, is that you hold Other to be some object of love that you wish to own or admire from afar. Such an attitude is bound to maintain that very distance interminable, so you need to get down to a more honest, physical level of loving and relating.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

You are very fond of beautiful things and luxury. You like a good, comfortable chair where you can relax and have a delicious snack. But be careful about snacks, for you probably have a sweet tooth, and too many sweets are not good for you. Also, you may tend to put on weight. You may even eat too much of foods that are not good for you. Try not to indulge yourself so much, not only in eating but also in buying things. In general, you find it difficult to say 'no' to anything you want, and you often justify this by

saying you deserve it. You must realize that you will have to work to get the things you desire, even though they seem to come to you a bit more easily than to others. People like you enough to be willing to do favors for you, which may strengthen your tendency to be lazy. But you should act for yourself and not depend upon other people.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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

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

If Venus is positively aspected, their fruitfulness, sensuality, practicality and perseverance are qualities to which they aspire; and, as a result, they are innately drawn to relationships that will provide them with a secure environment in which these attributes can flourish. Their monetary acumen and foresight allow them to manage their finances successfully and attain the level of prosperity that provides costly, beautiful possessions, a luxurious lifestyle, and, most importantly, autonomy. If this goal cannot effectively be reached, they will use every wile at their disposal to attract a partner who can guarantee success and its accompanying comforts.

If Venus is poorly aspected, however, they may doubt their own appearance, earning

capacity, and / or creative abilities. Operating from a position of insecurity, they may alternately exhibit obstinacy, indulgence, jealousy and bossiness resulting from an inordinate need for control.

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

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

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

(Martin Schulman)

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

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

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

From Libra, he develops a sense of perspective, balance and lightness which helps him to deal with his over-possessive tendencies. He must learn not to stubbornly clutch at things, collecting more than he needs, or staying in relationships longer than their meaning is valuable. From this sign, he learns to see himself as part of the 'forces that

be'. This helps him to become more objectively sensitive to the needs and feelings of others while creating an awakening sense of co-operative harmony which raises him above these negative traits as he learns to give and share the love he feels.

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

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

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

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

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

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

His own very special Gift of Love comes from the ways in which his natural affinity for beauty is refined by his awareness of the spiritual needs of others. From this, he begins to loosen his stoic possessiveness, and instead starts to experience the true quality of

love through a sense of appreciation and gratitude for the beauty in people, music, the arts, the aesthetics, and the tender caring he feels for the goodness of all earthly things.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Beauty is sustained by bountiful resources.

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

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

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

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

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

Taureans feel instinctively that nature will supply their needs if sufficient use can be made of the goods which have already been provided. Even when strictly budget-bound, they can generate a psychological sense of abundance which magnetically attracts the sustenance required. One such individual practised the art of prosperity by blessing all the money passing through his hands. By this means, he sought to balance his account with the powers-that-be by offering the gift of gratitude in return for favors bestowed.

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

(Donna van Toen)

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

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern from birth, Venus in Taurus people have learned to deeply internalize themselves in order to understand who they are and what they need in order to have a sense of meaning in their lives. As a result, these individuals are quite introspective and self-possessed. They have learned, in the last analysis, that the only person that they can truly rely on is themselves. Thus, these people are more or less self-reliant and self-sustaining, and can be extremely resourceful and resilient in their ability to sustain themselves, even in the face of overwhelming problems or circumstances.

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

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

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

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

Many individuals with Venus in Taurus have a strong masturbatory instinct that manifest even when they are in a relationship with another. Sometimes this can create confusion for such individuals, because of the fact that they are in a relationship with someone, yet still desire this form of sexual expression. The reason that this can occur, again, is because the primary intention in this symbolism is self-empowerment and selfsustainment. For others, this instinctual need can create confrontations with their partners when those patterns feel threatened by this need. The partner can feel insecure and inadequate, especially when the Venus in Taurus person 'isolates' him- / herself from the relationship in order to fulfill this need. Conversely, the Venus in Taurus person can attract partners who desire to masturbate even though they are in a relationship with him / her. The Venus in Taurus person can now feel threatened, inadequate, and so on. This condition will occur to the Venus in Taurus people for one of two reasons. Either they have become too possessive of or too dependent on the partner, or they have attracted a partner who is also learning the Taurus lesson of self-empowerment which dictates this need. Because of this, many people with this symbol have learned to incorporate sexual self-stimulation within their sexual dynamics with another person. For some with Venus in Taurus, masturbation has become an art form in which they have learned to create highly erotic rituals that involve various kinds of sexual symbols and

'tools' that serve the intention of self-sustainment and self-empowerment. For some, depending on their evolutionary condition, this means that they have learned to use themselves as their own vehicle or symbol of metamorphic transformation. Sometimes with Venus in Taurus will attract partners who will encourage them to learn to do this, partners who try to teach them about the power that exists within them.

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

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

Essentially, this means that they must learn how to listen to other people in such a way as to objectively identify what motivates other people, and learn how other people are psychologically constructed. In this way, they will learn how to evaluate others objectively, which will, in turn, allow them to evaluate their own inner / outer reality in an objective way. In order to do this, the Venus in Taurus person must learn to open up to the totality of reality that lies beyond the parameters of their own 'frog in the well' reality. They will then remove the bottleneck of their own inwardly compressed reality, one that generates a fixity of subjective perception and interpretation of their own and others' behaviors, motivations, intentions, and what life means in general. By learning how to listen to others objectively, to hear what others need and desire, and to support their development, they will attract others who do this for them, and who do not want to possess, control, or limit their own development.

Venus ♀ in 3rd House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: creative (particularly with regard to writing), media-orientated, detached, talkative, eager to share ideas, desiring freedom in love.

When Venus occupies the intellectual and communicative third house, there is an enormous passion for learning that is usually satisfied through travelling, devouring books, magazines and newspapers, attending media events (theatre, film, concerts, lectures) and, most significantly, by observing and conversing with others. Empowered by constant intellectual exchanges and the wealth of information amassed therefrom, people with Venus in the third house revel in the creativity and productivity that these interchanges stimulate. Particularly suited for professions that encompass communications (oral and / or written) and the media arts, these individuals are drawn to writing, journalism, filmwork, public relations and advertising - third house fields that may provide the artistic fulfilment and potential economic stability craved by Venus. Possessing eloquent speaking voices and powers of persuasion, they are as comfortable with the sales and marketing end of these professions as they are with the creative facets. Influenced by the versatility intrinsic to the third house, such individuals also have an enthusiasm and willingness to share ideas and work towards a common goal, making them adept as team players where communication and co-operation are of the essence - for example on the editorial staff of a magazine, as a member of a film crew, etc..

Because their self-confidence hinges on peer approval, these individuals, unwilling to fight adversity, usually form friendships and partnerships with those who can provide intellectual stimulation and instruction as well as encouragement and support. Due to an innate restlessness, they often choose vocations that do not require being chained to a desk, and partners who share their passion for mobility and are willing to travel or even relocate should the opportunity arise. By the same token, partners of these people need not share their interests; it must merely be recognised that a wide circle of friends and range of interests is necessary to their well-being and, as a result, to their ability to love.

Most important, the partners of people with Venus in the third house must never feel that they can be all people to their mates. It is important to recognise that while the placement of Venus in the airy third house requires that verbal communication and / or spiritual contact be the essence of a committed relationship, the detachment of this position can just as easily lend itself to short-term liaisons with no obligation. The dispassionate quality of a sensual planet (Venus) placed in a house that thrives on human connection (third house) is often found in individuals who do not place high value on monogamy, since they sometimes view sex as a means of communication and not

necessarily as an expression of love or a testament to devotion.

Their short attention span, need for constant mental stimulation and never-ending appetite for travel usually impede long-term domestic planning. If Venus is conjunct the I.C. (the cusp of the fourth house), however, restlessness will be abated in favour of a proclivity towards the establishment of a home and family.

If Venus is positively aspected, these individuals bring an inspirational presence and originality into relationships, which will never suffer from boredom. While a wellaspected Venus indicates that these people have integrated, or attempted to integrate, their need for freedom with their desire for love, an afflicted Venus often creates an emotional detachment that desensitises them to the feelings of others. Individuals with Venus in the third house (to whom personal and professional freedom are imperative) must recognise that perpetual stimulation and mobility are not necessarily synonymous with independence or the fulfilment of artistic expression. With the realisation that freedom is, in actuality, a state of mind, the constant search for new horizons may be abandoned in favour of challenges closer to home, such as the rejuvenation of long-term relationships, jobs and / or creative projects that may have grown stale.

Because Venus is indicative of the desire to proliferate, its occupancy of the house representing communications and restlessness challenges the ability to maintain a committed relationship amid a variety of other activities (work, hobbies, friendships). Because the need for constant stimulation can present seemingly insurmountable obstacles, it is important to open the lines of communication with any romantic partners. Through rational and logical discussion, it may be discovered that it is indeed possible to nurture a family without surrendering personal freedom - the biggest fear confronting those with Venus in the third house. If Venus in the third house is conjunct the I.C., these people will be more inclined to balance their desire for outside stimulation with a need for a loving relationship. Furthermore, they may be writers, authors, musicians, artists, interior designers, real estate salespeople or involved in any profession in which they can earn a living by using their creative communication skills and affable personalities.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The third house rules all kinds of communication, links and connections. It rules siblings and neighbours as well as our neighbourhood. Someone with Venus in the third house will be able to communicate easily and harmoniously with others. This will be someone with a persuasive and charming way with words who enjoys communicating.

These people's delight with words may be intellectual or academic, and there could be a love of literature; but equally this could be someone who gets pleasure from casual conversation about everyday affairs. This can be someone who enjoys exchanging the odd few words in the newsagent's or with a neighbour, and who recognizes the value of the community and enjoys feeling part of it. The TV programme 'Neighbours'

demonstrates one level of a third house Venus; and perhaps its popularity is to do with an unfulfilled longing in many people to be part of a close-knit community.

Not only will people with Venus in the third house enjoy participating, on some level, in their neighbourhood, but they will want a partner who is equally interested in their everyday world. It will be important to them to have a partner with whom they can discuss topics of mutual interest as well as the day's events.

They may enjoy sharing doing the crossword, or playing word games with loved ones, or watching TV together, in which case they will also enjoy talking about the programme they have watched afterwards. They will want a partner with a lively mind who is gifted with words, and who enjoys playing with ideas and concepts.

They may also want to talk about their relationship, and need things stated. They rely a lot on things being clearly said.

They will value the friends they have within their neighbourhood and appreciate being able to have frequent contact with them. They will also want to keep in touch with any friends living further away; and they may write or telephone a lot. They often develop letter-writing to a fine art. This will be an important means of conveying their feelings to those they love.

They may have a close bond with a sibling. This may be a sibling living nearby, with whom they have a lot of everyday involvement, or simply a sibling for whom they feel a lot. Where such a bond exists, any partner will have to be prepared to accept its importance.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is focused towards the experiencing of harmonious communication. The individual seeks to share and exchange the beauty of ideas in all of his relationships. Through a poised and graceful manner, he finds popularity, success in public relations, and the ability to experience a sense of pleasant co-operation with others.

Venus here gives a refined sense of social ease, a natural warmth to the character, and a 'joining' instinct which helps the individual to feel a sense of belonging to all that is going on around him. There is an affinity for the beauty of language and the achievement of culture through the media. The individual finds the need to experience the smoothflowing activities through which man communicates the beauty of his feelings. He sees life through a lyrical poetic quality which helps him balance the yin and yang of ideas that are always flowing through his consciousness. Many with this placement experience a natural sense of co-ordination which manifests as talent in artistic expression. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, it can be

extremely difficult for the individual to balance his love nature.

Sometimes gullible, often naive, and almost always carelessly casual, he can have a lackadaisical or frivolous outlook which makes his relationships too superficial to be fulfilling. He can dissipate his feelings in idle chatter, entertaining ideas that have little purpose or meaning; or his life can lack substance, and little that he says or hears can bring him the fulfillment of beauty that his soul is seeking to experience. Some with this placement dissipate their energies by trying to please everybody. This eventually leads to an imitative lifestyle through which the mind can become lazy. Thus, the individual experiences a tendency to follow or be pushed by others, rather than realizing the beauty of his own harmonious intellect. Instead of following the thought currents of others, simply because it is easy to do, it is important for him to reach the love through which he can center his lower mind. From this, he begins to teach himself how to transcend wasteful thought; eventually to realize what Buddha meant when he said, 'You are what you think, having become what you thought'.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, there is a change in the individual's level of consciousness. His interest in petty gossip or idle chit-chat becomes a genuine devotion towards expressing love in human relationships. He sees the value of his words, and begins to consider the social effect he has on others. This teaches him how to experience the refined beauty of thought, from which he begins to establish a meaningful sense of harmony in his mind. From this, he learns how to filter out the momentary attractions of fads and fancy which could scatter him, reaching instead for the timeless beauty of knowledge and wisdom which helps him to play an active role in the evolution of human ideas. Thus, he often finds himself using the beauty of his intellect to harmonize the uncentered thoughts of others. As he does this, he begins to attract to him the teachers, the mentors and the disseminators of information who form the integrated network through which humanity is able to respond to meaningful thought. He develops a love of reading, and begins to explore the libraries, cultural centers and museums which help him to experience the beauty of man's knowledge. And, the more he learns, the greater his love for learning becomes. Thus, his life experience becomes one of gradual unfoldment as he opens the portals of knowledge and wisdom.

His very special Gift of Love comes from his ability to experience and share the lyrical beauty of humanity as it unfolds through ideas, stories, literature and artistic media, forever bringing man into the flow of harmonious communication which brings him to enlightenment.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This placement of Venus gives the ability to communicate ideas through a variety of means and forms. It gives a love of ideas for their own sake and, with Mars contacts, a willingness to argue or fight for them.

The love of ideas may interfere with the ability to fully experience love itself. This mental aspect to the Ascendant (sixty degrees) isn't really the perfect spot for the true nature of Venus to manifest at its best. Venus's power is to relax tension so that beauty and happiness can be experienced fully. The vibratory level isn't right at this angle, so these people often let their thoughts and ideas get in the way of the comfortable intimacy and long-term love relationships that are the promise of Venus at her best. There is almost always a certain amount of frustration involved in love relationships with this position, and it is a partial testimony against marriage. This is just as well, for when they marry they often do so for the wrong reasons, so the marriage won't last or isn't happy.

These people are usually extremely creative and, given more testimonies, should concern themselves more with establishing a career than with marriage and family. Once they are well on their way to making a name for themselves in their chosen field, it will become evident whether or not marriage and children will fit into their way of life. The offspring they will leave to posterity are very often 'brain children'; works of art and ideas that are very difficult to produce along with the flesh and blood article. They are usually fond of children, but are often quite content to play the role of uncle, aunt, godparent, and so on to the children of their relatives and friends. They need affection just as much as anyone, but what they don't need is the constant pressure of demands on time and emotion that drains them of the energy and time they need to get things - their things - accomplished. Usually, there is a strong lifelong relationship with one or more siblings, neighbors, or friends, and it is often through sharing these lives from the sidelines that this position achieves its richest emotional fulfillment. Venus at this angle is very susceptible to difficulties from tension-producing aspects, and, where this is true, there may be a good deal of suffering connected with these relationships.

They usually love speed and vehicles that can give them the thrill of rapid motion. They may also love horses and riding. If Venus is squared or opposed by Mars or Uranus, there may be the possibility of accidents (if squared and / or opposed by the rulers of both the eighth and the first houses, potentially fatal).

These people are usually attractive to others, but often present a cool or unconcerned exterior, one that is not openly warm or inviting. They may be rather abrupt or disconcerting in their mode of speech or behavior towards those who don't know them well.

The Greek myth of Cupid and Psyche illustrates the difficulties of the planet of love in this mental house. The curiosity (intellect) of Psyche (the subconscious mind) overcomes her vow to her husband Cupid, the god of love, who always comes to her under cover of darkness, that she will not look at him or try to discover his real name; and so she loses him. This myth illustrates what happens when the mind oversteps its natural boundaries and becomes too concerned with the sources and mechanisms of passion.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: This is a somewhat paradoxical placement, for although Venus shows what is loved or appreciated, and thus indicates an appreciation for movement, in the 3rd house Venus is sometimes drawn more toward the mental or emotional realms of experience. The appropriate image here is one of dance, of flowing movement within and through an environment. Daily activity and the immediate environment must reflect beauty and harmony to be satisfying to you. The challenge is to represent grace in motion, to develop an aesthetic appreciation of the kinetic relationships that form and flow through any environment.

Concrete mind: You derive immense pleasure from the workings of mind. There is an almost geometrical aesthetic in mentality, an appreciation of the music of thought processes with their individual fact melodies and overriding chord patterns. Thinking becomes here more artistry than reason, more warm sensuality than cold logic. The pitfall can appear through an unwillingness to acknowledge any information that is perceived as ugly, confusing the content of mentality with its form, while the challenge is first to experience and then to express the natural beauty of logical associations, to enhance appreciation and the joy of mind itself.

Curiosity: You are not so much curious as you are appreciative. Additionally, things do not interest you nearly so much as people, so you tend toward interview rather than inquiry. You may be less interested in a person's essence than you are fascinated by all the details of his / her living, the infinity of small facts that contribute to an overall impression of personality. In this regard, you may occasionally succumb to the pitfalls of superficiality or gossip, but the challenge is to develop your ability to pinpoint the heart of a person by composing these individually unimportant factors into a relevant matrix.

Basic education: Although arts are more pronounced than sciences with Venus, the general sense of learning as an enjoyable activity is paramount. The sheer pleasure of education can be emphasized, so the child regards learning with positive feelings of anticipation. Later, this person will love to be in the flow of new information, especially when the information comes from someone seen as intelligent. A good teacher is very similar to a good lover, and romance blossoms around the exchange of information.

Communication: Unless there are other planetary positions or modifying aspects to the contrary, you probably have a very pleasing, even beautiful speaking voice, and a charming manner of presentation. There is smoothness, a rounded and soothing quality to the words, sometimes extending into the word choice itself. You love beauty in conversation, and strive to reach the ideal of a perfect aesthetic in speech and writing. The content is not nearly so important to you; and because tact is of such fundamental importance, we can extend the statement to say that truth is not nearly so important as interpersonal harmony.

(Robert Pelletier)

Most people are comfortable with you because of your charming manner and your willingness to compromise. You enjoy the company of refined persons like yourself who can express themselves easily with groups and individuals. You bring out the best in people, which helps in realizing your objectives. You make many concessions to others, especially your partner, in order to win approval. You want to always have the respect of your mate, because you feel that is important in making your relationship endure. You aren't too worried about your future security, because you have planned for any conditions that may arise. You are more concerned about keeping compatible ties with your close friends who share your desire for the comfortable circumstances that you so thoroughly enjoy. The chances are that you can always count on the favors that life seems to bestow on you.

Generally easy to get along with, you try to cultivate the most favorable relations with everyone in your immediate environment. You feel that it is especially important to avoid conflict at all costs because you are so disoriented by lack of harmony. You usually include your children in your plans; and as they grow up, they will have fond memories of their formative years. You keep the lines of communication open so that they will always share with you their fortunate experiences as well as their problems. They know you will help them with their burdens, just as you naturally apply psychology in relating to your partner.

You always endeavor to improve yourself, thereby adding to the essential values that you bring to the people with whom you are personally or socially involved. Basically an ethical person, you cringe when others expect you to take liberties with your high standards. In such instances, you must assert yourself as protection from those who would take advantage of you. Your gentleness gives the impression that you would not resist. It is painful for you to listen to people who constantly berate others and never have a kind word to say about anyone. You may encounter this among the people you work with. But they will serve as a stimulus to improve your skills so that you may choose a better work environment.

Your aversion to manual labor leads you to seek an occupation that deals largely with the public in a social environment. You handle your responsibilities thoroughly, as your supervisors know; but it is essential to determine just what your duties are. Otherwise you will find yourself taking on more than you should. You work best in personal contact with your patrons, because your willingness to make concessions in serving their needs endears you to them.

You will get the greatest yield from your creative resources by putting your best foot forward. You generally display your most advantageous qualities so that people will approve of you and of what you are trying to accomplish with your skills. Your admirable values help you win the co-operation you need in order to earn a comfortable living. It

wasn't always this way, however, for you remember that your parents or guardians did not always approve of your decisions. They probably disagreed with your chosen partner as well as your other friends. But it was up to you to decide on your most important priority.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with this placement have the ability to communicate in an easy, fluent and nonthreatening manner if Venus is not hampered by difficult aspects. They are sensitive to the needs of those around them, although some may try a little too hard to speak only what they think will please others. People generally find it easy to communicate and 'open up' to someone with Venus in the 3rd, as if they sense the atmosphere of loving receptivity this placement bestows. There is usually a fondness and appreciation of brothers and sisters, and there are usually benefits through them, although certain aspects to Venus (from Pluto for instance) suggest an intense sibling rivalry or incestuous urges. Unless Venus is difficulty aspected, the educational experience should be fairly enjoyable. There is often a love of words, knowledge and languages, or the capacity to express the self through some form of artistic medium. Weekend jaunts here and there are likely to give pleasure; and these people normally fit easily into different situations and environments.

Mars in Leo 15° 41'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high physical energies, adequate practical and mental energies, and adequate-to-low emotional energies. Your energy is confident, exuberant and dramatic. It is often channeled into getting others to do what you want, being in charge, and entertaining. Your strengths include generosity, leadership ability and enthusiasm. You lack the ability to work without recognition, and also lack humility, and the ability to play second fiddle.

You're an inspirational person, and probably have a considerable amount of selfconfidence. Your willpower is also strong. You have a quick but easily-appeased temper. Normally you don't hold grudges. Sometimes, you can be a bit too pushy, though; and if Mars is under stress you must watch out for a tendency to be domineering. (On the other hand, if Mars is in a Yod, you have to watch out for domineering people.)

You have a direct approach when it comes to sex; and you want what you want when you want it. Men with Mars in Leo are normally optimistic about their chances of scoring, and have tons of ideas for the creative pursuit of the opposite sex. Women with this placement can appear haughty. They're generally not looking for just any old passion;

they want THE grand passion. Hence, they dig their heels in, and it takes some effort to sweep them off their feet. People with Mars in Leo generally have a tremendous amount of sex appeal even if not traditionally good-looking.

You want - you demand - to be the center of attention. You also want to achieve something in life, and won't take kindly to having your goals interfered with. Your approach to sexuality is fairly direct. You don't necessarily come on strong, but you make your wants known and aren't much on playing games. Probably you're faithful; certainly you expect fidelity from your mate or lover. For best results, choose someone who has Venus in a Fire sign, Venus in the 5th house, or a Sun / Venus conjunction. Try to see that this Venus isn't under stress from natal Uranus or from your own Uranus.

You have what it takes to work for yourself if you want to. Your energy level is high, and your productivity generally good - although you're not the fastest of workers. A tendency toward arrogance needs watching if you employ or supervise others (or hope to eventually). Otherwise, you 'sell yourself' well and generally work to make the most positive use of your potentials. Some career areas to consider are: art, acting, stock exchange work, paper-making or selling, jewellery-making or selling, cosmetic sales or make-up artist, or the dance.

Your motivation is high when you're contemplating large-scale action - trips to foreign countries, making a hit on Broadway, harnessing solar energy, etc.. Lucky breaks tend to come when you slip off to do your own thing rather than when you follow the crowd. However, crowd scenes can sometimes provide small opportunities, provided there aren't too many bureaucratic manoeuvres to contend with. Herb gardening, flower arranging, acting, dance, and astrology are all areas where your motivation would tend to be high even though the scope of your work may not be far-reaching initially.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by asserting in ways that make you appear larger than life. If you compete for center stage in order to ensure that you will be acknowledged, you may, as a consequence, sacrifice leadership. You can lose energy by indulging in the Leo dramatic demonstrations of authority over others and by pressing to get your way regardless of their feelings.

Dynamic

You can constructively assert leadership by using the power of dramatic emotional expression to inspire and encourage others in their self-expression. Acting on a commitment to inspire others through your enthusiasm can reinforce your sense of independence. Your energies increase in direct proportion to your willingness to unite

with others.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The person with Mars in Leo desires with passionate intensity; and, like Mars in Aries, tends to attribute mythical qualities to those he / she wants. Mars in Leo people are looking for someone larger than life, whom they can truly admire; and because of this they tend to expect a great deal from their lovers. They are prone to serial monogamy, falling passionately in love with someone who seems to embody all the qualities they want. During this phase, they will see the lover as perfect, and will be unstinting in their praise. They will devote all their energy and attention to pleasing this person until the imperfections begin to appear. Then they begin to feel angry and cheated as though the lover has deliberately set out to deceive them and let them down. The tendency then is to be very critical and see only the bad whereas before they had seen only the good. People with Mars in Leo like to dramatize, so they will tend to draw a lot of people in to sympathize with their disappointment.

Mars in Leo people are proud and unyielding, so this pattern tends to be repeated many times before they are able to stop blaming others and see how fixed and unrealistic expectations bring about their own disappointment. For people with Mars in Leo, sex is generally one of life's pleasures. They give a great deal of attention to setting the scene and creating the right atmosphere. Their bedroom will be the most important room in the home, and will be beautifully decorated in rich, romantic colours. Sex is something special to them; and they like everything to be exactly right. It is rather like staging the first night of a play; and great care is taken to ensure success. They know exactly what pleases people and enjoy giving pleasure, always bearing in mind that sex should be entertaining. They are generous with compliments and attention, and are able to make their partner feel really prized.

Because their self-esteem is bound up with sex, Mars in Leo people can be very sensitive to criticism and rejection. There is a tendency to feel that they have to put on a great performance in order to prove that they are better lovers than anyone else; and this can rob them of some of their natural spontaneity. When they trust to some of their instincts, they have an intuitive knowledge of what is pleasurable; and this, together with their warmth and enthusiasm, can make them quite inspiring lovers.

People with Mars in Leo are attracted to success. They tend to look to their sexual partners to confirm their identity and enhance their status, so that achievement, wealth and fame are all things that turn them on. They like the good life and enjoy luxury, so that someone who can offer these things is likely to seem very attractive to them; and they also get great pleasure from sharing their own good fortune. The person with Mars in Leo has a great capacity for enjoying life. These people's pleasures are very important to them, so it is vital to them that their lovers have a sense of fun and are able to share these pleasures with them. They will quickly lose interest in someone who lacks a strong

appetite for life.

Mars in Leo people can be very arrogant and high-handed at times. Their belief that they are a law unto themselves can create a lot of conflict, drama and heartbreak in their relationships. They find it difficult to back down once they have taken a stand, and they may even end a relationship rather than admit they are wrong.

Touchy and easily hurt, they feel humiliated by rejection, and tend to need constant reassurance of their desirability. Being belittled or made fun of feels like death to the Mars in Leo person; and anyone who does this will kill off any desire immediately. In order for a relationship to flourish, this person needs to feel appreciated and respected; and his / her partner must be attentive and generous with praise and encouragement. If these things are not forthcoming, the Mars in Leo person will feel unwanted and turned off.

To the person with Mars in Leo, sex is life-giving and vital to his / her sense of identity. These people are seeking to discover their own uniqueness through it, and so put themselves wholeheartedly into it. It is a creative act for them; and they need to feel proud of what they do. They are highly principled where sex is concerned, regarding faithfulness and loyalty as essential to a successful relationship.

(Skye Alexander)

You project an image of confidence, self-sufficiency and vitality that makes people notice you immediately. Charismatic and gregarious, you see yourself as a natural leader; and because you believe so strongly in your own importance and ability, others are inspired to follow you. Ambitious and egotistic, you are likely to channel your abundant energy into becoming 'somebody'. You want to be recognized and admired by all. However, you can be arrogant and vain, forgetting that a king depends on his subjects as much as they depend on him. In your self-centredness, you often fail to realize the needs of others, and thus turn off those whose adoration and respect you so desperately desire.

You love being 'centre stage' and excel when called on to perform for an audience. You possess an innate sense of the dramatic, and are completely unselfconscious; therefore, you might choose to channel your energies into acting.

Your drive to express yourself might also find an outlet in one of the other art forms. Not only are you highly creative, but also you have plenty of energy, determination, and the self-esteem to keep believing in yourself regardless of what the critics say. Though you might be stung initially by criticism, you never admit defeat, and bounce back from disappointments easily. However, you may lack discrimination; and, if your talent is second-rate, you probably won't realize or admit it. Although you can apply much vigor and stamina toward achieving your objectives, you really don't want to have to work your way up the ladder, and may be lazy and impatient about 'paying your dues' before

reaping the glory. You expect overnight success and instant fame.

Excessive pride is one of your most likely pitfalls. You are always ready to accept praise for your accomplishments, but rarely take the blame for any failures. It is almost impossible for you to concede to a fault or mistake, or to accept advice from someone else. Since you won't acknowledge your errors, you can't learn from them, and consequently are destined to repeat them.

You take great pride in your skills as a lover, and may be quite boastful about your sexual prowess. Affectionate and physically demonstrative, you enjoy the drama and excitement of a passionate affair. Though it bolsters your ego to have many sexual partners, you aren't as fickle as someone with Mars in Sagittarius or Gemini, and can be content in a monogamous relationship so long as your lover pays attention to you. You expect total devotion from your mate, and would see infidelity as an insult to you personally. But because you believe your partner already has the best there is, you'd probably be the last to know if she / he had other interests.

Men with Mars in Leo usually have a high opinion of themselves and their masculinity, but still desire constant flattery and ego-reinforcement from friends and lovers. You don't feel you have to do much of anything to earn the appreciation of others - your companionship should be enough. You are good-natured and optimistic, and your positive attitude and childlike enthusiasm endear you to many. You enjoy being magnanimous with people you like, and can be generous with your time, money and talents. Since you don't feel threatened by others, you willingly use whatever influence of power you have to help them achieve recognition, and enjoy playing the role of mentor or patron. Should one of your protégés 'make it', however, she / he had better dedicate the best-selling novel to you or give his / her first-born son your home.

Women with this planetary placement are most attracted to dynamic, charismatic, larger-than-life men. Status is important to you in a mate; and you want someone who is well-known, respected and admired by all. The more important he is, the better. You are seeking vicarious fame, and want to bask in his reflected glory. Big, blond 'Greek Gods', beach boys and movie / rock star types appeal to you most.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mars in the sign Leo gives energy, willpower, and creativity. Since much of this ability is expressed in the arts, many dramatic actors have Mars in this sign.

Like Mars in Aries, this sign gives positive initiative; but stability and determination are greater because Leo is a fixed sign. There is a natural ability for leadership because the self-confidence of Mars in Leo people inspires confidence in others. These people want to be in the forefront of whatever is going on; and they are competitive in activities that are important to them. They have strong, undeviating beliefs and opinions, which can

arouse opposition among those who disagree with them.

Mars placed here also gives fixed, passionate desires. Although people with Mars in Leo are usually ardent lovers, they are also capable of jealousy and possessiveness. The men exude strength and masculinity, and are high-spirited and proud. People with this Mars position, then, are powerfully attracted to members of the opposite sex, who in turn sense their life and vitality.

As with Mars in Aries, men with this Mars position tend to lose their hair prematurely. The fiery nature of Mars burns the roots of the hair.

If Mars is afflicted in Leo, there can be egotistical leanings and an overbearing manner with a tendency to dominate others. There is also an inclination to believe in one's own infallibility.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The fiery enthusiasm, energy and assertiveness of Mars are well complemented in Leo; and this placing gives excellent organizational ability and powers of leadership. Nevertheless, the individual must guard against becoming too pushy, especially with others who are less extrovert.

The emotions are positively increased, and there will be a great love of life; special pleasure will be gained from enabling others to be happy and enjoy themselves. The sex life will be full, rewarding and colorful; but if Mars is negatively aspected by Saturn, energy will be spent more unevenly than is usual when these two planets are at loggerheads. There is usually a sense of drama; and while this can be fun, it must be controlled - as must a tendency to exaggerate and show off, which can become bombastic at times. There is a genuine hatred of small-mindedness and petty behavior. The temper is quick (almost as much as when Mars is in Aries), but Leo magnanimity means all will be forgiven and forgotten equally quickly.

A passion for art and creativity is often shown. If painting or design is enjoyed, there is usually a flair for color - especially hot, sunny shades. If the Sun sign complements the Mars placing (being another Fire sign, for instance), the subject will look for such colors when choosing clothes, which will also allow plenty of movement.

If overenthusiasm is consciously controlled, or is countered by other, somewhat more sober elements in the chart, this placing is a marvellously invigorating one. It adds a certain robustness to the health; but look to the spine, which could be prone to strain, especially if the subject is confined to an office desk for long hours at a time. A backrest chair would be an excellent investment. As Leo rules the heart, you should also encourage steady exercise, whatever the age of the subject. This does not mean that he or she will be prone to heart attacks, but it is as well to remember that the heart is a

powerful muscle - a machine - and, like all machines, will work better and longer if it is kept well oiled and sensibly used. For exercise, all kinds of dancing are to be recommended, as are workouts at a well-equipped health club.

(Grant Lewi)

Energy flows normally in self-centered channels, serving the main bent of your nature by ensuring that you will always, as if by instinct, put your best foot forward. You have abundant animal magnetism and charm, and can 'get away with murder': people take things from you that they'd be angry at another about, and you like to 'make 'em take it and like it'. You are probably easy to look at, and make the most of your natural graces. Your energies are the willing servant of your ego, enabling you to dramatize whatever life task you set yourself. Energy may or may not be abundant, but in any case you make the most of what you have: this is the position of someone who 'dies with his boots on' and can always be counted on to do his duty, provided that the duty is one that he can relate to his deep ego centres. This is not a genuinely unselfish position for Mars, though if the total personality requires unselfishness, the energies will work toward this end as readily as toward another. This position of Mars in itself tells little about the character or personality, except that, whatever the ego demands, Mars will serve it with stability and a good deal of self-dramatization.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Leo, Mars is a symbol of great creative energy - the native is restless, anxious, dynamic, forceful; at times he pushes himself to such an extent that he frightens people, including members of the opposite sex.

He possesses a great degree of personal magnetism; he both repels and attracts. His personality is reflected in his creative endeavors. His personal touch is on almost everything he does. He tends to be self-centered, and doesn't believe anything is of real importance unless he, personally, feels its effects. He is impulsive, and acts with haste but seldom repents, because he is alert for a second chance. There may be battles with loved ones, and the danger that the excitement he finds in these clashes could blossom into psychological disorder.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a Royal, though potentially conceited, suitor. Energy is created and maintained through striving towards something that makes you feel pride and respect for yourself and / or Other. Finding the noble thing to do can be extremely important when you are having to fight your way through or out of a compromising or pressurized situation. Merely pretending that you are getting what you want with boasts and flourishes in spite of fair criticism is the sign of incipient anger.

You attract with a very confident and stylish way of asserting and displaying yourself; with a dignified and highly honourable manner of conducting yourself, especially when under emotional pressure; and with an impressive and chivalrous sexuality that comes across as relaxed and in command.

You repel with a pompous, vain self-righteousness that is blind to constructive and important advice; by steamrolling anyone or anything that gets in your way; with pure egotism posing as superiority; and with an imperious sexuality that demands its self-styled and self-elected rights.

You are attracted to Others who admire your social style and / or creative talents; to the spotlight; to the Other who can be your 'king' or 'queen' in the sense that he / she is respectful, honorable, and someone to be proud of; and to sexual or confrontational situations where your prowess and dignity win the day.

You are repelled by cynical or overly critical Others who fail to appreciate the drama of life; by low-key or lacklustre Others or situations that put you in a bad light, or that drag you down to their level; and by mean-spirited, back-stabbing means of getting what is wanted.

When you are alone, it is because either you have been banished by pricing yourself out of the market, or you have been upstaged as a result of not admitting to your failings or doing anything about them - at least not until it was too late. And bear in mind that being 'alone' can also mean that you are still with an Other but are not getting what you want. How long you spend in exile therefore has everything to do with facing up to your ego's delusions of grandeur, because they are at the root of your aloneness. Of all the Mars signs, yours can find it hardest to eat humble-pie - but when you do recognize what's best all round, you will be amazed at how swiftly things get turned around. A case of having to stoop to conquer.

(John Townley)

Your approach to lovemaking is rather direct and friendly; and you may be somewhat frustrated by a lover who requires extensive courting or who insists on innumerable verbal games before approaching the physical side of love.

However, once lovemaking is assured, you make elaborate preparations, particularly in lavish surroundings and sumptuous fittings. But remember to consider your partner's ideas, because some people respond to such elaborateness by becoming self-conscious and unable to fully let go.

You are the warmest and most open of lovers, but you may tend to go through one or two basic scenarios over and over without being entirely aware of it. This may become wearing; but if you consult your partner for suggestions and new directions, this needn't

become a problem.

You are generous to a fault with your lover, particularly in supplying aids for lovemaking and tokens of affection. This can be most meaningful to you, but don't be surprised if your lover requires less or does not fully appreciate all your efforts. Where the hand fails in such matters, the heart will provide.

(Robert Hand)

You have a great deal of pride, and you enjoy doing things on your own initiative. An appeal to your sense of fairness brings out the best in you; and you will do anything to maintain these qualities. If you know that someone is relying on you, you work very hard to live up to that person's expectations. On the other hand, you are sometimes quite touchy about your sense of dignity. If someone makes fun of you or says something sarcastic, you get very angry and feel that you have to prove your worth to that person. At times, you may act arrogant and domineering toward others. You can't always be first, but you have such a need to be a leader that it may be difficult for you to accept anyone else in this role.

