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## Chakra's



# Summaries

## **Virgo Sun ☉ ♍ and ♏ ☾ Scorpio Moon man**

([782] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **An Intuitive Personality - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Skillful, thorough and observant;

Negatives: Careless, insincere and malicious;

Perfect partner: Someone who will put up with their nervousness;

Advice: They should be less domineering when working with others.

## **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 IX 9th House**

([880] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **Dreamy and true visionaries - Summary:**

Strengths: Inquisitive, witty and adventurous;

Challenges: Mysterious and obsessive;

Advice: Not letting others take advantage of you.

Neutral: Not big fans of intimacies and emotions

## **Moon ☾ in 17th Nakshatra: Anuradha**

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

Strength: energetic, spirited, fun-loving, popular, attractive, vigorous, wise, spiritual seeker, interested in ancient knowledge, hard worker, capable of predicting, devoted, reliable, healthy, accommodates many people, enjoys social life and organizations, enjoys travel, benefits more if they live away from their place of birth, ability to attract and maintain friendships, cooperate with others, ability to lead and form alliances.

Weakness: needs constant nourishment, feels guilty for unwanted things, guarded, deceitful, held back by others, cannot cope up with hunger or thirst, emotionally needy, rebellious, adheres to bad advice and suffers consequences, jealous and controlling of others, unaware of their impact on others, may be discontented due to a lack of maternal nurturing, defiant, vindictive, moves frequently due to dissatisfaction, tries too hard for spiritual progress.

## **Pada [1]**

### ***Moon ☾ in second pada***

(6°40'-10°00' degrees Scorpio): Virgo navamsa. You are discriminating, practical, and highly curious. You have a keen intelligence.

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

### ***Mercury ☿ in ☊ Cancer man***

([890] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Some escapist tendencies - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Intuitive and knowledgeable;

Negatives: Vain and overly-sensitive;

Soulmate: Someone who is sociable and decisive;

Life lesson: Getting organized in a routine does him good.

### ***Mercury ☿ in ♋ 5th House***

([912] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Devilish tricksters - Summary:**

Strengths: Versatile, organized and sociable;

Challenges: Controlling, suspicious and negative;

Advice: They shouldn't be that criticizing with themselves.

### ***Venus ♀ in ♎ Libra man***

([933] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Elegant and straightforward;

Negatives: Superficial and flirty;

Soulmate: Someone who is sensual and charming;

Life lesson: His fulfilment shouldn't only come from relationships.

### ***Venus ♀ in ♏ VIII 8th House***

([952] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Passion makes them feel better about themselves - Summary:**

Strengths: Devoted, witty and romantic;

Challenges: Overly dramatic and superficial;

Advice: Be the person who matches their words to their actions.

Neutral: They are rather reserved

### ***Mars ♂ in ♊ Gemini man***

([961] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A penchant for mind games - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Free-spirited and easy-going;

Negatives: Skeptical and contradictory;

Soulmate: Someone who is mysterious and challenging;  
Life lesson: Avoiding to leave things only half-completed.  
Neutral: Quite a joyful lover

### **Mars ♂ in IV 4th House**

([984] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Doing what makes them happiest - Summary:**

Strengths: Protective, empathic and domestic;  
Challenges: Instinctual and passive-aggressive;  
Advice: Being even more attentive to the needs of those close.

### **Jupiter ♃ in ♌ Leo man**

([997] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Incredibly charismatic - In a nutshell:**

Style: Expressive and joyful;  
Top qualities: Dramatic, generous and proud;  
Weaknesses: Fragile ego and susceptible to moodiness;  
Advice: Take notice of the affection you are getting from your closest.

### **Jupiter ♃ in VI 6th House**

([1010] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

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

### **Saturn ♄ in ♎ Libra man**

([1023] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Style: Astute and friendly;  
Top qualities: Direct, receptive and generous;  
Challenges: Insecure, fearful and indecisive;  
Advice: Perseverance is key for your professional advancement.

### **Saturn ♄ in VIII 8th House**

([1036] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **One step ahead - Summary:**

Strengths: Hard-working, spontaneous and creative;  
Challenges: Aggressive, controlling and fearful;  
Advice: They need to be more calculated about life decisions.

### **Uranus ♅ in ♊ Gemini man**

([1043] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Expansive and versatile;  
Top qualities: Visionary and rational;  
Challenges: Impulsive and superficial;  
Advice: Some people simply don't want to be reached to.

***Uranus ☿ in IV 4th House***

([1056] i.thehoroscope.co)

**An eccentric personality - Summary:**

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

***Neptune ♆ in ♒ Aquarius man***

([1075] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Enlightening and intuitive;  
Top qualities: Gentle, creative and practical;  
Challenges: Aloofness and extremism;  
Advice: If you don't show emotions people will not believe you are genuine.

***Neptune ♆ in XII 12th House***

([1088] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Very compassionate and kind - Summary:**

Strengths: Creative, indulgent and generous;  
Challenges: Overly emotional and pessimistic;  
Advice: They need to show to those close that they can be depended upon.

***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 ♍ Virgo**

([1118] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Observant, talented and insightful;

Challenges: Secretive and dismissive

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

**South Node ♋ in ♋ Pisces**

([1136] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Idealistic, ambitious, gentle and caring;

Challenges: Disorganized and overly-emotional;

Lots of challenges in their way, Purpose in life

**North Node ♎ in VII 7th House (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 I 1st House (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

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♒ Aquarius**

([1147] elsaelsa.com)

**Neo-Creator**

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in XII 12th House**

([1160] elsaelsa.com)

**Gifts of Shadow**

► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (0°18') ♍7 | ♎9

([160] astromatrix.org:) Subconscious Need

Opportunities: 1. Working with Others 2. Creating Your Ideal Family Life

Challenges: 1. Not Overidentifying with Your Emotions 2. Discovering Your True Needs

► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (1°45') ♎9 | ♍12

([632] astromatrix.org:)

Opportunities: 1. Deeply understanding human motivations 2. Channeling sexual energy into creativity

Challenges: 1. Being emotionally open to others 2. Overcoming obsessive desires

► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (3°25' A) ♏6 | ♍12

([636] astromatrix.org:) Judgemental & Imaginative Personality

Opportunities: 1. Learning & practising self-control 2. Cultivating a trustworthy aura

Challenges: 1. Harnessing wild imagination 2. Building emotional security

► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Mars** - (6°37' A) ♏1 | ♏4

([429] astromatrix.org:) Jumping In The Deep End

Opportunities: 1. Making Deeper Connections 2. Complexifying Your Personality

Challenges: 1. Learning to Compromise 2. Empathizing with Others

► **Midheaven MC Square ☉ Sun** - (5°38' S) ♏5 | ♏7

([386] astromatrix.org:) Feeling Superior

Opportunities: 1. Learning when to Compromise 2. Overcoming Conflict with Authority Figures

Challenges: 1. Knowing your Limitations 2. Learning from Elders

► **Sun ☉ Square ♂ Mars** - (7°03' S) ♏7 | ♏4

([379] astromatrix.org:) The Discontented Seeker

Opportunities: 1. Planning Better 2. Having More Direction

Challenges: 1. Having Empathy for Others' Opinions 2. Overcoming Impulsivity

► **Moon ☾ Square ♀ Lilith** - (2°47' S) ♎9 | ♍12

([653] astromatrix.org:) Uncovering false masks

Opportunities: 1. Letting go of emotional burdens 2. Achieving emotional liberation

Challenges: 1. Working on destructive behaviors 2. Overcoming erratic emotions

► **Saturn ♄ Square ♀ Lilith** - (7°26' S) ♏8 | ♍12

([658] astromatrix.org:) Becoming Yourself

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

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

► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☾ Moon** - (5°12' S) ♏1 | ♎9

([319] astromatrix.org:) Personal Sacrifice

Opportunities: 1. Finding Meaning in Giving 2. Taking Part in Public Life  
Challenges: 1. Understanding Your Emotional Nature 2. Knowing Yourself Through Others

► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☿ Mercury** - (3°15' S) 001 | ☿5

([329] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Optimistic Speaker

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

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

► **Midheaven MC Trine ☾ Moon** - (5°30' A) ☿5 | ♎9

([320] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Collector

Opportunities: 1. Being Caring 2. Connecting Emotionally to Others

Challenges: 1. Letting go of Possessions 2. Avoiding Possessiveness in Relationships

► **Midheaven MC Trine ♀ Venus** - (7°29' S) ☿5 | ♍8

([339] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Idoliser Of Beauty

Opportunities: 1. Creating Beauty 2. Working in Teams

Challenges: 1. Learning to Be Alone 2. Dealing with Conflict

► **Sun ☉ Trine ♀ Lilith** - (8°21' S) ♎7 | ♍12

([645] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Accepting your Uniqueness

Opportunities: 1. Inspiration to chase dreams 2. Becoming an influential leader

Challenges: 1. Harnessing your wild thoughts 2. Sticking to norms

► **Moon ☾ Trine ☿ Mercury** - (1°57' A) ♎9 | ☿5

([311] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Charming Speaker

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Difficulties 2. Embracing Ambiguity

Challenges: 1. Balancing Emotion and Reason 2. Working for the Common Good

► **Venus ♀ Trine ♂ Mars** - (5°12' S) ♍8 | ♀4

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

Opportunities: 1. Loving Intensely 2. Seeking Pleasure

Challenges: 1. Understanding Indirect Communication 2. Understand Other's Motives



# 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) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (0°18')    ♎7 | ♍9
- 2) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♊ Jupiter** - (0°58')    ♎7 | ♎6
- 3) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♊ Jupiter** - (0°19')    ♎5 | ♎6
- 4) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (1°23')    ♎4 | ♎4
- 5) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°04')    ♎4 | ♎12
- 6) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♋ South-Node** - (0°22')    ♎4 | ♋1
- 7) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°19')    ♎8 | ♎10
- 8) ► **Uranus ♅ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°19')    ♎4 | ♎12
- 9) ► **Neptune ♆ Parallel ♋ South-Node** - (1°26')    ♎12 | ♋1
- 10) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♋ North-Node** - (1°13' A)    ♎7 | ♎7
- 11) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (10°13' S)    ♎9 | ♎8
- 12) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (2°46' A)    ♎8 | ♎8
- 13) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♅ Uranus** - (1°43' A)    ♎4 | ♎4
- 14) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♆ Neptune** - (2°54' A)    ♎6 | ♎12
- 15) ► **Neptune ♆ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (2°12' S)    ♎12 | ♎10
- 16) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Mars** - (6°37' A)    ♋1 | ♎4
- 17) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♇ Pluto** - (5°16' S)    ♋1 | ♎10
- 18) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♂ Mars** - (7°03' S)    ♎7 | ♎4
- 19) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♅ Uranus** - (5°20' S)    ♎7 | ♎4
- 20) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♊ Jupiter** - (0°38' A)    ♎9 | ♎6
- 21) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♆ Neptune** - (2°16' S)    ♎9 | ♎12
- 22) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☾ Moon** - (5°12' S)    ♋1 | ♎9
- 23) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ☾ Moon** - (5°30' A)    ♎5 | ♎9
- 24) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♀ Venus** - (7°29' S)    ♎5 | ♎8
- 25) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♄ Saturn** - (4°43' S)    ♎5 | ♎8
- 26) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ☿ Mercury** - (1°57' A)    ♎9 | ♎5
- 27) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♂ Mars** - (5°12' S)    ♎8 | ♎4

- 28) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ☿ Uranus** - (3°29' S)    ♄8 | ♀4  
 29) ► **Jupiter ♃ Trine ♇ Pluto** - (0°42' A)    ♄6 | ♃10  
 30) ► **Saturn ♄ Trine ☿ Uranus** - (6°15' S)    ♄8 | ♀4  
 31) ► **Neptune ♆ Trine ♋ North-Node** - (7°39' S)    ♆12 | ♋7  
 32) ► **Sun ☉ Semi-Sextile ♀ Venus** - (1°51' A)    ♋7 | ♄8

## Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

### Sun ☉ in ♍ Virgo 27° 10'

(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 oftimes 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 ♏ Scorpio 8° 18'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

When you habitually require others to give you their unconditional loyalty and allegiance, you may become crushed, insecure, and angered when they don't. You may unconsciously respond with defiance, exercising the instinctive power you have over others, and subtly attempt to enforce loyalty and control. Therefore, in your eyes, they lose power. In this process, you lose your capacity to feel the joys of equal interaction, and consequently create emotional stagnation for yourself.

If you feel insecure about losing control, you could attempt to have all the answers for everyone in a way that creates a dependency in them and assures you of oneupmanship. In diminishing another's power, you unknowingly lessen the potency of the relationship. Thus, it cannot provide you with the emotional intensity, change, and new levels of depth that you may need for personal fulfillment. When you sense another's vulnerabilities and provoke that person's response, you get to be powerful but may feel isolated. There is a basic Scorpio tendency to feel insecure in financial and sexual

relationships. This can lead to a need to manipulate everyone to prove potency.

### Dynamic

When you take responsibility for creating situations in which you can experience the deep feelings of joy, vitality and intensity that the Scorpio energy needs in relationships, you may notice that relying on others to recognize your worth does not work. The truth is that others cannot renew you. You are the one withholding the depths of perception that would bring this about.

Your lesson is first to release manipulative control of others; and then you can experience the combining of resources that results in the regeneration of your own energy and creativity. You accomplish this renewal by pledging your loyalties to those ideals and potentials for growth that cause you to feel good about yourself. By releasing your vision of being in command, you are able to find out what others are really made of. As you enter onto uncharted ground and are willing to take risks by letting go of power, you can combine with another in a manner that is exhilarating for you. When you choose the stimulation of change over a stagnant status quo, you are able to go forward. Then you can gain knowledge of what enhances self-worth through an exciting process of risk and the unpredictable mystery you need for fulfillment.

You may realize that you can gain more knowledge and strength only by first releasing what you already have. This encourages you to contribute your inspiring insights generously, exposing perceptions that awaken others to their hidden resources. As you communicate your recognition of others' hidden abilities, it empowers them to reach their own objectives. This creates deeper, more satisfying camaraderie. You can then allow yourself to participate spontaneously in the direction others want to go rather than resisting the current. This enables you to interact with them on deeper, previously unknown levels.

Committed to freedom through renewal, you can realize that the way to win the most is to share the power. Thus, you reach deeper levels by releasing the Scorpio tendency to control. Finally, in the process of expressing loyalty to your ideals, you contribute potency by exposing your hidden perceptions to others. You can then experience your inner worth and the fun of your transformative process coming into expression.

### General

You have great emotional intensity and can find yourself in battles for power. You have an overdeveloped survival instinct. The threat of crisis and betrayal gives you an attitude of distrust, and you are attuned to the possibility of others having evil motives. This is so strong that the power of your belief (and resulting unconscious provocations) can actually bring out the worst in other people, which only heightens your feelings of emotional isolation.



To compensate for severe loneliness, you seek that one other person you can trust, your soul mate, sensing that this will somehow bring you peace. But because of unconscious fears, your approach to relationships is so obsessive and demanding that it often becomes mutually destructive. Instead of finding the peace you seek, you again experience being wounded.

You are learning to balance your attraction to intense experiences with a feeling of peacefulness and serenity. To do this, you need to discover what it is you want to build with another person. Then you can bond with a trustworthy person who is interested in building the same kind of solid, mutually nourishing relationship. With the focus on what you want to create, in terms of a spiritual goal, you can use your power and intensity to build the life that will bring you peace.

For successful fulfillment of the long-sought soul mate relationship, you must build step-by-step, and not skip any stages in laying the foundation. And by your taking the other person's desires into account, the foundation will receive the benefit of both people's creative energies. You need to remember that it may take only three weeks to demolish a skyscraper by three years to build one. By going slowly and keeping your mind on the goal, you can enjoy the process of mutually creating a solid relationship.

(Tracy Marks)

Having Moon in Scorpio indicates that we value our privacy; that we are capable of considerable emotional intensity and passion; that we need to probe beneath the surface of experience in order to secure a deep and solid foundation for ourselves; and that we need to experience our power to use our own and other people's resources effectively. When our real feelings are denied or our real needs unmet, we may easily resort to detrimental Scorpio behavior patterns - obsessions with sexuality or money, expressions of revenge or destruction, or demanding or manipulative behaviors. One of the difficulties of a Scorpio Moon is related to the fear of losing control or surrendering. Because of this fear, we may deny or conceal the softer, vulnerable facets of ourselves, thereby preventing ourselves from experiencing the real communion or union which we seek.

We may have internalized messages from our parents which enabled us to develop resourcefulness, endurance and strength of character, as well as the capacity to plumb the depths of experience. Our sexuality may have been awakened early through the intensity of family interactions, so that we were forced to come to terms with our own life force and death force. A Scorpionic parent, however, may have negatively influenced our ability to receive nurturance and to nourish ourselves. Perhaps such a parent was hostile and punitive, so that we developed considerable mistrust and learned to hide our feelings. He or she may have been dominating, intrusive or sexually provocative, leading us to fear being possessed or overpowered. Coldness or undue stoicism, as manifested

in a 'be tough' attitude, may have prevented our internal child from receiving the tenderness and care he or she needed. Sometimes a Scorpio Moon suggests the early death of a parent, or a premature confrontation with realities of death or violence.

We who have Moon in Scorpio can reparent ourselves by recovering, accepting and expressing our feelings and emotional needs, not just our sexual desires. We need to contact our own core, to possess ourselves rather than others, and to learn how to constructively channel our passion. One of the tasks of our Scorpionic Moon is that of discovering our inner power and drawing upon our own capacities to meet our needs rather than manipulating others to give us what we are unable or unwilling to give ourselves.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Scorpio is intense, dynamic, perhaps best described as 'all the way or nothing at all'. The native is self-reliant, serious, and often described as a penetrating person. He is attracted to the hidden or the occult; he may be a detective, or extremely fond of mystery, and attracted to the solution of crimes. He is very energetic - at times abrupt, acting on impulse, especially in connection with members of the opposite sex. Once he starts, there is no stopping him. He gets up steam and goes on, moving forward, digging deep, leaving broken hearts and disillusionment. But this is the negative response to the Moon in Scorpio - and these people, in the long run, hurt no-one as much as they injure themselves.

On the positive side, the Moon in Scorpio native inspires confidence, creates solutions to touchy problems, and provides for the security of loved ones; he is virile and passionate, speaks out for his principles, and can be found battling for the underdog.

The astrologer must watch for one basic trait - a tendency to go to extremes in eating and drinking and in affairs of the heart. This is no halfway person - the Moon here is complete and committed.

The native has strong convictions; once he has been convinced, it is difficult if not impossible to change his mind. He can be irritable, on the negative side - or creatively angry, on the constructive side. He must find a creative outlet for his energies, or his emotions build up, spill over and burn himself and others.

The native seems to possess extrasensory perception or at least a highly developed intuitive sense. He can perceive when something of importance is about to occur. He can look at an individual and size him up - he can gaze deep, and sense when the entire story has not been told. He can annoy people, and get under their skins. He is expert at making others lose their control - and thus blurt out what was supposed to be a deep, dark secret.

The native is intense, and reaction to him is the same - either one of great fondness, or near-hate. The Moon here has great attraction for members of the opposite sex. Alan Leo says it favors marriage in a male horoscope, but threatens disharmony in the married state. The Moon in Scorpio is indicative of money by inheritance, marriage or partnership.

The native apparently must learn by experience. Like Rasputin, he perhaps feels one cannot be saved unless he has sinned. He is very serious, and needs to develop a sense of humor and throw aside the idea that he is some kind of secret martyr.

There are not light bruises for this native. When misfortune occurs, he takes it hard and personally. He may even feel fate has it in for him - quite a fascinating lunar position!

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon is in its fall in Scorpio, and your emotions will be intense, powerful, and volatile. You try to keep the lid firmly shut on those potentially seething passions for fear of allowing them unrestrained expression. Maintaining emotional control seems essential for you, as you are aware of vulnerability on that level. You may appear quite cool and collected to others who fail to see through the facade; they see the inscrutable Scorpio mask, which very rarely slips to display the emotional intensity behind the strict control.

In relationships, passion and intensity of feelings are sought within total involvement with a lover; you will invest relationships with great seriousness, becoming heavily, emotionally committed, even though you resist surrendering to full intimacy. Before you fully realize it, you're hooked. Falling in love is like a descent into your underworld - fascinating and obsessive, evoking great riches and pleasures when things are going fine, but exacting great suffering if the relationship fails, since your heart (and mind... and soul) has been projected onto your lover. It's possible that you may be able to resist such intense experience, but this will be at the cost of denying full emotional involvement. Through efforts to protect or conceal vulnerable emotions, you may inhibit deeper and more satisfying intimacy.

Jealousy, possessiveness, obsession, and sexual preoccupation, are likely to emanate from the Moon-Scorpio energies; and the impulse to discover union will be strong, especially sexually and emotionally. You may look for absorption in the other, or to absorb a partner under your own domination. You take rejection hard, entering emotional turmoil and confusion, and may plot revenge, brooding over emotional hurts and holding grudges until time heals the intensity of betrayed feelings. You may recognize this, but changing or redirecting these powerful energies can be extremely difficult. Through personal insecurity, you may experience fears as to the long-term continuance of any relationship, and this may result in attempting to dominate partners or family life by trying to impose your will and control on others to keep them 'in line'.

If you repress your real feelings, this energy may re-emerge as a tendency to manipulate, dictate and dominate, especially through your sexual or financial power, perhaps erupting as revengeful behavior, spite, and malicious action. Denying unfulfilled needs will distort your natural expression; and willful desires energized by strong emotions can awaken compulsive behavior as unconscious needs begin to direct your life. Wherever your desires are, your emotions are also activating them incessantly; satisfying these desires is a way to gain emotional respite, although doing so at the expense of others is not the right way to proceed. Will-desire-emotion is the source of your motivation; if you can define your objectives, little can stand between you and success. If that triangle of energies is not fully activated, you may fail to act decisively and effectively.

You need to understand your inner psychological dynamics, learn how to accept and handle this volatile emotional powerhouse, so that instead of diverting energy toward repression, you discover how to channel it creatively, constructively, and positively for self-development. Feelings provide guiding messages and should be listened to and respected, with appropriate steps taken to satisfy deeper needs. Ignoring them only fans emotional flames even higher, until there is a real danger that they can ignite an inner conflagration which causes damage to yourself, your life-style, and others near to you.

The path descends into your depths, a search to discover the deepest root of your identity where trust and secure foundations can be established. Your potential is considerable, but to discover this requires a transformation through which innate resources and qualities can be demonstrated. Emotional pain may be the initiating source for this redirection, and a key factor for inner change will be related to recovering and accepting unresolved or repressed emotions, feelings, and instincts. Bringing them back to the surface of consciousness is the first step toward healing them and acknowledging your deepest needs for self-nurture. Focusing at your root centre, you should be able to direct your powerful energies instead of being a victim of their power. You could then learn how to harness these energies, holding the reins of knowledge in conscious control, as the Charioteer does over his horses in the tarot card. Through emotional self-understanding, you will be able to meet your own needs instead of manipulating or relying on others to do so for you.

This may not be an easy path to follow, but attempting to do so will offer potential inner riches and emotional stability. Harnessing emotional power can be the key to achieving your life's dreams, and at least will ensure feelings of ease and contentment with your nature. Self-acceptance brings a relaxation which assists the emergence of more satisfying relationships. You hold the key to your own fulfillment; inserting it into the lock of your nature and opening the inner door may become the most important action in your life.

(Skye Alexander)

You are extremely emotional and highly sensitive, though you hide it from others. Aware of how deeply you can be hurt, you refuse to share your feelings with someone until you are certain your affection will be reciprocated. You are almost pathologically secretive, and never reveal yourself entirely; and no-one knows very much about what really goes on inside you.

Intensely passionate (about all things, but especially relationships), you probably are considered highly sexual. You exude a powerful and almost mesmerising sensuality. However, your passion is never merely physical. With your lovers, you want nothing less than total merger - emotional, spiritual and physical - and while you may settle for sexual merger when that's all you can get, casual sex doesn't satisfy you.

When you become involved with someone, you throw yourself completely into the relationship and actually feel that you and your partner are one entity. Therefore, if the relationship ends, you are devastated; it's as though you'd lost a piece of yourself.

This is also the reason behind your infamous jealousy and possessiveness, for you can't conceive of your partner as an independent individual. Power struggles and issues of control often arise in your relationships. Because your inner, emotional life can be chaotic and overwhelming, you feel a strong need to be in control of the people and situations in your external life. At times, you are domineering, authoritarian or manipulative toward your partners.

When you feel you've been betrayed, you can be vindictive and ruthless in seeking revenge. You are not an adversary to be taken lightly, for once you've made your mind up nothing stops you from achieving your goal. A genius when it comes to understanding human motivations and weaknesses, you always know intuitively what your adversary's greatest fears and vulnerabilities are, and readily take advantage of them.

You are intrigued by what lies beneath the surface; and your desire to understand the innermost workings of people, governments and the Universe can result in an interest in psychology, espionage or the occult. Your keen perception, insight and intuition make you appear to be psychic - and perhaps you are.

You are an extremist in all you do, and you never pursue anything (or anyone) halfheartedly. Once you begin something - a job, a sport, a diet, and especially a relationship - you can be obsessive about it. If the situation turns out to be detrimental to your well-being, you still refuse to give it up and can become selfdestructive in your obsession.

Your childhood and early home life were probably difficult, fraught with intense emotional outbursts, intrigue, manipulation, domination, even cruelty. Your mother (or your nurturing parent) may have been authoritarian and repressive, never allowing you much freedom or individuality. The threat of violence may have been there, even if it was never

acted upon. or, you might have been threatened instead with alienation, isolation and loss or parental love if you didn't obey. Though your mother may have loved you very much, she had trouble expressing it. Or, she might have manipulated you with subtle (or not so subtle) sexual suggestions. Regardless of whether you feel positively or negatively about your mother, you are strongly attached to her, and her influence continues long into your adulthood.

The hidden demons, the subterranean emotional turmoil, and the unspoken fears and hostilities that were never brought out into the open, were perhaps the hardest things for you to deal with when you were young. As a child, you knew that things weren't right in your family, but you couldn't talk about it. There was probably some deep, dark family secret - alcoholism, violence, insanity, sexual abuse, criminal activity, or something less dramatic - that was kept hidden.

Though you probably love your own children deeply, you may have trouble showing it, because you guard your emotions so closely. Often you find yourself behaving badly toward them even though you don't mean to, especially when they've made you worry about their safety. Intensely protective and possessive of them, you can't bear the thought of losing them. As a result, you can sometimes become overbearing, controlling and smothering.

Women with this Moon placement usually find it easier than men do to express their Scorpionic characteristics. Men sometimes project this part of themselves onto the women in their lives. As a result, you may attract women who are strongly emotional, sensual, passionate, willful and powerful. Or, you may be terrified of women because you see them as devouring, controlling, manipulative, sinister or deceitful.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

Your emotions are intense and are often based on willful desire. You are impatient, moody, and even given to brooding. Easily hurt, you can become jealous, hold grudges and take revenge. You often judge others too quickly and feel a need to dominate through subtle means.