You demand that others let you be yourself so you can run your life as you want. You are quite stubborn about this; in fact, the harder someone pushes you, the more you resist or persevere on your original course.

You probably have considerable self-confidence and even courage, but you are not especially reckless. At best, you have a good understanding of yourself, of your limitations as well as your strengths, which you emphasize, of course. In fact, you may feel uncomfortable with the softer side of your personality, your emotions and weaknesses. You would like to appear strong and self-possessed at all times.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Creative energies stimulate vivacious activity.

Symbol: An actor bounds vigorously onto a stage.

Mars in Leo gives an abundance of élan vital and the incentive to project ideas in dramatic ways. Few combinations impart more personal magnetism. Everything is done 'with heart', and in a grand and chivalrous manner. There is a liking for the big, the bright, and the bold. Issues are clearly drawn and action is taken without fear of consequences.

The Martial Leonian seldom hesitates to act but will do what is needed without wasting energy debating the pros and cons of a matter. His heart tells him what is right; and generally its impulses are sound and trustworthy. This Promethean spirit quickly grows impatient with those timid souls who, because they lack the courage to take a definite

stand, allow golden opportunities to elude them.

Leo is the born leader whom Mars impels to take the steps required to rise to a position of prominence. The presence of a fiery planet in a fiery sign gives a double dose of assertiveness which may prove almost too hot to handle. The defects of this position arise from a tendency toward extremism. Excessive zeal for a just cause can degenerate into a fanaticism which arouses antagonism even in those who are being helped.

The energy of Mars reinforced by the individualism of Leo fosters the ability to excel in artistic enterprises, such as acting, singing, and dancing, which require selfprojection. One expects dramatic entrances and exits, startling effects and original touches from these colorful personalities. They aspire to transcend previous accomplishments and move on to greater things.

Mars also supplies the motive power to push forward, to brave opposition in competitive fields, and to be brash when necessary. On the negative side, it can make a person pushy and presumptuous. Sometimes, Mars in Leo signifies a power complex which drives an individual to struggle relentlessly for personal recognition and to use dictatorial means to achieve the desired status. He will fight his way to the top, not only because he wants admiration, but because he craves power.

Whatever his vocation, the person with Mars in Leo expresses himself with style and verve. He can take personal initiative and should execute his original ideas, even if by trying to keep everything in his own hands he overestimates his ability to cope with unexpected contingencies. His willingness to give personal attention to whatever he does accounts in large measure for his successes. He is ready to take a gamble, and will strike out on his own while others are clinging to the coattails of convention. He may win gloriously or lose ignominiously, but at least he is not a mediocrity.

One expects the king of beasts to be strong and bold, even if occasionally dangerous, and should be approached with deference. Mars intensifies Leo's courage, pride and generosity, but it can also incite hasty judgement and lack of restraint. The Martial Leonian is seldom petty or mean, but he needs to check his temper and to realise that power entails responsibility. It is hard for the noble lion to pay obeisance to anyone. Yet there are times when he must submit to others, even if only to prove that he has this additional power over the kingdom of his own soul.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here is energy plus. Leo is a Fire sign, and Mars is a Fire planet. Dramatic, enthusiastic, ambitious and passionate. Have no intention of taking back seat to anyone unless there is a strong Neptune in the chart to nullify the ego. Quarrelsome and jealous where those he loves are concerned if Mars is afflicted. Hates to be wrong and can be extremely fixed in convictions and opinions. Tremendous vitality and courage. Can have heart

trouble if he overdoes physically.

(Jeff Green)

This will correlate to a Soul who desires to take charge of and be in total control of its life and destiny. With Mars in Leo, the Soul desires to creatively actualise its evolutionary / karmic intentions and requirements to the fullest possible extent. As a result, the dynamic of creative independence will be emphasised relative to a personal will structure that instinctively resists any circumstance or person that attempts to restrict any experience or direction that the Mars in Leo person desires to act upon. In essence, Mars in Leo desires to be master of its own life. Mars in Leo will reflect a Soul that appears to be self-inflated and self-important, expects to be acknowledged for how special it is, and instinctively acts in such a way as to appear to be the very centre of the universe. Mars in Leo will reflect a Soul that is highly focused, intense, creative, rigid, passionate, dignified, inspiring, narcissistic, and selfish. In evolutionary terms, there will be reasons for the Soul to have Mars in the sign of Leo. For example, it is not uncommon for such a Soul to have had a series of recent lifetimes in which there was no sense of personal power, and to have experienced life in a way that was beyond his or her personal control. As a result, the Soul desires to counteract this experience through manifesting and creating a life in which a necessary Soul strengthening can occur. Looked at in this way, it can be understood as a necessary development for the Soul. The astrologer must positively reinforce this intention to the client, because typically such a client would have repeatedly heard from many people that he or she is too selfish, etc..

The house that Mars in Leo is in, the aspects that it is making to other planets, the house that the sign Aries is on, the house that the sign Leo is on, and the location of the Sun (the planetary ruler of Leo) will all correlate to how and where the archetype of creative actualisation of the Soul's karmic evolutionary intentions will specifically occur.

Sexually speaking, Mars in Leo will manifest desires of creative self-discovery that will not tolerate restrictions from any external source. The only source of restriction will occur from within itself - any sexual behaviour or expression that creates a loss of personal dignity or esteem will be resisted with great force. Mars in Leo will manifest an intense, deep, passionate, assertive, and narcissistic orientation to the sexual experience. There is a high degree of focus on self-pleasure. In men, this can correlate to the 'Adonis complex', where they expect to be sexually worshipped. In women, this manifests as the 'Cleopatra complex', where they also expect to be sexually worshipped. In both men and women there will be a strong focus on using their own bodies as temples of creative self-discovery through autoerotic practices. Many will be highly creative in designing masturbatory practices that allow for a deep intensity of psychological, emotional, and physical sensation, the intensity of which serves to renew and release the Soul simultaneously.

In their sexual relationships, the Mars in Leo person is focused on experiencing his or her own intense stimulation through his or her partner. The partner serves as a vehicle through which this stimulation occurs. Through increasing the degree of stimulation and sensation in this way, the Mars in Leo person thus stimulates the partner because of the inner intensity of his or her own sensations. The specific nature of the types of sexual desires that the Mars in Leo desires to creatively actualise can be determined by the actual house that Mars is in, the aspects that it is making to other planets, and the houses that those planets are in. The phasal relationship of Mars and Pluto will correlate with how this is done.

As their lives evolve, these individuals must learn to embrace the Aquarian polarity. In essence, this means learning how to validate themselves from within themselves without constantly demanding praise and recognition, but also how to best actualise their creativity and need for recognition within the context of what society needs from them. Such people have an evolutionary need to validate and acknowledge the purposes and creativity of others as being equal to their own. They must ultimately understand that the source of creativity does not originate from their own egos or Souls, and that they must help others actualise their own creative purposes. Sexually, it means to learn how to objectify and embrace the sexual desires and needs of their partner - to listen and learn how to satisfy their partner's needs and not just their own.

Mars in 6th House

(Donna van Toen)

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

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

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

too dependent on you in any capacity. Opportunities tend to come in the areas of health, writing, and / or service or support staff positions.

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

With Mars in the sixth, energy is directed largely towards work, and this person may be something of a workaholic. Hence, these people often meet their sexual partners through work. Being of service to others is of great importance to them; and they like to do practical things for those they desire, and enjoy looking after them. They need their partner to show, in turn, that he or she wants them in practical ways; and they enjoy working alongside their lover, doing things together. It is hard for these people to relax and just enjoy life. It is vital for them that their work is stimulating and physically active. If they are doing dull sedentary work, they are likely to become apathetic, losing their vitality and sexual desire.

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

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

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

These people can be fitness fanatics, channelling their sexual energy into sports or

exercise. They find these things a turn-on, and get sensual pleasure from them. If they are in a relationship, they will find it stimulating to share these activities with their partner. They will also enjoy things like massage, which they may use as a lead-in to sex.

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a placement of obedience. Mars in the sixth house gives these people the ability to work diligently; but they must find a field they like, or they'll suffer from psychosomatic ills, accidents in the workplace, or fights with co-workers. Mars here is more or less trine the Midheaven, but inconjunct the Ascendant, so the energy moves more easily from the ninth and tenth houses, the houses of bosses and 'superiors', than it does from the first, that of the self, with the result that this is inclined to be somewhat of a self-sacrificing position. These people will often work themselves into the ground for the good of the company. With tenth-house planets, this is a good placement for a team athlete or coach, a member of a ballet corps, or a ballet teacher. Most men with this Mars location spend some time in military service. Some make it a career.

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is linked with the sharp edges of reality. Fevers, rashes, cuts, and other sudden or dramatic conditions are more likely here; and the relation of

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

You are grateful for your early parental conditioning, which taught you to be selfreliant in making your own way in life. You've accepted the responsibility for your actions, and you understand that you must apply yourself with determination in order to succeed. With this belief, you respond to people's needs and give them the services they require, for which they will pay you well. This is how your future security will be achieved. Your partner gives you the co-operation you need, which makes the effort worthwhile.

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

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

Always strive to improve your skills, for this will assure your future security, increase your self-worth and improve your image. You hope to win the affection of your loved one by showing that you expend a great deal of energy to earn a comfortable living and that

you are sufficiently motivated to get ahead. You hope that your children will take advantage of the benefits you've provided and that they will succeed in achieving their goals. If they appreciate your efforts, you will feel amply rewarded.

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Somewhat reminiscent of his Greek counterpart, and due to a strong belief about how something should be done, the Roman Mars (in the 6th) may experience difficulty and

impatience with co-workers, although in the right situations a joint effort could prove stimulating. But usually Mars in the 6th wants to run the show himself. He might, however, fight battles for workers' rights or stand up for a colleague whom he believes is being mistreated. Mars in the 6th might equally support an animal rights group.

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♍ Virgo 5° 7'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you fear never being 'perfect enough' to serve, you may postpone and thus lose the opportunity to serve others. This can result in a general lack of self-trust in your abilities. Using analytical talents to find fault with your service may leave you lacking confidence and afraid to contribute. Withholding actual assistance and instead substituting righteous beliefs about service may submerge you in unnecessary behavioral details. An exaggerated self-critical attitude can lead to feelings of insufficiency, necessitating constant preparation that is never complete enough to contribute.

Dynamic

If you trust the purity of your motives and are willing to make some mistakes in your desire to serve other people, you can experience the freedom of finding social situations in which you serve and develop yourself. Thus, by taking the leap of faith and consciously putting your desire to assist before your personal concept of how you think you should serve, you can expand your arena and attract many vocational and social opportunities. Self-trust increases as you use your finely honed analytical abilities to actively support others.

(Marilyn Waram)

The individual with Jupiter in Virgo has quite a pull between her outgoing, expansive and future-focused Jupiter side and the reserved, work- and detail-focused Virgo part of her nature. If she combines the two, Jupiter can add great value to - and quite possibly overvalue - the importance of procedure, detail, day-to-day work and competency in function. She may therefore be a valuable worker who catches the little mistakes others miss, or the office fussbudget who cannot tolerate a pencil out of place and thinks the janitors don't do a decent job. She may be a tremendous help, given the right

environment and job, or a nonstop critic who applies her skill to not only her work, but her co-workers as well, alienating them and causing much friction. Naturally, if this placement is projected, she will think her co-workers are too critical of her or far too fussy and picky in their work.

If she remains caught in the pull, she may vacillate back and forth between precision and carelessness, often doing each at exactly the wrong time. It can be a frustrating combination, because the cavalier attitude represented by Jupiter may undermine all the careful attention to detail symbolized by Virgo. The Jupiter side will live frustrated and feel impatient, tied down, and held back, while the Virgo side will live dismayed and distressed that all those important details have been overlooked yet again, and the mistakes seem legion. Her ability to discriminate between what should be treated with care and what does not need much attention often seems to be entirely backward, and she can treat an inconsequential matter with intense caution and meticulousness. She can also feel very critical of her periodic tendency to break free and overlook minutiae. She may judge these lapses of attention as laziness or a deficient part of her character, and be very harsh with herself over them.

She may also find herself in a chronic battle with enthusiasm - taking on more than she can adequately handle, then having to put in tremendous amounts of extra work and cope to cope with the load. This can happen in her hobbies and private life as well as at work, where there simply aren't enough hours in the day for her to follow all her interests, but she tries! She may start each year signed up for several evening classes which fascinate her, only to find out that each requires many hours of homework and the cumulative burden threatens to crush her. She may pull up her socks, get fully organized and tackle the work, but tends to schedule herself too finely, to not leave enough time for each project. Since she also is likely to suffer embarrassment if the project isn't done to her very high standards, she may spend the extra time to do it properly but then feel under tremendous pressure because she gets behind schedule.

With Jupiter in Virgo, the individual tends to value work, productivity, and practical attitudes. She may place a lot of faith in her ability to work, and expect a great deal of fulfillment from her job, perhaps more than it can provide. She may consider that personal reserve and proper behavior are godly, and she may expect herself to act this way regardless of outer provocation. She will usually find practical ways to express her values, either living them at work or through work, or working hard to develop the values she holds. Her approach to philosophy tends to be thoughtful, but may be too cautious and too reserved, too pragmatic, and not visionary enough to grow. She wants philosophy to be useful, not just a group of pretty ideas.

Jupiter placed in Virgo is a sign that problems with faith, values and expectations may be related to having too much trust in hard work and the 'realities' of life, and not enough respect for vision and imagination. An individual with Jupiter in Virgo, however, often reconfirms the tremendous intrinsic value of what might be called the Spartan values:

commitment to productivity, willingness to use whatever works in a situation (resourcefulness), pure and simple diet, frugality, prudence and sincerity. She has the practical skills necessary to make something which begins with a vision into a substantial reality. She reminds us that nothing lasting gets accomplished unless somebody takes care of details, one step at a time.

(Skye Alexander)

Through helping others, you expand your knowledge and awareness of yourself and the world in which you live. You achieve personal growth by providing others with some sort of service, and you might excel in fields such as medicine, nutrition and animal welfare, or through assisting the underprivileged or the handicapped. Menial work that others may find unpleasant offers you a sense of satisfaction, and you enjoy knowing that what you do benefits humanity. Perhaps you will even achieve recognition for your efforts, even though fame and fortune are not what you seek.

When exaggerated, however, your concern for the health and well-being of all turns into excessive worrying, even paranoia. You spend a good deal of time and energy fretting over your diet and trying to defend yourself against germs. Perhaps you are a fanatic about cleanliness, immunization or health foods; and the 'god' you worship might be medicine.

You have a penchant for detail, and are extremely orderly and precise in all you do. However, you sometimes carry your meticulousness to extremes, over-refining or overworking everything and wasting time and energy on insignificant details.

You enjoy facts, figures and organizing information, and could use your analytical abilities to great advantage in fields like accounting, statistics, medical research or computer programming. Be careful not to over-analyze situations or focus so intently on specifics that you miss the big picture.

Virgo is associated with work. You probably derive much satisfaction from working - you need to be busy constantly, and would not be content living a life of leisure. However, you are inclined to overdo it in this area and become a workaholic, unable to relax and enjoy other things in life.

This is one of the most modest and unassuming positions for Jupiter. You aren't looking for glory or prestige (unless Leo is prominent in your chart) and are content to work efficiently behind the scenes. Rather than bringing you public acclaim and notoriety, Jupiter may give you good fortune in a more personal and private way.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in Virgo is in the sign of its detriment, because it is opposite Pisces, of which

Jupiter is co-ruler. This is not an unfavorable position, since natives value work and will offer practical service to others.

However, the Virgo concern with detail and precision can conflict with the Jupiterian tendency to expansiveness. It is not possible for one person to give detailed consideration to every aspect of a large project. This conflict can result either in overwork or in the improper treatment of some aspect of a project. Consequently, the individual must learn to enlist the co-operation of others and to delegate responsibilities, or else scale down the scope of his endeavors.

People with this position demand integrity in detail, and are able to sift truth from error when confronted with a large amount of information. But they may have a moralistic concern for detailed perfection which many people will find difficult to deal with. If this concern is carried too far, they make mountains out of molehills; they may lose a sense of the relative importance of various factors involved in work and service, especially the human factor.

If Jupiter is well-aspected in this sign, honesty and integrity characterize work and business, making for congenial relationships with co-workers, employers, and employees. These people usually enjoy pleasant working conditions, and are appreciated and well paid for the services they perform.

Natives regard cleanliness and order as being of utmost importance; these values are a cornerstone of their moral integrity. They disapprove of sloppy, bohemian habits of dress or housekeeping, unless Jupiter is heavily afflicted. In that case, as a psychological reaction, there can be a reversion to the opposite behavior, similar to that of a person with an afflicted Venus in Virgo.

Their religious and moral beliefs are based on the concept of service, and they regard high ideas as of little value unless they receive practical application. This sense of realism makes them conservative and somewhat orthodox in their social and religious outlook, as with Jupiter in Taurus or Capricorn.

There can be an interest in service and charitable pursuits related to physical and mental health: in hospitals and educational institutions, for example. Wealthy people with Jupiter in Virgo often contribute to the support of such institutions, or to medical missions.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Virgo, employment may be unstable because of a tendency to drift from job to job. There may be laziness where work is concerned, and dissatisfaction with working conditions, co-workers, and employers.

These people must learn that spiritual attainment calls for more than the mere expounding of beautiful ideas.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

There is something of a contradiction in terms about this placing, for while Jupiter encourages expansion of the intellect in particular, Virgo is related to small, narrow detail and critical acumen. Sometimes as a result there is conflict and apprehension when the individual is confronted with a situation or project that demands a broad sweeping approach. He or she will want to take it, but may feel a lack of self-confidence and fail to commit him- or herself as boldly as might be wished. The outlook will definitely be matter-of-fact, and it is to this characteristic that the subject should appeal at such times. You must also encourage reflection on past achievements and successes, for it is in that way that confidence will be gained and a broader perspective taken.

Considerable literary skill often accompanies this placing. Here is the patience and dedication of a meticulous writer with the intelligence to develop the technique necessary if he is to put down on paper precisely and directly just what is in his mind. This placing also contributes technical and scientific ability, along with tremendous practical flair for working with machinery. Healthy scepticism and critical acumen are also present.

If Jupiter is afflicted by the Moon or Neptune, there can be considerable absentmindedness. This will infuriate the individual, who will consider it stupid and annoyingly time-consuming when he or she leaves the keys in the wrong place, for instance, or mislays a vitally important piece of paper or book! Sometimes there can be constipation, especially if rich food is enjoyed; and digestive problems are also common.

(Grant Lewi)

This position enables you to find the opportunity in small beginnings, to take infinite pains with the little things that underlie success, and to plug along at a hopeless auge until - lo and behold! - it amounts to something. The effect you give is of care, caution, and routine perfection of details; and because of this, you are often able to win support from financial interests who value these traits and consider them good credit reference. You will generally be able to get backing for your business; you believe in putting all your eggs in one basket and watching the basket, with the result that you frequently hatch quite a brood. Spectacular or risky ventures don't appeal to you. If this position limits the imagination somewhat, it is also likely to get you farther in the long run than the dashing fellow who has been through several fortunes, or jobs, while you have been studiously cultivating your own garden and raising a fine crop of security and possessions.

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Virgo, one seeks to grow and to improve oneself through spontaneous helpfulness, dutiful service, and a disciplined approach to self-development. One humbly stays open to grace from a higher power, and naturally trusts the value of regular work

and self-discipline. One's expansive need for perfection motivates openness to selfimprovement. Over-attention to detail can inhibit connection with a larger order, but one usually has a well-developed critical faculty without excessive pettiness. One has an innate understanding of the appropriate use of one's analytical and discriminative abilities.

Although Jupiter in Virgo (being a sign opposite one which it rules - Pisces) is known as being in 'detriment', I personally find that it is far more common to see Jupiter elevating and expanding the critical, analytical, linguistic, and intellectual faculties of Virgo than to witness Virgo dominating Jupiter, thus theoretically squeezing out all personal expansiveness and generosity. Attention to detail is certainly present in abundance in these people, but excessive pettiness is in my experience rather rare. They do, however, need periodically to clarify their larger vision of the future so that they know toward what goal they are working, and so they do not become lost in details and short-sighted concerns.

There is usually a technical attunement, if not intellectual; and craftsmanship is usually evident in whatever field they pursue, sometimes with a remarkable attention to minute detail. Self-confidence is rarely excessive (unless perhaps the person's Jupiter is conjunct the Sun in Virgo), and these people gain self-esteem over time through their work and practical accomplishment. Self-improvement is a lifelong mission for those with Jupiter in Virgo.

Those with Jupiter here have an analytical outlook on life and a tendency not to put themselves forward aggressively nor to try to be especially prominent. Unlike Jupiter in many other signs, they rarely promise others more than they can deliver. If anything, they understate their abilities and underestimate their talents. Because of such an orientation, it should be emphasized that, in pursuing personal and professional progress and all levels of prosperity, they should be careful not to sell themselves short. They seem to feel that their worth will manifest and prove itself through practical accomplishments and result, not through boasting; and this innate humility and eagerness to be useful is often expressed in the helping and health professions, service vocations such as teaching, or civil service. In virtually every arena of life, Jupiter in Virgo doesn't like risk, but - after systematic analysis - they will take risks deemed to be prudent.

Coleman wrote of this placement: 'This indicates that opportunities will come to you throughout life as a result of your willingness to render practical service to others. However, you demand extraordinary integrity of detail and often exhibit a moralistic concern for perfection which annoys colleagues. Carter wrote 'Kind, but narrow in the affections'. Ebertin wrote: 'The urge to learn, the ability to teach'. Hickey wrote 'Strong discrimination; but if afflicted, critical, irritable and petty'.

Moore & Douglas seem to describe Jupiter in Virgo at its worst, those people who can

always find a reason not to believe in anything transcendent. I personally have seen few people with Virgo Jupiter who are this sort; but it is evident to me that this quotation concisely sums up an almost archetypal attitude among certain people in Western technocratic culture: 'This pseudo-expansive outlook is typified by the science fiction writer who considers himself to be extremely imaginative in conjuring fantastic visions of life as it might be on stars, light years removed from Earth, yet who cannot conceive of anything beyond the strictly mechanistic view of the cosmos left over from nineteenth century materialism. By projecting his own small shadow upon the backdrop of the universe, he creates bigger and better monsters, but little that touches the heart or uplifts the mind'.

(Syndey Omarr)

In Virgo, Jupiter paints a picture of one who is discriminating when it comes to friends and pleasures. This often results in a bottling up of emotions. The astrologer's task is to help the native become less rigid, to help him remove some of his armor. He is philosophical; his critical tastes are finely honed. He is not so fortunate when it comes to speculation - he can 'figure things out', but this does not apply to the racing form!

He is especially fortunate when it comes to developing his hobbies into professions. He is able to start with a little and make it grow. The astrologer should encourage him to be patient and confident - and to laugh at his own foibles.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a helpful, though potentially critical, giver. You have the goodness to make the most out of the least - yet should pledge to avoid bitter complaining. You have the morality to be upright and pure in your relationships - but should pledge to avoid being puritanical. You have the reverence for personal space and solitude - yet should pledge to avoid being antisocial.

You can be trusted to help Other to develop his / her potential through study and attention to detail; to live a reasonably healthy and moderate life, with possibly only occasional, compensatory binges; and to live up to your responsibilities - for the sake of your love of order, not necessarily for the love of Other.

You may be excessively demanding that Others do things / work exactly your way, with the consequence that you are inclined to attract either narrow-minded sycophants or wanton rebels; excessively orderly, so that by way of balance Other is correspondingly chaotic; and excessively envious of others that appear (not surprisingly) to have an easier lifestyle.

You believe that life is based upon reason, so you hold that good thoughts and deeds will eventually attract good fortune, and bad thoughts and deeds will ultimately result in

bad fortune. Through appealing to this philosophy - your sense of reason, Other can get you to accept, enthuse over or forgive most things.

You disagree with Other leading a life that does not appear to have a pure and welldefined set of goals and principles. Be aware that how you 'define' is limited by what you know - or rather by what you don't know. Other could be aware of things which your closely constructed beliefs overlook.

When you are alone, it is most likely to be because you really need or actually want to be. Virgo is the sign of the Hermit; so, with the planet of growth here, it is during times of being on your own that you can get to do what you want or have to do. Everyday or incidental patches of being alone with yourself for relatively short periods of time should be cherished and made good use of. Actually being alone, in the sense of being without a mate or companion, could mean that you are being forced to get down to that project or task you have been putting off. or possibly to consider in solitude the meaning for your existence, especially in terms of the work you do or are supposed to be doing, and what kind of relationship you would wish to be in. Fate is utterly intelligent; it does not leave you all on your own just for the hell of it. A darker reason for your being alone, which we have to consider, is that you are simply a misanthrope, that you dislike people generally. If so, you are alone to see the error of your ways - for you too are a person, one of the people.

(John Townley)

You can design and carry out an infinite variety of detailed settings for love, so you should find a lover who can join in the pleasures of playing out these detailed fantasies. For you, the initial performance of an imagined scene is the most pleasurable; with repetition it becomes tedious. Once you have fulfilled a fantasy, it is best to move on to something else, so that you can replay the same scenario another night.

Take care to make your fantasy role-playing simple and undemanding, so that it may be carried out physically with ease and concentration. The mind can accomplish great feats that are much too difficult or distracting to enjoy in reality. A little prudent judgement will help you avoid taking on more than you can handle. Don't be too demanding of yourself or your lover, so that love games stay creative and pleasurable rather than work.

You must make an attempt to separate fantasy from the everyday reality of a relationship. If they are too closely entwined, you and your lover may drift apart because you mistake your fantasy roles for the real ones. With a little care, however, you should be able to have a more satisfying sex life than most, if you have chosen a partner of similar desires.

(Robert Hand)

You will grow and achieve maturity by developing a constructive sense of duty, by knowing that what you do is useful to the world, and by living up to your responsibilities. In some respects, your attitude about the world and other people is very mature for someone your age. But to get the most out of life, you must overcome your timidity, for that affects your expectations of yourself. You are inclined to accept too little and not demand enough of life. You see reality so clearly that you let it get you down. The danger is that you may seriously underestimate your abilities and the possibilities of what can be done in your life. Being practical is fine, but a little idealism wouldn't hurt. Don't always accept matters as they are, either about yourself and others or about circumstances in general.

On the other hand, you can be very helpful to others, and you feel best when you have something important to do. You respect work, even if you do not enjoy it; and when you neglect to do something you are supposed to you feel guilty. In fact, you often tend to feel guilty about indulging yourself. You have to justify your activities by knowing that they are important on a larger scale, apart from yourself. You cannot justify doing something simply because you want to. But this may lead you to become very good at rationalizing, believing that some activity is socially useful, when you are really doing it only because you want to. It is better to recognize that you do want it yourself and not blame your actions on some 'higher purpose'.

Jupiter ♃ in 7th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Action on the social and intellectual level.

Although much influenced by other people, especially close partners, those with Jupiter in the seventh house themselves usually express a strong optimism and confidence in all their actions. Their confidence, however, does rise noticeably when supported by an enthusiastic partner or when approved of by the public. This position gives a sensitivity to the trends of society and to what will appeal to the public taste. Note that this is the house corresponding with Libra, and although intellectual activities are indicated by Jupiter here, they often bear an artistic coloration as well.

Charles Carter point out how placements in the seventh house can lead to personal publicity; and the number of famous Jupiter in the seventh people who have enjoyed unusually high and sustained levels of popularity is virtually endless. Some such public figures have not only been extraordinarily popular but also projected an aura of classiness and dignity.

One should not lose sight of the fact that, as the keywords indicate, there is a strong

urge toward various sorts of intellectual activity, often focused toward key issues in society and one's culture. There is also often a strong desire to promote ideas that they believe in, whether through communications media or through politics.

Moore and Douglas use the keywords 'profitable partnerships' for this placement; and it is an accurate designation in more ways than merely the narrow traditional notion that one will gain wealth through the partner. Those with Jupiter here have an enthusiasm for sharing life and concepts with others. They gain from close associations not only materially but also intellectually, philosophically, and in character development. These folks seek mutual understanding in human associations, and they are often adept at encouraging others to express themselves and to grow from self-discovery. The nobility of Jupiter shines through in many cases, often expressed as dependable honesty in relationships, and as an ever-expanding broadmindedness as the understanding of human nature develops. As Moore and Douglas wrote, 'these people tend to give people the benefit of the doubt'.

One-to-one interaction comes so instinctively to these individuals that they are often natural counselors to whom others go for advice. They are good listeners, and they are often so adept at understanding the other person's point of view that they may also achieve notoriety as speakers or writers, since they will be able to express what others are thinking.

I suspect that Jupiter in the seventh is often found in the charts of the spouses of famous and extraordinarily prominent people, even if the spouse keeps quite a low profile. In other cases, one will experience a launch into more prominence through the partner. Just as old traditions suggest, if Jupiter is in one's seventh house, the life partner will most probably reflect various Jupiterian qualities. At best, he or she will be inspiring, encouraging, tolerant, and generous; I will leave it to the reader's imagination what a Jupiterian partner (or partners!) might express in his or her less attractive manifestations.

One last dimension of the relationship field of experience must be mentioned. Although Jupiter in the seventh is considered generally to be a 'fortunate' position in any chart, it should be recognized that Jupiter's scope of action and arena of exploration tends to be much broader than the more intimate, personal Venusian domain of the seventh house. There may be extensive social interests and involvements for those with Jupiter here; much depends on Jupiter's sign, but in most cases, those with Jupiter in the seventh need to have a broadminded partner who is not particularly demanding or controlling.

(Marilyn Waram)

When Jupiter is in the seventh house, the person may search for ultimate fulfillment in the love relationship or from close friends. He may expect that love will make him feel whole, fulfilled and complete. He may hope that love (or at least companionship, being with other people) will help him cope with an inner restlessness, an inner expectation

that something great is about to happen, soon! He may find someone to love and put her up on a pedestal, thinking that she is absolutely perfect. Or he may find someone who thinks he is perfect and adores him for that. After a while, however, the imperfections begin to show, and the disappointment sets in. They begin to tell each other that they should be better; and each feels criticized, unaccepted, and let down.

With Jupiter in the seventh, it is possible to hold marriage and close friendships as ultimate values, to hold them with a sense of great reverence and importance. This can be a wonderful quality if not taken too far. When it is, the people can have outrageous expectations of themselves, the mate, or the relationship. They can expect themselves to have all the answers, expect that mate to be a wise teacher, or find a mate who expects them to play guru. Jupiter needs to seek, however, to keep moving. If the expectations get too high, or the disappointment too great, then the individual may just leave and look elsewhere. Ideally he will realize that he is expecting himself or his partner to be God, to provide complete perfection and fulfillment. It works better when the partners agree to share the search for truth and God instead of looking to each other to be either.

Since Jupiter is a key to where we place our faith, in the seventh it indicates a tendency to place a lot of faith in other people, especially those to whom we are close.

This may be just a positive trust in and regard for the other, or it can be sheer gullibility. The individual may simply assume that others have his best interests at heart, whether the evidence is to the contrary or not.

This is another very restless combination, and a double emphasis on intellectual ability. A person can take a philosophical attitude toward close relationships, or go to extremes and intellectualize all the closeness and feeling out of marriage. There may also be a strong value on socializing together, as the couple who do a great deal of entertaining.

Handled positively, Jupiter in the seventh is expressed as a healthy level of trust in others, positive regard and general goodwill toward them - without wholesale gullibility. The individual can be generous with friends, and they reciprocate. He may share wideranging intellectual interests with those to whom he is close. He may find a mate with whom to share an ongoing pursuit of more knowledge, more insight and more understanding. In fact, this is one of the placements which has the capacity to turn a relationship into a path of spiritual growth, if the couple is mature and honest enough. As Jupiter is a freedom planet, however, the relationship will need to be developed in such a way that both individuals have a lot of freedom. They will not thrive if tied down by rules and expectations, or expected to remain static. If this situation arises, either partner may back out and may leave altogether. Don't fence Jupiter in!

(Eve Jackson)

The notion that this is a fortunate position for marriage does not in my experience hold very much water; Juptier here seems if anything less stable than Uranus; the institution of marriage is ill-equipped to satisfy Jupiter's insatiable appetite for new experience. How a person handles this placement will depend greatly on whether the implied restlessness is acknowledged as a part of him- or herself, or whether it is always seen as an attribute of the partner.

Expectations are usually high regarding long-term relationships, but can be rather unrealistic, as is the case with Neptune in the seventh; and while a permanent bond may be consciously sought, a partner who will shortly sabotage this praiseworthy plan is frequently chosen. In a surprising number of cases, I have come across marriage or marriage-type relationships literally with a foreigner who represents all sorts of romantic and unfamiliar possibilities but never becomes much more than a stranger. In one case, a woman married a foreign national she had only known for a few weeks. After she had been living with (and supporting) him for a year or two, he vanished, to reappear occasionally over the next twenty years. That she never got round to divorcing him in all this time suggests a certain investment in a formal tie with an unreliable figure; and it is probably that he lived out her fantasies of a footloose existence which did not tally with the values with which she identified.

Where the roving Jupiterian quality is experienced as part of oneself, relationships can soon lose their sap. They do not, however, usually leave a lasting bitter taste, for the old expectations soon assert themselves again. Obviously, it is possible to find a relationship in which both partners move on together; but this means a felicitous choice of a travelling companion. It involves living a little dangerously; but Jupiter can thrive on danger.

(Bill Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: Rather than looking directly into yourself, you gain the knowledge you seek through relatedness. It is the source of wisdom, since each encounter offers unique perspectives. The pitfall is that you may be so oriented toward relating as a 'learning experience' that you forget to truly interact with your partners. As with Venus, your tendency is to skim along the surface, often barely penetrating the emotional depths below. This can rob you of the greatest insights relationships offer. Relatedness itself provides the opportunity; but the person with whom you are relating is sacred, not merely to be taken for granted. The challenge is to take full advantage of the bounty waiting for you.

Equal partnerships: Relationships are like wildflowers, beautiful and free, to be enjoyed but not possessed. You flow into partnerships easily, encountering little resistance, and it's natural for you to regard others as equals. Unlike Mars here, relationships are not a battleground, but a chance to learn about the human condition. The pitfall involves your tendency to be loyal but very freedom-loving, so that your fidelity is truthful in principle

more than in fact. The challenge is to experience as much as you can in each partnership you create, to drink fully from the cup of sharing, becoming wise in the ways of humanity.

Contracts, commitments: You are fascinated by contracts, eager to discover the ethical principles that govern their success or failure. Your own commitments in partnership are a laboratory for experimentation with ideal principles. This abstract interest is so high that you commit yourself on many levels and in many relationships, often simultaneously. Your sense of opportunism is so strong, however, that while you recognize the importance of commitments, you may fail to see the necessity of fulfilling them. Partnerships for you are more in the mind than in the heart, so remember that others of a less philosophical bent may be seduced by your enthusiasm. The challenge is to balance commitment and freedom, in order that you fulfill your spirit as well as your mind.

Co-operation: Co-operation is easy for you, a path of least resistance. Your natural optimism makes negotiations flow smoothly. However, there are potential pitfalls. You are sometimes so bluntly honest that you offend others without realizing why. It may not occur to you that they could be vulnerable or sensitive. You are also very proud, and may respond to ego wounds with misplaced haughtiness. Maintaining a sense of humility is crucial if your relationships are to remain bountiful and happy. The challenge is to develop your natural love for socialization into tactful statesmanship. Protection of the emotions is as necessary as enthusiasm of the spirit.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is a person whose nature is generous and noble, whose actions are optimistic and spontaneous. Your mate is a very special person, one who loves the expansive sense of relatedness with many different individuals. There is a persistent wanderlust to see the world; and he or she wants to share that experience with you.

A natural partnership is one that broadens your horizons and opens you to the bounty of life. It contains open and joyful exploration; and you feel enriched by its effect. It has lightness and buoyancy, a sense of flying rather than staying firmly on the ground. You feel the intangible presence of something wise and good, and it makes you feel more care for all of humanity. The image is a hot air balloon, floating majestically in clear skies high above the earth, from which the horizon extends forever.

Saturn ♄ in ♏ Scorpio 12° 18'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you think you are all-powerful and must take responsibility for everybody else's physical or material situation, your power might be limited by the Scorpio compulsion for control and dominance. Through the need to create roles of control and dependency, you may inadvertently block your energies from others. This form of using power may lead to giving your partner and yourself the experience of frustrating isolation. Due to a paralyzing fear of losing command, you may deny yourself and others the deep, powerful connection with the very intimacy and energy you seek.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility for powerfully manifesting the latent forces of mutual transformation and regeneration of values in your intimate relationships. You can acknowledge yourself as the creator of drives for power and control that you experience with others, which gives you security in your ability to undergo the challenges created. You can gain even more personal security from realizing that the power you release is strong enough to allow you to easily experience an intimate contact with another.

You can accept and work with the responsibility of dependence on others or having others depend on you, or both simultaneously. Then you can realize that past secretive, selfish values served only to undermine and rob yourself. Risking your role of power enables you to relate to another on a truly intimate, equal, trusting level where you both can experience the sensual enjoyment of deep emotional transformation and regeneration.