You will not tolerate opposition to or interference with your goals, but often you will sacrifice a great deal for kindness. You have executive ability and are resourceful and enterprising. Although abrupt and impulsive, you have self-confidence and the ability to attain success. You usually get what you go after; however, you might find that you have achieved a hollow victory.

Since you are so jealous, proud and possessive, this position of the Moon doesn't promise a harmonious marriage. The wish to dominate is often reflected in your relationship with your children; it can be the result of a parent's domination or of your over-idealization of a parent, usually the mother. With this lunar placement, a mother can

be overly possessive, and she may have trouble freeing a child, especially if male.

Medical matters appeal to you, and you are not easily upset by the sight of blood. Your patience with things (as opposed to people) would make you a fine surgeon; psychiatry would also come naturally to you. Any work which brings you to the heart of matters will appeal to you; and, therefore, you could find yourself involved in the legal, forensic or political field. In business you can make spectacular gains and even more spectacular losses on occasion.

Many lunar Scorpios love the sea, and can make their living on it as sailors, fishermen or swimming and diving experts; and also, of course, in the navy. A life in the armed services appeals to many of you as it requires the kind of skills and dedication which come so easily to you.

There is evidence that your birth brought a problem to your parents. Many lunar Scorpios are born into some kind of 'inconvenient' situation and are adopted soon after birth. On the other hand, some of you are born to families who already have a number of children and don't really want any more. There is no doubt that you are on a different wavelength (possibly even a different planet) from that of your parents, and you will have been constantly misunderstood as a child. Your experience may have been poor because you were not really the type of child that they were hoping for, or you may have been compared unfavourably to another child in the family. 'My parents always seemed to have much more time for my brother than they did for me', says Lorna, an attractive and active lady whom I meet regularly at the swimming baths. 'Being male gave him a head start, of course, but then he was also considered to be the 'clever one'. You know, looking back over our lives now, I think that I have done just as well in the long run even without academic qualifications or the unqualified love of my parents. No, I don't feel bitter; not now.'

You could, at the worst end of the spectrum, have been bullied by your parents, subjected to violence or sexual abuse, or just made to feel thoroughly inadequate. You may have been told, or have been given the silent implication, that you could never live up to their exalted standards. Negative attitudes die hard in fixed signs; and you could, if not careful, go through life never shaking off the hatred and anger of your childhood. You may still feel yourself to be a nuisance to others and wonder why they put up with you. Nevertheless, many lunar Scorpios do love their somewhat inadequate parents very much and take a really caring if rather dutiful attitude to them later in their lives.

One peculiarity associated with either the Sun or the Moon in Scorpio is there could be a death in the family at the time of your birth or soon after.

You may have been either very good or very bad at school. Sports and artistic subjects come easily to you, but you could have had difficulty coping with the pace and imposed discipline of normal school lessons. Some of you will have worked hard when reaching

your teens in order to overcome childhood shortages of one kind or another. Some of you will marry in order to improve your position in life.

Although very fit, you can be a worrier over your health. Your weak spots are your arteries and veins; and you could suffer from high blood-pressure later in life. You may suffer from headaches and migraine; also other forms of allergies such as hay fever. The main problem seems to be in the reproductive organs; many women with this placement have terrible periods, and may have to have a hysterectomy in the end just to stop the endless outpouring of blood.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The emotional energy resources, which are strong when the Sun or Ascendant sign is Scorpio, are in some ways even more potent with a Scorpio Moon. They will surface at once when the individual is challenged; and the response to all kinds of situations is influenced in an extremely powerful way. Because the feelings are so instantly on tap, the subject can overreact when provoked; all kinds of reaction, both positive and negative, will be faced with vivid emotion. There may be outbursts which will surprise those confronted with them, since other areas of the personality usually present a very different sort of person.

Not only emotional but also physical energy is boosted by this placing, which adds determination and the instinctive urge to achieve. The subject can also encourage others (particularly loved ones) to achieve more. Laziness in a child, for instance, will be denounced by the Moon-in-Scorpio parent; and in the end the child will be bullied into action. There may also be a tendency to show a certain harsh reaction - such as taking an extreme line in the discussion of the treatment of criminals. Here, the immediate response of the Moon will home in on the cruel streak of Scorpio.

It is very important indeed that the subject realizes how many situations in life will prompt his instinctive response of jealousy. Rather as the individual with a Taurean Moon will react possessively and regret it, so the subject with the Moon in Scorpio may well loathe expressing any form of jealousy, but will simply not be able to help it. Again, it is the powerful influence of the Moon encouraging an immediate response and reaction. It will not be easy for the individual to control this negative trait; and the feelings will most certainly be heartfelt.

An awareness that jealousy can be very easily aroused, however, is essential, and will help the subject to cope with it. This will also enable the partner to fully understand the reaction of the loved one; and if you, as the astrologer, can explain this both to your subject and to his or her partner, you will be fulfilling your role very well indeed. If these extremely powerful sources of emotional energy and intuition can be channeled in positive directions, there will be great inner strength and resourcefulness.



(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in Scorpio indicates strong, biased emotions based on willful desire. This is not considered a favorable position for the Moon, because here it is in the sign of its fall.

There is a tendency to take personal affairs very seriously, which sometimes leads to possessiveness and extreme jealousy in some cases. When it is carried to extremes, the natives can hold grudges and plan to take revenge at an opportune time; in any event, they do not easily forget personal affronts. The inclination toward brooding and revenge is a serious character defect that can go with this Moon position, and it should be avoided at all costs. These individuals sometimes desire to restructure the family and domestic situations. They may want to dominate others through subtle means. They can also be very stubborn, on account of emotional attachment to their own desires. However, if clear direction and right motivation are present, they find no sacrifice too great to achieve a worthwhile objective. They have definite motives for all their actions, though these drives may not always be apparent.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a deep, though potentially paranoid, soul. You have the need to be intimately involved with Other - inextricably linked to a fear of abandonment. You have the instinct to seek out the hidden in Other - but equally a dread of being exposed. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is close and powerful, and / or denying and manipulative.

You naturally respond in a positive manner towards Other when you intuitively know him / her to be emotionally genuine. You respond with passion and single-mindedness towards an Other who is attractive to you. You respond quite irresistibly to an Other with a powerful personality.

Your inner child reacts by closing down completely at the first sign of emotional weakness in Other, which is a sign of emotional weakness in itself. It reacts with a fear of betrayal almost as soon as you are initially attracted to Other. And when it suspects that the power it sees in Other could control you, the control games begin.

You gravitate towards an Other who is in need of being emotionally transformed or taken in hand; towards situations where you have to prove your emotional tenacity and resilience; and towards triangles of jealousy and other negative emotions.

You can get caught up in relationships with Others who turn out to be every bit as emotionally intense as you thought you were emotionally in command; in complex or deeply distressing experiences that stand to purge and deepen your emotional makeup; and in having to establish once and for all where you stand emotionally.

When you are alone, it is because it is simply the most effective state to be in for

confronting you with your deepest and most central fear - that of abandonment and betrayal. Being alone is more often than not a testament to the self-fulfilling prophecy that you created. This is because you have a belief conditioned into you that sooner or later whoever you are with will leave you in the lurch or do the dirty on you in some way. The ghastly truth, however, is that either you did not commit deeply and completely enough, and so Other gives up out of sheer exhaustion, or you obsessively possessed Other under the guise of 'love', leaving Other having to escape in order to breathe. If you are alone and you disagree with the above reasons, or they simply do not make sense to you, then it has to mean that you are in denial of your own emotional nature, and make what is difficult to relate to even more so. Either that, or you have decided to sit this one out.

Keynote: Feelings are hidden but intense.

Symbol: A psychoanalyst helps his patient to relive the past.

The genius of the Moon-Scorpio person lies in his ability to see into the depths of things. He is a natural psychologist who can bring out the best or the worst in people and who appreciates the power of the unconscious factors which underlie everyday behavior. He is apt to be preoccupied with sex, and his problems frequently have obscure sexual origins.

Although highly charged emotionally, he may be so deeply reserved that he betrays no sign of the tumult of feelings which fight for control of his nature. This inner pressure keeps him restlessly on the go despite a tightly maintained control over his instincts. Often the most vital part of his life is carried on below the surface in fantasy and dreams. Because his psychic energies are engaged in the task of self-exploration rather than in practical work, it may appear that he is unable to express the best that is in him.

The Moon is in its detriment in Scorpio because the lunar function of growth is incompatible with the sign's function of elimination. The Moon rules the public, while Scorpio holds sway over such strictly private matters as generally pertain to the bedroom or bathroom. Lunar Scorpions are reticent about their personal affairs - often with good reason. They prefer jobs where they can shroud themselves in private offices and work quietly and efficiently away from the spotlight of attention and the intrusions of strangers. Their retiring nature may deny them the recognition they deserve, even though they are ambitious to succeed in whatever projects they undertake.

The lunar Scorpion's capacity for dogged persistence makes him willing to tackle difficult but essential jobs. These individuals often succeed as psychotherapists, critics, proofreaders, analysts, chemists, laboratory technicians, exterminators, and sanitary engineers. They like to be by the sea or a large body of water, and prosper in businesses relating to liquor or liquids. The Moon-Scorpio housewife runs a scrupulously shipshape home, largely because she does not hesitate to dispense with articles which have served their purpose.

Because the watery or psychic element is so prominent in their nature, these people are liable to go to emotional extremes. Sex becomes an issue, not only because their appetites are insistent, but because the primary libidinal drive may be diverted into devious channels, resulting in strange impulses, compulsions, and fetishes. There is a danger of turning to drugs, alcohol, or promiscuity in order to release pent-up feelings. However, when the deep-seated forces of the personality are given legitimate outlets, lunar Scorpians become faithful workers for causes in which they invest themselves body, mind, and soul.

This position often shows a peculiarly difficult life. The problems which boil to the surface may seem inexplicable, but to the esotericist they represent karmic liabilities brought over from a previous existence. Hence, they are unavoidable and inexorable in their demand for remedial action. Unconsciously, the individual has chosen to expiate former transgressions and to purify his nature through suffering. Sooner or later, he finds himself forced to renounce something he craves or to which he has become compulsively attached, as he learns to relinquish sensual satisfaction in order to regenerate himself from within.

(Arlene Robertson)

Even though it is in a water sign, the Moon in Scorpio, moving quietly on the surface but turbulent in its depths, knows exactly where it is going. Here your emotional security is bound up in the need to be in control of the self - always. The mere thought of being in a situation, however temporary, where you have lost control - an accident, an illness, a natural catastrophe - brings on a feeling of panic. Your energies leap into action to grapple with the details that confront you, wrestling them to the ground until you are once again in command.

You learn early in life how to respond to daily situations in order to safeguard yourself and function to your capacity. You carefully consider every event and each person of any importance who comes your way as you probe for any unexpected, subtle, unseen forces at work to threaten your safety. If any are detected with your psychic radar, you drag them out of their hiding place, closely look them over, and eliminate those of no consequence. You, the Moon in Scorpio person, are an excellent eliminator of any persons or circumstances that do not enhance your longrange purpose.

If another person tries, successfully or not, to dominate and drive you into subjugation, you are decidedly uncomfortable. You must have your own way or follow your own road map; and no-one, loved or disliked, had better try to interfere. All these inner pressures are seldom apparent on your usually calm surface. Generally you hold your emotions in check until you feel secure in expressing them, however discreetly, to a chosen few. You have carefully calculated how much you will show. You certainly don't want anyone to know how you react to various situations; for if you knew, they would then understand

how to control you.

Many times you retreat into secretiveness to maintain your inner composure. Because of such self-discipline you cope well with emergencies at any sudden distressing events. On rare occasions when you are driven by happenings beyond your grasp, you may veer dramatically from one extreme to the other. Such behavior confuses and shocks others, for these outbursts are alien to your normal conduct and seldom are they referred to again. You also seek security in knowing how to subtly manipulate others to do as you wish, for then they are under your domination and you are assured of the desired reaction.

You are capable of loving deeply with your whole heart and soul. To you, love is touched with pain, for you seem to fall in love with those whom you try to change to conform to your pattern. If the loved one is incapable of changing, your loyalty endures even to and beyond the point of suffering. You need to learn how to release the beloved from your grasp without concern for the concept of a winner or a loser. For your consuming emotions and needs either drive the other one away from such frightening intensity, or cause you to reject another as soon as you experience intimacy, for fear of being rejected yourself.

'If it doesn't hurt, or if it doesn't have the power to cause hurt, it must not be true love.' This is how a Scorpio Moon person feels, and that is why so many of you have intense tragedies in love affairs. You stay in the relationships until you are wounded beyond endurance, or until your mate can no longer tolerate the pain.

If you are a female with this placement, you rarely display your affections openly with extravagant words and gestures, but hold it back for the privacy of intimate moments. You look for emotional feedback from your partner to reinforce your sense of self-worth. You expect loyalty and a certain amount of freedom, an understanding that you must be your own person with your own control valve. You do not want to be dominated, consciously or unconsciously, as many women do. Quite the opposite. You consider yourself equal to your man in the full sense of the word.

As a mother, you take your responsibilities seriously, and use much of your emotional energy in protecting and raising your children according to your Scorpio code. You respect their individuality and, as they mature, allow them freedom to find their own way and discover their own talents. Your love is deep and strong.

If you are a male with this placement, you look for assurance from your mate that you are indeed in control of everything - the home, the finances, the children's education, the kind of car you buy. You expect your spouse to understand your moods, your need for privacy, and to allow you to withdraw into yourself when you must. Even though you enjoy the close family relationship, there are times when you must find a peaceful retreat to inhabit so you can restore serenity to your turbulent emotional nature. 'Leave me

alone', you say. And she does.

What do you, the Moon-in-Scorpio person, depend on? It's the ability to master any emotional situation by controlling yourself, submerging the more painful feelings and using the more positive ones to solve your dilemmas. You, of all the signs, have the inbred strength to survive under the most staggering physical, mental and emotional conditions. You know that you are strong, yet you keep this to yourself. Your hidden sources of strength and stamina are always there for you to dredge up and use when life hurls you a devastating blow.

(Isabel Hickey)

Dominating and aggressive. Impatient and moody, given to brooding. Easily hurt and can be jealous. Impulsive. Desire is the motivating force. Strong pride and will. Intensely passionate in response to life. Set in ways and very stubborn. Apt to be disappointed in love. Apt to demand too much and not give enough of understanding. Sit in judgement on others too quickly. Greatest need: to learn to forgive and forget. Strong physically. Sensual. Extremist in temperament. Strong, deep feelings, but they need handling. Needs to achieve an optimistic attitude toward life. Go after what they want, and usually get it and then find out it's not what they really wanted. In a male chart, will attract a possessive and jealous mate if Moon is afflicted. A magnetic feminine.

(John Townley)

You are especially sharp at focusing on what is important in a situation, particularly in a long-term affair, and in acting upon it accordingly. You have probably learned that what is obvious to you is not always obvious to others; therefore, you should be fairly discreet in expressing your opinions until you are quite sure of your partner's views.

This ability may be helpful in the long run, but it may cause you to miss some opportunities if you wait too long for a potential lover to open up to you. At the same time, however, it will save you the annoyance of inadvertently becoming involved with a prying or overdemanding lover.

Very probably you will choose a partner who takes life less seriously than you do, someone who will provide daily enjoyment and happiness and let you handle the larger problems.

Sexuality is likely to be a very intense and deep means of expression and communication, through which you show your greatest affection for your partner. In an ideal relationship, you may totally transcend your personality in sexual communion, making it an almost religious experience. If this doesn't work out, however, don't hold it against your lover, who probably cannot participate at your level of intensity. When the time and circumstances are right, the experience will be all the more satisfying.

## Moon ☾ in 9th House

(Haydn Paul)

You may need a new mental paradigm, a worldview or personal philosophy through which the world can be perceived, experienced, interpreted, and understood. This is an internal structure that can help to increase feelings of security and stability. You may have absorbed influential belief structures during childhood - perhaps from religious, political, social, or parental sources - which have conditioned your adult opinions and viewpoints.

You will have deep emotional connections to this conditioning; and any attacks made on it by others will often be met by an immediate emotional defence, as your convictions are rooted in feelings rather than derived from intellectual analysis. In a religious sense, they may be associated with 'faith'. This emotional identification with your beliefs prohibits real rational discussion, and may restrict your ability to progress into deeper understanding due to mental barriers. A narrow-minded and dogmatic attitude may emerge at times, especially if your Moon has challenging aspects.

However, you do recognize the importance of clear values for both individual and family life and, as this is the house of the higher mind, you could move beyond earlier limitations into a higher expression of these tendencies. This involves applying imagination and intuitive inspiration to exploring new horizons. You may stretch beyond the parameters of traditional beliefs into unique personal experiences, perhaps through meditative contemplation and a spiritual quest in search of meaning and life purpose. As you approach life through feelings, you may discover that you can utilize this sensitivity on less rational levels, through working with symbols and images which evoke your imagination and feelings. Often, your type of sensitivity can be more effective than a rational intellectual one, enabling you to feel inner presences and subtler energy vibrations. Prophecy may be a latent talent.

If you evolve a personal mental paradigm, your life will change accordingly. Travel may become prominent, and the concept of 'journeys' may be emphasized, although whether this is in outer or inner worlds remains to be seen. Much depends on how you develop your spiritual path. However, you should guard against using an inner path as an escape from real life. The real spiritual path is never an escape route; it includes and embraces every aspect of human existence, and is never exclusive in nature. It may be that, eventually, your insights and understanding can benefit others; and you may serve to indicate paths for others to follow, lighting the way like the Hermit in the tarot cards. But all this may depend on moving beyond childhood conditioning and transcending any inner and outer barriers which initially resist your progress.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people love truth and adventure, and can never get enough of each other. To them, home is where the hat is, or the heart, and is not connected to land or buildings (unless the Moon is in an Earth sign). They are never content to sit by the fire - at least, not for long.

Men with this placement are inclined to be attracted to partners from faraway places, or from a culture very different from their own. They may also have a hard time holding onto them. Most men with this position of the Moon lose a partner or important love relationship at least once, and possibly more than once (unless the Moon is in Cancer or Capricorn). Often, the relationship seems to fade away while he is involved elsewhere, at work, or on a long business trip. Women with this location of the Moon are adventurous and daring, even if they hide it, and will strike out for faraway places or adventure at least once or twice in their lives.

These people are usually good storytellers and appreciate good stories. They want to hear about life from the horse's mouth almost as much as they want to experience it themselves and tell others about it. They are attracted to various systems of thought, and will try one after another, seeking the truth within each as they seek the essence of life in adventures. They are somewhat inclined to lose sight of goals and get carried away by passing enthusiasms unless there are balancing features in the chart. Their search for the meaning of life can lead them into almost any field. They may be drawn to the ministry, but be put off by its restrictions on their freedom.

With the Moon in a Water sign, they will have deep insights into natural laws. In Capricorn, they may be attracted to a public career. In Air, they will be able to see into human nature. In Fire, they may work to become a virtuoso of some sort.

In any sign, they will have insights into life often enough so that seeking and nourishing their insights will be part of their lives. Trips will be important to them. Many of the important events of their lives will occur on or because of a trip to a faraway place, or because of a visit from someone from far away.

This Moon position often gives a wise, religious, or refined mother, one who stimulates their interest in knowledge, learning, and the truth; although, if there are bad aspects, the mother may also bring grief, have mental or emotional problems, or have a life situations that will isolate them from her in some way. Thus enters the element of search, especially in a man's chart.

These people like to teach, but often lack the patience for it.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, the Moon reveals that you nurture yourself mentally. The higher mind is emotionally satisfying; and you need to move into those airy realms of pure thought in order to feel safe and certain, every single day of your life. Your interest in thinking is automatic and habitual, although your thoughts are not. You also nurture others by providing the same mental food for them, offering the comfort of wisdom. This is one of your strongest traits, though it can also be a pitfall. People don't always appreciate mental generalizations when they're needy, no matter how true or optimistic the message may be. Your challenge is to learn about the protection of maternal images, including the Earth herself. Feed yourself from her wisdom.

Cultural perspective: Security comes from making the unknown known. You need to travel to fulfill an inner longing, to scratch and emotional itch. You may explore vicariously, by education rather than by direct experience. But even so, you still feel pressure to literally see what's over the next hill, to protect yourself by enlarging the vistas of your experience. What you most enjoy are sentimental memories of your travels, like creating a living museum. The challenge is to bring everything back home, to make the world familiar.

Higher education: Your education is stimulated by the movement of temperamental emotional tides. You phase in and out of higher education, putting it aside whenever your emotional life is stable, picking it up whenever there is an emotional crisis. Each period of your life brings new emotional challenges, causing you to look more deeply into systems you already understand and use, but also to reach out for new ways of seeing clearly. Of the two approaches, you are more comfortable with expanding previous knowledge; but keep in mind that there are times in life when we must make a significant shift into new understanding. Remember that however insecure it may feel to embark on an alien path, this is sometimes the most productive course.

The search for truth: Where truth is concerned, the world will provide you with the questions. You provide the answers. This is not as immense a task as it seems, for there is no requirement to have easy or simple answers; nor are you expected to know every answer. It is perfectly all right to admit that you don't know. What is critical, however, is that you be willing to let the truth come through you, even if you can't see its source. Your truth changes from moment to moment, from setting to setting; so flow with the changes to stay in the middle of the current. Don't rationally figure out what's true - feel it. Avoid the pitfall of telling others what they want to hear. It's more nurturing to respond authentically. Emotional integrity is the challenge, both in understanding and in communication. Enhance your own creativity by blending objective honesty with emotional sensitivity. Truth is security.

Ideal society: You believe society would be a better place if it were safer for all of us to open our emotions, to express our needs more honestly. There would be no hunger, neither physical nor emotional. Pure mentality would be relegated to a back seat, used



only as a tool for better communication of feeling. You idealize a more secure culture where family values are sacred, but not limited to mere biological relatedness. You want the world to become one huge family, where the predominant concern is for children, either literal young ones, or the child within each of us. As Ruler of the World, you would be warmly maternal, firm in discipline, but willing to take us back into the fold.

(Robert Pelletier)

In your desire to make the most of your potentials, you utilize every opportunity to increase your knowledge and skills. You know that success depends on having the proper training when a job opening is available. Your intellectual interests are unlimited, so you can adapt to many kinds of opportunities and handle them adequately. Because you absorb new information readily, your development on the job usually proceeds well. To enhance your career position, you will probably consider taking extra educational courses. Mainly you are attracted to persons who, like you, are not content merely with a basic education, and who show much promise in their continuing development. Working with children would be especially meaningful, for you can impart the enthusiasm that children and young people need to exploit their potentials. You generally give people the benefit of the doubt and allow them to demonstrate that they can succeed.

A good listener, you get along well with people if they have something substantial to say. You are easily annoyed with trivia, for you consider it a waste of time. You make a generous contribution to every conversation, because you are so well-informed on many subjects. Your keen imagination is blended with creative inspiration; and you constantly think up new goals and objectives for yourself. You are drawn to friends who have similar interests and who are equally enthusiastic in pursuing their aspirations.

Solving your own day-by-day problems and helping others with theirs will add much meaning to your life. You always want to be an active participant; and you abhor people who lack the backbone to get involved in the important issues of their environment. Your career should bring you into close contact with the public. Never assume that you know everything there is to know about people, because dealing with the public effectively requires you to be at least one step ahead of their demands. Purely physical work is not for you because it would not allow you to extend yourself to the fullest of your potentials.

You will be much happier if you learn to be self-sufficient. It may be quite difficult for you to achieve independence from your family, for they may try to make you defer your own needs and fulfill your obligations to them. But you must establish that your own destiny requires you to be more detached. Getting an education may require some personal sacrifice, but the results are certainly worth it. A career in education, travel, politics or financial management would be especially well-suited to your temperament.

Maintaining a high standard of ethics in your job and in your dealings with the public is very important. Otherwise you risk severe chastisement, which could undermine your

career. Your superiors may ask you to take liberties with what is legally acceptable in your career, but you must refuse. You don't need that kind of harassment, and you can surely succeed without it. With your resources, you can always offer your professional services to people who need them. Your career could be in family counselling as well as in counselling groups or individuals about their financial affairs.

(Howard Sasportas)

The Moon in the 9th often exhibits an uncanny ability to foretell the outcome towards which events are leading. There is a natural receptivity to the realm of philosophy and religion, and an intuitive grasp of concepts and symbols. The feelings give access to what the mind cannot rationally comprehend. Although those with this placement may rely on a faith which has been inherited via the family or culture, they have an ability to adapt the philosophy to changing influences and conditions.

Ninth house Moons may reside in a foreign country for periods in the life. Travel is connected to the emotional life - some people yearn for their spiritual home, or feel a special link to a particular culture other than their own. Travel, adventure, fanciful dreaming or philosophical pursuits could be used as a means of escaping from stressful situations of the struggles of everyday life. They may feel most 'at home' when contemplating the meaning of life, praying in church, or when they are about to board an aeroplane or embark on a new venture or enterprise.

Their way of caring for others may be through sharing philosophical or spiritual insights, or inspiring potential disciples with new hope, vision, meaning and direction. The image of God may have a matriarchal slant, although this will be strongly coloured by the Moon's signs and aspects.

In men's charts, there can be close relationships with foreign women, or women who somehow broaden or expand their horizons. Difficult aspects to the Moon in the 9th could indicate problems with female in-laws. The Gauquelins found a correlation between the Moon in the 9th (just after culminating) and writing as a profession.

## Mercury ♀ in ☊ Cancer 10° 15'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you are afraid of losing your emotional connections with other people, your rational mind can become dominated almost entirely by Cancerian feelings and emotions. This might result in your communicating with other people in a way that inadvertently forces

them to respond with either sympathetic indulgence or overt rejection. Indulging in communications that demand the sympathy of others may expose you to unnecessary rejection.

### Dynamic

When your attention focuses on perceiving the sensitivities of others as well as your own, your ability to communicate goes beyond words. You are then able to reach out emotionally, sensitively, and empathetically in ways that are a true reflection of your caring for others.

(Grant Lewi)

What you hear, smell, taste, feel and see are of intimate and close concern to you. You are sensitive to every breath of air; you take it to your heart and cherish your reaction to it. The smell of the garbage truck is a personal affront to your nostrils, while the rose was created exclusively to delight the same. Loud noises persecute you, and you tend to think they were made for that purpose; while music is art's personal gift to you alone. You adopt the beauty of the landscape as if no-one ever looked on it with true worship before. This personalizing of sense impressions can make you an awful fuss-budget, and also a bore if you insist on telling everyone how much you love, or hate, everything. On the other hand, the sensitiveness of your reactions and the intimacy with which you regard them make you capable of great power, for art is only the personalized sense impressions of the artist, absorbed into the total personality and given forth in form. Add a point of view to your tendency to gush; develop a philosophy of beauty to give weight to your natural appreciation; learn to make sense impressions your own, and then release them into a significance larger than personal; and you have all the ingredients to make you a master in one of the arts.

(Sydney Omarr)

Mercury in Cancer is described by a major keyword: adaptability. The native adapts himself to his surroundings - but he can tend to fall into a rut instead of trying to change anything. He may know what he should do, but is simply too adaptable. He is discreet and realizes that others are loyal to their beliefs, their families, their countries - without this necessarily making them right in their feelings. Mercury in Cancer shrugs off combat; his attitude is one of 'live and let live'. But when conditions demand change or action, he is perturbed, often at a loss; he begins to brood, whine and complain.