Through using and sharing the power to release yourself to higher levels of worth and value, you can experience increased power and vitality.

General

You have to deal with your fear of bonding with another on a psychic level. You are learning that you will not be dissolved by the power released in the process of achieving oneness with another. By not getting stuck in your awareness of the desires of others, you can hold to the realization of your own value system and build what you consider important into the context of merging with another. You are learning to use power consciously, to validate your worth, and to bond with another on levels that are mutually constructive.

You are learning to discard your psychic defences against oneness with another, allowing yourself to build the ideals you value into the power of the relationship. In this way, the relationship becomes a source of energy that works to the mutual, lasting benefit of both parties involved.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Scorpio is a natural sextile, but it can still be a challenge to integrate these two sides of life. There is often a major issue involving power, since we naturally seek it where Saturn is placed in our charts once we have developed the confidence that we can get it, or if the only way we feel safe is to be in control. But Letter Eight tends to have a power issue inherent within it, even without the complication of being mixed with other life desires. The instinct of Water, as previously indicated, is to absorb or be absorbed, to seek a kind of fusion. With Cancer, the mother naturally protects the baby. Pisces can be manifested as a savior helping a victim or as God and human. But Scorpio is trying to integrate an intense will which includes a desire for self-control, and especially the avoidance of being controlled, with a passionate hunger for fusion with a mate, with the challenge of working out an equalitarian relationship. Scorpio is a double-bind in its own nature - one of the most difficult of our twelve sides of life.

So Saturn in Scorpio is often a key to lessons despite the natural sextile between the two principles. As with Saturn in Libra, we may simply be learning to do justice to both career and relationships. Often, the lesson involves sharing power, especially when reinforced by conflict aspects in the cardinal and / or fixed signs or houses. Alternately, we may be learning mastery of the appetites, learning to enjoy them without being controlled by them. Any of the appetites may be involved - eating, drinking, smoking, drugs, sex, spending money, hoarding possessions, etc.. Wild swings are possible as in bulimia where suffers alternately gorge and force themselves to vomit. The Scorpio tendency is to go to the end, literally to the death; so moderation is often difficult, knowing when is enough and how to release and forgive, if not forget. Sometimes that lesson of learning to release is confronted through the death or other loss of a loved one early in life.

The father and toher authority figures may be dominant, intense, but self-contained, rarely showing the deep feelings. When the emotions are over-controlled, there is always the danger of their breaking loose explosively from time to time. There may be issues around money, possessions, or sensuality. The father may be so absorbed in material security that he is rarely home. Or he may be fighting addictive tendencies. Sometimes there are sexual issues with a female child. He will be a role model for the child's attitudes and experiences with mates, whether the child seeks a mate like the father or the opposite.

When the eight-ten combination is handled well, there is tremendous potential skill with details, ability to organize, thoroughness, a retentive memory, and the capacity to probe the inner depths whether in exploration of the mind, in history and archaeology, in work as a detective, or in any area of research. Saturn in Scorpio can also point to a career handling joint resources in banking, accounting, investment, taxes, government work which uses public funds, nonprofit organizations, etc.. Often in life, the bigger the challenge, the greater the results when the challenge is met and handled.

(Skye Alexander)

You are intent upon understanding the forces that operate behind the scenes. Perhaps you are interested in the inner workings of Earth and the Universe. Your search might lead you to explore the depths of the human psyche, or to probe the hidden activities of businesses, organizations or governments to find out what goes on inside. Surface appearances mean little to you; you are searching for deeper meanings and core truths. One of your life lessons might be how you use this knowledge.

Knowledge is power; and power - over yourself, other people, your environment - is what you are really seeking. You may fear that you have little control over your own life; and this sense of helplessness might lead you to attempt to dominate people and situations. How you exercise your power, whether you use it to limit and manipulate others or to help them, probably will be a significant issue for you in this life. You may have opportunities to do great good or great harm; and the choice you make could be one of your 'tests'.

One of the secrets you might try to unmask is death. Death and life afterwards - the ultimate transformation - fascinate you. You may even believe that through understanding death you will have more control over it, or at least your response to it. All forms of destruction and rebirth are of interest to you; and you might even work in such areas as renovating buildings, reconstructive surgery, cancer research or weaponry.

Sex, another of life's great mysteries, is probably an important issue for you. However, you might find sex frightening or frustrating; your inclination is to tense up and try to control the experience, yet in order to enjoy sex you must relax and give in to your body's sensations. Perhaps you are quite sensitive about your sexuality and feel somewhat inadequate or undesirable. In the extreme, you might deny yourself sexual satisfaction; or, you could attempt to control or dominate your partners because the power sex has over you is threatening.

At your core lurk intense and turbulent emotions, but you may try to block them from your consciousness, afraid of being overburdened if you open up your 'Pandora's box'. If you refuse to make friends with your Minotaur, however, you might project your fears into the outer world and believe that people are 'out to get you' or that you can't trust anyone. At times, you have a dark view of life and expect the worst to happen.

Maybe you have experienced a traumatic loss of some kind that transformed your life. In fact, your life sometimes seems to be a series of difficult ups and downs, and you long for stability and permanence. As a result, you might attempt to create security in your life by holding on too tightly to everything and everyone - partners, your job, money or property - that you believe might provide some structure for you. Any 'loss', even changes, can seem almost life-threatening to you; and you run a risk of becoming rigid,

stubborn and miserly, afraid even to give up things that are no longer useful to you. Consequently, you might inhibit your own growth and creativity because you can't just relax and let things take their course. You need to learn to let go and not fear change, to let the old die so the new can be born. Most of all, you need to develop trust - in yourself and the powers that be.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Scorpio indicates responsibility in financial affairs, such as corporate resources, partner's finances, taxes, insurance, and matters concerning the property of others. Business activity is likely to deal with corporate financing, insurance, and tax accounting. If Saturn is afflicted in Scorpio, there can be conflict over inheritances, taxes, and joint finances, which often incurs legal battles and losses through litigation.

The natives are usually perfectionists in their work. They are always trying to improve the structure of the status quo. If this proclivity is carried too far, they can earn a reputation as hard taskmasters. Having little patience with attitudes that reflect laziness or unwillingness to work, they are sensitive to lack of diligence in others as well as themselves. They exert much energy and willpower on practical accomplishments.

These people accept responsibilities with a serious emotional intensity that often burdens them; they must learn to deal calmly and efficiently with them as they arise. Thoroughness, persistence, and determination are the rule with Saturn in Scorpio, giving a drive for success that is equaled by only a few other positions. These people desire authority and will struggle hard to attain their ambitions; whether they use fair means or foul depends on Saturn's aspects.

These people are capable of harboring deep resentment when they feel they have been dealt with unjustly. They can also have an almost fanatic adherence to principle.

If Saturn is afflicted in this sign, there can be a tendency to scheme and plot. A desire for revenge and an inability to forget past emotional injuries may also be present.

In health matters, there can be problems with constipation or calcification.

(Grant Lewi)

This position is an index of a complex personality. Your defence mechanism works deep below the level of consciousness on the primal instincts and urges; your battle with life goes on within yourself continuously, even when you are unaware of it. Your thoughts, words, acts are almost automatically determined for you. You have to train yourself to know your own motives and to bring into the light of reason the urges behind what you do. The reproductive urge is directly linked with the self-preservation instinct, and you will seek, for security in sex, marriage. But your defenses are up against yielding

yourself to anyone else, and this stands in the way of sex and married harmony, and perhaps causes you to replace the love instinct with something more sensational that gratifies superficially without demanding as much of the whole personality. Because self-justification joins with these deep primal instincts, you are very suspicious and wary about almost everything and can be, among other things, a demon of jealousy. Your constant struggle is enervating, because you want the maximum of self-justification with the minimum of self-yielding. If true success demands too much, you are capable of giving up the struggle entirely, of denying the urge for self-preservation and self-justification utterly, rather than yield your inner self to get it. You must strive not to take yourself so seriously, to compete with life on its own terms, and to realize that before you can vindicate the self that is so important to you, you must both know yourself and permit yourself to be known by others. They can't applaud if you hide your light under a bushel, nor can they feel your strength when it is all working inside.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Scorpio, Saturn tells of difficulties in relations with members of the opposite sex. The native attracts people from the 'underworld'. He is trusted by those with dark secrets. He is connected with inheritance, death, preparations for undercover assignments, etc.. He is self-willed, and his peculiar tastes could lead to difficulties; he is constantly seeking better means of self-expression. He tends to become obsessed with the idea that sex fulfillment is denied him; he searches for the ideal partner and wastes energy, time and money. He must learn to be more practical, to get enough rest, to pay attention to his diet and sexual health needs. If he does, then some (if not all) of his sexual problems can be overcome. He tends to act impulsively and later to regret his actions - but the regrets do not necessarily lead to constructive changes.

He may be bothered by a lack of funds, even though he has more than the average member of his community. The astrologer should help him to understand his motives. Otherwise, the native begins to rationalize, to justify the most bizarre acts and opinions.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This gives an element of dark, brooding intensity which will make its presence felt even in charts where other indications show extrovert and enthusiastic qualities. There is a tremendous sense of purpose and determination; and emotional energy will be generously spent on attaining objectives.

An excellent and shrewd business sense is perhaps one of the most powerful qualities of this Saturn placing. These people do extremely well in big business or the international money markets. A certain heaviness is usually countered by a marvellously offbeat sense of humor; and in spite of the usual Saturnine caution, often in relation to overspending, Scorpio knows how to live it up and enjoys excellent food and wine. As a result, some of this may be present in the subject, especially if a liking for these

pleasures is shown elsewhere in the chart (look to Venus and Jupiter in particular).

On the negative side, obsessive tendencies are all too likely, with determination becoming extreme stubbornness. Sadly, we sometimes find a rather cruel streak; once really set on a demanding objective, the subject may be ruthless in attaining it. If you think this possible, encourage the cultivation of sympathy and greater consideration of others. Much hard work will be carried out; and an emotional involvement in the profession is often essential - even if the basic motivation is to make money, this is enough to put the subject on the road to success.

The sex life can be complex: sometimes a full and rewarding expression is inhibited, and as a result the subject feels dissatisfied in this sphere of life. It may be that the inner authoritative voice will instill jealousy and envy; and if this is not fought against with tooth, nail and claw it will have a very negative effect on the individual's personality and, sometimes, physical well-being.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a potent rock, though may potentially suffer a sexual block. Your tasks and obligations include havint the discipline to control powerful urges - without becoming repressed; taking / allowing the time to detect the inner truth - thus assuaging feelings of jealousy; and building relationships that are deeply trusting - in order to avoid treachery.

You can get stuck with a relationship which is tied together only by joint finances and possessions, and / or children; with power games; with relationships which are doomed from the start - there being a third party, internal problem, or some other obstacle to union; and with any Other, for fear of making the break.

You are learning to establish what truly matters to you - having ruthlessly to cut your losses would be the testament to your sincerity in this; to stop using excuses for not taking the plunge into an intimate relationship; and to be on your own, so at least you can break the taboo of getting to know who you are.

You commit to an Other whom you feel at a very deep level you are willing to spend your life with, for whom you would literally die or suffer death; to a relationship that has a genuinely fulfilling sexual dimension; and to an Other with whom you mutually share all of your secrets.

You are or should be wary of any signs that if push comes to shove Other will not be at your side; of sexual incompatibility, or sexual problems and inhibitions - but these may very well be the actual reason for a relationship: that is, to become aware of them and sort them out; and of a lack of confidence and / or an Other who is censorious / indiscreet about you.

When you are alone, it is because there is a hidden, and probably sexual, side to your nature that effectively repels Other, although paradoxically that same side can initially attract Other. But this is not as paradoxical as it sounds because sexual energy by its very nature both attracts and repels, without one's looks, mind or bank balance having any bearing upon it. Sexual energy is somewhat like an emanation that issues from one like a scent. That scent can be strong or weak, pleasant or unpleasant. Often Other can be drawn to it if it is strong, only to find later that it is not pleasant, in the sense that there is an undertone that says 'stay away; I am not really sexually available' (for whatever reason). But it is the word 'sexually' that needs defining, for it has a specific meaning here. It is saying that you are not ready or able to get close enough to Other on a psychological level - that is, there is something deep in your soul that needs healing, possibly purging. Sexual relationships may well actually do this, but if your scent precludes this, then seek psychological help.

(John Townley)

Sexual fulfillment ranks high among your physical needs, and you may be quite sexually demanding of your partner. For this reason, you should find a sexually active partner who is highly attuned to your urgent special needs.

If you have been significantly frustrated or misused in love at some time, you may become spiteful and resentful, which will adversely affect later relationships. You must work hard to put such experiences behind you and look at a new affair with fresh and unprejudiced eyes.

On the other hand, you have a very long memory for affection and will hold an old lover dear long after you have both moved on to other relationships. When a lover helps you at a critical time, you reward him or her a thousandfold. You consider its real value to you, not just the effort expended by your benefactor.

Because of your very intense attitude toward sexuality, you may tend to go to extremes in love, both physically and emotionally. You seem to seek self-dissolution in sexual experience and find special reinforcement in being swept away in a relationship. This is a reward in itself, but you will benefit from having a cheerful partner who can make you laugh when you become too intense. This will lighten the mood when your intensity fails to accomplish its purpose, which must occur at times.

(Robert Hand)

This placement is strong only if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Midheaven or Ascendant or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. Deep and intense psychological change may be very difficult for you to withstand. You may try to ignore it or to repress the energies that come from deep inside you. But this tendency should not be allowed to develop further, because if it does, your emotional impulses will force you

to do things that you really do not want to do. Also you may have trouble with other forms of compulsive behavior. For example, you might work on a project until you are very tired, just because something inside tells you to go on, even though you consciously see no reason for it. While you are young and strong, this is not a problem, but when you are older you could ruin your health. You must try very hard to understand what is motivating you and to accept it, whatever it is. In fact, you must work very hard to accept all aspects of your character no matter how strange they seem. They probably would not seem particularly strange to others, but your reluctance to communicate about such things may lead you to think that you are very different from everyone else - which is not usually the case.

Also, you may be reluctant to express your true feelings, because you prefer to keep an outward appearance of calm and control. But this is not always good for you, because everyone needs to release his / her feelings from time to time, especially while young. On the plus side, when you are under intense pressure, you can show your emotions and still be more in control of them than most people. That can be very helpful when the going gets rough.

Saturn ♄ in 9th House

(Liz Greene)

The ninth house is considered to be the house of long journeys, both those made by the physical body and those which increase consciousness and broaden the perspective of the mind. In this basic interpretation, which is traditional, the duality of the Gemini-Sagittarius axis and the third and ninth houses may be clearly seen; for third house movement, related to Mercury, deals with the gathering of information, while ninth house movement, related to Jupiter, pertains to the discovery of meaning which emerges when the information is finally put into perspective. These are, as has often been suggested, the two aspects of that perceptive function which we term the mind.

The ninth house is also the house of law by traditional definition; and just as there are two kinds of journeys - those of the body and those of the mind - there are also two kinds of laws. Man-made laws deal with the structuring of society so that it develops along the most positive lines and offers the maximum of protection to its members. Spiritual laws are not very well understood because they can only be apprehended by their reflection in human behaviour; they might in psychological terms be called archetypes in the specific sense that Jung means this word. These laws are simply inherent in life rather than a product of life; in fact they are perhaps, in a more esoteric sense, the reason for life. Unfortunately all we know of these laws, apart from the discoveries of modern psychology, is that interpretation given by theology which calls these archetypal patterns the Will of God and then attempts to interpret this Will according to a particular dogma or

ideology. The entire subject of law, whether it is the instinctual patterning of nature, the intellectual and moral structuring of man, or a less tangible and more ambiguous patterning of life in general, is at best an abstruse subject and not one to be defined in a few paragraphs; it is likely that there is no proper definition. The realm of the ninth house, however, is an abstruse and subtle realm because it is connected with the intuition and with the intuitive perception of the laws of living and being and consciousness; and an understanding of this house, which requires the exercise of the intuition, can provide the key not only to the over-all patterns of humanity but to the meaning behind a single life. Although this is a cadent house, and therefore considered by tradition to be 'weak', the cadent houses are the birthplaces of thought, and the expression of a meaningful life as it is manifested through the midheaven and the tenth house has its seeds in the level of consciousness indicated by the ninth.

This house is steeped in symbolic perspective which suggests in an interesting manner the meaning of dualism as it is expressed by Sagittarius. From the perspective of the Sagittarian temperament, nothing is taken at face value whether it is a person, a thing, or an experience; it is always a symbol for a broader, more basic experience or archetype, and this perpetual dual awareness of seeing the larger reflected in the smaller, of searching for cosmic meaning in the least of things, is a basic quality of Jupiter, of Sagittarius, and of the ninth house. Jupiter is a symbol for the intuition as Jung describes this function of consciousness - the means of perception whereby the intrinsic meaning of a person, a thing, or an experience is seen instantaneously, without analysis, against the broad framework of the meaning of life as a whole. This is a more modern way of interpreting the ancient Hermetic axiom of 'As above, so below' - an expression which is worn through misuse but which still yields increasingly complex meanings with each successive look.

Understandably, as the ninth house is connected with the intuition and the perception of meaning, the broad areas of religion and philosophy are usually associated with it, and on the individual birth chart the ninth house will generally suggest the quality and amount of involvement which the individual is likely to have with what is loosely termed 'the Path' - toward individuation or broader consciousness, in a psychological sense, or toward initiation, in an esoteric sense. It is probable that these two are connected in spite of the difference in terminology and viewpoint; and once again the duality of the ninth house is evidenced, for the two worlds of psychology and esotericism, ordinarily considered poles apart, are brought together under the umbrella of the search for meaning.

Through the medium of this house and sign, Saturn tends to have a pronounced effect in colouring the individual's overall view of life and his capacity to find meaning in his own life. Whether we assign Saturn a psychological meaning and associate him with the shadow or 'trickster' archetype of the unconscious or whether we assign him an esoteric meaning and call him Lucifer, the behavioural patterns which seem to be concurrent with Saturn in the ninth house follow the usual path of constriction, overcompensation, disillusionment and pain, searching, and eventual inner realisation and control. The kind

of pain which usually accompanies this placement is loss of faith; and the search is generally for a new framework of spiritual and moral values by which the life may be given structure and meaning. The opportunity which Saturn offers here seems to be connected with a potential for direct intuitive perception of the wholeness and meaning of the psyche; and this perception comes through what depth psychology now calls a peak experience. This kind of experience is the goal of the individuation process as Jung structured it, and is also the goal of many later developments in the field of depth psychology; it is also, under a different name, the goal of the discipline of certain schools of meditation and yoga. Whatever the experience is, and whether it comes in one brief and overwhelming flash or is pieced together over a period of time by an increased flow of the intuitive function, Saturn in the ninth house is connected with the possibility of this kind of experience. This does not mean that only those individuals who have Saturn in the ninth house (or Sagittarius) are likely to experience this influx of intuitive perception; however, it is possible that those individuals who have these placements, or have Saturn and Jupiter in aspect, find that it is more necessary for their psychological growth to pursue this kind of perception. It might be said that the psyche aims toward this more urgently because Saturn in the ninth house suggests that the more superficial values and the theological offerings will not suffice. The man with Saturn in the ninth house is driven toward a direct experience of what we choose to call God.

As usual, Saturn may disguise himself; and one of his favourite presentations when he is in the ninth house is the individual who believes in nothing. This kind of rather compulsive agnosticism or atheism is rarely the outgrowth of logical analysis and a naturally pragmatic or earthy temperament; it is usually linked with fear and a rebellion against an inner urge toward things of a more abstract nature. Sometimes this kind of orientation is linked with an early upbringing of a dogmatic nature and a subsequent disillusionment. Saturn in the ninth house is often connected with a finely-tuned sense of justice and a great sensitivity to the plight of humanity as a group; but there is often a tendency toward depression and lack of hope with this placement, particularly hope in the individual's own future. He may find it difficult to make contact with the flow of his over-all self through the intuition, and is consequently left with a sense of futility and often with a fear of the future. The man with a ninth house Saturn often finds through hard experience that faith in someone else's interpretation of life and of justice does not suffice, and it is difficult for him to accept any authority, temporal or spiritual, other than himself, because he has been severely disillusioned by such authority in the past. This is the first stage of the process of disillusionment and rebuilding connected with Saturn in the ninth house; if the individual persists in his growth, the development of his intuitive perception into the world of meaning guarantees him a much more direct and meaningful authority - himself.

There appears to be a definite link between Saturn in the ninth house and an early exposure to religious teachings of a dogmatic kind. Generally this exposure ends in disillusionment later in life. The individual will often follow the characteristic pattern of attempting to crystallise values of an essentially inner and subjective nature into the

formal ritual, structure, and uniformity of orthodox religious ceremony. This becomes his spiritual security; and he relies on this structure for his sense of meaning, rather than on any real perception of his own. The higher authority - whether a church or a father - offers a formula by which the rules given form the structure of life, and the individual is expected to cling without question to these rules rather than initiating an inner search whereby he can apprehend the laws of life by his own inner authority. Someone else's sincere but often narrow vision becomes his opinion, and he is trapped within the prison of his own narrow-mindedness. Generally these opinions in the end fail him for they do not stand up to his own life experiences. He is thrown back on his own resources and must begin again to build a different kind of framework for his beliefs.

Saturn appears to have affinity with certain of our western religions, or at least with particular aspects or interpretations of them - in particular Catholicism, Mormonism, and Judaism. It is not that these paths are to be criticised, for the outer form of religion is created by man in response to an inner need and perception, and any form created is necessary for a period of time. These paths become problems when they begin to crystallise; and this is often due to their interpretation by well-meaning but unimaginative individuals. What Saturn in the ninth house suggests is not that there is anything fundamentally wrong with one's religion, but rather that there is some degree of crystallisation in the interpretation; the form has outlived its usefulness. Saturnian orientation in a religion inclines toward much emphasis on law, structure, guilt, punishment, and the unknowable Will of God, with little emphasis on life, quality, inner meaning, or individual growth. It is often the parental interpretation which is the problem. A childhood steeped in the Saturnian kind of morality and belief can be a fruitful source of guilt. It can help to create in the individual a doubt in his own right to decide for himself the inner or spiritual meaning of his life. This is destructive because it stifles growth. This is often the goad which drives the person with a ninth house Saturn deep into the realm of philosophy or psychology so that some kind of solution can be found for the riddle of one's existence. The prison of a ninth house Saturn is a subtle one, but it is built through loss of hope and faith and an inability to establish the meaningful subjective contact upon which real vision is built. By the denial of this basic need for hope, Saturn suggests the necessity of the individual's finding the needed experience first-hand, without the help of dogma, of groups, guides, or gurus. Nothing except direct experience will suffice. It is in this direction that the opportunity of a ninth house Saturn lies.

The entire spectrum of Saturnian camouflage may be observed with Saturn in the ninth house, ranging from the complete skepticism of the rational thinker through the narrow vision of the fanatic to the disciplines and probings of the practical occultist, and finally to the muddled and well-meaning gullibility of the man who is willing to believe anything as long as it will give him back his faith. Behind all these costumes stands the inner urge toward a direct spiritual experience and a direct personal acquisition of knowledge which will throw light on the more ambiguous areas of human existence. This is quite a long way from 'conflict with the law', and yet the phrase applies. It is perhaps descriptive of the man who is engaged in a struggle between his own inner convictions and the beliefs

and formal trappings which have been handed to him by his environment. This kind of struggle between inner values and outer opinions always applies to Saturn's placement on the birth chart; and in this position the struggle lies in the realm of the ideas which, when coloured by emotional values, become translated into ideals. The Sagittarian temperament must have an ideal by which he can live; without the dream or the vision at the end of the climb, he cannot find the necessary one-pointedness even to begin. The same situation is true of the person with an emphasised ninth house, and it is particularly true in a specific way of the person with Saturn in the ninth. He must also have an ideal by which to live, but he must also understand the idea behind it, which lies beyond the plane of emotional aspiration and is more purely a product of the intuition. Without this kind of direct understanding he loses hope and plunges into the kind of depression which is so typical of this Saturnian placement; or he may seek to escape by one of the various expressions of overcompensation.

Saturn in the ninth house is often referred to as concurrent with a profound and penetrating mind. The more conscious individual will generally express this quality to a greater or lesser degree. He generally arrives at this point, however, by the long circuitous route; and it is only after he has experienced the opposites that he can be truly free of the crystallising effect that Saturn has on the mind. He has the possibility of finding some very valuable answers to some very broad questions; but he must find them himself without help. Saturn will tolerate no-one else's authority. The man with a ninth house Saturn usually finds that he has to be his own priest, pope, and saviour, because all moral and ethical values lie within him. It is the fine tightrope between the opposites which he generally is required to walk with an acute sensitivity to the fact that all moral and ethical values are, in the end, relative and yet that the universe is intrinsically moral in an altogether different sense. While he realises that all ideals and concepts are relative because they are only a part of the whole, the responsibility still lies on his shoulders to act in a fashion which serves the growth of the whole. This is a tightrope in a very literal sense. On one side lies the grey purposelessness which usually exists side by side with the relinquishment of one's dreams; on the other lies an incessant struggle with anything which symbolises authority. At the end of the rope, successfully crossed, lies a kind of freedom which usually is experienced with the quality that the Sagittarian expresses most easily: joy.

(Bil Tierney)

Saturn in the Ninth House of collective inspiration and broad social awareness may urge some of us to direct our quest for ultimate meaning toward more practical, workable explanations. Universal ideals and religious concepts need to be well-structured and made real if they are to provoke any sense of true belief for us. For those with orthodox views, God must forever prove His Almighty in clear, black-or-white terms in a world where true believers get healed and sinners get punished for transgression in this life as well as in the hereafter. Viewing God as a stern judge who rewards the obedient and the righteous may be appealing for some. Others of us, less connected to mainstream

religious tenets, may have an ambition to thoroughly understand heavyweight life principles and profound theories. We can be deeply philosophical and contemplative, with a scientific bent. While we may also take religion seriously, we do so cautiously; much the way religious scholars do as they try to differentiate accurate scriptures from corrupted texts. It is important for us to have clearly presented knowledge devoid of cultural bias, which is very difficult to find in the field of religion.

Our earnest need to be exposed to Truth is mixed with skepticism regarding the human proclivity for misplaced faith based on ignorance and superstition, so our ability to appraise the world of 'higher' mental pursuits is put to the test. What seems to be a common challenge here is the need to sort out 'the God issue' for ourselves, one way or another. Where are we to put our ultimate faith and trust? This Saturn rarely feels gullible or emotionally blinded regarding its belief systems about how divinity and the universal process works; we feel certain we know the facts, based on reliable established authority. When mismanagers, such a conservative Saturn leans toward a strict, dogmatic mindset more motivated by the fear of God without than an acknowledgement of the God within. Our vision becomes narrow and rigidly applied.

Saturn in the Ninth House denotes the appeal of religious traditions that have proven the test of time, or ancient spiritual practices that have survived throughout the ages. Saturn trusts anything that endures over long periods. Some of us may depend on a religious structure that proclaims its core doctrines to be infallible, and, by implication, unalterable. That can make believing easy and uncomplicated. We put an unerring, unchanging God on a cosmic pedestal in a way that always keeps things absolute and unambiguous. Such a God may express idealized father traits that we otherwise had (or have) a hard time experience with our real father, who may have seemed remote and far away from us on some level. In contrast, we believe our God to always be very close and reachable, and that our personal relationship with Him will remain intact as long as we abide by the instructions laid out by His holy words in sacred bibles, tablets, scrolls, etc.. Adherence to these rules and rituals provides true believers with a safety net that is very important, considering Saturn's need for security and predictability. Saturn can be a planet comfortable with solemn ceremonies. It can also depend on rituals using the physical objects of faith (crucifixes, prayer shawls, mandalas, rosary beads, Menorahs, altars, pentagrams, Madonna figurines - all types of religious artifacts).

Following traditional procedures becomes important. Even Tarot card readers with this position probably are good about keeping their cards wrapped up in special silk cloth to protect their vibes. Eastern religion meditators will always want to light those time-honored sticks of sandalwood incense (not that fake strawberry kind). Catholics will give their prayer beads a workout while counting their 'Hail Marys', and Jews will be mindful of the sabbath and the dietary restrictions of their faith. Our willingness to unconditionally accept any such rituals depends on an unquestionable belief in the rightness of what we are doing. We approach our rituals with much respect, reverence, and dignity - but maybe a little too sanctimoniously. We need to not confuse religion with

religiosity.

Saturn in the Ninth House, due to a harsh and sometimes scary introduction to religion in our early years, suggests we can be blocked about the concept of God. If God has been presented to us as judgemental and exacting in His punishment of transgressors of His law, threatening fire and brimstone as eternal punishment in hell for temporary sins on Earth, this is going to seem unjust to Saturn (although 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth' may sound a bit more fair in theory). We don't want any part of a God like this. We don't wish to surrender to any power higher than our own conscience. We believe ourselves to be the final authority concerning our own proper ethical conduct and morality. Defensive Saturn suggests we resist giving in to any outside control as pervasively intruding as the strict, omnipotent God of fundamental faiths. The same applies to our intellectual assumptions regarding society, the government, humanity at large, and even the universe. We do not want to be led by the nose according to any general consensus of opinion or mass indoctrination. We want to make our own rules to live by.

Some of us may also wonder why, if there is a just God, innocent babies can suffer cruel fates while the truly immoral are permitted to prosper and live to a ripe old age without even getting their comeuppance. It's this paradoxical inconsistency of divine 'justice' on earth that probably troubles the Saturn principle within us the most.

Agnosticism and atheism can result. We can pull back from the faithful herd and remain separative from this collective experience. As a result, we may also feel like outsiders, cut off from the support of those strongly held suppositions about God that seem to give so many others peace of mind about this life and in the afterlife. There is a vexing dichotomy here, as one part of Saturn would welcome a total guarantee of certainty that God exists and that we are part of a master plan, but the 'doubting Thomas' side of Saturn will only accept solid, irrefutable proof that continued consciousness awaits us after we die. Of course, such objective proof is not currently possible according to the rigorous standards an unconvinced Saturn demands.

Politics is also part of the Ninth House experience, as are any 'isms' that involve how the rights of a society impact on the personal liberties of the individual. Politics is a good example of social belief systems in action, whether we favor them or not.

Saturn in an earth or water sign would want to preserve the status quo, supporting the same political agendas decade after decade with only practical adjustments allowed to fit certain cultural changes. Nothing too radical here; no toppling of The System, and definitely no flirting with social anarchy. Saturn in air tends toward liberal policies, but only those well-thought-out and fair enough to satisfy a diverse constituency (with the exception of Aquarius, which is fixed and surprisingly dogmatic at times). But Saturn in Fire can be willful and passionate in its political persuasions. If fundamentally conservative, we can be dramatically and emphatically so. If we are discontent and

disillusioned, or if we have political axes to grind and are angry with government power, Saturn in Fire can want to shake things up and push for quick, urgent reforms - a 'throw out the bums' attitude. We are open to fresh leadership, as long as promises of change made during the campaign trail are delivered.

A few of us could even make a career in politics, though our overall tendency in most cases is simply to be responsible citizens who feel obligated to vote, do jury duty when asked, show civic pride, defend our country, wave the flag, and be upstanding and lawabiding.

But some of us can hold the darker attitude that governments are fundamentally oppressive, playing too much the restrictive 'big daddy' role and trying to run everything related to our personal lives. Think of Saturn in Scorpio or aries in a conflict aspect to Pluto or Uranus - this doesn't sound like someone who would feel safe and secure with powerful governmental structures. We don't trust that people in key political positions will look out for our welfare. We can be resentful about their authority, and may not want to be part of this collective framework. We feel very critical of federal policies or even laws handed down from the higher courts. We may project that politicians are selfishly ambitious, greedy, and over-controlling. We liberals may even think we see the dangers of unchecked patriotism very clearly; and it can scare us. But whether we battle God or the Feds, the deeper issue is probably our fear of bowing down to any supreme authority, since a lesson of Saturn in the Ninth House is to recognize the spiritual power of our own inner authority regarding personal Truth.

Saturn is usually a homebound planet, not often filled with travel fever. It has no big urge to play the role of intrepid world explorer. Saturn prefers the familiar, while wandering too far away can put us in touch with the unfamiliar, creating culture shock. Thus anything foreign, exotic, international, or ethnic is not warmly embraced. Much of this could be a matter more reflective of our own early cultural background (like a lot of our Ninth House matters), especially due to narrow attitudes adopted by our family. Maybe we heard too much bad stuff about 'those people in Asia' or 'the Mexicans' or 'the crazy Catholics in Italy' or 'them sodomites in San Francisco'. It probably was pretty offensive material that was broadcast within range of our sensitive ears - sweeping and unflattering generalities applied to large groups of people. For some reason, a few of us were taught to either fear or loathe anything or anybody different or foreign. We may have been told not to trust folks from abroad - not their culture, not their religion, and certainly not their weird food! The implication was that we were to always stick to the ways of our own country and 'our own people', meaning those who are as exactly like us as possible.

This is a sort of mind control that can last a lifetime for some. It's a sad legacy that goes completely against the wide-angled scope of the Ninth House, a house of universal proportions needing lots of room to spread out. If we have Saturn here, we will need to overcome our provincial, xenophobic ways and enrich our awareness of global reality. It's a big world we live in, and we need to understand more about it.

As we get older, we will have opportunities to mingle with those whom our parents warned us against (perhaps a college roommate who is of the Hindu faith, or a business associate from Denmark). Little by little, life can usher in people and situations that educate us about realities quite different from anything in our upbringing. We may learn to slowly appreciate those diverse elements that hold the world together. We may even someday get to write home that 'New Yorkers ain't so bad after all', to the dismay of 'our own people'. It would be good to take courses in comparative religion or French cuisine, and even subscribe to The National Geographic just to give us an education as to what's out there. If all goes well, maybe we won't wish to cancel that trip to Bora Bora we won on 'Wheel of Fortune' (not to worry, it's a round-trip ticket).

The Ninth House is an area where we can learn to feed our minds as much as it can take. Traditionally, it's the house of extended education, which can mean a stubborn case of Universityitis for some of us. We over-achievers can't help but take courses, pass exams, give dissertations, and collect our degrees and diplomas. Saturn here can take schooling all the way, since it has great patience and endurance. We probably figure we're only going to get older anyway, so why not older and smarter and armed with academic credentials? Often, we may not have been able to complete our schooling in our early years due to economic hardships, bad grades, or simply an urge to drop out; but we can make up for lost time once we have matured a bit and are in better financial shape. We also have a much better idea by then what we want to get a degree in.

We approach higher learning almost as if it is our duty to keep our mind working like a finely calibrated tool, well lubricated by knowledge. But the knowledge we expose ourselves to cannot be trivial or superficial in content. We gravitate toward subjects that are broad in their application or universally experienced on the mass level. Degrees in science, mathematics, engineering, and other technical fields could be a possibility for some of us. Saturn and the Ninth House also favor the study of history. Whatever we choose, our aim is to excel in our studies. We have the ambition to do something effective with what we have learned. We usually do not study out of boredom or sheer mental stimulation (that's more a Third House issue). We instead want to embrace knowledge that is far-reaching. The desire to keep on learning all we can may become a lifetime aspiration.

Morality and ethics are part of the Ninth House life department. When masses of people congregate and form cultural norms regarding appropriate conduct, a result is the broad acceptance of certain socially sanctioned behaviors or actions that uphold high community standards, whether on religious grounds or due to civilized, democratic principles. We are not to rob banks, because it harms people's securities directly and can later injure the economy, harming even more. The 'head' tries to prevent this by enacting laws with penalties to be suffered, but the 'heart' enforces inner law through morality, using shame as its tool. Saturn in this house can be very guilt-ridden, acting like a model citizen for fear of social condemnation - or it can resist such moral

indoctrination and only life by its own code of ethics. It's an issue we may ponder on a large scale.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the ninth house connects our beliefs about the world with the physical reality of its laws and limits. Beliefs can range from the materialistic atheism of western science, which can only maintain its dogma by ignoring most of human experience, to the equally dogmatic and equally narrow beliefs of a variety of fundamentalist religions with small gods presiding over small and exclusive heavens. To stay in good standing, you have to follow the rules: 'don't look, don't question'.

It does not take much knowledge of astrology to demolish both of these extremes. Astrology shows that we live in a world that is inherently meaningful, not a world of random chance. It is not chance when a newly discovered planet (asteroid) is given a name which describes its meaning when you observe it in horoscopes. It defies logic to claim that a single universal God can have chosen one group of people or one leader or one holy book to favor, while everyone else is condemned.

An effective synthesis of the principles of Saturn in the ninth house calls for a realization that Truth is a goal we never reach but the journey can be a marvelous career. Plus, with Saturn, we can and should test every new idea, note the consequences, and keep enlarging our understanding. We don't even have to totally deny the ideas which don't 'work' as we thought they would. They can be put on the shelf. They might work at a different time under different circumstances. The Cosmos is almost certainly bigger than our current mental capacity.

Uranus ♅ in ♏ Scorpio 24° 42'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Uranus in Scorpio have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new ways to substantially transform the society as it is presently operating, especially on a worldly and sexual level. Disruption occurs by holding on to outworn sexual standards and outmoded ideas about material partnerships.

(Joan Negus)

As Uranus moved into Scorpio, the focus was no longer on making peace. The last of the U.S. troops were evacuated from Vietnam at the end of April 1975 but this was just as retrograde Uranus was about to re-enter Libra for the last time. Then other issues

came into the foreground. The most prominent of these involved covert activities.