Mercury here has a tendency to personalize his surroundings; the people he meets; and the things he sees, hears, smells and tastes. The astrologer's task, obviously, is to help the native draw his mental forces together, make them work for him, and refuse to take second best merely because it is convenient. His family is important to him, and so is a feeling that his loved ones are happy, even if they are far away. His mind is retentive; he

loves the old and established. He is fond of antiques and fine old classics in literature, and has what might be termed an intellectual interest in food.

(Skye Alexander)

Your mind is focused on internal or personal issues, rather than on the outer world. You are something of an introvert, whose mental stimulation comes from within, from your emotional core. Thus it is difficult, if not impossible, for you to separate your emotions from your rational thinking processes. Your heart rules your head; and your decisions, opinions and ideas are colored by your feelings and your emotional attachments. You simply cannot step outside your own needs and desires to be objective. You take most things personally and see issues within the context of how they will affect you and / or your family; and you have trouble comprehending the larger picture. Because the source of your beliefs is emotional not rational, you cannot be swayed by a logical argument, and no-one can change your mind with reason or facts.

Your thoughts are often centred around your home and family. You're the type who monopolizes the conversation with stories about your children's latest accomplishments and talks about your grandchildren to total strangers. Your interest in the home and family also could lead you to pursue a career in an area such as interior design, real estate, family counseling or pediatrics.

Though you may not be adept with language or the written word, your ability to communicate non-verbally is keen. You seem to 'know' what others are thinking and feeling; and with your loved ones and close friends you may have an unspoken rapport that makes you appear psychic. Perhaps you are able to communicate best through a non-verbal medium such as art or music. When you attempt to express yourself in words, however, you often sound confused or nonsensical. No matter how good your ideas are, you have a hard time explaining them to others in a logical, orderly way. As a result, other people sometimes think you are less intelligent than you really are, which can cause you to feel insecure about your own mental abilities.

You are inclined to think a great deal about security issues and attempt to find ways to make yourself feel secure. Sometimes this can translate into seeking wealth and financial stability. You might involve yourself in money matters professionally - as a financial consultant, stockbroker, banker or estate planner - or simply put a lot of mental energy into money issues, investments, real estate, etc.. Your concern with financial security can make you miserly and tight-fisted at times, though you are likely to be quite generous with your children and family members.

A traditionalist, you hold on tightly to conservative opinions and attitudes. The 'old ways' make you feel more secure, and any new or different ideas can seem threatening to you. You want to surround yourself with others who think the way you do, who reinforce your beliefs and give you confidence that you are right in your convictions. People whose

opinions conflict with yours are often viewed as subversives or enemies; and ideas that appear to threaten your security are deemed dangerous. Because you take everything so personally, you are likely to interpret differing opinions as attacks or criticisms of you. And because your thinking tends to be insular and narrowly focused on yourself and your immediate environment, you have a great deal of trouble understanding that others simply may march to a different drummer from yours.

Uranus aspects to your Mercury will make you more intellectually progressive, unconventional and fair-minded. Jupiter aspects will increase your sociability and expand your interest in people and cultures beyond your own family / community.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury placed in the sign Cancer indicates a mind that is influenced by deep-seated emotional patterns. Unconscious desires will cause the person to look at some facts and ignore others, the results being bias and prejudice and interference with objective thinking. At times, if Mercury is badly afflicted, the natives may be untruthful without consciously realizing it.

Mercury in this sign can indicate a good memory, because of the emotional intensity that is associated with the thoughts. There is also a tendency to absorb much information subliminally or to learn by osmosis. In fact, much of the mental process occurs on an unconscious level, although it is manifested as conscious intent. Since people with this Mercury position are highly susceptible to the attitudes and opinions of those around them, their thinking can be influenced by emotional appeals, such as patriotism. They are very sensitive personally; they believe that whatever is done or spoken in their environment is especially directed toward them.

Much of the thinking centers around the home and family. There is considerable business ability in matters related to food, domestic and consumer products, and real estate.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

An excellent memory and imagination is likely, but there is a tendency to look to the past - sometimes too nostalgically - so that forward thinking and planning can cause apprehension and worry because of having to consider and accept the unknown. It is important that the individual realizes that his or her imagination tends to work overtime, all too often negatively, so that when things go wrong (or appear to do so) they are turned from molehills into mountains. If creativity is indicated elsewhere in the chart, the imagination can be made to work in this way, perhaps through writing or telling stories. A love of the past may be seen in a fascination with history, so long historical / romantic novels or family sagas will be enjoyed - or even written. There is usually tenacity, especially when studying, but the subject may change his mind, perhaps mostly when

emotional reactions clash with logical thinking and the assessment of situations. The Sun and Moon signs often show which response will dominate.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, considerable intuition and a powerful instinct are added to the Gemini traits. The imagination is likely to be expressed through writing or perhaps some form of handicraft. The placing adds a measure of sensitivity - especially when the individual is assessing other people's reactions - making him or her more sympathetic than critical. It can cause even the most rational Geminians to worry, but nevertheless logic should eventually rule the day. The individual should recognize that a changeable mind can cause problems to loved ones as well as herself.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, the Cancerian imagination is increased and must be given positive or creative expression. Undue worry is extremely likely; and if pessimism or depression are hinted at elsewhere this placing will increase such possibilities. Intuition and love of the past will be enormously enhanced, as will moodiness. The thinking process is almost totally intuitive; and ideas, thoughts and decisions will be made quite instinctively, which is right for this combination.

If the Sun sign is Leo, intuition and sentimentality are heightened, with the imagination put to excellent use. Leo optimism will help to overcome the Cancerian tendency to worry, but Mercury adds kindness, consideration and sympathy, making the subject less dogmatic and bossy. Mental flexibility will also be an asset; and caution and shrewdness act as a good counter to Leo's fire. The high emotional level of Leo is increased by the more sensitive, emotional element of Mercury in Cancer, increasing, for instance, Leonine appreciation of splendid theatrical or musical performances, and allowing a full expression of feeling toward loved ones. You have a sympathetic, though potentially moody, mind.

You see life in terms of comfortable and uncomfortable situations and ideas; and so you discuss matters with a view to creating a feeling of safety and avoiding confrontation. Other feels reassured by this, and so consequently is receptive to your point of view. You try to be receptive to Other and thereby develop mutual understanding.

You tend not to see what you do not want to see, because certain issues remind you of feelings of insecurity that have more to do with the past (childhood) than the present. As Other tries to push his or her point home, disagreement and argument ensue, which is ironic, seeing as unpleasantness was what you were trying to avoid in the first place.

(John Townley)

Although you have a fertile imagination, you share your fantasies only with your dearest and most trusted friends. This part of your life is very private, and those few who share it are privileged indeed.

Don't be too cautious about sharing your feelings, however, because even a casual lover should know something of what is going on inside you. Otherwise you will not reach a satisfactory level of love and communication in an affair.

Once you are truly involved with someone, however, your lover becomes everything to you. For you, the ideal affair is one in which both partners are truly lost in each other, needing no outside contact or stimulation for happiness. Unlike more sociable types, you would enjoy being stranded with your love on a remote tropical isle with only each other for company and affection.

This may be the truest and most total form of devotion, but you should avoid being overprotective of your lover. That tends to have the opposite of the desired effect, making your partner feel cramped and in need of elbow room. As long as you both know that you are each other's firm refuge, that is enough for security and happiness.

(Robert Hand)

You often let your emotions tell you how to think, and you find it difficult to look at things objectively. But your mind is retentive, so that once you have learned something, you aren't likely to forget it. In fact you prefer ideas that you have known and understood a long time because they have become familiar. Certainly you can learn new things, but it isn't easy if they seem threatening or challenging.

It may be hard to drop your bad habits of thinking. Often you aren't aware of how or why you think as you do. Many of your beliefs and opinions come from your family, who are very important to you. As you get older, you may have some difficulty changing any wrong ideas that you learn now; so be sure that the beliefs you adopt really work for you and are of practical use in coping with the world.

When you are emotionally upset, your whole view of the world changes. At such times, don't take your outlook too seriously, because it will change again when you calm down.

Because you are naturally cautious in your views, you are not likely to get carried away by some new enthusiasm that later proves to have no real value. You are bored by fads and much more concerned with proven ideas.

(Freda Edis)

Much emotional intensity is given to the thoughts when Mercury is placed in Cancer. People with the placement have highly sensitive minds and are likely to be protective and defensive of the way in which they think, rarely showing how they arrive at the conclusions they reach. While they have the ability to register information at an emotional level, they can also use this characteristic to withdraw into hurt and moody silence if they have been wounded by words. This happens because their thought

patterns are influenced at an unconscious level by the impressions and people they become attached to; they can become cranky and stubborn if these are unharmonious or unsettled in any way.

Often others see them as difficult to know and hard to understand, liable to bias and prejudice if upset. Bias towards her son was evident in Maia's protection of Hermes in the face of Apollo's anger - even though she knew that her son was concealing the truth. To help themselves balance such tendencies, people with Mercury in Cancer may benefit from cultivating some objectivity and detachment concerning their deeply emotional thinking patterns. If this does not happen, then they may, at an early stage of life, develop ways of defending their real thoughts from the people closest to them, much as Hermes did when he deceived his mother by hiding under the bedclothes, pretending to be asleep, after stealing the cattle.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Perceptions are communicated sensitively and imaginatively.

Symbol: A poetic recitation stirs the emotions of a crowd.

People with Mercury in Cancer can sway the public with their oratory, but they need to guard against being so eager to make an impression that they gloss over their own convictions. They may be tempted to say what they think their listeners want to hear or are willing to accept. Thus, they gain a reputation for being opportunistic when they are really only anxious to please. They need to turn to their powers of introspection and be completely honest with themselves. Otherwise, their persuasions can too easily be altered by circumstances as they drift like rudderless sailboats blown hither and thither by every breath of opinion.

The mind is retentive, especially in matters pertaining to family history and bygone times. An instinctive feeling for the archaic gives them an aptitude for dealing with antiquities and an interest in museums. The ability to turn back to the past makes many Mercurial Cancerians natural psychologists. The works of Carl Jung, who popularized the idea of the collective unconscious and who wrote extensively on the symbolism of fantasies and dreams, typify this associative mode of thought. The shadow side of Jung's over-accommodating Mercury loomed up in his early willingness to co-operate with the Nazis, even though he soon repudiated their racist philosophy.

When Mercury is in Cancer, the mind may not be especially original, but a compensating psychic permeability permits the absorption of ideas without labored explanations. If the Sun is also in Cancer, the intuitive powers are intensified, but they may be denied recognition because of the reticence of the sign. The Sun in Gemini indicates a literary bent and gives logic and precision to a style which verges toward the fanciful. The Sun in Leo imparts a cheerful, whimsical approach to life which may be reflected in a picturesque style of verbal and literary expression. Mercury in Cancer often gives deep



sympathies and a vivid imagination. If such a person hears of a flood or earthquake in some part of the world, he can visualize the havoc created by the disaster and commiserate with the unfortunate victims. In extreme cases, the tendency to dwell upon melancholy images dissipates time and energy through worry about the vicissitudes of others and fear that similar troubles might befall one's own loved ones. No matter how dauntless a Cancerian may be, he is vulnerable where his family, especially his children, are concerned. He needs to avoid brooding over calamities, past, present, or potential, and to cultivate faith in his own reason and intelligence.

Mercury-Cancer people may not be outstandingly intellectual, but they are usually kind and well-meaning. They have a tolerance of human frailty based on an ability to sense the mental state of others and to sympathize with their problems and anxieties. They respond to feelings as much as to facts, realizing that if an individual feels something intensely, then this is a legitimate part of his world of reality.

Cancer brings out the passive side of Mercury, making the mind receptive but not always capable of discrimination. There is a liability to be swayed by appeals to the emotions, even against the dictates of common sense. If, however, mental stability and depth of purpose reinforce the innate sensitivity of the Cancerian, he may become the psychologist who studies the art of healing as well as the science of suppressing disease. This integrative kind of psychology does not require degrees or diplomas, but may be practised by anyone who genuinely wants to help others.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here is an extremely emotional and receptive mind that can be drowned in its own emotions if the person is not careful. Cancer rules the instinctual consciousness; and while there is sympathy and feeling strong, this sign is too receptive, and can be swayed by the senses too readily. Argument with this type of mind arouses stubborn resistance, but an appeal to its sympathy is the way to help it grow in understanding. Makes the mind passive, but not a stable position for the mind. They are extremely psychic people, and find it difficult to learn by study, but absorb knowledge by listening to others.

## Mercury ♀ in 5th House

(Freda Edis)

In the fifth house, Mercury can lead to the development of a mind interested in open, perhaps dramatic and creative forms of expression, particularly where there is a capacity for literary pursuits or activities of skill and strategy. There is often an interest in children or in the abilities of the young for people with this placement. Recreational activities are also seen as creative, and so is the possibility of romance. These people may be fast

and precise thinkers in any artistic, literary or recreational endeavours they undertake. The appollonian qualities of a bright vitality are added to the intellectual abilities of Mercury when the two gods meet in myth. The exchange between them is, by turn, angry, witty, conciliatory, creative and interesting.

Aspects to Mercury in this house may influence the ability to think flexibly and creatively. Signs on the cusp of the fifth, too, can also affect the way Mercury works here. Mercury with Taurus may slow down the mind's ability to make creative connections quickly, but could enhance the capacity to produce something worthwhile in tangible form. Mercury with Aquarius would indicate an intuitive, original mind which might need to direct its creativity towards some humanitarian goal.