One such matter was concern about the role the CIA might have played in the death of former Chilean President Salvador Allende Gossens and the overthrow of his government. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee ordered an investigation into these allegations. Another incident was the seizure of a US cargo vessel by the Cambodian government with accusations that the ship was part of a United States spying operation against Cambodia. Still other examples were the establishment of a Commission to examine charges of domestic spying by the CIA, and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence activities looking into heretofore concealed questionable activities by the FBI, IRS, and the US Army, as well as the CIA. All of these investigations dealt with spying and ferreting out hidden information - appropriate concepts for the sign of Scorpio.

Two other newsworthy items that occurred during that period and were appropriate for the meaning of Uranus in Scorpio were the Iran Hostage situation and the case of Patricia Hearst. On November 4, 1979, a group of Iranian students stormed the U.S. embassy in Teheran and captured 66 Americans. The students were protesting the Shah or Iran having been allowed to enter the United States for an operation. They wanted the Shah returned to Iran to face trial. In retaliation for the hostage situation, US President Jimmy Carter deported Iranian students who were illegally in the United States and froze Iranian assets that were in American banks.

Although these measures failed to produce the return of the hostages, both the action and the response of the President illustrate ways in which people might act with Uranus in Scorpio. The captors did not openly remove the Shah from the hospital. Instead they took the circuitous route and tried to manipulate the Americans into returning the Shah. The response of the President was one of 'I'll show you'. The freezing of other people's money also seemed appropriate for the 'getting even' attitude of Scorpio.

The other excellent example of Uranus in Scorpio mentioned above was the story of Patty Hearst. The events that occurred in her life during this time speak for themselves. Without elaborating, they evoke keywords for Uranus in Scorpio. She, like the hostages in Iran, was abducted. Her kidnappers called themselves the Symbianese Liberation Movement. She was allegedly raped, and kept in a dark closet, and eventually was brainwashed into joining the group. She was transformed. She took on a new identity and even looked different from how she had done before. If someone were asked to create a work of fiction that would epitomize Uranus in Scorpio, they could probably not do better.

This does not mean that everyone with this placement will behave as Patty Hearst's captors did. This example is rather meant to point out that there are two general routes the revolutionary with Uranus in Scorpio would be likely to follow. The first would be to convince, and / or perhaps manipulate others to join in their revolution. This route would

also include the covert behavior such as the type alluded to, not only in the Patty Hearst story, but in several of the other examples. The second route is the more overt one associated with the volcanic eruption quality of Scorpio. You take visible action on a large scale. This is illustrated by Patty Hearst's alleged involvement in bank robberies with her kidnappers, the assassination of the Chilean President and overthrow of his government, and the Iranian seizure of the American embassy in Teheran.

These two routes need not be exclusive of each other. In fact, although they may seem diametrically opposed, the second path may follow the first, and is probably the most comfortable procedure for a Uranus in Scorpio person to follow in order to make changes and / or express individuality. If you have Uranus in Scorpio, you might initially investigate the changes you want to make quietly, without fanfare. You can elicit support in any manner appropriate as long as you do not publicly announce it. Once you know that others are on your side, you will feel secure enough to take drastic, definitive action.

(Skye Alexander)

During the last century, Uranus was in Scorpio from December 1974 to April 1975, then again from September 1975 until November 1981. Scorpio is associated with all things that are hidden - occult knowledge, unseen worlds, the unconscious, secret activities and organizations, hidden resources, sexuality - therefore, these are the areas that your Uranus-group will change in order to provide more openness and freedom.

During the years when Uranus was in Scorpio, more and more people underwent some form of therapy to open up the hidden recesses of their psyches. New types of therapy were developed, and psychoanalysis lost its stigma. Many individuals also began delving into occult fields and the ancient mysteries; and publications that revealed long-secret knowledge proliferated. Those of you who have this planetary placement in your charts might be interested in probing these hidden realms.

Space exploration during this period exposed new information about the mysterious worlds beyond our own planet. Your Uranus-group could be responsible for even greater discoveries in our Universe, or for inventing the technology that will allow us to travel through space in the future.

Uranus in Scorpio also brought the secret activities of the government and powerful organizations out into the open. In the United States, the most notable of these exposures was Watergate, which changed the public's attitude toward government behavior and policies, and brought about a new desire for openness in politics. The CIA's role in the destabilization of other countries also began coming to light, as did some of the hidden horrors of the Viet Nam War and its effects on the veterans who fought there. Those of you with Uranus in Scorpio might be involved in uncovering the surreptitious operations of big business, multinational banks, government or other powerful institutions and in forcing them to be more equitable and truthful.

Hidden behavior and taboo subjects, particularly sex, also are in Scorpio's domain, and during the most recent passage of Uranus through this sign sex became more open and free than ever before. Frank depictions of sexual activity became popular in movies; and sex was an open topic for television, advertising, and books like *The Joy of Sex*. This new attitude of sexual freedom brought about a more relaxed approach to sexual activity. Greater numbers of people were engaging in casual sexual encounters and experimenting with unconventional sexual practices. Homosexuality came out of the closet, and gay rights movements gained momentum.

Those of you with Uranus in Scorpio are probably quite open-minded about sex, and your Uranus-group might be responsible for initiating new attitudes toward sexual liberation and openness. You also might enjoy experimenting with a variety of sexual practices and partners, and are uninhibited in your sexual behavior (unless other factors in your chart suggest otherwise).

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Scorpio is in its exaltation. As Uranus is the planet of drastic change, it is most potent in Scorpio, the sign of death and regeneration. Those born with this Uranus position must learn to adjust to the destruction during their lifetime of old forms of civilization, which is the necessary prerequisite to the birth of a new form of civilization. A previous generation of Uranus in Scorpio lived through World War I in youth - a war that brought the Victorian era to a drastic end and initiated a time of rapid change.

The last period of Uranus in Scorpio, which started in 1975, marked the beginning of the final destruction of the Piscean age in preparation for the Aquarian age. People born during this period will experience the greatest upheaval of human civilization in recorded history.

Those with Uranus in Scorpio have powerfully charged emotions. They believe in decisive action and cannot tolerate inactivity or laziness in any form. If Uranus is afflicted in Scorpio, they are likely to have violent tempers and a fierce determination to bring about change, no matter how destructive.

These people can be highly resourceful; they can possess great mechanical and scientific ingenuity. They can have strong occult tendencies, with knowledge of the afterlife and an awareness of the supraphysical dimensions of energy.

(Grant Lewi)

If Saturn is also in Scorpio in your Vitasphere, read that paragraph carefully and link it with this one. Uranus in Scorpio causes your genius to work through deep wells of the subconscious, and makes for tremendous power for good or bad. You are angel or devil

- or, at different times, both. Your personal magnetism is powerful, and you seek from your originality a personal tribute from the world or from individuals. You can be content with the worship (or fear) of a small circle and can, because of this, be capable of limiting the scope of your great powers. Love, or sex, is important to you; you rule others if you control yourself; and if you don't, you are the slave of others, or to your own instincts, which are very powerful. You are capable of gratifying your need for power by identifying yourself with machinery, and are often successful in mechanical or engineering fields, where you are able to feel your own strength in the strength of the machine you make or operate. You love speed, and feel at home when moving swiftly. If self-controlled, you are a powerful executive requiring absolute military obedience. Your deep need for self-control is manifest in your worship of method, system, efficiency and obedience. You should learn the law of obedience in the abstract, allow your great magnetism to express itself freely without mastering you, and thus have the world at your feet.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Uranus is perhaps at its most weighty and complex. Remember that the planet's influence is increased since it is exalted in this sign; the dynamic force of Uranus, added to the emotional intensity of Scorpio, gives considerable extra power to the subject. He or she is brave and daring, but tends to avoid showing the emotions and may even try to reject them. As a result, he will appear calm while much is boiling up on deeper levels of his personality. He must accept that the gradual release of emotional tension and energy is good, and when channeled they can be used positively and rewardingly so that inner satisfaction accompanies achievement.

A need for power is sometimes present. People with this placing will have been born between 1975 and 1981. If older generations do not give them careful, sound guidance, they will waste some powerful potential and energy. The influence will be at its most dynamic if the Sun, Moon or Ascendant sign is Scorpio, or if that sign and Uranus were on or near the Midheaven. These youngsters need to feel they are in a powerful position - often to help the world or to make it think in the same way that they do. If their parents realize they have potential and give firm guidance, they will do well; but association with the seamier sides of life may drag them down.

(John Townley)

Direct and sometimes adventurous sexual experiences are probably a key to your emotional and personality development. Indeed, you may take some risks to obtain the clarity and understanding that come with first-hand experience. Admittedly, you can get hurt, both personally and socially, by searching for this knowledge too actively or indiscreetly; but the rewards of this search surely outweigh the perils.

In this respect, you will be encouraged by your peers, many of whom are similarly motivated to explore the sometimes mysterious depths of human sexuality. On the other

hand, if you are not personally inclined to take this direction, you may feel that others are pressuring you to try experiences that you do not want or are not ready for. Take the responsibility of knowing your own mind and having control of your heart in order to avoid such difficulties.

In any case, you will learn a great deal through pursuing the deeper currents of your consciousness, particularly in respect to love and personal relationships. If you are willing to honestly confront and explore your inner feelings, no matter what their nature, your social and sexual experiences will be most rewarding.

(Robert Hand)

This generation of children may exhibit rather difficult moods and, according to adult standards, seem to act compulsively. It is rather difficult to get them to talk about their feelings, which they can't easily express in words. However, as they get older they will want to make sweeping changes in the world around them. As a generation, they aren't likely to do things halfway, and the changes they work for will be extremely important. When they are older, they may develop new techniques of therapy and healing for both mind and body. They encounter human needs at a very intimate and feeling level, and try very hard to implement whatever measures seem necessary.

Uranus ♅ in 9th House

(Joan Negus)

Uranus in the ninth house can be indicative of someone who strongly believes in religious freedom for everyone. Personally, this individual will find it hard to confirm to an organised religion. If you have this placement, you might even object to the word 'religious' being attached to you. But call it what you will, there is a need for a personal belief system. It is possible to start life in a traditional religion, but unlikely that you will stay in it. You probably consider your religious beliefs unique; and it may surprise you when you discover that, although some of your ideas are nonconforming in terms of organised religion, there are other people out in the world who have similar views. This is because the main concern is not necessarily uniqueness or eccentricity, but rather that your spiritual concepts satisfy you as a person - that they contribute to your sense of individuality and make you feel freer.

If you were raised in a traditional religion, you will probably retain some of the tenets from your early religious training (although you might do this unconsciously); but you will discard anything which does not fit into your way of life or does not make sense to you.

A number of people with very different horoscopes, but all of whom have Uranus in the

ninth house, have each mentioned to me a search for a personal religion. The methods they used varied. Some read books, others took courses, still others visited houses of worship, and some did two or more of the above. However, whatever method was used, what each was doing was to examine the possibilities of the ninth house in terms of religion. They were defining their choices so that they could stretch their boundaries. They wanted a belief system that would make them feel freer. The body of beliefs that each ultimately embraced were, to some degree, different from each other; but the overall result was the same - the formation of a personalized religion.

With Uranus in the ninth house there can be an intellectual curiosity in terms of spiritual matters. But because Uranus is a fixed planet you are not easily influenced. You do not readily accept ideas without question. However, your curiosity can prod you to investigate, and your objectivity help you to look fairly at what you find. You may even examine religious concepts in order to disprove them; but your mind should be open enough to accept tenets that withstand the probing.

Since the ninth house is also the house of higher education, your intellectual curiosity can be satisfied by learning about matters other than spiritual ones. There is a thirst for knowledge and an impatience to get it as quickly as possible. If we add the ingredient of impatience to the non-conforming quality associated with Uranus, it is understandable why some individuals with this placement do not easily adjust to college life and may take another route to educate themselves.

On the other hand, many people with Uranus in the ninth house do attend traditional colleges. This may be because the desire for knowledge outweighs the need for freedom, or else they find ways to satisfy individuality and the revolutionary spirit within the frame of reference of the four-year college or university. If you are an idealistic person with a cause, or in search of a cause, you might gravitate toward an institution of higher learning. You may do this because you think that academia caters to open-mindedness. Therefore, you will be able to find a cause or get support from other free-thinking people. You could consider the campus a good place to vent your revolutionary tendencies.

Another reason for attending a traditional college is that you may take pleasure in challenging your professors. Someone I know with this placement told me that when he was in college, he would research topics that were going to be taught in his courses with the idea of discovering facts that might refute anything his instructors would say. He particularly enjoyed doing this with teachers who were dogmatic or those who were ill-prepared. He may not have been popular with the faculty; but a number of the courses in which he participated were probably more interesting and informative because he was there. And he felt that he became more knowledgeable because of the experience.

Another route that might be taken in terms of higher education is to attend a technical school. In such places you can acquire specialized knowledge and can receive training

for a specific purpose. This training is often focused on a particular subject and you are not slowed down by having to take courses that seem to have no connection to your goal. For example, you might take a computer course to learn to program computers or to operate them. If you take this route, you get the information you need as quickly as possible without the embellishment of seemingly irrelevant courses full of extraneous material. You can apply the results of what you have learned right away and satisfy that impatient quality so prevalent in your attitude about higher education.

Another possibility of Uranus in the ninth house is to avoid any form of traditional higher education and broaden yourself in other ways, such as travel. You need not be constantly on the move; but when you go to a different state or country it is not just to vegetate. You want to know what the natives are like, and will probably ask about and go to see the points of interest in the area you are visiting. The success of your journey will be most likely to be measured by the amount of knowledge you have gained.

(Haydn Paul)

What Uranus is attempting to guide you towards in this 9th house position is a revolutionary change in your world-views. Similar to everyone else in your culture and society, you will have grown up under the influence of collective thought-forms, attitudes and beliefs. These will have formed the conditioning social concepts arising from religious, philosophical / moral and educative teachings which form the structure of your society. This is the process of socialising, where the young child is taught how to live within the socially accepted parameters of the culture. Most individuals' thinking is basically repeating what they have been conditioned to think; very few become 'free minds'. Yet such an approach does instil order into society, historical traditions and established patterns of thought being inherited and transmitted across generations.

But it is in the fixity of such mental patterns that problems arise. They inhibit explorative discovery, leading to branding such thinkers as heretical; they suppress questioning of the status quo, creating dissidents, who are leant on by the weight of the State; they deny and inhibit necessary changes from occurring, in case the results are destabilising; they ignore the consequences of choices made under these fixed world / cultural views, because if they do not, the edifices of their political / religious beliefs collapse through being revealed as outdated and inappropriate.

What Uranus will expect is that you break out of these restricting mental paradigms. There is probably a spirit of revolution in you anyway, inclining you to free expression of your own unique individuality; but Uranus in the 9th house will fuel this need, so that you can mentally breathe freely instead of suffocating. This certainly will not be an easy move to make, as it involves shaking off the accumulated dust of centuries of that society's thinking, in order to gain a glimpse of something else that has perhaps been lost. The problem is that until an individual wakes to the fact of this social conditioning, it is not realised how deep its effects have grown. Most of the sense of personal identity is

rooted in that ground; the reflective angles of self-perception have been allowed only within a certain social context, and the rest are 'taboo areas' where social constraint is attempted over even words and thoughts.

If you can achieve a new mental paradigm, a way of experiencing and perceiving the nature of life, then you will have been truly reborn. Through you could come advanced, progressive, utopian ideas and visions (reflecting the Ideation of Uranus); you could become inspirational to others who are seeking ways out of the impasse facing them. Expressions such as teaching and publishing could become your 'outbreath' released into the world to continue and stimulate the process of change and liberation. But it will not be easy to have the roots of our mind and identity uprooted, and then replanted to give a totally new scenario of the universe. One can start by pausing, looking within and considering what you do really think and know. Has it been absorbed through forms of conditioning? Essentially ask yourself the question 'Who am I, and what am I doing here?'. The 'answer' can be an ongoing experience, the start of your personal revolution.

(Jeff Green)

A natural stress occurring in the thyroid gland will impact on the ability to assimilate or metabolise the inherent nutrients of the foods that one eats. Stress relative to the pituitary gland will impact on its regulation of the growth and decay of the organism; and stress impacting on the sciatic nerves will disrupt the functioning of the legs and feet. Uranus here accelerates the individual's (or species's) need to interpret the existential phenomena of existence in metaphysical, cosmological, or religious terms, thus placing heightened stress, or focus, upon the right brain. This focus thus produces the problems associated with 'switching', as mentioned with Uranus in the third house. The difference is that the individual's centre of gravity, or focus, lies within the right brain here, whereas in the third house the focus, or centre of gravity, was in the left brain. An acceleration of intuitive realisations about the nature of whatever the individual is focused upon can lead to brain fatigue or stress because of the intensity of the electrical energy in the right brain, which produces such realisations.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Uranus at this ambitious angle can bring a variety of opposite effects. It can intensify the ambition or will to succeed at all costs, or it can turn it around, creating disdain for worldly ambition. Sometimes it brings spiritual ambition, and eagerness to penetrate the mysteries of life and death and be ready for the next world. The emotional isolation can be very great at this angle; and good aspects below the horizon, planets in Water signs, and a good Moon and Venus are necessary to create a warm home life and stable friendships.

There may be sorrow or coldness at home in childhood or youth. The family may break up or move away from familiar surroundings. There is a tendency for them to leave

home early or to be forced out on their own before they are ready; and as they tend to lack the inner resources to re-establish quickly and easily, this remains a lasting grievance. They are inclined to maintain a cool or lofty pose, which makes it even more difficult for them to ask for help.

This position brings deep political insight which can manifest in many ways, causing some to become political geniuses, able to mastermind large scale social movements for the benefit of mankind, and some into cold-blooded manipulators for the benefit of no-one but themselves, and (few, luckily) into paranoid monsters who manipulate others for the thrill of seeing them destroyed. Some will have experienced from childhood the limits of human ambition and social manipulation, and so will retreat from the world, renouncing all personal claims and social ambition. It brings a cynical attitude towards the motivations of others, an inclination to suspect the worst, or even a paranoid inability to see anything but personal ambition and cold manipulation in all actions of others.

It gives courage that can become recklessness, a tendency to gamble with things that others would hold too dear to risk. Lots of love in childhood helps to ease the difficulties this position brings later.

(Howard Sasportas)

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Neptune ♆ in ♐ Sagittarius 14° 49'

No interpretation.

Neptune ♆ in 10th House

(Marilyn Waram)

This connects the issues of father - or conditional love parent - and career with the ultimate values. Both are going to be extremely important in the individual's life, whether positively or negatively.

Positively, the person with Neptune in the tenth can be drawn into a deeply spiritual or very creative career, or a career having something to do with counselling, or with the sea, or with chemicals, gases, liquids and so on. She would be likely to be inclined to dedicate a great deal of her time and energy to her chosen career because it would provide such a tremendous sense of fulfilment, something she couldn't match in other areas of life. For this person, the rest of her life would have to revolve around her vocation. As long as she is aware of her choice, and as long as she makes the effort to cultivate some personal relationships and some outside interests, she will stay balanced. She would tend to be happiest when working, and would not even consider it 'work', at least not in the sense of 'toil'. For her work would equal satisfaction of the highest kind, yet there would be other satisfactions available to her.

It is possible, with Neptune in the tenth, to have a quiet sense of timelessness with regard to one's career. That is, the individual may feel that she has a responsibility to contribute something meaningful to the world, whether that is in terms of helping others or of creativity. This will be important to her yet she will at the same time feel that her contribution is just that, a contribution. She will have a sense that her work is necessary, that it has a place in the grand scheme of things, yet she will not harbour illusions about the special importance of her particular efforts. This individual is most likely to keep her career in balance with the rest of the variety of life experiences.

For many, Neptune in the tenth is expressed as an unconscious value placed on a life

career. A person living at this level will simply be a great deal happier when she has a job, but she will also need to feel she is doing something to create improvements. She will be ambitious, whether or not she is aware of it. She will have an eye open for the possibility of promotion, for the tenth house relates not only to career but to success as defined in worldly terms. That usually means she will have an unconscious need to gain more and more, in position, status and salary. If this remains unconscious, there is the possibility of career ambition and expectations taking over her life.

This position holds the danger of illusions surrounding career and the satisfactions it can provide. Neptune seeks the ultimate satisfaction, the ultimate high, but the tenth house focus is in a limited and limiting area. Few people can find a lifetime of satisfaction in their career unless it is spiritual, educational or artistic / creative. The problem is that with Neptune in the tenth, the individual unconsciously or halfconsciously expects the tenth house activities to provide this ultimate sense of fulfilment. Heaven is a job. Somehow the job is going to make the individual perfectly happy. This leads her to pour her energy into her job, as she happily assumes her whole life will be rosy and flow smoothly as long as she does so. It is an assumption she may never question.

Naturally her personal relationships suffer, yet she may simply turn more energy into her career, as it seems to offer the happiness she seeks.

The negative extreme is the person who cannot find any satisfaction or enjoyment in life or in any activity except those directly related to her job. Such a person lives for her job, and expects it to provide for all her needs, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. She may expect the job itself to be perfect in terms of salary, employees, working conditions or boss, and be miserable when it is not.

Sooner or later retirement looms, and the person with Neptune in the tenth may be unprepared. She may tend to wish away the idea of eventual retirement, refusing to deal with it realistically. Productivity, so important with Neptune in the tenth, has become a 'god'. She cannot envision life without a job for her life has been unbalanced for so long. As retirement advances upon her, she faces a choice: rebalance or continue to feed the illusion. She may feed the illusion by switching allegiance - volunteer work may beckon; at least this choice will keep her physically healthy and happy. She may feed the illusion by simple refusal to rebalance, to foster interests in other pursuits, yet be unable to replace one job with another. In this case she is likely to live in misery, either wallowing in memories or retreating into illness and opting out of any life but the one she has vested with such value.

Another negative expression is that of continual confusion and indecision regarding a career. The individual may be unable to commit to any direction whatever. She wants to do something big and important, something perfect, something more wonderfully artistic or inspirational or of more help to humanity than anything anyone else has ever come up with. Yet she often wants to accomplish this without any training or effort. While she can't

find the way to magically make it happen, she may be unwilling to settle for the ordinary.

With Neptune, we tend to either dissolve the trappings of the world or to invest them with imaginary importance. The tenth house relates to the use of worldly power. Neptune in the tenth is a statement that the individual could tend to cloud this issue in unconsciousness or fantasy. It is a statement of the need to get clear about the role and use of power, on a personal level and on worldly levels.

Father would have provided an early example of some possible Neptunian behaviours and attitudes. Positively, he could have been a person who was very spiritual, loving and visionary. He could have had artistic or musical talent and been able to discipline it and direct it, he could have been a caring, giving person who had a talent for helping others in practical ways, or he might have been simply gentle and peaceful and sweet-natured, yet able to make a satisfying life for himself. If he provided a positive model of how to express Neptune in the tenth, he would have been able to integrate his values and beliefs with the real world. The individual could think the world of her father, and wish to be like him.

Negatively, she may have expected father to be perfect. If she still thinks he is / was, she may have put him on a pedestal and cannot tolerate any inference that he is less than wonderful. She may copy his attitudes and ideas without question because she has to keep alive the illusion that he is / was everything she needed.

If father disappointed her, she may have felt bitterly hurt and disillusioned. She may have come to terms with reality and forgiven him or she may have clung to her belief that he should have been perfect.

Father may be a strange and perhaps mysterious figure. He may be very withdrawn, either through inability to cope with the world or through a desire to simply be left to his own inner workings. He may have gone missing altogether, and the individual is left with only a fantasy figure, a father who exists only in his or her mind. The temptation is then to build up this fantasy father, to see him as bigger and better than anyone else. The individual may even have entertained notions about one day being rescued by him.

Father could also have manifested all that is unhappiest about Neptune: alcoholism, drug-addiction, chronic mental or physical illness, fatally weak character, or all of the above.

The flowing nature of Neptune can actually benefit greatly from the discipline and form offered by the tenth house. If the individual can accept these skills, Neptune's gifts are more easily translated into forms the world can understand and appreciate.

With Neptune in the tenth, the individual will profit greatly if she consciously examines her beliefs about the importance of her father in her life and about the nature of the world

and reality. She may have fairy-tale attitudes about these, or a tendency to evade or avoid dealing with any of the issues. The same is true of career: she may expect far too much or deny its importance. With acceptance of the benefits of discipline, this individual could bring insight, compassion and inspiration into her chosen career. She will be able to thoughtfully direct Neptunian creativity into productive areas, to accept and meet deadlines, and to channel Neptunian spirituality into practical expression.

(Haydn Paul)

The themes which are indicated by this position include social status and influence, careers and leadership. How Neptune will operate through you in terms of your public or community life can vary, and may be reflected by the nature of planetary aspects made to natal Neptune.

The more negative aspects include a lack of achievement, acknowledgement and status. This can be due to an inability to clarify the direction that you should travel, Neptunian confusion and indecisiveness, and the work environment failing to satisfy for some reason. Perhaps through a lack of defined ambition or persistence in achieving aims, a lack of expressed talent or interest, your career life may be frustrated. You may lack practicality or just be erratic and unreliable in application, shifting with those fluctuating inner tides of Neptune and failing to be consistent at work or even in your relationships with professional colleagues. Attempts at manipulation or deceit may work against you, a transparent self-centredness may restrict opportunities coming to you, or scandals and whiffs of impropriety may circulate, tainting you by association or involvement.

Positive aspects can include a career of community service, where you become respected and appreciated for your efforts and social contribution, and this is an expression of a Neptunian social conscience seeking for that ideal utopian vision. You may become devoted to a cause, some type of idealistic social movement, and dedicate your time to its development. This can serve as a sacrifice to an inspiring ideal, where you offer yourself to be a channel for that 'something greater' which lies beyond the separate self. In this way, you may become a spokesperson for a visionary perception; spiritual, ecological, humanistic and altruistic in content. For some this occurs through embodying such concerns within artistic creations, artistic, musical, or literary, and so communicating them to others as an inspirational channel. The struggle may lie in finding the appropriate form which fits the message and the need for right livelihood, and discovering this can involve you in a transformatory path of its own.

Having social power and influence can be a challenging role to perform; and you may need to understand the dynamics of such a position and the concepts of personal empowerment to ensure that you do not abuse any influence that you may achieve. Remember that Neptune's influence can lead to distorted perceptions, and always keep that sword of discrimination ready to use.

This position can also indicate an inner resonance with the Mother figure, your own or as an archetypal image. Associated with this are the typical Neptune themes of sacrifice, victim and martyr; and it is possible that your mother had to relinquish many of her own personal desires in order to raise her family. Many adults are unconscious of the sacrifices and demands of parenthood until they become parents themselves, then the realisations begin to dawn, and a greater understanding and appreciation of their own parents is born. Some adjustment of this mother image and ideal is probably needed, especially in order to realise your own nurturing and protective instincts, and to harmonise your emotions more effectively. It can reflect a need to give birth (mother) to a new self that can emerge from within you, a self that is intimately connected with the well-being of a wider society and one which is connected to the impulse of the Aquarian Age which is now emerging.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is the ultimate Neptune location for politicians and performers. It is also excellent for ministers, counsellors, doctors, nurses, political scientists, philosophers, artists, and entrepreneurs of all sorts. It gives great powers of charm and charisma, though rarely as intense as they'd like - though, in certain cases, more than they can handle. They usually have good instincts for what will sell. As performers and politicians, they are usually very attractive and so tend to age gracefully, keeping their powers strong and maintaining a hearty image until late in life. As writers or artists, they generally leave behind a considerable body of work. As scientists, they tackle immense ideas.

They like language and enjoy using it, sometimes getting very salty or slangy. Women with this can be very sharp-tongued and pointed in their speech. These people don't usually like to stay in one place for long. They are not stay-at-homes. Frequently, they will have ties in two or more places quite a distance from each other, which necessitates constant travelling back and forth. They usually enjoy boats and fishing as a sport for relaxation.

Instinctive healers, they have a strong inner knowledge of what will help another to health, happiness, and fulfilment. They are often willing to give a great deal of time to causes or individuals they believe in.

(Howard Sasportas)

Neptune has many different faces in the 10th house of career and standing before the public. One manifestation of Neptune here is in those who find themselves idealised and worshipped by the public in general. In some way, they capture the collective imagination or come to represent a movement or force sweeping through society.

Tenth house Neptunes may embody various other principles, anything from representing what is beautiful, stylish and glamorous to that of the outcast and public scandal.

Besides politics and cinema, other Neptunian careers include social work, art, fashion, photography, music, dance, religious work and healing.

However, foggy Neptune in the 10th can indicate vagueness or confusion about which career to pursue. Some will be dissatisfied with the work if it is not felt as allabsorbing and inspirational. A few I have seen have worked very hard and devotedly in return for less recognition or remuneration than they deserved. One man with this placement worked for a large company which did many shady and corrupt deals, and yet he was the only one to be arrested and imprisoned for it. Some will feel that their salvation depends on finding the right work or serving the needs of others. In certain cases, they may be forced to give up their careers because of a greater influence over which they have no control. Again, Neptune nudges us along the path of spiritual growth and expansion in this way, as if we are redeemed and purified by having to let go and sacrifice what we are overly attached to.

If we take the 10th house to represent the mother, then she will probably carry the Neptunian projection. She might have been seen as a martyr or victim, someone who gave up her own identity for the sake of raising the family. In some cases I observed, the mother had artistic or creative potentials which were cut short for these reasons. The child may be guilty about feeling happy if the mother is so frustrated, unfulfilled and miserable, or he / she could blame him- / herself for the mother's condition. Or the mother may be so over-sensitive and delicate that the child ends up having to mother the mother.

Pluto ♄ in ♐ Sagittarius 13° 59'

Note: Skye Alexander's book was published in 1988 and stopped short of covering this period; Jan Spiller's was published in 1986 and did not even cover Pluto in Scorpio, which had already begun by then, let alone Pluto in Sagittarius. Sakoian and Acker's predictions some 30 years in advance have had to be restrained a little by my own editorial eye!

(Steven Forrest)

Gypsy, Scholar, Philosopher - those are the central archetypes for Sagittarius. And all of them hold one cardinal quality in common: a sense of life as a Quest. The Gypsy expresses the idea geographically, questing through foreign lands and alien cultures. The Scholar expresses the same principle, but now it emerges intellectually, as the 'quest for knowledge'. Finally, the Philosopher brings in the intuitive dimension, as human consciousness seeks answers to life's meta-questions: why are we here, what is the meaning of our existences?... and so forth.

Stretching out in new, unknown directions - that is the passion for Pluto-in-Sagittarius. It wants to learn, to grow, to be amazed. The hunger for knowledge is high, but this is by no means a dried out, pedantic energy. It is the thrill of knowledge that the scholar seeks, and the thrill of realization that motivates the Philosopher. As to the Gypsy - here we see the epitome of the passionate, enthusiastic life, short on shame and long on appetite.

'I'd like to live a dashing, adventurous life - but only if I could do it safely.' Well, good luck. Risk and adventure are a matched set; you can't have one without the other. And Pluto-in-Sagittarius thrives on risk. Accordingly, its style is brash and devil-maycare, full of robust enthusiasm. It cannot abide boredom. It has little taste for conformity, and not much more taste for practicality. It appreciates boldness - in the human personality, in any enterprise, even in colors. There is a pronounced distaste for restraints or limitations, and a great focus on personal freedom and individuality.

New frontiers hold an elemental fascination for Pluto-in-Sagittarius. As I write these words near the end of Pluto's passage through Scorpio, I am anticipating a renewal of global enthusiasm for the space program, and new nations joining that great adventure. We may very well see a renewed curiosity about the Arctic, or the ocean depths. Cyberspace - that dream-reality created by computers - will become even more crowded, and the 'information highway' will create a new land to be explored and colonized. The fringes of human consciousness will develop deeper popular attraction, and probably there will be a renewal of interest in the study of paranormal phenomena, psychedelic media, and various altered brain-states.

Central to any understanding of the Sagittarian style is the notion that this sign is oriented toward the future. Possibilities fascinate it, and it is biased toward optimism. A concern with answers rather than a focus on problems is the trend. The visionary is valued above the doomsayer, and the hero above the whining complainer.

Optimism is survival-positive. An optimist is quicker to become aware of new opportunities and new resources than is a pessimist, since he or she expects to see them.

But pessimism is survival-positive too. A pessimist is quicker to become aware of emerging threats and possible bad outcomes, since he or she is biased in that direction.

Human life seems to work best when a person can function in both modes and move fluidly between them. Pluto-in-Sagittarius, however, may be blind to the wisdom of pessimism. It can leap before it looks, 'trusting life' - and land headfirst in shallow water. Hope is a bright light, and it must therefore cast a dark shadow. The blind spot here, in a nutshell, is foolishness. Overextension, trusting too much to luck, an inability to foresee unintended consequences - these errors plague Pluto-in-Sagittarius.

Coming out of the stressful, dark mood of the Pluto-in-Scorpio years (1983-1995), humanity will be ready for some hope, some laughter, some sense that there is a future worth living. And probably those attitudes will make themselves felt more strongly than they have been felt for many years. More importantly, the kids born during this cycle, basically from 1996 to 2007, will carry in them the vision-seed of the human future, and they'll begin actively to build that future when the 'come online' as adults during the first half of the twenty-first century. But their rush to answers will be tempered and sobered, God willing, by the older, dark-seeing Pluto-in-Scorpio kids and later by the practical Pluto-in-Capricorn kids who'll follow.

Mistakes happen. We've all done lots of dumb things - locking the keys in the car, forgetting the pot boiling away on the stove, punching the wrong button on the computer and erasing the letter over which we've just labored. It's universal, but no less embarrassing for it. When we make such a mistake we feel vulnerable; it brings to the surface a scared child who doubts he or she will ever grow up right. From the external perspective, the effect is often rather endearing: there is a kind of intimacy that can only arise between people who have laughed at each other's dumb mistakes and accepted that laughter with good grace.

But something in us hates humiliation. Something in you, me and everyone will go to ludicrous lengths to avoid being discovered in such a stupid error - the more so if the error is graver. And much of what is potentially really dark about Pluto in Sagittarius stems from that lamentable quality.

Sagittarius is an exploratory, experimental sign. Naturally, it is error-prone since the best way to avoid error is the opposite road: sticking boringly to the tried-and-true. But Sagittarius may descend into glib rationalization, glossing over its mistakes. Worse, it can easily develop compelling philosophical justifications for its mistakes.

Cynics say we all make a religion out of the choices we've made, or that we can always find 'scripture' to justify whatever course we've chosen, even for the basest of reasons. These notions provide insight into the darker side of Sagittarian functioning. They constitute the gravest danger while Pluto passes through that sign, and in the lives of those who carry its mark.

In a word, we are talking about the dark side of pride. The Pluto-in-Sagittarius Shadow threatens to undo the hard, dark-facing work accomplished under the Scorpion, replacing it with games.

The darker dimensions of Pluto in Sagittarius are just garbled expressions of the positive meaning of the symbolism. Expansion, risk, and sheer adventure are essential spiritual nutrients; without them, we become automatons. At its best, Pluto in Sagittarius represents pure aliveness: an energy that epitomizes the human willingness to go beyond the confines of familiarity and therefore to create rich, unimaginable futures.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Sagittarius is a sign of religion, law, philosophy, higher education, and travel. Pluto entered Sagittarius around 1995, marking a period of spiritual regeneration at the beginning of the Aquarian age. At this time, there is a fundamental understanding of deeper spiritual values among all people. Religions as they were known are being completely transformed. A single world religion based on man's direct intuitive communion with the One Creator has been taking form. New spiritual leaders are arising to teach the fundamental laws governing all life in the universe. The new world religion combines all the highest expressions of the great religions of the past, with a more comprehensive scientific understanding of the underlying forces of life.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

We can only speculate on the personal and generational influences of Pluto from this sign. In essence, the sign and planet are opposites; Sagittarius is open, freedom-loving, independent, and couldn't be less secretive, while Pluto is very secretive, finding it difficult to unburden, intense and possessively jealous. However, when Pluto's influence causes purges, a great deal is brought into the open. Is it in this way that Pluto will act from Sagittarius? It is to be hoped so, provided of course that there are not such powerful reactions to situations that the disturbance and disruption they cause is a problem in itself. It seems hard to think of any Sagittarian influence causing revolutionary tendencies, so the chances are that reactions will be tinged with wisdom and the sage-like traits of Sagittarius / Jupiter. It is these qualities which we hope will add an interesting dimension to the children born while Pluto is in this sign.

(Grant Lewi)

If we found wisdom with Pluto in Scorpio, we are able to use it with Pluto in Sagittarius. We are developing new laws, new ideals, and new philosophies. Look for a blending of nations. Revolutionary fervor continues to be great. Dogmas are ripe for challenge, and the world is ripe for synthesis. Pluto in Sagittarius represents the opportunity to effect permanent changes in the fabric of culture. Beware, however, of wanderlust and a mindset of dabbling. Also guard against the extremes of ego which all too easily accompany a revolutionary's attitude. Your base of wisdom, developed while Pluto was in Scorpio, will serve you well. The dark side of change is warring faction, the 'angry young man' dynamic, dropping the philosopher's stone through the glass floors of perceived progress.

(John Townley)

Your generation has a very robust, simple, almost pioneering approach to love, a direct but rather romantic way of looking at people. This is an innate point of view, but in part it

is a response to the last two rather turbulent generations. They did not look at love as a pure concept that needs no tampering to make it more whole or perfect.

In general, the potential partners in your age group prefer to let a relationship take its own course; if it is headed for the rocks, they let it happen. They won't alter the pattern of a relationship for better or worse, except to abandon it altogether and start anew.

If you are more introspective, this will seem like a disastrous attitude. You may feel that a viable relationship should not fall apart for lack of correction or restructuring. There is not much you can do about this generational point of view, however, except to find an older partner or someone of your own age whose style is like yours. If you have a flair for the romantic, you will be right in tune. For better or worse, love will sweep you along into, and sometimes out of, relationships that are very powerful.

(Robert Hand)

During this time, many more of society's cherished beliefs are being destroyed, and new religious, spiritual and cultural values are taking their place. Few of us would be able to deal with these changes comfortably; and the children of this time will probably be quite iconoclastic, even by the standards we have known.

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.

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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.

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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."

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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 ♃ Jupiter** - (1°15') 001 | ൬7
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- 3) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°20') 001 | ၈6
- 4) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♃ Uranus** - (0°57') 001 | ၈9
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- 6) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°03') ൬7 | ၈9
- 7) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°04') ൬7 | ♄10
- 8) ► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°01') ၈9 | ♄10
- 9) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (2°20' S) 001 | 001
- 10) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☼ Sun** - (7°21' A) ൬7 | ൬7
- 11) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (9°05' S) ൬7 | ൬7
- 12) ► **Sun ☼ Opposition ☾ Moon** - (9°41' A) ൬7 | 001
- 13) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♃ Jupiter** - (6°45' S) 001 | ൬7
- 14) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (7°59' A) ♀3 | ၈9
- 15) ► **Sun ☼ Sextile ♃ Uranus** - (3°09' A) ൬7 | ၈9
- 16) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ☿ Mercury** - (3°10' S) 001 | ၁311
- 17) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♁ North-Node** - (3°54' A) ၈6 | ၁8
- 18) ► **Neptune ♆ Sextile ♁ North-Node** - (4°46' A) ♄10 | ၁8
- 19) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♆ Neptune** - (0°37' A) 001 | ♄10
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- 21) ► **Sun ☼ Square ♆ Neptune** - (6°44' S) ൬7 | ♄10
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♆ Neptune** - (2°57' A) 001 | ♄10
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♇ Pluto** - (2°07' A) 001 | ♄10
- 24) ► **Mars ♂ Square ♄ Saturn** - (3°23' A) ၈6 | ၈9
- 25) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♃ Uranus** - (3°07' S) 001 | ၈9
- 26) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ♄ Saturn** - (0°26' A) 001 | ၈9
- 27) ► **Mercury ☿ Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (3°35' S) ၁311 | ൬7
- 28) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (0°48' A) ♀3 | ൬7
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- 30) ► **Mars ♂ Trine ♇ Pluto** - (1°42' S) ၈6 | ♄10
- 31) ► **Sun ☼ Semi-Sextile ♁ North-Node** - (1°58' S) ൬7 | ၁8
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- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°15') 001 | ൬7

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant, you are the epitome of optimism. You do nothing in moderation because you are always hopeful that some of your excesses will work out for the best in the long run. You have an endless source of ideas with which to plan your success, and you are sure that you will succeed. With boundless faith in your abilities and a certain measure of luck, you don't worry about tomorrow and you care even less about yesterday. You are ambitious, but in satisfying your ambitions you can bite off more than you can chew. You exaggerate your own importance, which can be a serious liability if you are seeking supporters in your endeavors. No-one likes a braggart or a person who overestimates his worth. You are inspiring to those under you, but you should avoid making promises to them unless you are sure you can deliver.

You are generous, kind, sympathetic, benevolent, and the delight of anyone seeking a contribution in a fund-raising campaign, since you are a 'soft touch'. Generally you are well informed about subjects that have an important bearing on your professional goals as well as about matters of general interest. You have the highest regard for institutions of learning, and with your providential nature you will probably endow some school. You are too open with private or classified information, and if your competition beats you with a new product, the idea probably came originally from you. Try to be more conservative and serious. Your appetite needs curbing too, because you are inclined to put on weight, especially with advancing years.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Usually optimism knows no bounds when Jupiter is conjunct the Ascendant: we like to walk on the sunny side of the street. A cheerful attitude is displayed to the outside world and most people find us lovable. We have no difficulty in showing cordiality and warmth, and our brightness encourages others.

The joviality and generosity of Jupiter can manifest freely here, but so can the desire for freedom. We need acres of living space and find restrictions very hard to bear. Inwardly, too, the spirit of expansion is at work. Even when we are young, we are interested in everything but should be careful not to turn into know-it-alls. Moralizing and telling others what to do (while we, for our part, smugly go on our way) are two of the possibilities with this conjunction; which otherwise has enough optimism and resilience to be full of promise.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with this aspect were born into fairly comfortable circumstances. They tend to be overexpansive, or they tend to over-relate to the situations they become personally involved in.

The Ascendant indicates 'our best foot forward', and Jupiter there indicates a tendency to throw all the energies into each new beginning. Life is not approached with caution unless the Ascendant sign is a cautious one. It brings the quality of 'too much' into the lifestyle. In order to use the energy constructively, the concept of 'too much' will have to be thought about and determined where it occurs in the life. 'Too much' can be determined by the reactions of others to whatever we are relating to in an overly exuberant manner.

(Sue Tompkins)

Individuals with Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant go out into the world eager to embrace as much of it as possible. These people have an expectant attitude to life, and wish to go out into the world and explore it. The houses whose cusps are in Sagittarius and, perhaps to a lesser extent, Pisces will play a part in determining the areas of life in which the individual will focus these explorative urges.

Jupiter rising people often come across as being buoyant and optimistic, and as taking a philosophical stance upon life's trials and tribulations. This is the person who presents a happy face to the world, even if the rest of the chart is descriptive of a more cautious, serious and doubtful individual. They approach others seemingly without thinking twice about it. Those with Jupiter on the Ascendant often appear somewhat arrogant; in some signs much more than in others. Often the individual sees everyone else as very positive, confident and sure of themselves and cultivates a similar persona. If the rest of the chart describes an extrovert personality, this placement will increase this tendency. Shyer individuals may be able to be quite 'up front' and confident amongst strangers but rather less so with people they know a little.

The type would also often like to appear as educated or sophisticated in the ways of the world; well travelled, physically or mentally. The journey in life is perhaps to do with exploration of the self, and this self-exploration and discovery will often take place whilst the individual is either in an educative setting or abroad. As a young child, the Jupiter rising individual may have travelled a great deal or been exposed to different cultures or belief systems.

People with Jupiter on the Ascendant-Descendant axis are usually great advice-givers. Perhaps there is a need to be seen as both knowledgeable and generous.

2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel to Saturn** - (1°18') ♎7 | ♏9

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn opposition the Ascendant shows that you are defensive in your associations. You have to exert a lot of pressure to get a response from people, and most times you don't

think it's worth the effort. You tend to be so preoccupied with your own affairs that you can't be too concerned with anyone else's. But at the same time you accuse people of being indifferent to you. The truth is, you are so reserved about projecting yourself into their lives that you give the impression you think yourself better than they are. So they keep their distance and are not likely to warm up to you.

You assume people will not appreciate your talents, so you don't offer your services. Convinced that others are more competent, you are afraid to accept challenging competition. You need to approval of others to reassure yourself of your skills. You cautiously test people's reactions to what you do and draw their conclusions for them before they have a chance to express an opinion. Probably you had an austere beginning and are not accustomed to being praised for your efforts. Although you have a mind of your own, you are never sure you can exploit your ideas and get a favorable response, which you desperately need. A minor chore like asking for a pay increase is a major event to you, and you have to have a lot of determination to do it.

You prefer people to come to you, because you fear they won't accept you if you go to them. You may be obsessed by the thought that your subconscious fears are obvious to everyone, but of course they are not. The only guilt you should feel is in your failure to assert yourself enough. Because you are more competent than most of your competitors, you will never take on a task you can't handle. Until you try, of course, you won't know this. You secretly fear responsibility, but you are more than able to perform your duties and fulfill your obligations, both to yourself and to others. You need the reassurance of knowing that achievement is well within your grasp.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Saturn on the Descendant often look to other people to live out the responsible, dutiful, mature or even patriarchal qualities, although they themselves will usually be very responsible about relationship matters and, in their own way, also very much in control. There can be a fear of relationship with Saturn contacting either end of this axis: fear of being in a relationship and fear of not being in one. At best, Saturn contacting these angles suggests that the individual is able to apply him- / herself to building up a relationship with another person by responsibly dealing with the different obstacles as they occur.

Saturn square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here the reserve and aloofness so typical of all Saturn / Ascendant aspects are caused chiefly by the degree of vulnerability we feel. We respond to people in a nervous, even

mistrustful way. When we wish to express ourselves, Saturn interferes and we clam up instead. Also, with these aspects, we can be heavy-handed; a trait unlikely to give popularity. The irritation shown by others further increases uncertainty and vulnerability. We must be careful not to keep saying 'I'm no good', 'No-one likes me' and so on: statements such as these have a knack of being self-fulfilling and may stop us finding the warmth we seek.

Due to unfortunate experiences in contacts with others, we sometimes go into complete seclusion, or hide behind a 'wooden mask' of some sort - that of a careerist, for example - in order to keep out of range at the personal level.

The tense aspects make us very insecure on this point and, when we brood over it too much, we are liable to suffer from listlessness and fatigue. With the unconscious working flat out in an attempt to solve problems that have arisen or might arise, energy that would normally be available to the conscious is used up. However, if we learn to confine worries to practical issues (as it is perfectly possible to do with the tense aspects), we can become the same responsible, down-to-earth individuals we would be with one of the easy aspects - although never the life and soul of the party.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Saturn squares the Ascendant, the approach to any new beginning is clouded with conflict, for early in the life the father was not encouraging. These individuals will commence new activities with caution or apprehension. Some of the conflict will be caused by an inner lack of self-confidence, for early problems with the father image usually manifest as problems with authority figures later on. The square indicates a selfworth predicament that can be coupled with the sign quality dilemma indicated by the square aspect.

With the opposition of Saturn to the Ascendant there will also be an early childhood conflict with the father, and there will be a need for authority approval, or a feeling of caution attached to any new beginning. A feeling of compromise occurs because the needs of the partner (or the partner's opinions) will influence the new steps forward in life.

3) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°20') 001 | 86

(Haydn Paul)

Moon and Mars contacts involve the psychological relationship between instinctive and emotional patterns with an ability to act decisively by applying a consistent will directed toward achieving aims.

The conjunction indicates you have strong emotions and feelings which influence

perceptions and decisions. Their intensity may often feel uncomfortable and frightening, especially in situations of heightened passion or confrontation. You are aware that unleashing these energies often results in displays of temper, emotional outbursts, and anger, and that your sometimes belligerent style of disagreeing with others is actually a form of self-defence. Being overly sensitive to others' reactions and having emotional anxiety can create a mental state where you imagine that others criticize or plot against you. Before such situations are proven real, you are ready to retaliate.

Until a deeper integration and understanding of these energies occurs, you may find that contentious relationships continue. Those erratic and volatile emotions help to stimulate inner agitation, and this friction spills over into your exchanges with others. While you want to form better relationships, there are often problems with cooperation and trust, at work and in intimate partnerships. You are both attracted to and repulsed by emotional intimacy, often unable to deal with powerful feelings due to emotional immaturity; and others may sense these raging feelings and withdraw from closer contact. Rejection strikes into your deepest core. Reacting against the pain, you often strike out verbally with unkind words designed to damage and wound, or throw childish temper tantrums when needs are denied. You are liable to brood on any rejection, often continuing to criticize someone to friends for a long time afterward. Perceptions of losing erode a fragile self-esteem.

One of your major problems may be self-preoccupation; concerned with your private emotional world, you fail to recognize that others have needs too, and that they are also emotionally sensitive. Your world is egocentric and revolves around your desires, expecting others to serve your needs, and rejecting attempts at compromise. Being unaware of these tendencies is no excuse; failing to acknowledge that others have an equal sensitivity is a denial of reality. If you react against criticism, then so do others from you. You need to realize that others' needs are as important as yours. Compromise between all concerned is necessary to minimize conflicts. Emotional reactions distort your perceptions and evaluations, influencing choices, decisions, and actions; and sometimes these may contradict rationality.

This apparently negative portrayal of Moon-Mars conjunctions can, however, be transformed into a more positive approach. Much depends on an honest appraisal of your relationships, and of how you deal with inner difficulties, especially identifying how you project emotional frustrations onto others close to you, making these relationships fail to satisfy and later collapse. These intense feelings can be directed toward positive aims designed to shape constructive action. If you consciously attempt - even for a short time - to project yourself into the position of others and to imagine how life is from their perspective by seeing through their eyes and feeling through their heart, then your egocentric world may be transformed, and your latent sympathy and understanding awakened.

Moon and Mars can work successfully together, once inner adjustments are made; and

feelings of personal anguish and frustration are reduced by developing awareness of others' needs. Then you may discover a new meaning and purpose to life. There can be a crusading spirit about this energy supported by powerful, assertive Martian qualities, which can increase persistence and opportunities for eventual success. This could initiate a real transformation.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Mars indicates emotional anxiety and impatience. Your feelings are strong and always in turmoil, because you are extremely sensitive to what people say or do to you. Your imagination works overtime inferring slights against you that were never made. You defend yourself against these imagined insults by abusing the people you deal with, even though they don't deserve such treatment. In your selfpreoccupation, you are sometimes unsympathetic toward people who are trying to compromise with you. In time, they will start to avoid you. When you feel threatened by persons who relate to you aggressively, you retaliate by putting them in their place. You want desperately to establish close relationships, but you don't know how to cope with them when you do. This probably started in childhood, when your parents erroneously accused you of wrongdoing.

This planetary combination does not of itself incline you toward specific professional interests. It does indicate problems in relating to your co-workers, no matter what your occupation is. When you lose, you are not especially gracious and may even imply that your competitor had an unfair advantage. In other words, you're a sore loser. You are so thin-skinned that even a minor criticism is enough to set off a temper tantrum. On the other hand, you can easily launch an almost sadistic verbal attack against another person, and then you are appalled at the response you get. There is a large inconsistency between your overly sensitive response to criticism and your indifference to other people's sensitivity. If you wish to achieve in occupations that involve close contact with the public and / or co-workers, you will have to solve these problems.

You assert yourself in extreme ways to satisfy your emotional needs. When you are rejected, you can be incredibly unkind, even vicious and vindictive. The people you care for need a variety of human companionship, but you are blind to their needs, and your jealousy distorts your reason. You complain bitterly of being 'abandoned' by them. Compromise is something you expect from others, but you fail to see any reason to make compromises yourself.

You have a lot of homework to do before you can expect to attain peace of mind. Start by postponing any decision pertaining to a relationship until you have all the facts. Try to put yourself in the other person's shoes, to imagine what it's like to be on the receiving end of your cruel outbursts. If you are honest with yourself, you will realize that you often behave immaturely and unjustly. You have only yourself to blame if you can't get along with people. Try to assume they are not out to get you; the chances are that you have

been imagining it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When security-minded behavior (Moon) fuses with the extremely energetic, fierce and executive Mars, there is a good chance that in doubtful situations we shall make it our business to go on the offensive in an impatient and quick-tempered, but also brave and enterprising, fashion. The speed of reaction that is virtually automatic in this lunar aspect may cause ruptures. Language is often forcible, and generally we do not stop to think what we are saying. Once we have had our say, annoyance is soon a thing of the past, but the consequences of plain speaking can follow us for a long time.

A good way to let off steam is physical activity; in a word, sport - preferably highly competitive sport, for Mars favors ambitious loners more than team players. The Moon / Mars conjunction makes a tough fighter, even though sometimes the combativeness is more of the mind than of the body. When contending with someone with a Mars / Moon conjunction, one should be aware that the antagonist has tremendous resilience. For Mars does not rule the idler, and the person whose Mars is conjunct the Moon will battle away without thinking too much about the odds.

The fighting spirit of a Moon / Mars conjunction finds a useful outlet in pioneers and in champions of various ideas. The ideas need not be reformist (or Uranus would be involved), but for them to be worth defending the native must feel they belong to him.

The aggressiveness and defensiveness of this conjunction must not be confused with militarism. The native has little patience with the strict regimentation of the armed forces; he is and remains a free spirit.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the physical body; the physical mother of the early childhood years; the emotional nature of an individual and his responses to life experience. Mars indicates how one acts, how one expresses sexuality.

The early childhood experience reflects an emotional mother; a mother who nursed her hurts, who reacted to her husband and children when her feelings were hurt. This child learns to respond in a similar way. The adult with this conjunction will be easy to anger, will act on hurt feelings, will act out emotional upsets rather than thinking them out. He may be seen as self-destructive because he seldom considers his own safety while in the midst of an emotional trauma. As he matures, and as he experiences physical pain because of his emotional reactions, he will eventually learn to think before he acts, but this behavior will be learned.

The conjunction can indicate a person who has a great deal of anger to cope with. He

either explodes and takes out his anger on someone else, or he implodes and takes out his anger on himself. The conjunction can operate explosively, implosively, or in both ways. Rather than suppressing the anger, it is more important to understand it - to allow oneself time to work through it (writing letters that aren't mailed, sitting on reactions for several days prior to doing anything about a situation, getting a perspective from someone else) in order to learn how to channel the energy. Mars energy is creative; anger is merely the undisciplined tip of the iceberg.

The conjunction will express differently in each sign. The Mars energy will intensify the sign qualities of the Moon. When the supersensitivity is understood, when the overreaction to the environment is understood, this energy can be used creatively.

(Charles Carter)

Great energies, daring, and enterprise characterise this position, and the native usually takes many risks, both physical and financial. The same two sides of Mars will show forth - the bold and outgoing and the profound and penetrating. There is sometimes a reckless, irresponsible element, moody and resentful, but on the whole it is a healthy influence, which expresses itself freely and bravely as a ruler, teacher, reformer, or constructive man of business. There is often kindness and benevolence, at least in intention, but there is a tendency to extremes in action. It makes a good martyr if other parts of the chart concur, or it may be a revolutionary or rebel. It makes a combattant, and the character of the adversaries that are chosen depends on the general nature of the birth chart.

4) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (0°57') 001 | 119

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Moon conjunct Uranus, you are somewhat of a character, and your personality is exciting. You are very expressive, especially when emotionally aroused. You prefer to have few secrets and thus remain free of the anxieties often brought on by them. Although you may become involved in emotional situations, you always try to examine them intellectually and as realistically as possible. You believe that this is the only way to solve such problems.

In your circle of friends, you are popular because of your tolerance and understanding. You rarely take sides on an issue because you can always find something worthwhile with both sides, and you know that there is common ground for mutual accord. Your basic honesty is what endears you to others. You are so hopeful and optimistic that others feel better in your presence, even when they are experiencing personal difficulties. But you can't always solve your own problems as easily as you solve those of others. When this happens, you may suffer from intense strain and nervous irritability.

Your romantic life is filled with unusual types who run the gamut from saint to sinner. You enjoy the thrill of forming relationships with 'impossible' individuals; an average person never seems to turn you on. Although you are often the matchmaker for others, you may remain unmatched yourself. When you do fall in love, you fall hard, and if the love is not returned you may become distraught.

Being such a free individual, you are impatient with any restraints. You insist on the right to determine your own way of life, and consequently your life-style bears little resemblance to that of your parents. You consider your success or failure to be an exclusive personal matter and will not permit yourself to be the product of someone else's conditioning.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We cannot expect much tranquility from a Moon / Uranus conjunction, since the restless, original, sparkling and fickle Uranus is indissolubly bound to the longing for security. These people will not know ordinary security, but that need not pose any problems. They find reassurance by expressing themselves in an individual and unconventional manner. They feel at home with this form of behavior in spite of the fact that it can lead to occasional clashes with those around them.

Certainly, great tension accompanied by alertness and restlessness is observable in the conjunction; these people are also nervy, irritable and quick-tempered. They like to rush into everything at once, and especially into whatever is unorthodox. In fact there is a temptation to be provocative with this aspect.

Changeable and capricious though they may be with a Moon / Uranus conjunction, they can also keep to their chosen course with grim determination. If they are completely sold on an idea, Uranus makes them easily annoyed by criticism, and they cling to the idea all the more obstinately. This apparent discrepancy (changeability and a taste for the unusual being combined with mulishness) is encountered in all Moon / Uranus aspects. In particular, the inability of the Moon / Uranus conjunction to adapt to the environment can only serve to reinforce their intractability.

Inner stability is not a strong point and, owing to the tremendous impulsiveness of Uranus - which is coupled here with a very unconscious and variable lunar influence - they tend to be accident-prone. Also, with this aspect, brusqueness needs curbing. And yet, with the same aspect, these people can retrieve some situation in an unexpected way by striking out on a new path; for it seems that change (and sometimes even radical change) is the watchword.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon symbolizes our emotional responses to life, the responses we learned at an

early age from our mother; and Uranus indicates a behavior pattern that is connected to the generation we were born into.

If the word 'erratic' can be associated with Uranus aspects, we may surmise that we have erratic emotional responses with this conjunction. The chances are that the mother of the person with this aspect responds to her life in some erratic or eccentric fashion during the individual's childhood. It may be that the mother doesn't respond emotionally unless it's in the form of an emotional outburst; the child may have difficulty determining whether Mom is happy, angry or upset; here the emotional tirades come out of nowhere.

The adult with this aspect tends to make sudden and abrupt emotional decisions that sometimes offend others, for decisions of an emotional nature are seldom discussed before they are made. The emotional responses or reactions may be unpredictable. This can be both good and bad. It gives the individual a close tie to his generation and creates an affinity with peer group goals; so, it often indicates a person involved in healing or social welfare. It indicates a person who responds so suddenly and so strangely to emotional relationships that he leaves a string of broken hearts behind him as he rejects one lover after another, rarely working through relationship problems.

If the rest of the chart warrants, it can indicate individuals who draw violent relationships. For example, a woman with this aspect can be involved in sudden break-ups; this may result in an angry lover trying to break down her door. If these women want to avoid violence, they must consciously learn to share their feelings and hurts before coming to a decision about a relationship. They need to learn to discuss their feelings, for this is the only way a man (or anyone) can understand how they feel. The constructive behavior pattern will have to be learned, for the child didn't see the mother making reasonable or considerate decisions.

In the case of a man, it tends to indicate an individual who doesn't commit himself to one relationship, who may leave in a huff when the situation is not going his way. He goes from one love to another, or one marriage to another, rather than sharing himself with the person he says he loves. Rarely is he physically abused, since men usually are not physically attacked by women; but it sometimes happens. Should this male be homosexual, however, he may suffer from physical violence in his emotional involvements until he learns how to share his feelings.

(Charles Carter)

This is a powerful and often a dangerous position. There is high emotional tension. Sometimes the affections are strangely and (possibly) tragically bestowed; there is an element of perversity and great determination, which may be directed wisely or unwisely, but very rarely follows any conventional or usual course. The interests are nearly always strange, and both mind and feelings differ from those of ordinary humanity, often giving rise to conditions with which it is exceedingly difficult for another to deal, because the

native is deaf to reason and seems unable to help himself, there being a variable paralysis of the judgement. Perhaps it is most perilous in Fire, and least so in Earth and Air, but I have known strange people with this aspect even in the latter element - they are, however, less excitable than those having it in Fire, their vagaries being more often intellectual. Things ordinary and common do not satisfy the nature at all, and the constant search for the marvellous may lead the native into all kinds of fantastic cults. Note particularly the strength of Mercury and Jupiter, for these planets may determine the measure and direction of the influence.

Since the Uranian seldom does anything by half-measures, this conjunction may make a bad enemy, but as a general rule the afflictions of Uranus do not affect the moral nature (except unfortunately that they sometimes cause sexual abnormality), and I have never found those with this conjunction to be unlikeable so much as they are (to non-astrologers) impossible to understand.

It tends very much to an individual sort of life, the native hating routine and being willing to submit to anything rather than loss of independence of thought and action.

5) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (1°51') ♏6 | ♋10

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect should give you considerable physical energy and vitality which you can apply to tasks requiring persistence, determination and endurance. You are able to direct a potent will towards realising your aims; and your innate vitality when rightly directed will be the means by which you steer your life course.

The energy can tend to amplify any self-centred tendencies in you, stimulating your desire nature and setting goals to achieve which would be primarily for your own personal benefit and satisfaction. You may like to create challenges for yourself, as a test for the efficacy of your 'powers'. If this tendency is allowed to dictate life choices, then you may become dominated by an insatiable desire compulsion, which is rarely fulfilled; this can reflect a certain naivety or innocence in your outlook which is essentially selfish and adolescent in quality; and the 'I want' syndrome may need more conscious moderation in order for you to regain control.

Often you will prefer to assert your individuality, sometimes even as a compulsive expression despite the reactions of others. You may not always think things through enough, or consider the possible implications of your actions and words prior to committing yourself. This can obviously create some difficulties for you; it is similar to the behaviour of an adolescent, which as most parents discover can lead to considerable family friction.

You will have a dislike of restrictions imposed upon you, always having a need for as

much freedom as possible. If you feel that your energy is imprisoned, then you will be looking for the way out, feeling that before too long your energy will explode, and this can be quite uncomfortable. To minimise this, you should try to develop your life so that your choices of partner and work are reasonably compatible with your needs, if only to avoid unnecessary inner friction.

In your intimate relationships, you may be too forceful and aggressive. The Pluto energy will tend to make you too possessive and demanding of a partner; and you may attempt to dominate by your sexual expression. Sexual experiences will hold great meaning for you; and you will try to release much of your physical vigour on the physical level in an intense and potentially transforming manner. You may need to gain greater control over this aspect of yourself, to avoid it becoming obsessive or too extreme and violent in approach or tone.

As you mature more, you may discover an increasing interest in and awareness of social concerns; and this can be a fruitful channel through which to express your vitality and talents. You can be quite useful in encouraging others to apply their positions of power and influence to work for greater social benefit; and your ability to resolve difficult situations by strength of will can be creatively positive.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mars and Pluto shows that you have a strong desire nature, with the persistence and determination to get what you want. You may often find, when you get it, that you didn't really want what you were pursuing after all; that it was merely an exercise to prove to yourself you could. Satisfaction is the only motive for many of your pursuits. You may easily mistake willfulness for desire in your motivations.

In a crisis, you can contain yourself until the right moment occurs to act. Then you will use all your energy to cope with and resolve the crisis. You have enormous compulsions to assert yourself, especially if you suspect that anyone is trying to restrict you in any way. You don't tolerate domination, although you do respect authority if it is fairly administered.

In your personal relationships, you tend to be the aggressor, which may make others apprehensive about getting too close to you. You are possessive in love and demanding even of your friends. Your desire nature precedes you, stimulating others either to anticipate your physical charms or to feel threatened and avoid you. Your physical needs are strong, and your ambitions could induce you to use sex as a device for achieving your goals. You often justify your methods as being the only way to gain your objectives.

You are aware of the social problems in your environment and can be extremely useful in urging others to make the necessary changes to solve these problems. However, you are able to persuade others, because your demands have a threatening quality. You

have the courage to take on the most difficult tasks fearlessly, and are resourceful in gaining financial support for your enterprises. You need to find a way to express yourself through constructive activities.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When there is a conjunction between two planets that both have to do with the wish for self-expression, with the wish to prove oneself and to make one's mark, then there is an almost compulsive need to show off combined with enormous will-power. Pluto intensifies the executive force of Mars and puts us in possession of an almost inexhaustible supply of energy and incredible resilience. The craving for power (Pluto), on the other hand, is activated by Mars so that we really want to take the reins in our hands and are fired by boundless ambition.

We can usually look after ourselves; we do not brook the least opposition but ram opinions down people's throats and go our own way without fear or favor. The aspect has been termed destructive, but need not be so provided we have an outlet for our strong drive and ambition. A splendid way of using energy constructively is in competitive sport; politics is another option. We do not spare ourselves. Whatever we engage in - politics, science, sport, occultism, etc. - we throw ourselves into it heart and soul, outstripping many of our rivals and making a name for ourselves. Life's challenge attracts us, and we get a kick out of playing for high stakes.

The activity of Mars is enhanced by Pluto, and we are quick to push ourselves into precarious situations. In more placid times, we can eagerly mastermind a strategy for pulling off some coup or other. The person with a Mars / Pluto conjunction has a strong, extremely inflexible will, and is not to be balked. We will run our lives without reference to current rules and regulations. If we are thwarted, we can go to extremes; sometimes gradually cutting ourselves off from everybody.

(Betty Lundsted)

The 'I act' principle may be overwhelmed by the power of Pluto's energy. This may indicate an individual who takes 'controlled action'. Action may be manipulative of either self or others, or both. This individual may be unconsciously angered, for Pluto indicates unconscious motivation and Mars can symbolize anger. Action taken based on an unconscious motivation may not be responsible action, and it might be harmful to others. Action may be caused by anger or control needs. It may be that this individual is influenced by the symbols of the collective unconscious; that the images in the psyche interfere with any physical action taken. It indicates (because of the energy coming from the psyche) that action taken can be inspired by the mythic images of the collective unconscious. Action may be extremely creative. Before the creative potential can really be expressed, however, the anger must be worked out.

If this person has other aspects that indicate problems expressing sexuality, this conjunction may indicate a set-up for sexual violence. Sexual violence may range from having sex that hurts self or others, to possibly indicating the rapist, the masochist, or the person who may draw sexual violence to him.

An astrologer once told me that hard aspects between Mars-Pluto combinations implied a need to develop conscious responsibility for action taken. She recommended the study of metaphysics.

6) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°03') 117 | 119

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Jupiter to Saturn indicates that you fluctuate between knowing what you are worth and having grave doubts of your value. You are never completely sure of yourself, and need to be constantly reassured by others that you are as talented as you think. Probably some strained contact with superiors, perhaps your parents, has given you this poor understanding of your capabilities.

This is a push-pull planetary combination. Because you need approval, you seek people who will make demands on you to prove your competence to them and to yourself. If their praise is not forthcoming, you reject them and alienate yourself. You seem to be looking for 'yes' people to give you the approval you require. But how hollow the victory that is forcibly extracted. Wouldn't it be simpler to accept competition from your peer group and make your determination that way? You obviously cannot face the truth, and your progress will be slowed until you can be honest with yourself. You generally reject other people who have qualities like your own.

You are inclined to be irresponsible and look for the easy way out of duty. This attitude needs severe adjustment. First, you must face reality and accept the responsibilities it brings; second, you should learn how your behavior hurts people and try to be less indifferent to them. If you can change in these ways, you can rise to any goals you set for yourself. However, if you doubt your own competence, your associates may also refuse to attest to it. You have work to do, and it is advised that you begin soon, if you haven't already.

The same problem in evaluating your worth will crop up in personal relationships, both in friendship and in romantic interests. You might well decide to use better judgement in these instances, because it wouldn't do to sever an alliance with someone very special to you. You don't usually make generous overtures to anyone, even to a lover. Even though you casually reject anyone who doesn't voice enthusiastic approval, you are surprisingly shattered when you are rejected and can't believe you deserve such treatment.

Once you know what you are worth, you won't feel threatened by anyone. Then you can proceed to develop your potentials for success.

(Betty Lundsted)

Jupiter indicates the relating principle; it tells how the individual will reach out, open up to new experience; how an individual will attempt to relate himself to his universe; to his friends, lovers, family. Saturn indicates how the father influences, hampers or restricts the individual when he first attempts to reach out to the world around him. The influence may be physical or it may be merely that the father has a disapproving attitude.

The opposition suggests that some definite restriction was placed on the individual early in life. Whenever he reached out for something new, his father disapproved. This subconscious memory will remain for many years, and every time effort is made to open up, a fear symptom may be set off, causing this person to reach out with great caution. He may reach out and then run away - he may be open and receptive one minute, and closed and cold the next. He may have difficulty relating to people he considers to be authority figures - teachers, supervisors, partners, etc..

If these individuals pursue the drive for consciousness; if they believe in selfresponsibility, then the personal qualities symbolized by Jupiter and Saturn will have to be integrated. Often, these people grow with leaps and bounds followed by severe fallow periods between growth cycles. The concepts of relationship possibilities will have to be explored at the same time that a confrontation of the fears and apprehensions caused by Saturn takes place.

If Jupiter represents how we assimilate the universe around us, the opposition indicates that every time we have a new idea it will be tested by Saturn. Our mettle will be tested and molded, our character developed, and the Hero venture intensified. The universe doesn't hurt us, but the untested warrior is no warrior. As Jupiter develops, the personality becomes more secure in itself because it has been tested by Saturn.

The opposition also signifies a break with the father, a break with the tradition of the family. That doesn't mean that the individual must leave home forever; but unhealthy family traditions can be left behind.

Jupiter square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever we feel like setting to work enthusiastically, improving our chances or seizing fresh opportunities (Jupiter), we are aware of the dead hand of Saturn. Fearing to make

a move, we delay too long, or else, by an error of judgement, we saddle ourselves with a pile of unwanted work. Whatever the case may be, our theory and practice, vision and reality are out of alignment and, to begin with, we are uncertain how to proceed. This leads to extreme modes of expression. We can balk at undertakings, but may also bite off more than we can chew. When, for example, we take a position of responsibility (Saturn), Jupiter can propel us into a situation that is too taxing for us or into one where we are forced to take too many risks (financial or mental), and there is an even chance that by adopting half-baked measures to mend matters we shall only make them worse.

With conflicts between Saturn and Jupiter, we learn after many slips and recoveries what we should be aiming for and when to make an all-out effort; initially we lose a great deal of energy by misreading the situation. We are likely to be sombre and melancholy, and subject to disappointment.

Yet, when all is said and done, these are aspects that offer us great opportunities provided we have a well-defined field of action; so that we might do well, for example, by taking on responsibilities under the sort of supervision that allows a fair amount of freedom. Then we can produce hard and painstaking work and develop self-confidence.

7) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ♄ **Pluto** - (1°04') ♄7 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

This is a favourable aspect, which should allow you the opportunity to unfold your natural talents relatively easily, applying them in a concentrated and determined approach towards achieving your ambitions. You have the fortunate ability to evoke a response from your 'inner storehouse' of gifts, and create an open channel enabling you to manifest these in an objective context. Those who are close to you or who work daily with you may be inspired by this ability; and you are likely to display certain leadership qualities.

You will approach life with zest and vitality, pouring your energy wholeheartedly into satisfying your aims and your need for success. You seem to feel that your success is guaranteed; and whilst you may often feel impatient, or temporarily frustrated in your purpose, you have too much self-confidence and determination to believe that you could fail. The opportunities are certainly there for you; and your inner gifts are there to be actively expressed and exploited by you to achieve success.

You may find that you express and explore your talents in several potentially lucrative areas, as your gifts can be applicable in a variety of ways. This can mean that you are likely to change direction several times throughout your life, possibly in a radical style, or just to find new areas to experience. You may not have a specific goal in mind - such as a senior managerial position in one company - but could become influenced by 'the inner storehouse' of innate talents to search for new directions in order to find suitable

channels of release for as yet latent gifts; you may even find a problem arising out of the very multiplicity of choices available to you.

Ideally, you should look for a ways of life which actually offers you a variety of channels through which to express yourself, where there is a potential for a renewal of challenges and for a demand of personal growth. Working closely with people is likely to attract you, and interpersonal relationships can be a constant sphere of creativity and growth; much can be shared and transmitted even in creating and maintaining positive human relations at work.

In an intimate relationship, you should ensure that equality is developed, building a balance, as you may have a tendency to play the role of dominating leader too often. Development of each partner is also important; and you partner's needs and abilities should be clearly recognised and valued, helping each other to actualise hidden potentials. Change in the relationship and in your partner should arise naturally and easily; never attempt to force any process, as a natural evolution is safest, especially when in truth you cannot really understand the inner process and life experience / perception of another.

The best use of your abilities will be towards benefiting others in some way. Whilst Pluto is likely to 'co-operate' with you using this energy for personal success, if you tend to apply it in a way that exploits or abuses others through your becoming obsessed with self-satisfaction and desires, you may find that Pluto becomes more subversive and undermines your purposes, stimulating failure as a natural result of your own distorted form of expression, thus creating your own downfall as Pluto forces you to look at the need for transformation.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter conjunct Pluto, you seek to enjoy life at the fullest. You have enormous drive and ambition to achieve your goals as soon as possible, and are impatient with anything that delays you. To others, your goals may be unrealistic, but you strive for them with amazing determination. It rarely occurs to you that you may fail, for you do not accept defeat. You are driven by an insatiable appetite to get the most out of your potential. Your success at seemingly impossible tasks is almost inspired. Behind your ambition lies a powerful faith in your ability to rise above external limitations. Your accomplishments are acclaimed and envied by many.

Your professional interests are extremely varied, and you can excel in many fields. Even though successful, however, you will be uncomfortable until you find a life work that offers unlimited growth potential. Essentially you are attracted to professions in which you must work closely with people, such as law, medicine, psychology, or religion. On the other hand, your preoccupation with self may lead you to seek recognition in fields such as sports, research and exploration, or even gambling, in which the risks are high

and the dangers tantalizing. You will become involved in financial enterprises of vast scope which will generate significant returns for you.