People with this placement are most often driven to produce at the creative level, as Hermes was when he made the lyre from a tortoise's shell. The difficulty is that people who are as inventive may find that they are engaging in separate activities which seem to have little connection between them; perhaps there is also an overemphasis in one area to the detriment of others. The interconnectedness of fifth house activities is important for these people because it enhances their mental perceptions. They easily identify with a need for continual and enthusiastic creation and recognition.

The myth of Amphion shows something of the fifth house attributes of creativity. He had connections with both Hermes and Apollo. Hermes had given him a lyre because he was devoted to the god's worship; but Amphion was often teased for playing it by Zethus, his brother, because it distracted him from work. But after the brothers had captured Thebes and dethroned the king, Amphion built the lower city by playing his lyre. The power of the sound shifted the stones into place, one on top of the other, so that the city was built in record time. Faith in the good gift bestowed by the god meant that Amphion was in a good position to profit from his creativity, provided that the gods were continually honoured.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position of Mercury is a powerful testimony to creativity. These are sturdy souls. They will never be downed by circumstances alone. In fact, they are often stimulated by difficulties to rise above them in a creative fashion, so they may actually seek trouble in some way so that this faculty will find expression, to the despair of less adventurous friends and relatives.

This Mercury adds flair to the style and charisma to the personality. They rarely look to others for answers. They have a deep belief in the creative powers of the self, and are only too eager to use them. They must develop some area where this boldly innovative drive can be put to use, or they will run headlong into difficulties with more conservative types. This is a very good position for artists, writers, lecturers, entertainers, etc.. They do not work well in a career in harness with others, unless there is another area of life

where there is total working freedom.

Usually attractive physically, they may have a number of romances and affairs, though this energy is often translated into artistic efforts. If Mercury is near the sixth house cusp, there is also a tremendous capacity for hard work.

These people make excellent teachers. If they do not teach as a career - and bureaucratic constraints unfortunately often cause these naturally gifted teachers to flee the profession - they will somehow manage to arrange their lives so that they can do some teaching along the way. Children and young people are very important to them. If Mercury is under pressure from Mars, Saturn, or Uranus, parenthood may be denied, which will bring grief because they will be greatly desired. In this case, they will usually settle for adoption, or helping children or young people in some other way. They are usually attractive to children and younger people all their lives.

They are inclined to take chances and risks, drive fast, and race cars or horses, or at least admire those who do. They are romantics all their lives, scorning as dull the everyday routines that most people cling to.

(Bill Herbst)

Conscious persona: Mercury in the 5th house reveals you to be a performer of the mind, someone capable of mental pyrotechnics or verbal gymnastics. You imagine every communication to be delivered to an audience, as in a speech or press conference; and you have a heightened awareness that words are the most creative part of your act. The pitfalls are mental vanity and pedantic overkill, while the challenge is to develop a charismatic and conscious sense of mind and its presentation.

Romance, giving love: Where love is concerned, you are a poet, a magician of words. Courtship exists between the minds; and what is said is of much greater importance than what is done. There is acceleration in the urgency of loving, as the nervous system galvanizes instantly to the clarion call of romance. On levels other than mental, however, love is cooled, and that is a consistent pitfall. Stimulus and imagery are the keys here; flirtation in the mind becomes an art. The challenge, of course, is to reach deeply into the thoughts of your beloved, penetrating both your thoughts about her and her thoughts about everything. To win the heart, you must fascinate the mind.

Sexual performance: The act of making love is something you think about - before, during, and after. Technique is critical; and your mind works overtime to develop scenarios for successful sexual performance. Communication is as important as touch, often more so, because for you, making love is like 'dancing in the mind'. There is usually a quicksilver attitude here, an air of slight detachment from the act itself, almost as if you were a photographer recording the experience. And like a photographer, there is a sense of rushing to the next image, capturing the perfect pose one moment, then

moving on. Mercury does not savor, but rather forms a rapidly moving collection of images, so the pitfall is subtle voyeurism. The challenge is first to satisfy the hunger of your nervous system for the stimulation of beautiful images, then to convey that beauty back to your beloved.

**Personal creativity:** Your mind is involved in any creative endeavors. However, Mercury's placement here indicates little about the use of your full intelligence. Instead, the focus is on quickness of perception, facility with words, and wit. The sign placement and aspects are of special significance in determining your motivation and style. For example, you could be light and playful, producing enjoyment as your main creative products, or you could be serious and intense, working on creative projects that require intricate schedules and strategies. The challenge is to create new ways to communicate emotional realities.

**Competition:** Competition is exciting to your nervous system. You are stimulated by mental competition, enjoying the gymnastics of mental skill. You risk much more verbally than any other way, often through intricate games of logic and strategy. The pitfall lies in 'talking the talk' without really being able to 'walk the walk'; you sound like you're a confident and willing risker when you may only be playing a game of words. The challenge is not to conquer others with a show of brilliance, but to fully engage them so the games can continue.

(Robert Pelletier)

Even though you are aware of your enormous creative potential, you tend to postpone doing something worthwhile with it. You are inclined to put off committing yourself, preferring to indulge in activities that serve only your own selfish interests. You tend to change the subject when someone puts you on the defensive about your lack of determination in applying yourself toward some goal. But you are sure that when the 'right time' comes you will demonstrate your talent to everyone. You know what with a little luck you will prove your point. You enjoy being free, and you realize that when you make a commitment, you are bound by it. Since you often lose interest when the novelty of a project wears off, you want time to decide on your life direction. A career that brings you into close contact with the public would give you the opportunity to put your best foot forward. You express yourself so dramatically that people are impressed, which should indicate the nature of your career interests.

You know yourself better than most people know themselves, but you will feel more guilty if you fail to live up to your considerable creative and intellectual gifts. You have special talents for direct communication and writing. You can devise many ways to exploit your creative imagination in your career and personal life. Since you need to know that other people appreciate your efforts in their behalf, you may choose a profession that brings you into close contact with the public. This would give you first-hand knowledge of how effective you are in helping people, which would be enormously

gratifying. You are basically a very friendly person; and it would be surprising if you became alienated from anyone, even your competitors.

Once you grow up and realize that there is a time to play and a time to work, you will find a way to stand on your own. Freedom is priceless, but you must earn it by being willing to work and contribute what you can do others. Your future financial independence rests solely on resigning yourself to this fact. There are few gifts that come without having to make some exchange in return. You have much creative potential, which you can use in worthwhile endeavors that will bring you security in your later years. Take your cue from well-meaning friends who have succeeded in reaching their goals. Once you start getting feedback from your efforts, you will have the necessary stimulus to persist. Accepting responsibility in this task is a major requirement.

You are afraid that you will not make a lasting impression on people; but you pretend that nothing bothers you. The truth is, you want to be in control of every situation. However, there are times when you are unwilling to sacrifice your personal pleasures as a necessary investment in your career. Your carefree attitude sometimes suggests that you don't want to pay the price of fulfilling your potential. You think too much about problems that are imaginary rather than real.

Your domestic environment gave you certain advantages, although it probably delayed your maturing by contributing to your laissez-faire attitude. Be grateful that you were able to indulge yourself in your youth, but realize that achieving on your own terms means hard work now. You may have many excuses for not applying yourself, but there are probably few valid reasons.

(Howard Sasportas)

Creative pursuits, hobbies and recreational outlets are the means of becoming more conscious of the self and the environment. Some form of artistic expression may be the medium through which this person sees, thinks, feels and communicates. For those with this placement, experience is more richly understood and better digested if it can be described in poetic words, drawn, sung about or danced. Knowledge is passed on from generation to generation in this way.

Expanding the mind through knowledge and developing the ability to communicate and convey ideas contribute to greater self-fulfilment with Mercury in this position. Mental amusements such as chess, scrabble and other games of strategy and wit might be typical 5th house Mercury pursuits. Gymnastics, track and field events, and those sports which involve precision teamwork such as basketball also come to mind. Mercury's restlessness and need for variety can manifest itself in an active romantic life. The flame of romance is probably kept burning longer if the other person is mentally stimulating. Flattering those with Mercury in the 5th about the acuity and breadth of their knowledge or their brilliant way of putting things will get you everywhere.

Parents with this placement normally foster the intellectual abilities of their children, and both probably have a lot to learn from one another. The parent-child relationship may blossom when the child is older and increasingly able to communicate and exchange ideas. Mercury in the 5th makes a good teacher or educator of young people; and I have often seen this placement in the charts of those who work especially well with adolescents.

## Venus ♀ in ♎ Libra 25° 19'

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Libra is all about balance; and the Venus in Libra person may have to struggle to find the right balance between a desire to be too accommodating to others and a conscious effort to counteract this by being over-assertive. This can make these people surprisingly awkward and self-conscious at times.

Generally polite and charming but rather cool, Venus in Libra people are usually socially skilled, although they may be so locked into being nice that it is hard to get to know them. They tend to feel very uncomfortable with people they don't like; and there is a tendency to overcompensate for the guilt of not liking them by being especially friendly towards them. This can often lead to misunderstandings and difficult situations which cause them even more discomfort. They cannot bear to say anything unpleasant to anyone, so they often go along with situations rather than being honest.

There is a great need for peace and harmony in relationships, and a dislike of crudeness and aggression. Those with Venus in Libra will feel unloved if people are not pleasant to them and considerate of their needs. Libra is attracted to people who have a certain refinement and grace and a rather quiet good taste - they dislike anything outrageous.

As a lover, the Venus in Libra person is considerate and fair, with a strong concern for the etiquette and conventions of relationships. However, these people can at times be over-solicitous, trying too hard to please, which can be irritating to their partners and make their relationships rather hollow and lacking in substance. However, they are gently romantic and genuinely caring lover who are very attentive and really enjoy pleasing their partners.

With Venus in Libra, there is a very deep need for someone to share life with, and it is sharing everything with that special other that brings them happiness.

(Skye Alexander)

You enjoy art and beauty in all their myriad forms, and want to fill your life with lovely

things. Creative and sensitive to color, harmony and balance, you probably have artistic ability. Whether or not you are an artist yourself, you have an innate sense of aesthetics and are able to appreciate fine art, music, theatre, literature, etc.; and you might be a collector or patron of the arts.

Relationships of all kinds are central in your life. Friendly, gracious and good-natured, you have many friends and acquaintances, and love to socialize. Your manners are impeccable, and you are known for your diplomacy and tact. Able to get along with just about anyone, you are the perfect guest at social gatherings, the ideal co-worker, and a good friend to all.

You don't like being alone, and function best - personally and professionally - in partnerships. It is especially important to you to be involved in a love relationship at all times. For you, love make the world go 'round, and you aren't complete without a lover. However, you don't usually pursue a prospective partner actively; your way is to make yourself attractive, then sit back and wait for him / her to come to you. Your idea of love is moonlit nights, soft music, wine and roses, where everyone lives happily ever after. There's nothing sordid or tempestuous in your romantic fantasies.

Because love is vital to your happiness, you tend to place more emphasis on the relationship and your partner than on yourself. You are always ready to compromise to maintain the partnership, and to put your loved one's wellbeing in front of your own. Perhaps you don't even know what you really want, since your happiness is dependent upon your partner's; if she / he is satisfied, then so are you. You eagerly adopt your lover's interests, friends, beliefs, lifestyle, etc., and can be something of a chameleon.

You want everything about your relationships to be nice all the time, and can't stand arguments or anger. The consummate peacemaker, your motto might be 'don't make waves'. Thus, you rarely speak your mind or stand up for yourself in a relationship, for fear of causing friction or opposition. You'd rather go along to get along. Once involved in a relationship, you are faithful and loyal to your partner. Even if you aren't satisfied in the partnership, you are loathe to end it because you can't stand to make a scene or have anyone mad at you. You'd rather slip out through the back door when your mate isn't looking, or write a 'Dear John' letter, than confront the situation openly.

Women with this planetary position are extremely feminine in a conventional sense. You enjoy wearing beautiful clothing, cosmetics, perfume and jewellery; and your appearance is very important to you. You devote much time and energy to making yourself look your best, and you tend to be terribly vain. You might place so much importance on your looks that you fail to develop other qualities, and are more devastated than other women when old age takes away your trump card. You also pride yourself on your pleasant disposition and refinement. Easily offended by coarseness, you equate femininity with grace, good manners and physical beauty. You can't bear to get your hands dirty, you dislike sports of all kinds (unless your Sun is in Sagittarius),

and you wouldn't be caught dead without your mascara.

Men with Venus in Libra are attracted to traditionally beautiful women. Your female ideal is the 'perfect lady', delicate, sweet-tempered, refined, intelligent. She never changes diapers, pumps her own gasoline, perspires or swears. You are turned off by strongminded, independent women or those who are highly competitive - in business or private life. You are looking for a woman who will complement you, not one who is fully-formed in herself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Libra indicates a type of person to whom marriage and harmonious social relationships are of extreme importance. Venus, the planet ruling Libra, is powerful and well-placed here. Since Venus usually bestows well-proportioned features and general physical beauty, people with this position are attractive to the opposite sex and have many opportunities for marriage.

These people have an innate ability to understand the feelings of others. Enjoying companionship, they seek relationships in which a harmonious and close personal bond is possible. Along with their consideration for others, they have a desire to please, which results in their being well-liked. Their sense of justice and fair play in romance and social relations is well-developed. Because they dislike coarseness and uncouth behavior, they have high standards for social conduct and manners. They are romantic and affectionate; but as Libra is an intellectual sign they seek intellectual stimulation and companionship from close personal relationships; sensuality by itself will not suffice. In this respect Venus in Libra is different from Venus in Taurus, as it is not concerned with money per se; however, natives like to be surrounded by beauty, and thus usually require money. Unlike natives with Venus in Taurus, these people seek status more through their personal relationships than through possessions; but as a rule they are endowed with both, because they try to establish meaningful relationships with mature individuals who have acquired wealth. Moreover, they are able to make money by their pleasing manners and aptitude in dealing with the public, which can be applied to business.

The aesthetic perceptions are highly developed with Venus in Libra. The natives often have an aptitude for some form of art, especially music. Because Libra is an Air sign and sound waves travel through the medium of air, they generally have a good sense of hearing, which is the basis of their musical ability. Venus in Taurus, by contrast, is more likely to relate to painting, sculpture, and other tactile arts.

People with this Venus placement dislike disagreements and discord. If they are exposed to them too frequently, they become nervous, upset, and often ill. Consequently they avoid situations of conflict. If Venus is afflicted, they may go along with others merely to avoid argument and unpleasantness, thus appearing to lack integrity. An



afflicted Venus in Libra can lead to superficial emotional and social values and produce a conformist attitude and a lack of well-defined personal values.

Women with this Venus position want to be cared for deeply; however, in public places, social propriety and a suave approach on the part of the men with whom they are seen are important to them. There is ability in giving public performances; and these natives take the limelight gracefully. Much public acclaim and popularity can accrue to those in the performing arts.

(Isabel Hickey)

In this sign, Venus is at home and at her best. Released from the earthly bondage she knows in Taurus, and because of the airy, intellectual quality of Libra, an Air sign, she is more refined, aesthetic, and artistic. Expresses on the mental and spiritual levels rather than the physical plane. Direct and clear emotions; the young-at-heart. Easily hurt but do not hold a grudge unless Venus is afflicted. Gives keen sense of color. Makes a good hostess, for Venus in Libra relates to others easily. Sincerity and yet impersonality too. Cannot function in a discordant atmosphere without the health being affected.

(Grant Lewi)

Your emotions are simple, direct, crystal clear. You are one of the young and pure in heart. The difficulties of life don't destroy your faith in the beauty of love; and since this is the sort of faith that vindicates itself, you are likely to find more genuine happiness in life than most. You are easily hurt, but you aren't touchy about it; you can't hold a grudge, or even condemn those who hurt you. You have a knack for thinking the best of people who repay you by thinking the best of you. The directness of your response to social relations; the genuineness of your affections, which you express with a combination of sincerity and impersonality - these endear you to many, making you a sought-after companion and guest, and a charming host or hostess. You can safely allow emotional experience to be the breath of your life, because when it is filtered through your clarifying responses it is a pure, sweet and exhilarating air.

(Donna van Toen)

Libra being the sign of balance as well as one of Venus's signs, you should be able to express either your masculine side or your feminine side easily, depending on what's being called for. You need marriage - or at the very least stable companionship - to be at your best. You also have a strong need for peace and harmony. Though you can 'make do' with virtually anybody who's reasonably easy to get along with, in the long run you need someone who's doing something worthwhile with his / her life, someone whose experiences are worth sharing and meaningful in your eyes. This is because, with Saturn exalted in Libra, you can't love someone you don't also respect.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Libra is the second sign ruled by Venus, the influence of which is increased when placed in this sign. The attitude to love is romantic, affectionate and idealistic. The subject may even fall in love with love; but here is someone with such a strong need for a loving relationship that his or her potential may not be fully developed when he / she is alone. There is much kindness, sympathy and understanding, with time spent listening to the problems of others and lending moral support. Tact and diplomacy is usual, as is a great love of beauty and a comfortable (sometimes luxurious) lifestyle. Rich food eaten in congenial surroundings can make life worthwhile for someone with this placing. Negatively, there may be resentment, indecision and sybaritism (if laziness is shown elsewhere in the chart). Money will be spent openly and freely, but may be used to buy affection.

If the Sun sign is Leo, this Venus placing will tend to make the subject rather laid-back. Leonine generosity is increased; and there will be a tendency to put the loved one on a pedestal, increasing the possibility of hurt should the partner fail to measure up to the exacting standards required. The pleasures of the good life will be important and enjoyed; and creative flair may be shown in design or music. As a friend, he or she will make quite sure that every event is an occasion. A great deal of money must be earned, so that it can be spent!

If the Sun sign is Virgo, this Venus placing often helps the shy, not-so-self-confident Virgoan to relax and enjoy love relationships and other luxuries. It will also ease the harsher, more critical side of Virgo. There is often flair for creative handiwork such as woodcarving or dressmaking; and all such potential must be fully developed. Here is a helpful, sympathetic friend who will enjoy doing good turns for others. The subject will want to work hard for every penny earned; but will not be averse to enjoying the pleasures that extra money can bring.

If the Sun sign is Libra, the influence of Venus is very strong in this placing, adding all the qualities and negative traits mentioned in the general interpretation of Venus in Libra above. All the attributes of Libra will be considerably strengthened by this Venus placing, especially if the Sun and Venus are in conjunction. Money will be extravagantly spent.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this Venus placing adds a colorful, romantic side to the intense passion of Scorpio, increasing sympathy and understanding of partners, and encouraging the warm expression of feeling. The liking for comfort and luxury is enhanced; but the resentfulness of this placing can combine with Scorpio jealousy and must be controlled. Here is a good friend, but one who can become suspicious. Generosity and financial flair will be present.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this Venus placing gives a sense of romance to the exuberant, enthusiastic Sagittarian, who will enjoy the relationship as much as the chase

(which is not always the case for people with this Sun sign!) The power of Venus will help to quell Sagittarian restlessness and encourage a philosophical outlook. Financial security is of above-average importance, since creature comforts are sought more than is usual for most Sagittarians.

(Syndey Omarr)

In Libra, Venus tells of a native who is idealistic, whose emotions are direct, and who has a love of beauty - one who is sensitive and easily hurt, but who nevertheless continues to see the romance surrounding him. He usually gives others the benefit of any doubt - he seeks justice and truth, and responds to the finer instincts. He needs, at times, to be brought back down to earth and to face realities. He has a strong desire for peace, order and harmony; he yearns for knowledge, is philosophical, and is attracted to art and creative endeavors. This native is able to attract people to his special charity, cause or interest - and is fascinated by the law (man-made) and by the laws of nature. He can be highly spiritual, and thrives on affection.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a charming, though potentially superficial, lover. Love for you has to be evidently civil, beautiful and harmonious - a classical love that graces your life and the society you live in like a piece of music or a work of art. You draw this sense of love from deep levels of your soul, but paradoxically it can distance you from actually feeling love on a personal level, making it hard for you to utterly commit, and causing you to seduce with and be seduced by mere fancy.

You attract with a gentle, sophisticated and aesthetic charm that can make Other feel treated how he / she has always wanted to be treated; with a social style and contacts, and the improved life-style these promise or bring; and by being true to some definite standard of relating and social behaviour.

You repel with an inability to resist the temptation of using and enjoying your natural appeal through flirting, thus appearing insincere to Other; with a blind adherence to social etiquette and norms so as to mask emotional ineptitude; and with an intolerance of honest displays of emotion, such being seen as bad manners.

You are attracted to beauty, be it looks or personality; to an Other who is your equal, in terms of complementing you, rather than of social standing; and to harmony and tastefulness, be it in the living room, the kitchen or the bedroom.

You are repelled by Others who do not appeal to your refined sense of values and appearance; by an Other who lacks the social graces or at least refuses to learn any (from you?); by any kind of aesthetic, moral or cultural wasteland; and by coarseness.

When you are alone or dissatisfied, it is because no-one measures up to your impossible standards. More to the point, however pleasing and graceful these standards may be, they do not fulfil Other's emotional needs - or your own for that matter. It is equally possible that you have applied these high social and aesthetic standards to your own personality and found it wanting and unfit for relationship. The barrier you have to get through is a superficial idea of love and relating. This does not mean that you are shallow and incapable of loving, but that you use surface values like looks and behaviour as your criteria because you are not sure of your own inner worth and lovability. Libra, the Scales, can 'tip' things the other way and find you rejecting social and aesthetic values to some degree; but this would be you simply rebelling against them in an attempt to find your own emotional truth. But carried too far, this could find you more alone than ever. Truth is beauty.

(John Townley)

You may be attracted to somewhat unsettled relationships, which is natural with this position. A quiet, uneventful life is boring to you, for it is continual change and growth that keep you interested and creative in a love relationship.

You insist that you and your lover be equal, not in a static equilibrium, but rather in continuing readjustment that keeps both partners on an even basis. Reversing sex-typed roles from time to time can be very helpful by giving each of you a view from the other side. This tends to break down ingrained and often subconscious sex barriers that can get in the way of a creative, flowing relationship.

You particularly admire physical beauty in a lover; but do not let a person's appearance blind you to the beauty, or lack of it, in his or her soul. Let your judgement of beautiful form be more than skin-deep.

In the long run, you will be most satisfied with an all-round lover whose accomplishments and qualities are not just physical but extend in many directions. This partner's experience in love can be the foundation for a very broad-based love relationship. Thus, although youth and beauty may appeal to you most at first, you are more likely to be fulfilled by an experienced and mature partner your age or older.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you value harmony in social situations, regardless of the cost, you may withhold your opinions and sense of justice. You may gain a false sense of harmony with others when in effect you are constantly at the mercy of their approval.

When you withhold the Libra qualities for creating harmony and instead seek to appease

others by telling them what you think they want to hear (according to their sense of fair play), your manipulations may inadvertently create chaos. Inevitably, such chaos leads to feelings of self-doubt and worthlessness.

In situations of conflict, if you fear that the solution you envision may not be followed or accepted, then you may withhold an honest sharing of yourself for the sake of harmony. This can lead to confusion and helplessness in your relationships.

### Dynamic

When you are willing to risk losing your role of Mr. or Ms. Nice Person in social situations, you can choose to share the injustices that you feel as well as the fair solution that you see. In so doing, your courage can pave the way for a higher, fairer order to take place. By asserting integrity and openly sharing your insights, you can come to appreciate and value yourself in your relationships.

When you state your independent value system, your sense of balance and harmony is acknowledged. This can give you a feeling of self-worth. Declaring your innate perception of fair play to others (and risking the threat of possible disharmony in order to reach a greater harmony) results in experiencing inner satisfaction from sharing your fine Libra gifts of social organization.

By taking the initiative to create harmony that is in alignment with the integrity of your inner sense of justice and fair play, you can experience a firm, consistent sense of selfworth.

## Venus ♀ in 8th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Jealous, intense, charismatic, financially and sexually manipulative.

While the seventh house describes the types of partnerships to which one gravitates as well as the ability to co-operate and share, the eighth house (second from the seventh) depicts the financial assets and liabilities acquired through marriage, business partnerships or family relationships, ranging from money, stocks and real estates to legacies, lawsuits and insurance benefits. Corresponding to the fixed Water sign of Scorpio, the eighth house also symbolises emotional, psychological, sexual and financial attitudes that colour personal and professional relationships - especially the use and misuse of power.

Just as Inanna and Dumuzi represented the convergence of sex, money and power, individuals with Venus in the eighth house seek the same type of adrenaline rush from

their financial conquests, intimate and / or professional relationships. When the Goddess was sexually fulfilled, she was injected with a sense of potency that stimulated the prosperous growing season and, ultimately, empowered her people. Similarly, the selfworth of individuals with Venus in the eighth house is directly connected with sexual prowess, the ability to acquire money and / or the need to be in control.

Because the eighth house relates to emotional and sexual intensity, these individuals are aware that, in order to satisfy their complex needs and sustain their interests, relationships must have an element of challenge and excitement that quenches their sexual appetite and thirst for money and / or power. If Venus is well-aspected these people are charismatic, attractive and filled with confidence, magnetism and a boundless sense of power and control over their lives, which attracts equally magnetic, commanding and financially successful personal and business partnerships. Although these relationships may also be volatile and, in some instances, sexually motivated, there is the capacity for striking the balance between emotional compatibility and physical attraction.

If Venus is harmoniously aspected, however (especially by Mars or Pluto), these people may seek someone who provides the kind of excitement they feel incapable of attaining through their own talents. The overriding passion and sexual power may become so overpowering that these emotions will be exceedingly difficult to control. While they may be physically attracted to and enticed by those who match their level of intensity, these unions are more often than not compulsive and ill-fated, often evoking jealousy, uncontrollable passion and destructive power games. Unless they learn to trust others and relinquish their inordinate need for control, their personal and professional relationships will always be threatened.

Rather than strive towards equality and / or develop the seventh house capacity for cooperation, these individuals thrive on the struggle for supremacy and often utilise their seductive charm and / or sexual prowess to achieve their goals by enticing others with promised rewards of sex, money and / or power. In fact, the difficulties incurred during relationships arise out of their egotism and the desire for constant self-gratification. With their self-esteem in question, they frequently seek adulating partners, friends and associates whom they can manipulate or dominate emotionally, psychologically and / or sexually.

While the placement of fertile, beneficent Venus in the amazingly creative but potentially destructive eighth house tests one's capacity to sustain a long-term partnership, the key lies in the ability to maintain a balance of power while constantly revitalising a partnership so it remains exciting and challenging. If their aggression, thrill-seeking and high level of energy are channelled through the performing arts (drama and dance), strenuous physical activities or competitive ventures that are creative and financially rewarding, individuals with Venus in the eighth house are less likely to express hostility towards their partners and might even learn to relax.

While their inexhaustible enthusiasm fuels successful and profitable business pursuits, it may also be their downfall should they succumb to negative emotions such as jealousy, combativeness, lust and greed. If Venus is poorly aspected, therefore, their ability for healthy competition may become as tenuous, ruthless and potentially destructive as it could have been prosperous. Because there is an affinity for speculation, investment or using their powers of persuasion to market a product, an idea or even themselves, these individuals will be attracted to the performing arts, politics or finance either as an avocation or, if Venus rules the second, sixth or tenth 'work' houses, as a vocation.