In your personal affairs, your inclination for success will attract you to other successful persons. You will seek a mate whose strength of character, accomplishments and recognition you admire. You will understand your partner's motives and enthusiastically stimulate your mate to achieve. Be careful, however, not to overemphasize your partner's earning ability and the resulting 'good life', thus downgrading the fine personal attributes that make it possible.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of these two planets, each of which is expansive in its own way - one through seeking a synthesis of a wide range of phenomena, the other through spreading its roots in the all-embracing consciousness - can have serious and far-reaching consequences. Pluto could carry us unexpectedly out of our depths, and with Jupiter we must always be on guard not to bite off more than we can chew. The danger of exaggeration and of overreaching ourselves is always present.

Whenever we are engaged in philosophizing, forming opinions, studying or any other Jovian activity, Pluto intensifies our efforts. It encourages depth; and in making a synthesis we are never satisfied that everything has been included. Therefore the combination leads to intense searching. Where our philosophical outlook is concerned, we do not rest until we are able to penetrate to the core of life itself; preferably, we want to be in control of our lives. We do not form opinions until we have thoroughly researched the background information; the corollary being that, when our minds are finally made up, nothing and nobody can shake us. Our opinions become part of us, and we promote them with passionate intensity. So this aspect gives inflexibility, conceit and unreachability, but is outstanding for study and research.

The expansiveness of Jupiter stimulates Pluto's striving for power and urge to control and get to the bottom of situations. So this is a likely aspect to find in the charts of great leaders and demagogues (provided it is linked with personal points in the horoscope). Its drawback is that charismatic leadership ability may not be accompanied by responsible insights. And once these natives are captivated by some ideal (Jupiter), they can pursue it with such fanaticism that they have no time for non-supporters. Power struggles and differences of opinion are commonplace with this aspect.

(Betty Lundsted)

Because Pluto is one of the slow-moving outer planets, many people born in any given year when Jupiter is transiting the same sign as Pluto will have this aspect. It creates a mini-generation of people who will have choices to make as to how they pursue relationships. If the conjunction is unafflicted by other planets, it can be diagnosed by the

sign and house placement.

It indicates that relationships will be affected by the unconscious motivation caused by the conjunction to Pluto. It can indicate a person who may need to control all his relationships; a person who needs to stay on top, and needs to manage those around him. He may reach out for new experience with great care and caution because he doesn't want to feel out of control. This person may be extremely sensitive about relationships in general, for a chance word overheard can send his subconscious self on a trip that will analyze and re-analyze anything that bothers him because of certain kinds of early childhood experience.

8) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°01') ♏9 | ♋10

(Haydn Paul)

Like those with the square, you may feel that you have been mysteriously penalised by environmental deprivation, socially or parental, real or imagined. There was never any 'silver spoon' for you, and you tend to hold a brooding resentment for those who have not had to face the same problem.

The opposition is often associated with the themes of oppression and violence, physical and psychological, and with the tendency to be a victim of such forms of human negativity on others. For whatever reason, you may feel yourself to be a victim of persecution; and this would colour your perception of people and the world, probably making you inwardly defensive and possibly outwardly aggressive towards others as a form of pre-emptive defence.

Your ease of self-expression and creativity is likely to be blocked, and you are always wary of revealing too much of yourself to others, in case they begin to take advantage of you; and in any case, you lack self-confidence and inner stability. Emotionally, you may be quite unstable, probably repressing much of your feeling life, because that is what has been damaged previously. This leads you to attempt to create a life of predictability and stability as a counterpoint to those feelings of emotional flux and vulnerability. Certainly you are quite resistant to change, especially within relationships, as you rely on those few close ones in your life to give a sense of security; and because of this fear, you suppress inner movement or outer change until a crisis point is reached where a 'releasing explosion' is the only way for the blocked energy to move.

As with the square, you need to initiate a process of inner change, to transform the restrictive attitudes and self-image that act as a frustrating factor in your life. Somehow, you need to develop more personal confidence so that you can begin trusting more, and feel secure enough to come to terms with your feelings and emotions, to allow them to fertilise and water those inner barren lands. Through such an approach, Pluto can act to give you a new birth, to almost resurrect you from the dead and to allow you the

opportunity to enjoy life much more fully and appreciatively. Your inner life is not fixed in unchangeable stone, as the prospect of transformation is ever-present in every life. Initially, it may be difficult to dissolve such long-established barriers; but it can be done, enabling a new you to flower and fulfil your hidden potential: this is the pot of gold which is waiting for you to claim it as your heritage.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of Saturn to Pluto shows that you can be victimized by others in their quest for power. You may become involved in enterprises that are at best questionable and at worst potentially dangerous. If you get into social situations that have negative or non-productive objectives, you may find it extremely difficult to safely extricate yourself.

You must examine each of your associates thoroughly to protect your own interests. Accept no promises of financial gain until you see evidence to support these promises. Someone may offer you material benefits that are unrealistic or extreme, so you must be suspicious of anything that seems 'too good to be true'. The chances are that it is. This goes for personal, emotional relationships also. The investment you make will probably be of more benefit to your partner than to yourself.

Your professional affairs may become unstable because of a power play at the top that will somehow involve you. The results can undermine your position. You are sure to encounter people who will make impossible demands of you, and severe alienation is sure to follow.

Your social conditions may be extremely harsh and may not provide you with constructive avenues of expression. Fear of poverty and loss of social status could drive you to use devious methods for obtaining security and protection.

The serious conditions that often attend your life struggle need careful evaluation and constructive planning. You must learn to either transform your environment or remove yourself from it and make a new start. Plan your objectives and each day lay the foundation on which to painstakingly build your future security and realize your goals. This is the best course if you wish to enjoy a life enriched through your own efforts and free from unnecessary difficulties.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father's influence on the psyche of the individual during early life will be difficult to comprehend on a conscious level. In order to overcome weak points, fears, feelings of failure (caused by Saturn's placement), these feelings must be acknowledged consciously.

The Plutonic energy from the unconscious may confuse the image of the father with the

unconscious or mythic image. This aspect may indicate individuals who have an obsession about the father, who don't know how to begin the journey toward self-discovery. If the aspect also includes personal planets, these people may attempt to revolutionize society because they go against the father, authority and tradition.

This energy can be used in a positive manner for these folks are world changers. Before the aspect can be used constructively, however, personal understanding of the influence of the father must be achieved. If not, these individuals can be manipulators of situations whenever they become afraid. They can take the law into their own hands; they can be vigilante types.

Saturn square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The presence of ambition, tenacity and the desire to prove oneself (not to mention an aptitude for getting on in life) are even more marked here than in the harmonious aspects. Hard aspects strengthen, and sometimes exaggerate, these characteristics. A need to define and limit, to mould and preserve form, is intensified more than usual by Pluto, because the aspect made by Pluto is hard. Thus a person can seize the objective so fiercely that he or she arouses negative reactions in others. But, besides intensifying, Pluto transforms; it often leads one to demolish a huge chunk of the past in one iconoclastic outburst. Therefore, with Saturn / Pluto conflicts this person shall alter lifestyle and goals more than once; also, in the environment, he or she will play a taboo-breaking, form-breaking role. Contests with those in authority are not excluded; especially as the desire to prove oneself is so strong in the tense aspects that one is determined to be one's own person. Being insecure, he or she wants to hold the reins in his or her own hands, to gain overall control, and to leave nothing to chance. As far as possible this person tries to get a grip on everything, and is rather demanding. If the native should lose the grip, however, he or she falls prey to uncertainty and the search for power becomes tinged with desperation. It goes without saying that this produces a fair crop of problems.

The aspect indicates strife, but because of the energy and tenacity it bestows and because it impels the native to get to the bottom of things, it frequently indicates victory, too, although at the cost of sweat and tears. Spiritual growth and radical changes often occur by this means, in spite of Saturn's anxious efforts to hold Pluto back - efforts that repeatedly come to nothing in the on-going conflict.

With the tense aspects, too, we can toil hard and long, performing heavy work. Generally speaking, this person likes to push himself: not for him the path of least resistance. Experiences are liable to make him harsh and calculating in dealing with his fellow men

and women. Therefore Saturn / Pluto conflicts can have a very isolating effect - provided, of course, there are links with personal planets. Nevertheless, through being hard on himself in these conflicts he can go a long way in science, society, or in anything to which he sets his mind. The aspect cuts this person out to be a loner, but on his own he functions outstandingly.

9) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (2°20' S) 001 | 001

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct the Ascendant shows that you have some emotional hang-ups. You want close, intimate contacts with people, but you tend to keep people at arm's length because you are afraid you will become obligated to them. This fear forces you to deny yourself many rewarding friendships in order to be safe from anything that might develop into an intimate contact. You are a mass of contradictions: making demands on people but complaining when they do the same to you; expecting others to make overtures to you and withdrawing when they do; hoping for warm social contacts, but severing ties before they can be established. When you do succeed in forming a close relationship, you rarely make any commitment of your affection until you have been assured that the feeling is mutual. Although you are highly imaginative, you react to stimulating people in a generally negative and critical way. You are so emotional that it is nearly impossible for you to make a fair evaluation of people's motives toward you. On the surface you are independent, but you yearn for a quieter role in which you can enjoy the comfort of knowing that someone really cares for you. This can only happen when you lower your defensive barriers and learn to compromise by meeting people halfway.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Lunar characteristics are very prominent in this conjunction. Emotional interaction with the environment is vitally important. Feelings toward others are maternal, and we may want to mother and care for them. Our impressionability is great and we shall probably undergo frequent changes of attitude, for the Moon is an unsettling influence. We can be very emotional, too. Frequently we have close family ties, and set great store by home life.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is not an easy one. The Ascendant symbolizes the body according to the house system. The Moon represents the physical body in the language of the planets. When the two are combined it indicates an inordinate sensitivity to any new experience. Obviously a Cancer Moon conjunct the Ascendant will be more sensitive than the conjunction in Aries; but this person is oversensitized to the surroundings no matter what the sign is. The Moon also symbolizes the physical mother and how she carried herself when the individual was forming a personality. The emotional reactions felt by the

mother are absorbed by the child, and, in the case of this aspect, the emotional reactions will be directly tied to the pursuit of any new stage of life; new people, new situations, new jobs.

These individuals will acutely feel any sensitive feeling experience, and it's hard to make it past third grade with your peers with this kind of sensitivity. So these children develop a veneer to cover the emotional reactions - and this aspect is often tougher on boys for they are supposed to be the rough-tough people in our culture.

The mother of these individuals reacted emotionally, and they reacted to her - emotional difficulties can be traced back to their response to her. The body is abnormally tense, for it is constantly prepared to cover or hide any emotional shock it may experience in the environment. These individuals are apt to interpret conversations in a most personal way, not understanding the editorial 'you' and assuming that all conversations are directed their way in a personal fashion, and that any criticism is directed at them in a personal sense. This can indicate people who are overly defensive or overly sensitive.

The conjunction also gives an unusually strong intuitive ability which when properly channeled can be most helpful in the decision-making processes. But, it can also hinder the personality if the cultural or ethnic background frowns on intuitive reactions. For example, a boy raised in a 'macho' family may feel insecure about his masculinity if he feels too much, if he is too sensitive. If this is the case, he may become defensive and therefore hard to communicate with.

Each of the signs must be read individually. The conjunction intensifies the activities governed by both the Ascendant and the Moon. Any additional aspects to this conjunction should be considered when discussing this aspect, for hard aspects can alter an interpretation considerably.

(Sue Tompkins)

Moon conjunct Ascendant suggests that the individual will approach the world and those within it wanting to care for and protect. If other chart factors concur, they will appear as being very responsive, adaptable, impressionable, and keen either to satisfy the needs of others or to have their own needs satisfied.

There is often a strong identification with the mother-figure and often the mother role itself. There is usually a very strong female presence in the early years. People with this placement will sometimes have been (or had to be) exceptionally sensitive to the maternal figure's needs, and perhaps had to protect that person. In some cases, they act as mother to their own mother and thereafter go out into the world wanting either to feed others emotionally or to be fed by them.

The individual with the Moon rising, rather like Neptune rising, can be so receptive and

sensitive to everything and everyone they meet that they find it difficult to work out where they leave off and others begin. They absorb whatever they encounter. I have known several instances where the mother had psychiatric problems and the child had to take on the role of mother to the mother from a very early age. To keep her behaviour relatively sane, the child develops what Howard Sasportas describes as a 'radar-like ability' to pick up and read her signals, and quite soon the ability to read signals from everyone he comes into contact with. The ill mother also sometimes copes better with the child whilst it is still a baby or infant and still dependent on her. Thus, as an adult, the Moon rising person often still exudes a powerful neediness and often a childlike dependency. The Moon seems to describe the child in relation to early mother-figures and thus Moon rising people sometimes approach the world revealing the part of themselves which is a needy child, wanting to be protected and cared for.

10) ► **Descendant DC Conjunction ☉ Sun** - (7°21' A) 117 | 117

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun opposition the Ascendant shows that you are easily impressed by people you meet and hope that they will be similarly impressed with you. You attract powerful individuals with strong egos who always try to gain dominance over you. Without realizing it, you are showing that you doubt your own significance, in the hope that others will reassure you. Somewhat unsure of yourself, you fear you will be rejected in your relationships. You become affiliated with successful persons whom you can admire, because you need to know that you are genuinely appreciated, not merely tolerated. In other words, you are always looking for backhanded compliments. You enjoy having people fawn over you because it bolsters your sagging opinion of yourself.

In personal relationships, you try too hard to do everything you think is expected of you, as if to make doubly sure that your friends think well of you. You must become independent of the security you had in your parents' home and transfer your need to belong to someone you can relate to personally.

Before asserting your own opinion, you always try to put yourself in the other person's place. This can be a definite asset if you decide to go into business or a profession, because you would give your clients the impression that they are the most important people in the world. Flattered, they would happily pay for your services. Those who are the recipients of your services know your worth better than you do.

You have no difficulty in communicating with people, perhaps because you really enjoy having people around you. But you have to work hard to convince associates that you are as capable as they are, and if they don't accept this you prefer to work alone. You need to assert yourself more aggressively when competing for job opportunities, or you will be left out.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Sun on the Descendant can sometimes seem to 'give' their Sun to others, in as much as they give power to other people. I have particularly noticed this with Sun-Descendant clients, for they seem to take more than usual notice of what might be said during a consultation, tending as they do to ascribe far too much importance to the views and opinions of others at the expense of their own and frequently looking to other people to make their decisions for them. The astrologer-client relationship, like any other counselling situation, is based on equality and sharing. If one person could be said to be more 'important' than the other, then that person is clearly the client. In the most extreme instances, the person with Sun in the 7th, when in the role of client, is reluctant to accept this fact. He / she gives away his / her importance, fights shy of the limelight, and tries to manipulate the situation so that the counsellor is centre-stage and the one pulling the strings in the client's life. Where this does happen, it is usually repeating a situation that has been created in their other partnerships, whether personal relationships or working partnerships. All too easily, the Sun-Descendant person can believe that his / her life is fated and that he / she is merely a pawn in the hands of the heavens or of others' superior power.

This is not always the case, of course, but certainly Sun-Descendant, rather like a Sun Libran, does like to share the decision-making process and does like someone to do things with. Relationship and partnership are very important to this type. It's a good placement for people who work in a partnership, and indeed for anyone who works in a one-to-one situation. In some cases, the Sun-Descendant might say 'I am nothing without a partner; life has no meaning without another person'. More positively, Sun-Descendant people might say 'I find myself through close interaction with another person'.

This is a very good placement for analysts, therapists and the like. They can find their identity through close interaction with another person, and, similarly, in a one-to-one situation they can enable others to shed light on themselves. They may even achieve personal distinction and recognition through relationship. It's a common placement in the charts of lawyers too; they often work in partnerships, and on each case they work in partnership with their clients; usually, also, lawyers are involved in litigation with 'open enemies', and are working, ideally, for justice and fairness.

The father of the person with Sun on the Descendant was usually viewed by the individual more as a husband to the mother than a father to the child. Sometimes this is literally true, where the father-figure in the home during the formative years is not in fact the biological father; but usually this is more the psychological experience than the actual one. Father was concerned with being a partner (in the marital or business sense) above all else. If the Sun is in the 7th house, the individual will seek through marriage a relationship with the father archetype, either by playing the role of father or by expecting the 'other' to do it for him / her. If the Sun is in the 6th house, the individual considers

working partnerships to be especially important. In any event, the individual is usually 'fathering' others in the sense of providing some sort of identity for them.

Descendant-Sun people are proud of their partnerships. This is the type who, aged 70 or 80, can be found linking arms with their spouses and stating proudly that they have been married fifty years or so. It is not that relationships are more likely to last with the Sun conjunct the Descendant, or that it is necessarily a good thing if they do, or even that the relationships will be necessarily better than any other people's. But with this placement relationship tends to be the most important thing, and something of which to be proud.

Sun square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Things are not quite so easy in tense aspects between the Sun and Ascendant. These people's influence still makes a direct impact on those around them, and they do have a desire to manifest in their environment; the trouble is that they are very uncertain how to do so. Therefore external behavior is erratic: at one moment they sound brimful of confidence but the next day they clam up as if they were unsure of themselves. This makes them hard to understand and complicates relationships with people. They shrink from criticism since it feeds insecurity. Sometimes they withdraw into a shell or hide behind others.

With the tense aspects, the ego is out of step with expectations, and these people have difficulty in seeing how they ought to behave. The world does not always respond to them as they think it should - at least, not until they learn to adjust.

(Betty Lundsted)

When the Sun squares or opposes the Ascendant, there is more difficulty in expressing the qualities of the Sun in daily activities. Constructive action may not be easily taken until these individuals become conscious of the sign dilemma. When the Sun in the 7th house opposes the Ascendant, a compromise between selfinitiation and relationships. This may indicate individuals who feel they must give up a great deal of freedom and personal decision-making in order to marry and have a partnership.

11) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (9°05' S) ♎7 | ♎7

(Robert Pelletier)

Jupiter opposition the Ascendant indicates that you are generous toward your associates and civil with competitors. You are polished and refined, sometimes to the point that

others may be suspicious of your motives. You prefer to associate with people who seem to be sure of themselves and their goals. Unless you see a future in it, you refuse to bind yourself to any obligation. You attract fortunate people to you, and you share their optimistic feeling that you will become successful. Just as an investment broker deals in financial resources, you deal in the resources of people - who they are and what they can accomplish for themselves and for you. You pride yourself on your good judgement, but you ignore the fact that you are a taker, not a giver, except when it suits your long-range purposes.

It isn't easy for you to establish roots, partly because you feel that without them you are more free to take advantage of opportunities. An 'idea' person, you know how to exploit your creative potentials to derive the most benefit from them. You are a good conversationalist and can liven up any discussion with tales that may be tall stories but are never dull or boring.

Your desire to achieve was probably stimulated by your early home life, which may not have been totally satisfying. Because of that fact, you resolved to better yourself and your circumstances whenever possible. You try to convince yourself that given the chance you would show people how capable you are. But you do this because you don't want to be reminded of your material and emotional responsibilities. You know you should settle down and admit that you need to relate to others in order to succeed.

Your greatest problem is that you use people to serve your personal objectives. You must learn that being generous is as beneficial to you as accepting the generosity of others.

Jupiter square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the hard aspects, we are strongly attracted by the grandiose, the jovial and the magnanimous, and this shows in our attitude to others. But we tend to overdo things. We need constant reminders to hold the energy of the tense aspects in check; sometimes, if we wish to avoid problems with others, it is wise to be a little more subdued.

Often we radiate much more self-confidence, not to say self-will, than we might imagine, and acquaintances may see us as arrogant. Yet, with this same self-confidence, plus a big dose of optimism, we can do much good if we take care to create a genial impression and not a haughty one.

The love of doing things on a grand scale may deteriorate into a fondness of luxury and display; equally, we can become preoccupied with immaterial things and can spend time

promoting intangible values. In ways like these, the urge to be expansive can easily get out of control.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Jupiter squares the Ascendant, the relationship needs argue with the persona. New experience will begin with difficulty, for the square indicates a frustration of energy. These individuals may not be conscious of the fact that their response to new relating experience will be perceived differently by those viewing the Ascendant reactions.

When Jupiter opposes the Ascendant, a compromise between new beginnings, the persona and the ability to relate to what is being projected becomes an issue in the life. Usually the opposition is active between the first and seventh houses (the personal projection versus the needs of a partner). The energy can be handled constructively when the signs are understood.

(Sue Tompkins)

Jupiter in hard aspect to the axis suggests that the individual's beliefs are at odds with the outer image that he or she may have cultivated.

Jupiter conjunct Descendant often suggests that an individual teams up with a person from a different background or culture from their own, or sometimes with a teacher or religious person. Education often forms an important aspect of one-to-one relationships, with the individual either seeking to educate the other or to be educated by him / her. There is a need for a certain amount of space with Jupiter on both ends of the axis. At the 7th house end, the individual is often particularly keen on exploring the whole realm of relationship and may not like being tied to just one person. In any event, it is through relationship that the Jupiter-Descendant person finds his / her own faith and confidence. He / she may look to someone else to provide these qualities or be able to offer them to others. Sometimes the person projects 'God' onto other people and sometimes he / she wishes to be treated as being Godlike and wonderful him- / herself.

12) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ☾ **Moon** - (9°41' A) ♎7 | 001

(Robert Pelletier)

The sun opposition the Moon shows that there are difficulties between you and the people you deal with. You have a natural conflict between your emotions and your ego, and you unconsciously communicate this psychological hang-up to your associates, family, friends, and even your romantic partners. You often act in a hesitant spurt of enthusiasm, which is followed by anguish that your action may have been ill-advised. When you try to assert your own individuality, you are often torn by loyalty to those closest to you. You would prefer to have their full support so you could avoid the painful

explanations and guilt that seem to accompany anything you want to do.

Relationships mean a great deal to you, and you long for someone with whom you can totally identify. Although you enjoy casual contacts, they never sufficiently satisfy your need to belong. You want a person who will fulfill your every need: love, friendship, sustaining you in your goals, sharing in your setbacks, fortifying you in your weakness, inspiring you in exploiting your creative talents, and sharing the full benefits of your combined efforts. A tall order, to be sure, and you will have to make concessions to obtain that kind of partner. You will have to be more giving than receiving, more compromising than obstinate, and more humble than arrogant. This too may be a tall order, but you can do it, or at least give it a good try. Any progress will prove beneficial.

Your greatest handicap is your unwillingness to let go of the past. Don't be afraid that people will consider you indifferent and unfeeling - you could never be unemotional. Make a realistic appraisal of what you want from your life, and file a plan with yourself to achieve it. Don't wait for people to open doors for you. Some things you must do for yourself, even if it means you have to indulge in yourself.

You will experience some problems with partnerships until you know where you stand and can state your position honestly. You might feel sorry for yourself or become bitter when matters don't progress exactly the way you want them to, but that's life. The hard knocks are what make the success that follows so precious. Try to maintain a moderate physical pace, for you can't get away with burning the candle at both ends.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that there are likely to be two main challenging areas in your life. One involves your relationship with social and intimate partnerships, and your ability to adjust to the demands of the external world; and the second is concerned with inner tensions associated with conflict and contradiction between your conscious egoic will and your unconscious mind, feelings and emotions. Studying the nature of the specific houses of this planetary opposition can offer valuable indications as to the spheres of life that are likely to be especially influenced.

You will probably feel internal division, with opposing messages and impulses rising from the differing Sun and Moon tendencies, and this creates stress and confusion regarding which inner voice you should follow. What may be experienced is one inner voice encouraging you to follow an adult path of career, vocation and progress (the Sun), and another more instinctual voice (the Moon) trying to make you pay more attention to your emotional needs for personal nourishment. Pulled in two directions, looking towards those individual future aims and desires, while also turning towards the secure and familiar past, you become unsure of what to do. The Moon's instinctive responses may reject the egoic ambitions of the Sun, and the Sun refuses to allow time and attention to satisfy the Moon's need for emotional nourishment as this does not conform to an adult

self-image of independent maturity.

One consequence of this inner polarisation is a diminution of vitality and energy, which are burnt away by the friction caused by tension and internal fighting over supremacy. Diminishing both the expression of Sun and Moon reduces your opportunities for satisfaction in either sphere of life; ambitions may fail to be realised, and relationships fail to fulfil your emotional needs. Over time, there develops a pattern of oscillation as your inner balance between Sun and Moon tilts to favour either one or the other; if the balance is regularly in favour of one planet, then the qualities of the other planet are repressed into the unconscious mind. The tendency may be to repress the deeper energies of the Moon back into the unconscious due to their natural affinity there, but in elevating and listening only to the Sun many personal emotional needs are denied, and this will eventually stimulate later problems of integration and will burst through under pressure in later love relationships.

In opposition aspects, often part of the planetary polarity which is less expressed and integrated is projected externally onto the world and people, and it is likely that the existence of your inner conflict will be unconsciously transmitted to others, who then serve to mirror back your unintegrated aspect. Stress in the psyche is reflected by relationship difficulties, and this is likely to be an ongoing challenge for you to resolve, and may spill over into domestic, financial, romantic and marital situations. Continual tension may create ill health and deplete your vitality, and one sign of this may be experiences of restlessness, nervous agitation and psychosomatic illness. Changes of moods and emotional responses may occur, ranging from an exhilaration and sense of purpose, meaning and self-confidence to deep depressions, feelings of being unloved, and loss of individual stability. These may be triggered by movement within your inner polarity of Sun-Moon, when the balance of energy flows erratically.

This unstable energy flow can be noted in times when you commence a new project or change direction with great enthusiasm and will, and then suddenly everything appears to be a waste of time and a mistake as your energy level wanes. Scattered and uncompleted schemes, projects and ideas may litter your life. Relationships too could follow a similar pattern, starting as 'the love of your life' and then collapsing into an unsatisfactory withdrawal as feelings change and disillusionment sets in.

Underlying your relationships lie those deep Moon needs and desires; fulfilling these is the root of relationship difficulties. You tend to hold an image of a loving partner being able to satisfy all your needs, even needs that you often deny or choose not to even acknowledge to yourself, someone in whom you can almost become lost and rely on totally. These are probably reflections of previous childhood patterns where your parents proved unable to fully satisfy your childhood needs; now you search for another adult to do so. For you, a partner has to be a lover, friend and companion, sustaining you, healing your conflicts, tending to your needs, and offering clear directions in life. There are dependency needs entangled in this pattern, needs of belonging which temporary

short-lived affairs will fail to satisfy. You hope to find someone who either takes charge of things, or help you to develop your own potential; somehow you feel inadequate to do this on your own.

Your difficulty lies in a tendency to project your inner stresses on to your close relationships, with phases of dissention, confrontation and argument occurring as a means of releasing energies. Compromise may need more development, and learning how to give rather than just take is essential. Balance and moderation is one approach to consider, instead of reacting to contradictory feelings and responding only to the temporary dominating voice. Take time to determine what are your most consistent aims in life, make a realistic appraisal of your qualities, talents and potentials, and try to discover how the voices of Sun and Moon can be united and integrated into a common message to follow. Break out of that subjective prison, unfold a sense of objectivity, and refuse to blame the environment or people for the obstacles that stand in the way of progress.

While part of this personality pattern may have developed during childhood, with you perceiving your parents as offering you two sets of opposing messages, or perhaps losing one of them due to divorce or death, it is your adult responsibility to transcend this difficulty rather than perpetuate it again. Integrating the principles of Sun and Moon in your psyche may not be easy, and a careful balance of listening and honouring both voices needs to be achieved, but discovering a way to do this may be essential to your well-being, emerging after a period of losing life meaning and purpose. A change in consciousness and integration of those deeper and ignored Moon needs can be achieved, if you generate the will to do so. Pursuing humanistic self-therapy techniques designed to liberate repressed feelings and individual desires / needs may be appropriate at such a stage, and looking towards psychosynthesis, gestalt, encounter and co-counselling groups may be beneficial. These can all help to stimulate the integrative quality of both lunar and solar centres, leading to inner balance and freedom of expression.

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 identity 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.

13) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♃ **Jupiter** - (6°45' S) 001 | 117

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition Jupiter shows that you are a highly developed individual with much creative ability and a generous appreciation for the talents of others. You may sometimes question the importance of your own abilities, and for this reason you seek out people who are talented. You hope they will reassure you of your own competence. Lacking the discrimination to make a personal evaluation of your worth, you feel the need for expert

advice. But be careful that you aren't misled; casual acquaintances may take advantage of your emotional vulnerability.

There is a discrepancy between your emotional reactions to stimuli and your comprehension of what these experiences really mean. You tend to believe what is easiest painful to your sensitive feelings, but you can make serious mistakes this way. Energetic to a fault, you can be deceived when you bestow your generosity on those who don't deserve it.

You are benevolent toward people who seem to lack the advantages you have. It could seem appropriate to select an occupation in which you could help such people, perhaps through welfare programs, rehabilitation of the handicapped, public relations, physical therapy, or foundations that serve those in need. You would derive an enormous sense of well-being in these endeavors, knowing you are making an important contribution to their objectives. Don't be afraid to develop new techniques or improve your talents.

Your free time could be devoted to church activities or to civic and community affairs. Avoid direct competition with strong character types. They will only depress you by their overwhelming strength in gaining your submission. Accept only those challenges that you feel fairly certain you can succeed in.

You give every potential companion the benefit of the doubt, overindulging their whims in order to win their affection. You are worth a lot more than that, and you should not make a commitment to anyone until his or her credibility is established. Don't make gestures of love until the individual you care for shows sincerity and honesty in caring for you.

Be moderate in eating and drinking, for you react to rich foods as though they were poison. You may be inclined to put on weight and disinclined to strenuous physical exercise, so caution is advised.

14) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition ♀ Saturn** - (7°59' A) ♀3 | ♀9

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus opposition to Saturn, you are inclined to regard your experiences as being almost useless. With this aspect, you will always be challenged by competitors until you realize how important you really are. You must stop underestimating your self-worth. Remind yourself continually that you can match your competitors, and don't give others more credit than they deserve. If you will examine your good qualities carefully, you will see that they compare very favorably to those of others. Stop hiding the truth from yourself. Perhaps when you were very young, you were led to believe that you were less talented than others in every way, and you still act on that belief. You need competition to prove how capable you are; if you reject competition, you will never truly know your capabilities.

Throughout your life, you will have to make concessions to others without knowing whether or not they are worth the effort. In time, however, you will be able to judge people without having to endure the painful experience of submission. As your judgement becomes sharper, you will become very skilled in solving problems for yourself and others.

You may suffer emotional frustrations during the early years, but as you become more mature you will understand that no-one gets everything when he or she wants it. You may compensate for privations that you experience in your personal life by becoming successful in your profession. Real estate, law, insurance, designing, sales, and buying are suitable fields. All of them require responsibility, attention to detail, integrity, and honesty if you are to be proud of your accomplishments. It is advised that you work alone or at least be able to set your own pace. Working with others in an intimate atmosphere would not be advisable because you would arouse their criticism. You have talent, but your employer may refuse to recognize it in order to avoid paying you more.

Don't anticipate an early marriage unless you are prepared to make enormous concessions to keep it together. Better to postpone a binding partnership until you can be more selective in choosing a mate. If you marry for security it may last, but it will be little more than a corporate merger with little emotional satisfaction. If your upbringing was austere and you saw privation and financial difficulties in your parents' lives, there is even more reason to wait for financial independence before taking a mate.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here the energy is similar to the conjunction and the square, but there is an additional feeling of compromise or loss (or both). Venus symbolizes the effect of the mother and Saturn represents the effect of the father on the individual, and the images are confused. One parent may leave when the person is a child; but even if the loss of a parent doesn't occur, the person feels like a victim between the two parents who are each throwing a different vibration into his developing psyche. What is a man? What is a woman? How does one treat men and women? How does one feel about oneself and one's relationships with members of the opposite sex?

This often represents an individual who has losses in love because the psyche is programmed to lose; this individual may fall in love with someone who is unavailable or with someone who dies or who makes him intensely miserable. The parents removed the objects that the person was attached to during his formative years. The 'love object' may have been a favorite toy or a security blanket, or the affection of one or both of the parents. One parent may have been harsh to the other; one parent may have suppressed the other; the child saw the parents disliking each other in some way. So the image in the psyche carries a message that men and women are against each other - each must make the other compromise in some way.

The ability to love is harshened or lessened, and frequently authority is resented. When Saturn opposes Venus, the father is harsh with the mother because Saturn is a stronger planet than Venus. It makes the person suspicious of his own desires, unnecessarily hard on himself, willing to give up pleasure, and ready to turn away from love.

The mother didn't value herself, and this person will absorb her feelings: women have little value; love can hurt or love can be a harsh experience. This individual grows up to be very cautious about developing relationships, and it is this feeling that makes him look for the love insurance policies that are unattainable. This is the type of personality that doesn't give of itself or gives only of the material self, or one who unconsciously picks someone to love who is taken from him. It seems possible that the psyche of unconscious self of a person with this aspect may not think that he or she deserves to have a longlasting, good relationship.

It's important to understand that there are no bad aspects or awful destinies in astrology, but rather that we tend to seek what we have been programmed for even though the program is unconscious. The psyche is powerful; the power of the subconscious is far stronger than that of the conscious mind. There is no argument going on between the subconscious and the conscious. Once we are able to diagnose an unhealthy program, we can begin to change the way we use the energy and rid ourselves of the negative influence of any energy source that we call an 'aspect'.

15) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♅ **Uranus** - (3°09' A) ♏7 | ♏9

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Sun sextile Uranus, it is important for you to maintain communication with other people at all times. You are eager to share your experiences with others and impatient with those who are unwilling to include you in theirs. Your opinions are willful and outspoken, but you can usually justify them in such a way that they are accepted. Your attitudes are relatively uninhibited and not bound by tradition. You find life exciting, and you live every moment of every day. Boredom is something you never have to cope with because your mind is so active. In your philosophical view of life, everything has meaning. You take even negative incidents positively, so that you are rarely 'down in the dumps'.

Your original thinking and strong will are suited to the fields of politics, science, or education. You can adapt to any profession that clearly has the objective of improving the masses. You are able to project your ideas and opinions without demanding that others yield to them unquestioningly. But you are impatient with dawdlers who continually put off making decisions. Your development is accelerated, and your intuition is so finely honed that you can instantly evaluate facts and render a judgement.

Teaching others is probably your best avenue of expression. You can effectively dramatize knowledge to make learning easy for your students. Truth is something you insist on, and you deal harshly with those who distort it in their dealings with you.

Your restless mind and eager disposition contribute significantly to your romantic relationships. You are broad-minded and understanding of human nature. Although you will tolerate failure, you do not accept dishonesty from anyone with whom you are emotionally involved. You can easily detach yourself from an insincere or dishonest individual, as though you had never had any feelings for that person.

(Haydn Paul)

The more radical use of the conjunction energies are potentially easier to express in both the sextile and the trine. Whereas an important shift may need to occur in the individual with the conjunction aspect - in order to renew and redirect any overflowing, insistent Uranian energy through the unifying Sun centre - these other two dynamic, harmonious aspects are ripe for exploitation and unfoldment.

You should have a progressive outlook, and a sense of social affinity which is directed towards affirming its positive side and potential for future improvements in the quality of life. The assertive and possibly aggressive rebellious stance is already transformed within you into a reformist tendency. 'Change from within' is more your keynote, rather than a direct destructive attack or negative attempts to withdraw from participation in society.

Your mind will be very active, searching, questioning, and naturally explorative, allied with an intuitive creative need for self-expression. It will be important to be personally assertive, but undue eccentricity is not your style. Due to that positive solar relationship, you will feel more centred, forming a stable inner character and extending an ability to direct your life and make wiser choices. Tolerance and understanding of others will be more evident, especially an intellectually derived tolerance based on your innate humanitarian instincts, although often your emotional affinity with others can be a little cold or withdrawn. You do not feel at one with this world, yet intellectually your mind is; perhaps more empathy is required.

You are likely to contribute to groups which support social reform, and have an attitude of 'changing the world to be a better place for everyone to live in'. Probably you could rise to important positions in such groups, transmitting your enthusiasms and positivity by becoming a spokesperson for their visions and ideals. Your opinions are usually forthright, and you try to stay true and committed to your beliefs. Honesty and straightforwardness are high on your list of essential values, and you have little tolerance for lies and deceptions and those who perpetrate them. This can easily lead you towards opposing a national government or establishment groups who are 'economical with the truth' on orders from their 'superiors'. Equally, it could lead you to break away from groups that you are associated with, if they - in your opinion - fall to such low levels or

compromise and fail to live up to the high ideals which they may offer to the public.

You believe that life has an inner meaning of great value, and continually search for the threads of this throughout your life, trusting in the belief that life is good, often despite appearances. This is part of your quest for the spiritual dimension of your solar centre, and will draw you increasingly closer to that integrative heart of your nature. However, you are aware of the darker sides of existence, and feel inspired to try to improve the quality of life for those who suffer or for the following generations. At times, especially perhaps after any disappointments on your path, you may coolly withdraw from relationships or social involvement. See this only as a temporary phase for re-evaluation. You need to communicate with like minds, sharing experiences, insight and knowledge. This may easily develop over time into forms of teaching where through sharing you can contribute towards progress for others, and this could become a fulfilling route for you to follow to embody a higher solar purpose.

Sun trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Like the conjunction, the harmonious aspects between Uranus and the Sun indicate an individual who wants to live his or her own life without any restrictions. He or she will be alert, restless, highly strung, and full of scintillating insights. We should realize, however, that remarkably brilliant as some of these ideas and insights may be, there is no guarantee that they will be usable or true.

Sun / Uranus aspects promise new and stimulating ideas which just keep popping up every so often. With the easy aspects, the native is able to integrate such ideas into his or her daily life in a less traumatic fashion than we would do with the hard aspects. To be sure, the easy aspects also produce dissatisfaction with the status quo, but they enable the native to build the new on the foundation of the old, and this willingness to preserve some links with the past often brings the support he or she needs from others.

In many instances, people with Sun / Uranus aspects take an interest in all things technical. They are fascinated by whatever breaks new ground, such as aeronautics (including aeromodeling), radar, radiotechnology, electrotechnology, or indeed anything requiring insight, intuition and skill. The resourcefulness bestowed by the harmonious Sun / Uranus aspects is great.

Because they are so intent on personal development, these people are unlikely to tolerate having someone over them to tell them what to do, but they are not averse to good advice. They need a partner who is an equal, neither above nor below them. However, in many cases, they act as a kind of informal leader by setting the tone and

direction of the partnership and by acting in an inspiring manner, all the while making sure that their own freedom and that of their partner is preserved.

However, they should be on their guard against losing touch with reality, because they are apt to venture down strange, impassable byways and to end up going nowhere.

(Charles Carter)

This is pre-eminently a contact of leadership, for the will, in all Sun-Uranus aspects, is strong and independent, and the native will, either naturally or by his own conscious efforts, obtain a position of some authority and independence. Moreover, it is a very popular configuration, and the native is readily liked and obeyed, sometimes by reason of his mental or other powers, but more often by his personality, which appears to emanate some kind of magnetism that attracts and holds. It is not always tactful; but there is breadth of vision and stability of purpose; the native is often identified with some cause or movement; he does not waver or fluctuate in his aims and opinions; there is nothing in him of the opportunist (unless other aspects bestow this), and as a result people feel that he stands for something definite, and can be depended on. But, while not of a time-serving temper, the Sun-Uranus man has a keen and true sense of the dramatic, and may often be a most convincing and powerful orator, there being great reserves of nervous and emotional strength, and a burning zeal.

As a ruler it makes the native efficient, scientific, despotic, but not unbending or automatic; he has feeling, and can be appealed to on the emotional side, especially if the cause that is pleaded has a dramatic aspect.

So far as feeling goes, Uranus tends to a rough-and-ready, careless good-nature. Uranus rising is usually kind but rather casual and off-hand. It differs diametrically from Sun-Neptune in its love of power, responsibility, and publicity.

This aspect occurs constantly in the nativities of statesmen, generals, municipal officials, civil servants, and, to a lesser extent and in combination with other planets, in those of eminent thinkers. In the nativities of girls it often indicates a 'good' marriage to one in authority.

16) ► **Moon** ☽ **Sextile** ☿ **Mercury** - (3°10' S) 001 | 1811

(Haydn Paul)

With the sextile, the Mercury qualities are often more emphasized, as this aspect is associated with the mind, information, understanding, and communication.

The lunar personality foundations are usually well established and not disruptive or unduly intrusive. You should be able to express your Moon's qualities in ways which also

enhance Mercury qualities. Information and knowledge will be especially appealing; and perhaps you will have an almost insatiable curiosity and need for wide and extensive intellectual exploration. For you, the world is like an immense storehouse of fascinations, your mind lighting up with interest as every new one comes into view. You could become a 'perpetual student', loving to explore each topic to the greatest possible depth, and perhaps becoming expert in limited areas of knowledge. Alternatively, this could result in a dilettantish tendency, sampling many varieties of knowledge but rarely exploring deeply. Both memory and comprehension are likely to be above average, thus creating a well-stocked intellect.

What can emerge as a motivation is a need to be socially useful by contributing to your community. To achieve this, you hope to discover ways to transform thoughts and ideas into practical results. The sense of value and pleasure this gives serves to encourage increasing your knowledge. The issue of right direction may arise in this context; and you may decide to become involved with civic and social groups, pooling your assets and abilities with those of others to achieve group objectives. Generally, you look at ideas as sources for practical action and possibly personal profit, as you possess an effective business and organizational ability which could also be successfully exploited.

You can be an effective communicator, conveying ideas and presenting them in a clear and persuasive manner, being articulate and literate, entertaining and interesting. This can manifest in writing and lecturing, and can be beneficial in social communication, especially in activities which increase contact with groups. This can extend your influence and increase friendships; your personality is sufficiently flexible and tolerant to relate to many types of people. You may possess a sensitivity to others' thoughts and feelings, almost like a psychic intuition, but which operates through a Moon affinity of sensitivity and emotional rapport. This can act as an 'early warning system', indicating when people or situations are less genuine than they appear; so trust these inner sensations and feelings whenever they arise.

This sensitivity helps you to be tactful and diplomatic, whether in social contexts or within the family. Others can recognize your thoughtful and caring nature; and, provided that you do not become obsessive about manifesting your ideas, you should be able to co-operate and harmonize well with partners and family. Fortunately, your emotions rarely enter into direct conflict with your mind and ideas, but usually work with them in tandem, so that positive attitudes assist optimistic plans to become productive. This emotional and mental accord minimizes distracting inner conflicts and enables problem resolution to be achieved more smoothly.

Your Moon's emotional warmth and protective concern is an asset for family members and intimate relationships; and domesticity will be well organized, founded on close and effective communication. Home is important; but wider social involvement will be equally so, as this is often the environment in which you intend to apply your ideas practically. Both emotions and mind are recognized as offering valid messages; but ensure that

neither becomes imbalanced through overemphasis, as each performs an important role in different circumstances. Intimate partnerships, marriage, or love affairs will involve a high level of mutual communication and sharing; enriching both participants' lives and contributing to achieving personal aims.

You will be attracted to similarly intelligent and optimistic partners who are able to exploit innate talents, especially those who conceive ambitions and then strive to achieve them. A danger is that, if two people are chasing individual goals and dreams, then conflict may occur if their paths begin to diverge rather than run parallel.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon sextile Mercury gives you a sensitive and thoughtful disposition. You absorb information almost greedily, your level of comprehension is highly developed, and your ability to recall is above average. You have a strong desire to be useful to the people you deal with, which motivates you to continually broaden your knowledge. Because your emotions are rarely in conflict with your intellect, you can successfully deal with your problems without complicating them further. You enjoy the friendship of many kinds of people because you are flexible enough to make allowances for them. Fascinated by anything that arouses your curiosity, you aren't satisfied until you have explored it thoroughly. You are well read on many subjects. A delightful conversationalist, you inject charm and humor into any discussion and never fail to keep your listener's attention. You are so sensitive to the thoughts of those around you that you can 'feel' it when they are dishonest or insincere. Your positive and happy disposition seems to spread to everyone around you.

Your talent for communication can be useful in many professional applications. Public relations would be ideal for you, but you could succeed in any endeavor that brings you before large or small groups of people. You make others feel comfortable with your genuine concern for them, as you imply that they are the most important people you have ever dealt with. Your tact and diplomacy are so great that even your competitors have to admire you for these qualities. You are never too busy to take care of the endless details that most people find obnoxious.

Emotionally drawn to persons who are educated, bright, and cheerful, you can relate best to an individual who has defined a goal and has laid a plan for achieving it. You always insist on total communication and believe that silence is dull rather than golden. You want to share in your mate's plans for the future and participate in making the memories you will some day look back on together.

You can enrich your life with many interests. Although you seem attracted to hobbies you can pursue at home, you would enjoy the added social factor of outside interests. Perhaps you are a joiner and will find time for civic activities, or you might prefer functions that involve active participation by the whole family. In any case, you impart a

broadening quality to those you love and to the environment you create for them.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon in sextile to Mercury indicates a person who can develop talents that combine the art of communication with feeling, subjective experience. Emotional reactions can easily be discussed, for the mother teaches this child how to communicate feelings early on. In the area of relationships, this aspect is obviously helpful. As far as career is concerned, the tie between the intuitive-feeling process, represented by the Moon, and the mental processes and ability to communicate, represented by Mercury, can help this individual communicate in a nurturing, responsive manner. This aspect may be wasted in pleasant conversation if not trained properly.

Moon trine or sextile Mercury

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Despite the harmonious nature of this link between the Moon and Mercury, the restlessness inherent in each easily shows itself. This can make it hard to concentrate on something until the individual becomes emotionally involved in it. When this happens, thinking is both animated and intense.

With harmonious Moon / Mercury aspects, the individual often has the ability to express fluently; he or she gets meaning across well and very quickly grasps what others mean; and this can make for rapier-like sharpness in debates. The individual is very quick at picking up facts and figures, and at putting two and two together. And with the harmonious aspects between Mercury and the formative principle (Moon) descriptions are clear and explicit. The individual has an innate gift for the spoken or written word, so this is a fine aspect for writers and journalists.

The Moon and Mercury are both very mobile. When combined harmoniously, they impart great flexibility of mind and body. But because they both tend to lack a sense of direction even their harmonious aspects may cause one to blow with the wind. Memory and assimilation are very often outstanding with these aspects. The Moon, which has so much to do with the past, with the tried and trusted, and with the way in which one is conditioned by upbringing, naturally builds up a store of impressions, a store that is constantly being enriched through the inquisitiveness of Mercury. Therefore this individual is well suited to work involving data processing and the general handling of information.

(Charles Carter)

These configurations indicate a happy relationship between brain and common-sense, two things by no means always found in unison. There is usually a shrewd, careful, understanding mind, with a good deal of sense and a kindly disposition, the benevolence of the Moon tempering the Mercurial matter-of-fact tendencies.

Often there is nothing strikingly brilliant in the mentality, but it is sound, logical, and judicious. Usually it is honest and straight-dealing. The contacts are excellent for all mental matters and for affairs of the 3rd house, such as writing, lecturing, and all ways and means of communicating ideas, news, and information.

Further, the 4th house benefits through the lunar influence; the mind is fitted to deal with all domestic things; with land, house-property, furniture, and so forth. It is good for an architect, builer, brick-maker, carpenter, plumber, or dealer in furnishings of any sort.

The speech and literary style are usually plain, direct, and matter-of-fact. In monarchs, officials, and governors it seems to make for popularity and a good press. The configuration also benefits health, gives healthful habits, prudence in care of the body, and sound nerves.

To a man the marriage is usually beneficial, unless other factors, such as the 7th house, contradict this. The wife is often clever, entertaining, astute, and helpful in business matters.

17) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♌ **North-Node** - (3°54' A) ♌6 | ♎8

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the natives the ability to act at the right time to further their well-being and improve their relationship to society. Their activities gain the co-operation and approval of their social order; and they are able to find support for their endeavors to bring about constructive change.

(Donna van Toen)

Adaptability must be consciously worked at if growth is to come. Energy is more easily channeled into resisting growth than seeking it. The more the person consciously channels his or her energy into growth-producing activities, the more difficulties that will be overcome.

Mars trine North Node

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the ability to act and to time actions so that they are in harmony with socially accepted modes of behavior. Thus the natives gain popularity as social leaders. The configuration favors politicians and others who lead public lives. The energy needed to deal with social trends and institutions is available.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides added physical strength or reserve energies to that individual. They can always recall these energies when needed to get the work done. This is not an initiative-creating situation, but an energy-strengthening condition. For women, this aspect often signifies better success in marriage and love relationships. Due to strange Karmic learning tactics, this aspect provides more than one happy marriage for women, just to reward them and strengthen their faith in that soul. This condition has been brought about by past life compensation and total circumstantial withdrawal from 'fun and games'. Assistance from brothers or to them is very prominent in this person's life.

(Donna van Toen)

Ability to face potentially dangerous situations and a great deal of courage are generally growth-enhancing assets. A need to co-operate with others encourages growth. A need for healthy sex or a desire for children can stimulate growth.

Mars trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The desire to co-operate with others, comradeship, and team-spirit, a social conscience, the desire for progeny. The attainment of joint or shared successes, the stage of entering into union with others.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect invigorates the sexual nature and gives much vitality. In a woman's chart, it gives her the magnetism to draw a vital man into her life. For a man's chart, it shows good sexual strength and strong vitality. It can give a feeling of independence because of the vital nature these people have. This person is well able to function physically in most things he attracts. He is able to undergo danger with great courage, and has great endurance in conflict. It gives practical application of energy to the affairs of Mars and the South Node.

18) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Sextile** ♊ **North-Node** - (4°46' A) ♄10 | ♁8

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates the intuitive ability to harmonize with and subtly influence existing social customs and institutions. The natives instinctively ride the currents of public mood, opinion, and action. Their understanding of cultural trends allows them to circumvent this influence on their lives if they so desire - always by subtle evasion rather than open confrontation.

(Donna van Toen)

A readiness to sacrifice can contribute to stagnation. Plans are carried out in a more methodical way, with less striving for new heights. Growth is a slow process, sometimes involving intense suffering or guilt pangs about leaving the comfortable rut behind; rejecting opportunities for growth may hold the person back.

Neptune trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Peculiar or strange conduct in communal life; occasional unreliability. The inclination to expect more than is possible from a community or from an association of people.

Neptune conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

Here we have a generous, hospitable, sympathetic nature, ready to help all in need. This person is talented in music and the arts, or has a great appreciation of them. His sensitivity and awareness are very keen. It inclines him to metaphysical studies. He seeks the seemingly impossible. Since there is a high spiritual development, he easily gets help from others, either in this world or from the next. This is related to beauty and creativity, and is said to be a gift. This seems to be a favorable karma. The person is favorably inclined to higher spiritual love. Another theory is that this person is from planet Neptune.

19) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♄ Neptune - (0°37' A)** 001 | ↻10

(Robert Pelletier)

Neptune square the Ascendant shows that you are overly sensitive to criticism. Because of this, you often fail to assert yourself when you should defend yourself against adversaries. You are never sure of your ability to succeed in competition, and you may

choose to avoid challenges until you feel more competent. The line of communication between you and your parents was faulty, which made it difficult for you to win their support and encouragement for a specific career. It will be a long time before you really know what you want out of life, so choosing a career will be difficult. You tend to daydream instead of doing something to actively express your creative ability. Always seeking the ideal, you are disappointed with anything less.

Your imagination is well-developed, but you lack the determination to benefit from it. You consider yourself far less talented than your competitors, and tend to relegate yourself to a position of unimportance beside them. Although you have a high regard for education, you are lazy about finding the means to get one. You have to work doubly hard to compensate for your lack of opportunities to develop your potentials. Your efforts are often unrewarding because you tend to spread your interests too widely. You must confine yourself to specific fields of endeavor if you want to derive any benefits.

You are easily victimized by the people you deal with because you are too willing to believe them, and you always give them the benefit of the doubt. You often misunderstand those who have authority over you because you don't want to hear the truth if you suspect it might be painful. In the same way, you may be misunderstood by others, who will question your motives in dealing with them.

You should try to find a career that ties in somehow with the needs of the masses. You are very sensitive to observed social injustices, and feel that if you can correct them, you will earn the appreciation of others and gain spiritual credits too.

Neptune square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The square and opposition between Neptune and the Ascendant can make us particularly insecure. Sensitivity to environment would be great whatever the aspect between these two factors, but with the hard ones we are almost completely at a loss in it. Others have no idea what is going on inside us; all they know is that we are continually reacting to them.

Owing to this combination of uncertainty and impressionability, our attitude is evasive: we do not tackle problems straightforwardly, and we tend to sidestep anyone seeking a rapprochement with us. Sometimes fantasy or a false impression leads us to get hold of the wrong end of the stick and to react badly; not in a direct way, of course - insecurity prevents us from doing that - but in such a way as to lay ourselves open to charges of dishonesty, prevarication or misrepresentation. However, all reactions are expressions of sensitivity and vulnerability. We are quickly moved, even to tears, although we do not

always show it. Others may interpret this as emotional instability.

The Ascendant also represents the body and, with a Neptune conflict, we could be physically below par - mostly due to uncertainty. When we are going through a difficult patch we may need to sleep on our problems, and we can suffer from tiredness without obvious physical cause. Flight into a private fantasy world is another possibility with the hard aspects but, because the latter are also energetic, creative talents can be wonderfully stimulated if we take up artistic or mystical pursuits.

(Betty Lundsted)

When a square or opposition aspect is formed, it indicates a difficulty assimilating the world of fantasy into the persona or in the beginnings of new life experiences. In plain English, the hard aspect can signify people who don't know what they are doing for they can't see themselves or the impression that they make on others.

When the square aspect occurs, the tendency is to pursue one end of the square for a while and then give it up to pursue the other. In order to accomplish anything worthwhile, both ends of the square have to function comfortably at the same time.

The opposition between the Ascendant and Neptune will involve a compromise. The Neptunian dream might not bring pleasure; and people with this aspect may have to learn that any misery they encounter in relationships may be caused by the fact that they have not understood what they are doing; that they are pursuing a dream or fantasy that doesn't provide satisfaction for their needs.

20) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♅ Pluto - (0°13' S)** 001 | ↻10

(Robert Pelletier)

Pluto square the Ascendant shows that you feel you are destined to have a powerful influence on the lives of the people you contact. Overly impressed with your righteousness, you feel that you alone can properly control their affairs. Nothing you observe is ever to your satisfaction, so you want to make alterations to suit yourself. Apparently your early training led you to assume that the world was waiting for you to grow up and restore order to it. With such an incredible belief in your own omnipotence, you are sure to run into major problems with those who have authority over you.

A major issue in your life will be learning to accept traditional chains of command, especially in organizations. You make an arrogant display of showmanship by assuming command that doesn't belong to you. This quality is extremely irritating to those who have to deal with you. Your behavior is probably a direct reaction to your feeling that your parents or guardians had supreme authority over you. Because of this, you became insensitive to the way people react when you assert yourself. You often show bad

judgement in making decisions, but because you are convinced that no-one should question what you do, you persist even when your error is quite obvious. You have a lot to learn about how much pressure people will tolerate from you.

Once you learn how to exercise good judgement, you can truly achieve greatness with your skillful ability to organize others to achieve your objectives. You are gifted in maintaining composure under trying conditions, and you never back down when challenged, even by the most competent adversaries.

You may have trouble in personal relationships because your demands are sometimes oppressive. Your lust for power and recognition seeps into all your affairs, so that compromise is nearly impossible.

Pluto square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hunger for power common to Pluto / Ascendant aspects is greater still when the aspects happen to be hard. Although we may feel insecure, we refuse to admit it. We are full of fight, are more ruthless than we intend, and can frighten people with a look. Our very presence is intimidating. We may not realize the force being generated by Pluto, but others feel its intensity and our readiness to go to extremes. We give the impression, without necessarily intending to do so, that the slightest opposition could lead to angry words and possibly to physical violence. For, with hard aspects of Pluto and the Ascendant, we can crush people with cruel remarks; and since Pluto encourages an eager interest in human motives and in anything suppressed or hidden, we have an unerring ability to find out the weak spots of others, and we do not hesitate to make them the butts of our poisoned verbal barbs. Obviously, with this ability we are more feared than loved. Yet it is a weapon in the power struggle that we would not lay aside for any price; and if it makes us disliked, well, Pluto gives plenty of resilience.

There is something provocative about our behavior, although not in the impulsive and cross-grained style of Uranus: Pluto causes us to act with more subtlety and more discretion, but invariably gives us the need to do our own thing regardless of whether this is socially acceptable or not. We do our own research, make our own discoveries, come to our own conclusions and formulate our own goals, and are not to be deterred from them. Therefore, this is an outstanding position for reforms; although initially we have to go through a (sometimes) not inconsiderable number of confrontations before being able to use the hard aspect rather more constructively. Our powers of penetration then enable us to see through people and their intentions, to build up a great knowledge of men and women, and to expand our view of ourselves and our surroundings by the addition of much that is new and of much that was formerly hidden. We unearth a great

deal in our restless search. Pluto, wanting more, refuses to let us rest until we have got to the bottom of things. This can be very trying, because we feel compelled to see our own depths mirrored in our surroundings. But if we make some radical changes in our life, we should be able to get in touch with these deep values.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Pluto squares or opposes the Ascendant, the life takes on a different meaning, for the hard aspect indicates individuals who were raised in a strongly manipulative atmosphere. How the manipulation works and who was doing it will be revealed by the other aspects involved with Pluto.

When the square occurs there seems to be an excessive need to be in control of the environment, and of the circumstances of life; new starts will be hampered by some unconscious motivation that is reflective of the early childhood experience. The less productive end of the square might even mean that these individuals want to control and manipulate others before new ventures can be started. When the energy is turned into a productive phase, the need to control the environment has been let go, and the inner motivation becomes joined with approvable action; they cease to view life as something that must be planned, and the energy can flow.

When Pluto opposes the Ascendant, another dilemma begins to show itself. It may look as though these individuals have chosen a controlling partner, but more probably some kind of internal battle is going on concerning a desire to control both new activities and partnerships. Giving may be a response to love that ends up being 'smother love', for the early childhood environment was strongly colored with controls.

Before one can eliminate unconscious needs to control, an understanding of the need to manipulate must take place. We are a species of imitators; if our parents play manipulation and control games, we will too, because we only have one childhood experience upon which to draw our concepts of normal behavior. In order to let go of old patterns, we must first recognize that they exist. Then each individual can consciously examine the need to continue. Unconscious patterns are the most difficult to break, for the patterns were formed many years ago and are not easy to recall.

In order to get the most out of the Ascendant qualities, the Pluto opposition needs to be understood, for it will cause a compromise to take place that ends up compromising every new endeavor. Once consciousness is applied to this aspect, it becomes a strong one indeed, and can be used in the transformation process.

21) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♅ **Neptune** - (6°44' S) ♀7 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates tendencies of psychologically based inhibitions, restrictions and frustrations which pose considerable challenges that need overcoming before the more positive characteristics of Neptune and the Sun emerge.

You tend to lack confidence in your identity and ability to achieve your ambitions. Part of this may have been derived from your parental relationships, especially with the father, as your developing nature may have experienced conflict through lack of understanding or of perceived love; it may have been that by asserting your own individuality you clashed with the stronger parental will. The results are that your self-confidence has fragmented, and that your application of will is less focused and effective, and consequently you have developed psychological defences against others and from facing personal failure.

This is displayed in escapism, and avoidance of responsibilities and of the need for self-discipline, unless a powerful Saturn in your chart can rebalance this tendency. Preferring to run away from confronting reality leads to distorted perceptions, which make careful evaluation of options difficult as well as generating fears of making decisions which may prove to be unwise. At its worst, this can create inertia through fear of taking deliberate action. These inner images of failure tend to create external failures, and so emphasise a repetitive vicious circle. Yet by linking this pattern of failure within aims and ambitions that are probably beyond your current capabilities to achieve, you also succeed in evading the realisation that you are creating most failures in your life. This is exacerbated by the dreams of the unintegrated and unfulfilled Neptune, who may be noticed as a thread of guilt related to your lack of achievement, and as an ongoing sensation of discontent. Your solar power is being diverted and dissolved by the activity of an unintegrated Neptune, and, unless you can begin to reassert this solar centre and face your Neptunian challenges, this unsatisfactory condition may continue.

These challenges can be mitigated by a decision to make sufficient effort to connect to your hidden solar centre, to move beyond those superimposed images of guilt, failure and inferiority that have developed as a defensive response to emotional pain. Such a reorientation may not be easy to make, as you will be opposing established patterns of behaviour, yet the gains that can be made are likely to transform your life.

The first step is self-acceptance, to cease any self-judgement and condemnation. Then, if you really want it to happen, feel confident that any change can occur. You have sufficient inner creativity, imagination and potential waiting to be released from imprisonment, although finding appropriate channels of expression may still take a little longer. However, you need to define any ambitions within a more realistic perspective than previously. Possibly some form of counselling may be effective in helping you gain more clarity regarding your self-potential, or workshops in selfassertion and decision-making / goal-setting. In effect, you are being asked to see yourself as a young child, ready to enter adulthood, and you are expected to recreate yourself into a new and more suitable identity. Take smaller and easily achievable steps in this process of recreation;

acknowledge that occasional failures are inevitable, but try not to turn them into traumatic dramas, and realise that success will not happen without the parallel risk of failure side by side. Everybody is a failure at something, and that isn't an excuse to condemn yourself again.

As your self-confidence grows, your life will begin to take a more positive shape. It will not happen overnight, as transforming long-established behaviour patterns cannot be achieved that quickly; but persevere, and changes can happen. Perhaps using techniques like creative visualisation and affirmations, or subliminal programming encoded on self-development cassette tapes, could strengthen this process. The essential realisation is that change is possible, and that you can achieve this in your own way; in hope lies the fountainhead of the waters of potential and transformation. Such improvements can benefit your intimate relationships too, as well as enhance your self-image, confidence and decision-making abilities.

Generally you are emotionally vulnerable, possibly exploited or abused by others, deceived or manipulated in various ways; but if these tendencies exist, they are reflections of those dominating patterns within you. There can be unusual emotional needs and desires linked with romantic idealism that are expressed in physical sexuality; these may require healing and cleansing in some way. But the proposed transformation and refinement that is implied by resolving the conflict of the Sun and Neptune would simultaneously deal with that level too.

There can be an attraction towards occultism and mysticism, which, if followed in the pre-transformation stage, can lead to self-exaltation (in contrast to an inferiority complex), and to becoming self-deluded as a voice of God or the Masters; although, if the transformation has been made, you could actually function in such a way as a purer channel. But some degree of caution and restraint may need making if you do explore such dimensions of life, as there can be an unconscious desire for selfaggrandisement operating through and motivating your actions. As the imagination aspect of Neptune is so strong, this can create inflated egotism and self-delusion where instead of finding the light you become lost in the dazzle of glamour and illusion.

22) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (2°57' A) 001 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

The main challenge facing you with the square aspect is that of discrimination between reality and unreality, between fact and fiction, and the consequences of confusion when these are not correctly perceived and established within consciousness. Volatile and tidal emotions and feelings are often intertwined with your imagination so that your perceptions are clouded by personal bias and fantasies. There is a tendency to change experiences in your own mind so that they fit more acceptable emotional patterns, yet through distorting real experiences and recreating your memories illusion spreads until

your accounts of the past and reality are at odds with those of others. Attempts to warp realities, especially those concerning others, are never welcomed and are a source of conflict within relationships. Insisting that you are right - even against the recall of several others - will eventually generate antagonism, as no-one enjoys having their reality and memory threatened by others, even if they are family members. Alternatively, you may resort to imaginatively building inner landscapes to escape into that are populated by personally satisfying fantasies; the dangers here lie in their intrusion into everyday reality.

You often feel uncomfortable with your feelings and emotions as they are not easily assimilated and integrated by you, and being liable to moods you find it difficult to feel centred in any stable emotional pattern of responses to people and life. There may have been some emotionally based difficulties in your parental relationships, especially to your mother, where emotional needs were not satisfied or where you imagine failings to have occurred. You tend to resist accepting responsibility, and can display anti-social behaviour, perhaps being contrary as a knee-jerk reaction to those inner feelings of pain and disappointment regarding social expectations, deliberately refusing to express any potential at all, acting only to assert a hurt negativity.. Possibly your earlier home life was one of change, tension, stress and confusion, maybe a broken home or an unsatisfactory parental marriage whose psychic impression has been left on you. In many ways you often feel that you are holding back the floodgates from bursting open, and these can be stresses emanating from your unconscious mind caused by unresolved and blocked powerful emotions which are seeking a cathartic release. Fear can result from this, a fear which manifests itself in a variety of ways, for example that of overstretching yourself or that of allowing yourself to be vulnerable within relationships. To diminish these pressures, some allow themselves to fall into the grip of addictions, drugs, alcohol, forms of sexual and emotional indulgences, searching for those brief periods of blankness from reality.

Yet none of this is inevitable or essential to experience. Changes can be successfully made by working with those intrinsic assets which you may have blocked so far, or whose presence you may have denied, rather than acknowledging them as gifts. Imagination is present; this can be used in positive ways. What you need to do is to build positive images of a 'new you' who has less of a chip on your heart, and who is prepared to change into a more creative and loving person.

Understanding your own nature is the first step towards being tolerant of others' weaknesses and strengths, so some form of inner psychological enquiry is required. Releasing pent-up emotional tension is essential, and should be carefully done, probably with the aid of trained counsellors or psychotherapists, because too great and sudden an emotional explosion of pressures may be more damaging than healing. Types of body work, manipulation and massage could possibly be additionally beneficial too. Acknowledging the hurt or anger in your emotions is necessary, but do not be self-condemnatory about this; accept that it is there and resolve to release it in order to allow

healing to happen. Be more open and honest in relationships concerning any feelings of confusion; try not to let them fester inside. Organise your life more consciously, determine suitable directions and aims, although ensure that they are realistic and that you can persevere in any commitment needed to achieve them, perhaps starting with easier short-term objectives. Take things steadily during this period of re-creation, for change rarely happens overnight and always needs a thorough integration into the personality. Be cautious, and begin to relate more consciously with the material level, allowing those inevitable limitations to become a necessary structure for you to grow within. Work with others, so that you realise that all need support and guidance at times in their lives from others who may be perceptive on a clearer level. Believe in your own potential, and determine to allow it access into your life.

In so doing, you can transform the negative aspects of the square into positive assets. Preferably work with more down-to-earth schools of therapy, which can then ground you better, rather than following a natural tendency towards more imaginative escapism, which can result in involvement with any religious / mystical cults that aim to fly in holy skies of grandeur and hallucinations rather than experience real life. Try to keep away from attempts to develop psychic or meduimistic abilities, as these can throw you back into that confusion of reality-unreality.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Neptune shows that you have difficulty in separating fact from fiction. Your highly developed imagination causes some confusion when you are faced with reality. You often 'adjust' the reality to what is emotionally tolerable to you. When this is not possible, you may artificially create an environment to which you can escape. You tend to reject your responsibilities, feeling that you are being persecuted by them. Your negative reaction to socially acceptable behavior may cause you to become a parasite and wastefully allow your vast potentials to disintegrate. If you will use it, your extreme sensitivity could be put to use in developing organizations to relieve socially depressed conditions. No-one needs to study human nature more than you, and, for this, an education is absolutely necessary.

Your early parental conditioning has not prepared you to accept the challenges of the harsh outer world of competition. Fear of the unknown is the greatest deterrent to your success. Your professional activities should relate to earthly enterprises in which your decisions must be approved by someone else. Be especially careful not to become involved in any suspicious alliances. When in doubt about such an alliance, reject it immediately. You are vulnerable to treachery from others who won't hesitate to dump their negative results on you. Be realistic in your ambitions and aim for goals that can be attained within the near future. Proceed with caution, one step at a time, knowing you can redefine your goals as you achieve them.

You should ask a trusted confidential friend or professional advisor to help you find the

proper perspective for your creative potentials. Don't trust to luck to see you through the initial stages of your personal or professional relationships. Believe only some of what you see, and none of what you hear.

Your greatest guilt results from letting misunderstandings grow and fester between you and your mate. What you don't know can hurt you. Eat nutritious food and be especially careful that cleanliness is a habit, not an accident. You are more open to infection than most, and must take precautions to maintain good health.

(Betty Lundsted)

The energy of this aspect manifests itself much like the Moon-Neptune conjunction, except that it is less productive. The Moon indicates how we respond emotionally, and this response is learned from the mother during the first three years of life. Neptune indicates creativity, inspiration and delusion. When this planet squares (or works against) the Moon, it usually indicates that some delusion is at hand. The circumstances of the delusion are an unknown factor of the childhood. The delusion can range from the fact that the mother 'played around' but told everyone that she was a 'goody-two-shoes' to the fact that family members lied about her. At any rate, the child born with this aspect is misinformed either by the mother herself or by the family members.

This aspect is difficult for it means that the person doesn't have a clear picture of his mother's image and cannot see how she did or didn't influence his childhood. If the person is mother-dominated, he may blame the state of his emotional problems on his father because Mother told him he should. The other aspects in the chart will either verify her story or show the individual that Mother needs to be investigated in order to gain freedom from her influence. In the case of the father-dominated person, the mother is not so important and the father may be favored, or the role Mother played may not be considered as important. In either case, the individual needs to understand the mother in order to develop the feminine function, the feeling and intuitive side of the self.

It's especially important to understand the truths of our early childhood when we are unable to live adult lives free of parental influence. If we go from one unproductive situation to another, the root cause is often within ourselves: and it is by determining what kind of 'normals' we absorbed as children that we can ultimately let go of the problem. The investigation of family patterns will not be successful when pursued with vengeance. As we mature, we begin to understand that misunderstandings created between children and parents are done by accident.

Moon square or opposition Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The significance belonging to Moon / Neptune aspect generally also belongs to the hard aspects in particular, but it is not very easy to come to terms with this energy. There are problems. For one thing, we are oversensitive; for whenever the Moon influences us to look for safety we experience a vague but unmistakable uneasiness because of the undermining, blurring effect of Neptune. Naturally, we tend to lose confidence instead of gaining it. Several unfortunate things may occur. For example, a longing for reassurance may make us too self-sacrificing. Or we may misinterpret other people's feelings - a common occurrence with these hard aspects - and fail to respond appropriately. Often we invite disillusionment, due perhaps to some infatuation; simply because we imagine everything to be more beautiful than it is, as if it were part of a storybook world. Or, by taking things the wrong way, we may sometimes appear to be deliberately manipulative and full of intrigue.

Neptune's hard aspects are supposed to be typical of cheats and swindlers. However, the astrologer should not forget that the reason for the bad behavior lies mainly in defective subconscious perceptions or emotions. Therefore we ought not to assume that the native is out to deceive us. In fact the effect can be more droll than sinister; and the native's Neptunian fantasizing can make events so bright and colorful to him that he revels in things that have not really happened. Needless to say, these aspects can be accompanied by great creativity in art and handicrafts.

Religious and spiritual interests play a part, as in all Neptune aspects. The native is continually searching, since he is very active on the Neptunian plane. With the tense aspects, he can arouse a certain amount of opposition from those around him, but this can be extremely stimulating as it can promote his spiritual growth.

(Charles Carter)

These aspect tend in the case of men to a kindly, rather easygoing character, and the probability of complications with the other sex, and probably scandal. Much must, as always, depend on other parts of the chart, but as a general rule it is a scandalengineering influence. It also often causes the wife to be an invalid, a recluse, or a nag. Neptune has high ideals, and under affliction is prone to apply them mercilessly, sometimes to the person with the affliction, sometimes to others; perhaps to both the self and others. Discontent and complaints ensue. An inability to rest satisfied with anything short of perfection is a common and a tormenting condition.

In affairs there is a tendency to intrigue, and to seek short-cuts and get-rich-quick methods. There is sometimes a subtle interior laziness, which shuns definite matter-of-fact views, and seeks to meander in fantasy. A legitimate outlet for these romantic tendencies is very much to be desired in such cases.

In women there is a high emotional tension with various forms of manifestation. From a

moral point of view they run from the deceptive and untruthful to those who are unreliable owing to the instable character of their feelings. There is also a distinct liability to be deceived by others and to suffer various forms of disillusion. Neptunian traits often appear in the husband even with the lunar affliction, and similarly with the father. This, I know, is quite contrary to accepted teachings, in which the moon is always referred to the mother, but the evidence is pretty clear. Thus, running down my list of six female cases with Moon in bad aspect to Neptune, I find: two cases where the father was a minister of religion, two where he was an artist, and two where he was a muddler.

In the case of men it seems that one or other of the parents is often of a harsh - sometimes a rigid disciplinarian or Puritanic - type. I have noticed this in several cases wherein the Moon was afflicted only by Neptune.

I have known instances wherein the square seems to have denoted a parasitical tendency, the native being of an easy-going, put-off-the-evil-day type, but as a rule receiving help in his difficulties from others.

The tendency to resort to spiritualistic practices is common under these configurations; and this I attribute to the inborn desire of the Neptunian to rise to something above and beyond earthly interests. Moreover, the 'messages' delivered by mediums are often of a comforting and optimistic character, and this is helpful to the anxious frame of mind that Moon-Neptune afflictions are apt to generate. Further, Neptune, through its connection with the 12th house, has an affinity with death and the dead, and these aspects sometimes cause the native to be obsessed by thoughts of the hereafter. These proclivities seem commoner in women than in men, whose activities depend on solar rather than lunar configurations.

23) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (2°07' A) 001 | ♄10

(Haydn Paul)

Intimate relationships may be difficult, with emotions intense and extreme. An atmosphere of emotional brooding may surround you; and others may prefer to withdraw as they sense elemental danger.

Needs for control influence choices and actions; you believe your environment and emotions need controlling to avoid 'threats' from others. This increases your preference for relationship dominance, often demanding that others acquiesce to your desires and wishes, yet this will inevitably imbalance relationships. You intend to rule, and will never willingly be submissive. If forced to do so by partner or employer, you will later try to undermine their dominance by subversive efforts to regain control. You can react almost violently toward anyone trying to change you, and may deliberately act in more extreme ways when displaying the behaviour that another hopes to change.

You are a natural loner, impatient and potentially aggressive in attitude unless carefully controlled and moderated. Self-expression is often direct, with a style lacking in social graces and diplomacy, sometimes abrasive and brusque, especially with those you do not respect. This can create work and social problems; but these do not particularly bother you, as you prefer to be true to yourself. What you do need is to retain self-integrity and discover how to maintain a positive relationship with others.

You hate feeling restricted, and chafe against any imprisoning bonds, even if these were self-imposed for reasons which existed at the time. You are ambivalent toward the past, and often want to forget it as having little relevance; at other times, you display an attachment to it, attempting to reinvoke it. At least you know the past; the future sometimes scares you, stirring uneasy feelings, especially as this cannot be controlled.

You may find difficulty dealing with powerful feelings of destructive energy, an urge to smash and break down obstacles that prevent you from enjoying freedom. This inner state generates tensions and pressures which you control and repress, afraid that, if unleashed at an appropriate time, much damage could be caused. It can be hard for others to understand how this sensation of destructive emotional energy shapes and restricts you. You also find it difficult to discover how to release this energy constructively; but it is essential that relationship conflicts be reduced. You may often force issues, releasing this energy in confrontations which create sudden and dramatic life changes, despite intending this simply to release inner pressures which increase whenever you feel as if you are not in control. Your tendency is to explode - or to implode - to stimulate a necessary transformation that can create space for changes to occur.

You need to trust more - your family, intimate partners, and others. Try to communicate your feelings and difficulties so that others can help you to release them less abrasively. Compromise is essential; the world does not revolve around your needs and desires, and living together requires mutual benefit and support. Redirecting self-preoccupation toward helping others could become a way for emotional intensity to flow safely outward, reducing inner pressure.

A deeper self-understanding, perhaps through courses and study in psychology, occultism, meditation, and self-exploration, would benefit you considerably, and give insight into the energies and levels of consciousness which create the complexity of the human personality.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Moon square Pluto, you are a deep-feeling person who finds it difficult to let go of the past. You are apprehensive about the future and often withdraw defensively. Early parental conditioning may have been responsible for the way you anticipate danger as you face life's problems. Perhaps the relationship with your parents was strained; you

felt rejected because you could not discern the love behind their discipline.

You tend to be a loner, but when you do relate to others you often force yourself on them. The result is that they become intolerant of your demanding nature. You expect others to make adjustments to satisfy your expectations of them. You have a lot to learn about human nature; until you do, you may suffer defeat and emotional anxiety. Try to examine situations intellectually and judge them fairly.

Emotional responsibility tends to be a burden. You want to enjoy the pleasures of love without having any limitations imposed on you. With your ardent nature you are inclined to form close but temporary ties based on physical expression.

You are an extremist in your relationships, and you need to learn the art of tender loving care. You must give others the opportunity to show they care for you without forcibly extracting this response from them. If you can modify your rather negative attitude, both you and your partner can derive mutual excitement and reward.

You should seek occupations involving the public so you can observe how people deal with one another. Learn to compromise when it will help you reach your goals. Recommended fields include rehabilitation and physical therapy, welfare programs, social security, or any occupation that helps the disadvantaged to reconstruct their lives in spite of severe limitations. As you assist others, you will realize how useful you can be when motivated by a concern for others. If you can redirect your selfpreoccupation toward others, you will be enriched more than you know.

To stay in good health, you must occasionally unwind and get away from it all. Problems may develop in the generative organs, and you should have periodic checkups, if only to keep your mind free of anxiety.

Be cautious about indulging in any aspect of the occult. You may be unable to keep the information that you gain in proper perspective without becoming confused.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect has much of the same energy that is present with the conjunction, except that it may be more excessive or obsessive. The Moon indicates how the mother responds emotionally to her environment when the child is developing his emotional responses. Pluto represents transformational energy: on the one hand it indicates the ability to transform the self; on the other hand, the energy of the square usually manifests in a subconscious urge to control others, to manipulate life so that one always knows where one stands. The low form of the energy shows more readily in the hard aspects.

In order to channel this energy for constructive use, the formation of the original pattern

must be consciously understood. The mother of this individual needs to manipulate her universe; she controls her husband, family, friends and neighbors, and this child assumes her response is 'normal'. The area of emotional control can be determined more fully by the house placements and signs involved in the square. In order to be free of oppressive energy, this person needs to understand how he imitates his mother in his own personal life, how he manipulates those around him, and the manner in which he attempts to control others. He got the pattern from his mother. The person with this aspect can be obsessive about people he loves. He needs to learn spontaneity, for he often plans everything in his life and becomes upset when his plans don't work out. Creative and intuitive energy comes out when manipulation and control stop.

Each possible square between the Moon and Pluto can be discovered by working with the planets and the signs involved in the square. Each of us must discover the interpretation for ourselves, remembering that the aspect looks like one thing to an outsider and feels very different to the person who owns it. The house placement of the square comes into play too, for the emotional responses (other than love) that will involve the critical Pluto energy can be described by the houses holding the Moon and Pluto.

Any square between the Moon and Pluto will be similar in that the mother controlled her universe the best way she could, and her child will imitate her. The person with this aspect will hesitate to embrace emotional involvements, for he wants to maintain control. The differences in interpretation will be the kinds of emotional responses and kinds of control involved in the aspect, for these adjectives come from the signs.

A woman with this aspect may appear to be cold, or she can obsess over any new emotional involvement. A man with this aspect often manipulates his relationships with women and plays all kinds of subtle control games. Anyone with this aspect who is not yet conscious of it can make others feel emotionally drained; sometimes the Moon-Pluto square loses out on relationships because they won't give the loved one breathing space.

Moon square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard Moon / Pluto aspects have very intense and forceful forms of expression. Whenever we look for security, we have a painful sense of insecurity. All kinds of unconscious and repressed contents obtrude themselves or, at any rate, affect the emotional health, and this is very unsettling.

More strongly than we would with the harmonious aspects, we feel impelled to ferret out whatever is hidden, to discover the source of things; and often we run up against very deep problems in ourselves and others. Since the hard aspects activate us, we feel

impelled to do something. We may want to be maternal, but without having to expose our feelings - like a kind of Mother Superior. In everyday life, this aspect can express itself, for example, in the desire to accept, help and emotionally support everyone, while perhaps being very stoical and self-denying.

There is also a penchant for breaking taboos of every kind. Taboos always restrict freedom of action, or so we believe. Transforming Pluto makes us want to do away with limitations in order to rule the situation ourselves. Like the aspects of Uranus, these aspects have something provocative about them, but in a more subtle way. We oscillate between inferiority and superiority feelings, and this turns us into restless seekers. We are not very easy to get along with in our emotional contacts: although we may be utterly devoted to someone, we can be equally demanding. Pluto is never satisfied. Probably the search will extend to the impersonal realm of mystery, the esoteric, the veiled and the invisible. It is possible for us to travel very far in this realm.

We can get people's backs up with our endless demands, and sometimes with our over-direct (even brazen) interest. Folk feel spied on and manipulated; yet we can benefit from our hassles with them, which give us insight into our own behavior as well as that of others, and also teach us about how we interact.

24) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (3°23' A) ♄6 | ♄9

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars square Saturn, you alternate between periods of aggression and periods of recession and apathy. You are constantly at war with yourself because you cannot resolve this problem, which is not an easy one, as your experience has shown. Even when you gather the will to assert yourself, you are apprehensive that your timing may be off. Likewise, when inertia prevails, you realize you should have taken advantage of an opportunity earlier. Only time will improve your capacity to correctly judge when you should take action.

You will have to be very careful not to become embittered by your occasional setbacks. If you can learn from them, you are ahead because of the experience. Potentially you can accomplish much, once you know your limits. You can excel in occupations requiring endurance and follow-through, as in the fields of military service, land development, sports, and physical therapy. In whatever profession you follow, you must be willing to start at the bottom and work your way to the top. There is no easy way to gain a position of authority - you must earn it. Any shortcuts to the top are at best hazardous, because your position will be insecure.

Your greatest lessons in life will probably be learned through your relationships with others. You don't always know just how much you can assert yourself in your associations. You especially need to develop your opinion of yourself by learning to use

your talents so skillfully that you never need to feel threatened by anyone else. You must develop self-confidence about meeting challenge and competitors. When you say 'No!' you must mean it, and when you say 'Yes!' it should be with firm conviction based on reason. You must especially avoid vacillation and indecision, because they raise doubts about your credibility.

Your romantic relationships are ensnarled with inconsistencies of temperament and emotional intent. You suffer deeply if your advances are rejected by someone. It is possible for you to become vindictive and even use physical violence against people you don't really want to hurt. You tend to hurt the one you love without realizing it.

Caution in all physical activities is advised, because this planetary combination inclines to accidents and broken bones. Be particularly careful around machinery, and when you are unsure whether you can do something that requires considerable physical strength, don't.

(Betty Lundsted)

The 'I act' principle conflicts with 'I take seriously' or 'I regard with caution'. The father's influence on this individual's psyche built an atmosphere of mistrust or fear - he did not encourage the individual's actions. Authority seems to be the 'thing in the way' of personal action. The person often feels that all authority figures (Daddy, teachers, bosses, men in general) are against whatever he may be trying to do. As an employee, he can appear as a subversive type for he may develop a strong antiauthority complex. The aspect can indicate a rebel, a rabble-rouser, or someone who works to change the status quo. The energy has to be directed, for action must be taken from a constructive point. As a youth, this person may be so negative to authority figures that he 'cuts off his nose to spite his face'.

As far as sexuality is concerned, there is a seriousness to it that is unwarranted, and self-imposed restrictions on sexuality are the result of a subconscious fear caused by the father early in life. Men have been traditionally expected to enjoy sex with many women; we have been trained to think that men should enjoy any sexual contact. Men with this aspect seldom do, however, for they find few partners pleasing, and when they do, they fall deeply in love. The female reacts the same way, and, depending on the freedom of the generation she was born into, her sexual enjoyment may vary considerably. In this day and age, many women are experimenting with sexual freedom, and some women with this aspect are shocked, since few men appeal to them. Some of the women married early, have had a family, a husband, and no sexual pleasure, for they married before trying sex.

The aspect doesn't completely restrict sexual feeling, but it's difficult for these individuals to find a pleasing sexual partner. Once that is understood, people who have the aspect can cease judging themselves so harshly. The original sexual restriction had something

to do with the father and his influence on a small child. Sometimes analysis can help to get to the root of the problem; sometimes selfdiagnosis can do it. At any rate, this aspect indicates serious and loyal people, for once they make an emotional or sexual commitment, they mean it.

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.

25) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ☿ Uranus** - (3°07' S) 001 | 119

(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.

26) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°26' A) 001 | 119

(Haydn Paul)

Potentially, these two disparate planetary energies can be reconciled; and you will probably feel a more positive and optimistic attitude than is common with the other Moon-Saturn aspects.

Your personality is relatively stable; and, in developing a suitable life-style, you will demonstrate resourceful and practical skills. You are reliable, and persevere to fulfil your duties and responsibilities, whether domestic or family, or through career, social, and civic involvements.

Your outlook may be cautious and conservative, respecting social rules and traditions, preferring to live by self-conformity to 'civilised behaviour'. You may view social experimentation and radical ideas to change cultural establishments with unease and suspicious concern, preferring the familiar and trusted ways. However, you also do recognize the renewing virtue of change, and will support change if you believe it will be beneficial; yet change for change's sake you will view with distaste.

Establishing firm life foundations is seen as important. This motivation may have come from valuing childhood stability and permanence, where you felt safe within a secure home and enjoyed the comforting presence of parents. You realize that 'successful building' depends on right foundations. Following this 'pattern' will increase the likelihood of success in any endeavours, whether in business, career, marriage, or family life. You may benefit from inheritance, perhaps in business or through some type of institutional involvement.

You apply shrewd, pragmatic common sense to your affairs, preferring either selfemployment or positions of authority and responsibility, where opportunities to express potential are more available. You have creative abilities, although these may be directed along traditional channels, into business or career. The spheres of law, medicine, engineering, politics, management, and education may especially attract. You tend to be a good worker, believing that to gain benefits you need to wholeheartedly

commit your efforts to tasks.

You are rarely emotionally effusive; and you may seem austere and privately withdrawn. You prefer to remain in control and be reasonably stable; and yet feelings can be displayed honestly and in a straightforward manner, ensuring that others know what you think and feel about things. Emotional manipulation and distorted relationships are anathema to you; and you dislike anyone acting in such a way.

Friendships are founded on mutual compatibility, trust, and faith in genuine care and support for each other, although each has to be an independent personality and secure in his or her self-esteem; you are not interested in dependent personalities whose emotional vacillations and confusion may agitate the emotional unease that can be hidden within you.

You are cautious in making emotional decisions, taking time to evaluate your feelings and instincts, knowing that they offer valid messages, and yet also recognising that you may not listen to them enough. Once certain, you commit yourself, especially in a marriage or partnership context; and you will expect similar clarity and commitment from your partner. Maturity and emotional stability are necessary in a partner, and you dislike emotional changeability; if you find the right partner, much of your creativity will flow into the relationship, so that it develops and progresses for mutual benefit.

(Robert Pelletier)

Although the Moon trine Saturn makes you conservative and cautious, you are nevertheless very creative and for the most part optimistic. Your parents have given you a solid background in training so that you possess a reasonable degree of common sense. You maintain a respect for tradition, but also appreciate the value of change when it seems productive. You are emotionally stable and resourceful and realize that to benefit from something you must make an investment in personal effort. You don't expect to get anything without making a contribution for it. Your friends always know how you feel about them, and you never knowingly violate their trust.

Engineering, industrial management, politics, education, law, and public relations are some of the professions you could follow with reasonable assurance of success. These fields would give you many opportunities to demonstrate how useful you can be even under very demanding circumstances and responsibility. Your retentive memory is a great help at such times. You appreciate any job in which you can exploit your considerable potentials, but you may lean toward accepting a position of leadership, for which you are suited. In fact, the chances are good that you will gain a position of authority in any field you select.

Though your circle of friends may not be wide, you enjoy the lasting friendship of those friends you have. The mutual trust and understanding between you constantly enriches

your life and theirs. You respect only those who have self-respect, and you look for the same quality in a prospective marriage partner. You do not make any decisions without a careful investigation, especially where your feelings are concerned. Always one to observe the rules, you are unlikely to consent to a permissive relationship without some binding agreement. But you would agree to a marriage contract only if your partner realized the full implication of such an agreement. Because you bring so much creative effort into a relationship, its success is practically assured. Your mate must also uphold the contract you've made together and be willing to work to sustain your mutual interests above everyone else's.

As a parent, you would be a disciplinarian, but merciful and loving. You would encourage and strengthen the individuality of your children, as long as it is positively directed.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with this aspect will not be as frivolous as those born without it. However, they are not as depressive as those born with the Moon-Saturn affliction. This child arrives in an atmosphere where the father works co-operatively with the mother and vice versa; the parents present a united front, even if it is a rather sombre one. The child learns to work through emotional problems; he offers himself carefully in a relationship, for emotions are not treated lightly. The chance of starting a relationship that works through all the possibilities, that leaves no stone unturned, that explores all its potential, comes out of this aspect.

As far as career is concerned, this aspect makes for a careful thinker, someone who is reasonable in crisis situations, a person who doesn't fly off the handle in spontaneous reactions. This is a diplomatic personality.

Moon trine or sextile Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even harmonious aspects between the Moon and Saturn give a feeling of vulnerability, and are associated with soberness, industry and the acceptance of responsibility. Again, expressing emotions does not come easy and these people like to put on a front of self-discipline, etiquette and respectability. They are admired for an ability to remain calm and collected in all circumstances, yet inside are full of doubts and fears.

Harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects usually indicate a serious outlook and a practical approach to things. This, combined with the determination to finish everything they start (due to a highly developed sense of responsibility), can take them far in society. But emotionally they have problems; children with these (and other) Moon / Saturn aspects

are never really young and playful. They frequently form friendships with older boys and girls.

Women with Moon / Saturn aspects have difficulty in expressing femininity, even when the aspect is harmonious. This can increase emotional insecurity and / or make them behave in a forceful, mannish way, or else in a motherly, organizing way. They find emotional fulfillment by being in charge; although, even with a harmonious aspect, loved ones are kept at arm's length to some extent.

Men with one of these aspects tend to be attracted by women of the Saturnine type; that is to say, they prefer partners who are rather older and more mature - certainly not women who are sprightly and playful.

People with harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects can often be very constructive within an existing framework. The Moon and Saturn are always the two main form-givers: the Moon of formed content and Saturn of the structure and backbone of external form. When something has to be enlarged, structurally improved and preserved, those with harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects are in their element. They are not required to display initiative, which we would have to look for in other chart factors anyway.

(Charles Carter)

These aspects are frequently of a basic character, influencing the fundamentals of the native's temperament. Provided that the chart as a whole is of a good type, the nature is deepened and rendered capable of serious and responsible work, with excellent powers of organising and controlling and a marked degree of personal dignity - that may sometimes destroy the sense of humour when the native's self-respect appears to be in jeopardy. There is often a large amount of matter-of-factness and a practical and limited outlook on life. Duty plays a large part in the motives, and obligations are performed carefully and exactly. The contact is scarcely democratic in its influence, and there is an inclination to like people in their proper places. Similarly, the mental and emotional aspects of the life are organised and arranged. The emotions are usually steady, with some tendency to depression.

There is usually affection and well-merited respect for the mother, but unless both bodies are well-placed she is liable to die early or suffer misfortunes. It seems to lessen the number of children and sometimes cause them to be a heavy responsibility.

It is favourable for business life and for practical work that calls for care and prudence rather than energy or originality - which is often defective. It is good for work in connection with houses or land, and any sort of caretaking or management where conscientious work is called for, but it is not so good where affection is required, as in care for the young.

It is distinctly good for worldly success, or, perhaps one should rather say, for the retention and proper use of success, if the rest of the chart permits of its attainment. Sometimes rank and position result from family connections or are inherited - there is often a sort of relation between family and position, or the native assumes a place as a successor to someone else, but does not create it. For example, a professor who occupies a seat that has been vacated by his predecessor, a minister of state, the president of a society, or the editor of an established paper. Thus the position is usually one of a successive line, and the native inherits some kind of tradition. If the chart is strong, the native develops and improves his office and maintains the tradition with success and dignity, but even when the two bodies are technically in good aspect, other flaws in the horoscope may lead to downfall and the characteristics of the inharmonious contacts.

Generally this combination preserves the health by influencing the native to be prudent and regular in habits, and it is particularly good in old age. But it does not confer robust health.

27) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (3°35' S) 1311 | 117

(Robert Pelletier)

Mercury trine Jupiter shows that you have a high level of comprehension, and your inspiration actively provides you with ideas for fulfilling your creative potentials. You have an optimistic and fresh outlook on life, and an explicit belief in your capacity to succeed. You are already a veritable encyclopaedia of information, and merely need some direction for applying it. You are indulgent and sometimes pompous about your knowledge, but you will be criticized if you do nothing with it. There is so much you can accomplish with a minimum of effort that it would be sad indeed if you did not distinguish yourself in some achievement.

Education is especially suited to your talents; but journalism, foreign correspondence, law, or counselling young people and children, are all avenues through which your creative abilities could be expressed. In any of these fields of endeavor, you would rise to prominence quickly. You learn rapidly and retain what you learn, so you would be a valuable asset to any company that hires you.

You are a person of integrity, with high standards of behavior. Because of this, you can win the esteem of persons in high places, who could safely delegate you to represent them. You would handle the opportunity well, for your manners are good, and you can fit in easily with any level of society. Your polish and sophistication do not alienate you from the average person because you never lose the 'common touch'. You are probably sought after to grace important local and state functions, and you are on a first-name basis with important political personalities.

Your breezy manner endears you to a wide circle of friends. You are tolerant of other people's weak moments, knowing that times will eventually straighten things out. You stimulate the best in people, and they are impressed with your kind and affable disposition.

You are an enjoyable partner to the one you love because you have a good sense of humour and enjoy a variety of interests. Life is never boring when you are around, and everyone who knows you delights in your company. Children love you and are comfortable with you, for they know that you don't expect them to behave as adults. You are like a big brother or sister to them.

This combination of planets does not have any negative physical effects. Your general feeling of well-being comes from being optimistic and not allowing problems to fester in your imagination.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect bestows natural talents. The childhood environment of this person is open, progressive, and supportive of him as far as relating is concerned. He feels encouraged by his parents; his mind develops. This person is willing to share knowledge with others. As an adult, sharing thoughts in a relationship will be relatively easy. He enjoys communication and listening to the other person. The most profitable kinds of communication can be diagnosed from the houses and signs involved in the trine.

Because the trine is considered an easy aspect, it may not be noticed since we tend to give more attention to those aspects with which we are forced to struggle. The aspect can be wasted on prolific conversations, procrastination, etc..

Mercury trine or sextile Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Jupiter and Mercury in harmonious aspect widen the interests just as much as they do when conjunct, and make us just as cordial, jovial and enthusiastic when talking to others. With these aspects, we often strike others as being very likeable. What is more, we have a very encouraging style of speaking, because we habitually look on the bright side. With these aspects, we like to be well-informed and to make a synthesis of all the facts and figures we collect. Arriving at a coherent view of things is very important. But, as in all of Jupiter's aspects, there is a measure of self-conceit.

We are naturally rather pedantic, and can become outstanding teachers who are able to impart knowledge with enthusiasm and authority; in everyday intercourse this is not

always appreciated, however. Through the lack of resistance from the environment (characteristic of the harmonious aspects) we have less feedback about when we are going too far, and so, not knowing when to hold ourselves in check, we run the risk of appearing unpleasantly cocksure. On the other hand, we can give way generously if need be. That is to say, we are prepared to show tolerance and understanding.

Whatever widens the mental horizons is found here in all its forms: study, travel, multifarious interests - an eye on the future. But because we assimilate facts so effortlessly and because the harmonious aspects are not as energy-packed as they might be, we may be lazy or take things easy because they are going so well. Therefore the full potential of these aspects is not always realized, even though they are very promising.

28) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♀ **Jupiter** - (0°48' A) ♃3 | ♃7

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine of Venus to your Jupiter shows that your inner poise enables you to view people and circumstances optimistically. You are rarely disturbed by negative elements in society because you have faith that everything will eventually turn out right. Most of the time you are cheerful, but when conditions warrant it, you can be serious. Your happy disposition bolsters people out of depression, and they feel they are not as badly off as they had thought. You meet people more than halfway because you are generous, understanding, and sympathetic. Others are not aware that you are not always as troublefree as it seems, for you do not wear your problems on your sleeve. You don't share your difficulties with those who have enough problems of their own. Nor do you attempt to fight 'city hall', preferring to quietly take care of your affairs with little or no fanfare. You may gain attention, but you don't seek it.

Your talent in handling people suits you to work in public relations, social organizations, artistic endeavors, or any occupation that serves the public needs or desires. You have a great appreciation for art and could find much satisfaction in some aspect of that field. Perhaps decoration, design, and fabrication could provide you with meaningful employment.

You have a strong sense of ethics and social decorum. You always try to put your best foot forward and reach out to people with sincerity and honesty. You disdain anything vulgar or obscene, and abhor being with individuals whose attitudes are perverse. You prefer to associate with well-mannered persons who conduct themselves with propriety. Music, art, drama, and dancing are delights that enrich your everyday existence. You enjoy good food, the company of friendly people, and pleasant social activities.

You are drawn to individuals who are traditional in their conduct. In a romantic relationship, you are especially fascinated by persons who are not pretentious about

their expectations of you. You want honesty between you and your lover and, above all, sincerity. You want to be respected and admired for not indulging in public displays of love, for you feel that such things should be reserved for the intimate moments when you are alone together.

You feel self-assured about what you want most in life, and you should enjoy marital and domestic harmony. Because you are able to make adjustments to what you want, you are likely to get them.

(Betty Lundsted)

Many think that this is a creative aspect, for Venus indicates an appreciation of beauty and the arts; and Jupiter indicates our ability to expand, and sometimes abundance. When the two are in trine aspect, it implies that the mother of the native is able to relate her concept of femininity and feeling in a constructive manner. She demonstrates the ability to give and receive love easily when this person is forming a personality (age 0-3). The individual learns to respond to works of art, to beauty, and to relating in general. This usually is the mark of one who falls in love with a constructive person, who enjoys a lovely home, literature, the classics. This individual is able to appreciate the love given to him, and can graciously accept any favor or gift.

Such people are inspiring to be around, for their enjoyment of life is obvious. However, the impact of the aspect will be curtailed if the Moon is afflicted.

Venus trine or sextile Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the natal horoscope has Venus and Jupiter in harmony, we stroke people as being very charming and friendly. We mingle social graces and geniality, and instinctively know how to be popular. With a kindly word, a friendly gesture or the latest joke, we get people on our side. No wonder these aspects are reckoned to be among the most useful to own.

The ease with which we sail through life is based largely on the way in which we inspire confidence. These are really beautiful aspects for forming secure relationships and for success in love and in material things - provided we can rule ourselves. The harmony of the aspects should keep us relatively free from marital problems. However, Jupiter increases the demands of Venus and may leave us continually wanting more emotional satisfaction and more material possessions. Therefore, we do not always find permanently happy marriages under these aspects. Nevertheless, there will certainly be a high degree of stability in a relationship.

Loyalty, cheerfulness, affability and a fondness for amusements and luxuries are characteristic.

(Charles Carter)

Nearly all, or perhaps quite all, of the persons known to me with this combination are by no means placid or tranquil by nature, as might be expected from a good configuration of the benefics. The great gift of the combination seems to be grace of expression, although this may be expressed in some forms only. A case like that of Tennyson shows that the grace of expression may be expressed only through writing, for he was often gruff in his behavior. Sometimes there are oratorical abilities. As a rule, the grace is verbal, but sometimes it would be more true to say that there is an attractive grace of demeanour. I have occasionally noticed this even in persons with Venus and Jupiter in bad aspect, provided they are in congenial signs.

Often the feelings are capricious and restless, so that connubial happiness does not always accompany this contact, nor is the native always happy in disposition: its chief influence seems certainly to be in the direction of art and literature.

It promotes popularity and affection, so benefitting anyone who has to do with the public, especially in the way of amusing or pleasing them. It is less good for those who must correct or instruct.

The effects of this combination on the health are considerable, and it seems to promote longevity, perhaps because the influence of Venus tempers and moderates the Jovian tendency towards excess and hazardous conduct.

29) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°52' S) ♅6 | ♆10

(Haydn Paul)

The energies of the trine should enable you to become a practical idealist, where the spheres of personal relationships and social obligations are highlighted in your experience. Mars will provide you with a powerhouse of energy to use, and Neptune will indicate suitable directions for expression.

This will be through a heart sensitivity to the problems of others, either individually or on a more impersonal, collective scale, and you will feel motivated to share in aspects of social responsibility. Fortunately, most of your personal aims can be achieved within such a framework, and so you may be attracted towards socially orientated work, especially in the fields of welfare, medicine, community aid and physical therapy. In such ways, you feel able to share your energy by supporting others who may be struggling in life, perhaps through ill-health, disadvantaged social conditions, or family problems. There

is a natural sympathy, and your compassionate approach will often lead to many sharing their problems with you. It may be that at times you will need to cleanse yourself of 'accumulated suffering' absorbed from such work, and forms of negativity-releasing meditations or psychic protection are advised; otherwise, you may experience your level of vitality dropping under the burdens that you choose to take.

Even if you do not adopt the Neptunian way as a profession, your closer social friends will recognise this quality of support within you, and will often turn to you for a helping hand and a listening heart, coming away feeling less burdened, more inspired and sharing in your confident energy that all will be right (or that they can at least cope successfully). This is an aspect of a healing energy that you can transmit, and which is often connected to an acute inner sensitivity to the environment and people's emotions. This empathy is a key to your potential effectiveness in relationships, an intuitive knowing of how to respond and what type of support can be offered. Some may consciously gravitate towards areas of spiritual / occult healing techniques, and this could be an effective channel to explore.

Your intimate love life should be reasonably satisfying, often with a strong emphasis on physical and heart energies, possibly with some intense and passionate romances. Once you settle with a stable partner, you will appreciate those deep emotional bonds, those subtle empathies and feelings of real relationship that can be established through mutual love. Generally, your partnerships are honest and direct: friendship and goodwill for each other are strong, and genuine feelings for people with whom you have shared intimacies can still persist even after a relationship has ceased. Some relationships end in perpetual bitterness and mutual conflict; but whilst recognising that love can fade, you prefer to separate on good terms. People can benefit through contact with you, and finding a suitable partner can offer you an opportunity for considerable mutual inner growth and enjoyment.

There can be an attraction towards more dramatic expressions of the energies of these two planets, perhaps one where flamboyance is possible, such as the theatre, acting, dance, or where physical culture is emphasised. In some, the Martian energy to act is focused through spheres of Neptunian creativity, design, art, literature, film, photography. The trine often appears in charts of creative people, as the energy helps the process of anchoring the idea, vision or intention. You should find that you can achieve your goals, making the most out of the potential and opportunities that are presented to you; allowing scope to your imagination and then acting on it is the key to success.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between Mars and Neptune shows that you have successfully integrated your aggressive and desirous nature with your social responsibilities. You can satisfy personal goals and objectives without sacrificing your impersonal obligations. Because

you understand your deepest biological urges, you are able to control them, realizing there is a time and a season for everything. You are sympathetic with those who are less fortunate in managing their impulses, and readily 'lend an ear' when others want to unburden themselves or discuss their problems. Your inner perception is highly developed to detect sincerity or dishonesty in people.

Your inspiration and driving ambition to serve others are particularly suited to welfare programs, medicine, law, or physical therapy. Your healing abilities would astonish even a professional practitioner, who may not realize that your success results from helping people cope with spiritual as well as physical problems. You would bring special insight to psychology, group encounter therapy, and other rehabilitative techniques.

If you are motivated to seek personal acclaim, you could pursue a theatrical career as an actor, dancer, or stage designer. You have a flair for effective delivery, and your sensitivity brings out a warm, emotional response in others.

Your romantic life is uncomplicated but still very exciting. Because of your poise and personal dignity, you enjoy warm and tender relationships with the opposite sex. You maintain honest and sincere ties with those you love, and willingly sever ties with those whose interest in you seems to be waning. Their love may fade, but they will never fail to respect you completely for all your good qualities. You hold others simply by your magnetism, charm and sociability, and you know how to bring enthusiasm and joy into the life of the one you love.

30) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♃ **Pluto** - (1°42' S) ♄6 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

The energy and qualities released through the trine aspect can be quite beneficial and socially constructive. In many ways, you should find this an uncomplicated and straightforward aspect to live and work with.

You will feel at ease in applying your potent will-power to ensure the success of any aims that you clearly decide to achieve and which are realistically within your scope. You are likely to observe over time that, when necessary, the self-discipline required to direct your will consistently in the chosen direction also stimulates an inner change to occur, whereby your qualities and talents seem to be remixed or rebalanced according to the needs of your objectives. This can be very useful as a regeneration of the inner life to reflect a pattern of internal harmony, in which conflicting energies and tendencies are no longer competing for expression and diverting your attention away from your purpose. However, this process should only occur during phases where you need to be intensely one-pointed and concentrated enough to make your decisive active step, and should not be encouraged to continue, as the result may be a repression of aspects of your personality and a pushing them down into the unconscious mind. See it as a temporary

'selective tightening' necessary for a short time, and then allow a relaxation and a release of these temporarily unexpressed aspects to be free again in your personality.

You tend to have insight into people and situations, and the capacity for direct, realistic analysis. You prefer to allow space for others to be themselves, being quite tolerant of most people - providing they are not causing deliberate harm or taking advantage of others. In addition, you have a clear sense of interrelationship with society, and feel that you have a natural responsibility to use your energies in a socially constructive way. In particular, you take a certain pleasure in attempting to resolve social problems by becoming involved with social pressure groups which indicate directions to follow which they believe would be socially beneficial. You can become very committed to supporting causes that you have faith in, devoting time and energy to furthering the cause, and in being true to yourself and your personal beliefs. The only point to bear in mind with such a tendency is the need for an ongoing evaluation of belief and self, to determine your current standpoint and to allow it to change and evolve naturally, as you develop through time and greater life experience; belief should not be an unquestioning, static position.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars trine Pluto, your aggressiveness is well aligned with your dedication to causes. You can be effective in solving awesome problems in society because you have a deep understanding of those problems and their origin. You offer your services out of a spiritual conviction that you are obliged to do something constructive about your surroundings. You may even feel that as a member of society you have contributed to the problems. On the other hand, the ease of this planetary aspect may enable you to dispassionately detach yourself from any responsibility and remain simply an observer.

Your ardent sexual nature is reasonably under control. You are intensely concerned that the object of your affection truly cares for you in more ways than just as a lover. You expect more than a physical expression of love, and you offer more than this in your love. The physical release you seek is enriched by a shared spiritual union. Your loving nature extends in many directions to transform those you contact socially and emotionally.

You aren't preoccupied with power as an instrument for gain, but see it rather as a force for continued growth. You realize that life is a continuing spiritual process in which patterns of ever-increasing awareness unfold. Recognizing that everyone has his or her own level of development, you are tolerant when others occasionally stumble. You will offer your hand in assistance when you are needed, but rarely interfere except to avert an impending tragedy.

You are fearless in defending your rights and may surprise your friends with your ruthless courage in the face of overwhelming odds. You can draw on vast sources of spiritual energy to sustain you through the most difficult crises.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents the action principle; when it trines Pluto (our unconscious motivation), it indicates that the energies can merge in a productive manner. This individual was encouraged in childhood to express himself, to co-operate with groups, to act for the common good of the family. The collective images in the psyche may influence actions that are taken, but in a constructive manner. The creative facet of the aspect may not be used early in the life, for this individual will be coping with the more difficult configurations in his or her birth chart at that time.

Mars trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We have a great need to prove ourselves and to exercise power. In many instances, we manage to engineer circumstances in which - to a greater or lesser extent - we end up in a position of authority, even if it is only by doing something others cannot do. We have an unbelievable fund of energy, and, even if physical strength is limited, mental power and perseverance enable us to fight our way through.

We are often very self-willed with these aspects, and the fact that they are harmonious does not save us from confrontations. We enter into the latter with head held high, determined not to be done down, and becoming very angry when we are. Our grim determination can achieve a great deal, but can also isolate us somewhat from those around us. Even the easy aspects do not enable us to take things easy.

We can go far if we know how to use our energy constructively; but, by the same token, can go badly astray if we take a wrong turning. Easy aspects are actually the worst aspects when it comes to persisting in the wrong direction until finally being pulled up short by a dead end. But, as already mentioned, resilience is great; so that, in principle, we can overcome all our problems. Pluto is insatiable and will never be satisfied with what Mars can do. We expect a lot from ourselves with these aspects, and may overtax our strength, although the danger is not so great as in the hard aspects.

31) ► **Sun** ☉ **Semi-Sextile** ♇ **North-Node** - (1°58' S) ♀7 | ♁8

(Donna van Toen)

A tendency to seek an inner path to growth - meditation, spiritual studies, therapy, etc.. Often the idea is to seek a passive approach to growth, although once involved the person may make great gains in spite of his or her faulty or misguided motivations.

People with this aspect seem to have a high frequency of involvement in writing, healing arts, and teaching as active paths to growth. Reading, attending classes, and sometimes guru-seeking are common as passive paths.

32) ► **Ascendant ASC Quincunx ♂ Mars** - (1°29' A) 001 | 86

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars inconjunct the Ascendant means that you tend to deplete your energy by trying to do more than you are physically able to do. You never want anyone to say that you didn't try hard to accomplish everything you set out to. But you are somewhat careless about taking safety precautions because you want to feel that you are fearless in any task you perform. When someone doubts you can do what you say, you feel personally challenged and proceed to prove that you can. Sometimes you regret your impulsiveness, for you tend to bite off more than you can chew. But you will never admit it when the going gets rough.

With all your energy, you are impatient for results and anxious to develop your talents as soon as possible. Your parents probably trained you to respond to challenging situations without taking too much time to think before accepting the competition. You are not a reflective person, which is one of your weaknesses. Learn to consider whether you can succeed before accepting a challenge. Although you are resourceful in capitalizing on your talents, there is still a limit to what you can do.

Your superiors admire your courage, but they deplore your foolhardiness when caution is required. Your refusal to believe that you have any weaknesses can get you into a lot of hot water. Your friends may dare you to do things they wouldn't try themselves, so why should you take the risk?

You like contact with people, especially when they disagree with you, because you enjoy arguments, even if you don't win them. You know how to gain the confidence of those you deal with, because you can do things they are unable to do for themselves. A whirlwind when you set your mind to accomplish something, you drive yourself to exhaustion. Being so restless and energetic, you would enjoy participating in sports, and it would be a good outlet for your energy.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Without knowing precisely why, we often become tensed up if we have an inconjunct between Mars and the Ascendant in the chart. Whenever we are dealing with others, the effect of Mars operates unpredictably: either we push ourselves forward too vigorously, or else we fail to stand up for ourselves when we should. In short, the role Mars plays - and it certainly does play a role - is a very uncertain quantity. We can feel insecure because at one time we are letting ourselves be pushed around while at another we face

criticism for wanting to take the reins into our own hands.

Often we do not know what we want. Our inner drive (Mars) is so much at variance with our public image (the Ascendant) that we can be in a state of upheaval. We may feel that nothing turns out as we wish; so we are always looking for something new to do. However, the unsettledness is really in ourselves. If we are able to release tension (in sport or other Mars-type activities), then we can settle down to do whatever suits us best. As with all aspects of Mars, we must try to avoid the thoughtless behavior likely to lead to broken relationships.

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