Fascination with the dark side of the psyche or underside of life also draws them to undercover / investigative work, occult research, psychology and astrology, often for the sheer excitement these areas evoke and not necessarily as a career. In fact, their love of intricate game-playing and risk-taking draws them into business dealings where speculation, investments and / or psychological challenges are at the forefront. Although they may profit wildly from these ventures, they are just as likely to incur devastating losses during difficult transits when their judgement is clouded by greed and the desire for instant gratification - one of Venus's most problematic characteristics.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

People with Venus in the eighth house seek a deep emotional and sexual contact with a partner - nothing short of a soul union. They want depth and intensity; and, depending on the aspects to Venus, this may involve a certain amount of anguish. These people cannot bear things to be static or staid in relationships; their need is for something intense, and they prefer to move through the extremes of joy and ecstasy to the pits of misery and despair than to feel their emotional life is drab. They need the extremes to feel they are really alive; and anything everyday and comfortable can feel mediocre to them, as if some essential component is missing.

They thrive on crisis; and if it is not there they will create it. Their love life can be like an emotional roller-coaster. Love is continually going through transformations with Venus in the eighth house, dying and being reborn. With each death, they are never sure whether it has died for good this time. A treadmill of pain pursues, deepening the love bond. After visiting some very dark places with a partner, they become inextricably bound up with him or her. To some extent, they will be testing their love and the love of their partner. There is a need for this to be regularly reaffirmed; and there is nothing like an emotional crisis for achieving this. This is not likely to be a conscious choice; and people with Venus in the eighth may be in considerable pain and feel this dynamic is completely out of their control.

They will be looking for someone who can offer them the emotional depth they crave. They are often possessive and jealous themselves, or else they will choose someone who is. Fundamentally it is the strong feelings they desire; and jealousy and

possessiveness tend to go with passion. They will choose those who are emotionally complicated - who do not offer them a smooth relationship. Whether consciously or not, they will choose someone who will shake them up and change them in some way. Their partners will plunge them into crises if the relationship is at all meaningful for them.

They may also get pleasure from the possibility of throwing their partner into an emotional turmoil, enjoying the power they have to affect another. Knowing they can have this effect, and that they can bring about change in another, may be a source of satisfaction for them. It may be a kind of revenge for them, in response to their having been hurt (albeit inadvertently), and give them great delight.

In a relationship, they will enjoy sharing any moving experience together. Sexual and emotional intimacy and the sharing of deep feelings is where their greatest happiness lies. It is when things are going wrong in these areas that they draw to themselves the rather more traumatic circumstances already described. Occasionally, people with Venus in the eighth house may stay out of a relationship fearing the depths that they will be taken to and crave. They can then experience periods of intense loneliness.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is experienced through the mystique of sexuality, the beauty of the unconscious, the wonders of the occult and a fond attraction for all that exists in the hidden and secretive mystical side of life. The individual can regenerate feeling through his deeply passionate nature which seeks to know the very core of all. Thus, he feels the unconscious currents of hidden forces, and has a strong ability to effectively create smooth endings to the influences which he outgrows. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, he can experience much difficulty in finding the profound depths of insight and wisdom which his love can bring him to realize.

Instead, he can linger in darkness, living in the shadow of others almost jealously spying on them, while refusing to see any light in himself. Some with this placement will inherit; but others can tend to sponge off the goodness, finances and resources of a partner or mate as their primary means of support. There can be a tendency to take advantage of others through a secretively smooth and suave manner, whose subtle undercurrents are not consciously visible.

In this House, Venus opposes its rulership in the Second House. Thus, if the individual hides himself in dishonest feelings, or goes against accepted values, he can lose out on experiencing the depth and beauty of love that Venus promises.

In many instances, the love nature is dissipated through sexual preoccupation, and the individual, rather than raising his love to the heart chakra, finds himself struggling with internal fixations which impede his moral, emotional and mental unfoldment. He has a



tendency to inhibit what could be easy relationships with others, because of an attachment to a secretive lifestyle which makes him feel separated from the goodness and warmth of society that he truly needs.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, the individual experiences a complete transformation in his consciousness. He realizes that sexual love is more than lust of the body, coming instead from the inner depths of one's being. Thus, rather than hiding his sexual nature behind a façade of complexes which keep him from his true feelings, he begins to confront the regenerative kind of sexual love that brings his unconscious into harmony with his conscious life.

In this way, the secrets of dishonesty become transformed into a sacred love which guides the mystical truths that surface from within. Thus, he becomes sensitive to his unconscious as well as the hidden feelings of others close to him. When this occurs, the individual is afforded the blessings of having other people's resources made open to him, not because he selfishly wants them, but because he is capable of understanding the great hidden mysteries of God's love that exists just below the threshold of human awareness.

He can be the strongest emotional healer in the zodiac, for he can see love manifesting where others have not even thought to look. And, it is through his very special brand of courage and willingness to serve a master higher than himself that he begins to experience the great depth and beauty of regenerative love, the redemption of the Phoenix and its transformation into the birth of spiritual power. Thus, more than any other House placement in the zodiac, he earns his treasure through spiritual tests which bring him to transcend the limitations of the lower self as he overcomes temptations.

His very special Gift of Love is his ability to transform and regenerate the destructiveness of his lower passions into the reformed beauty of new life, filled with the eternal mystery of wonder at the silent sounds of God's love whispering through the quiet stillness of darkness, and changing it into light.

(Howard Sasportas)

Venus in the 8th 'cares about' what happens between people, and wants to ensure that anything which is shared or exchanged is beautiful, appropriate, beneficial and valuable. It favours business partnerships and the accruing of money and possessions through marriage or inheritance.

In the bedroom, Aphrodite's magic girdle transforms into a provocative corselet (possibly black leather if Venus is aspected to Pluto). Her seductive charms find no better mode of expression than in the intimate whispers and caresses of love. Venus in the 8th people have a way of receiving and responding to others which relaxes them, making partners feel secure enough to loosen inhibitions and restraints. In this sense, those with Venus

in Scorpio's natural house, whether innocently or not, entice others to give in to them. Hearts open, secrets are exposed, and bank accounts are put in their name.

There is also a love for that which is mysterious or esoteric, and a desire to probe for anything hidden or subtle as if what is found on that level will make them more complete. (Seance parlours are probably filled with people with Venus in the 8th contacting their dear and departed, wherever they may be.)

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here, Venus gives a charisma that outshines any physical imperfections, attracting others in a singular manner that is hard to define. There will be a great test of loyalty at some time during the life, requiring some kind of sacrifice. If there are oppositions or inconjuncts to Venus, this may be a great sacrifice, such as the physical relationship with the beloved.

Love is always bound up with death, loyalty, and sacrifice in some way. It is likely that they will suffer the death or permanent loss of someone beloved, someone beautiful and good. This loss, and its inherent threat of further loss, permanently affects their outlook on life. If the Sun is also in the eighth house, their entire life may be bound up in a drama of love, loyalty, and sacrifice, with death as the last act. This is an extremely selfsacrificial position.

These people take themselves very seriously. They don't wear their hearts on their sleeves, and are very cautious about giving their affections, because any mistake in this area will leave them shattered. They suffer so much from unrequited love that they are extremely cautious, and will wait for a long time before declaring themselves, but once they give their hearts it is usually forever.

They love stories of romantic courage, loyalty, and sacrifice. If they are artists, their works have the same appeal that their personalities have, a sort of pathos, tenderness, and idealism at the heart of a bitter and ironic realism. They are both idealist and cynic, romantic and realist; and the excitement of their personality comes from a constant tension between these extremes.

This position testifies to one whose feelings were persistently ignored or badly hurt in childhood, so that they remain cautious throughout life. If they attain power, they may be cold or cruel to others who they imagine might be cold or cruel to them, though they are usually extremely sensitive and tender toward children, the disabled, animals, or anyone who is clearly vulnerable and from whom they can feel no potential threat.

They are very sexual, and love to make love, but are capable of great restraint. They tend to be jealous, but if forgiveness is asked they will give it freely.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: you enjoy being close to another. You appreciate the experience of surrendering to love. But first make sure that love is indeed present before you surrender, and second, be certain that the other person is also in the flow of the same love. Do not seduce another into union; this leads to the pitfalls of inevitable betrayal and loss of harmony. Instead, take advantage of every good feeling to promote shared intimacy. The challenge is to understand that even personal love is a presence between two individuals, something that does not originate in their separate lives, but is instead created out of the harmony that arises from togetherness.

Transformation: Venus loves ritual in all forms, even the extreme rituals of egotranscendence. The possibility of rebirth offers its own aesthetic, so you willingly participate. You're receptive to psychological change, since you embrace more than you currently embody. The pitfall surrounds the belief that you'll be able to keep all your existing value systems after you've changed. It's as if you look forward to a future self that is the same as your present self, only better able to enjoy the fruits of life. Though this can work to your benefit in some ways, it's still a carrot-and-donkey approach to growth. The challenge is to understand that ego-death means completely giving up old ways of understanding pleasure in favor of new values, and, happily, new pleasures.

Sexual merging: The chemistry of sexual union is a powerful aphrodisiac, a perfume of lovely and delicate scent, a very magical potion. For you, it's the icing on the cake of life. Feminine qualities are emphasized here: enfolding, softening, receiving. Whether you are male or female, it's your beauty that draws others toward union with you. You know how to offer yourself to your beloved in total openness, but there are pitfalls. You can also be seductive, presenting an alluring mask of receptivity to entrap those you wish to snare. You can even seduce yourself into believing you're open when you're not. Remember that sexual vanity is your enemy, not your ally. The challenge is to understand that the aesthetic and physical pleasures of union are truly worthwhile when they occur with the right person, at the right time, in the right setting. Under those conditions, the joy of full release invites self-renewal.

Focused intuition: Your intuitive capabilities have a special purpose, to tap into the vibration of personal love. You also appreciate psychic sensitivity in others. Finding it in someone fills you with pleasure, making your inner world resonate more harmoniously. The pitfall involves using these sensitivities in a purely self-serving manner, rather than with mutuality, to benefit both yourself and others. The challenge is to open yourself to the invisible worlds that exist all around us, worlds of ineffable beauty.

Shared assets: It may be that you stand to inherit money, or marry someone wealthy. In any case, the struggle for money is something you may not understand. Even if you don't have any money, you imagine yourself deserving of it, since you feel it to be the birthright of your superior station. Whether you're correct or deluded, it's a consideration

in all your decisions. The pitfall lies in this attitude of complacent superiority, the tendency to overlook real suffering and deprivation in the world. Nonchalance could inspire enmity in others. The challenge is to use all resources to further expression of love and beauty. This may be limited to family or friends, but it should keep expanding until you've filled the world with love. You can be the shepherd of the open heart, whether or not you have a dime.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are attracted to warm and sociable persons who are as eager as you are for a meaningful relationship. You have a compelling need to satisfy your strong physical desires, but you are usually on your best behavior, hoping to attract the kind of person who will indulge you in your desires. You are greatly influenced by physically attractive persons who have the same needs as you but who also have qualities you admire. You enjoy doing favors for people, because you know that this increases the likelihood of making the right kinds of social contacts. At first you tend to underestimate your ability to satisfy people's expectations, because you make unfair comparisons between your qualifications and theirs. When you realize that everyone has fears and anxieties, you will be more comfortable with yourself. You don't want to offend others, which is admirable, but it doesn't allow others to know that you also bring something of value to a relationship.

You are willing to make concessions to others and to tolerate their negative qualities because you truly want to understand them and their problems. You tend to regard their positive traits as sufficient compensation for their less desirable qualities. The people you help will remember you; and later in life you should derive some satisfaction from the knowledge that your efforts were appreciated.

You must make many adjustments before you can satisfactorily indulge your personal desires. Obligations to your loved ones must take precedence over personal pleasures. You also have an obligation to fully exploit your creative talents to fulfill the demands of your career. This will improve your image before others and let them know that you share some of their material and personal advantages and that you aren't intimidated by them. Choose a career that requires you to deal with people's problems, because that is probably where you are most effective.

You are generally successful in dealing with people, because you make the concessions that allow for a continuing relationship. They enjoy talking with you, and they know that your interest in them is sincere. You definitely need people to be a sounding board for your intellectual development and to verify that your actions in their behalf have yielded satisfactory results. You must figure out exactly why you are interested in people and what your motivations are for becoming involved with them. There are two possible reasons. On one hand, you may be driven by envy to gain control over their resources, but on the other hand, you may be sincerely concerned for their well-being and want to

do what you can to make them happy. You may be tempted by both motives and vacillate between them before making a commitment.

Make certain that you understand every implication of the preceding paragraph. Ideally, your actions will be directed by a strong spiritual desire to make sacrifices in helping those who lack your deep perception in handling problems. While it may often be desirable to make concessions to others, you must not allow them to gain complete control over you so that you cannot fulfill your own destiny.

## **Mars** **in** **Gemini** 20° 7'

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mars in the sign Gemini indicates mental activity and aggressiveness. Those with this Mars position have active and critical minds, and as a rule engineering and mechanical skill.

This position gives a love of debate and intellectual contest. If Mars is afflicted, there can be argumentativeness and irritability. Ingenuity and resourcefulness are typical with this position, but not necessarily perseverance, unless other things in the horoscope supply it.

Reporters, critics, and journalists often have Mars placed in Gemini. Great restlessness goes with this position, leading to many changes of occupation; and these people may work at several jobs simultaneously. If Mars is afflicted in Gemini, the speech can be sarcastic and rude.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This placing stimulates the mind, although many astrologers have found that Mars is not well placed in this sign, as it is not physically invigorating. We do not necessarily agree, provided that some kind of intellectual motivation for physical action is shown. It is important for the individual to exercise the body as well as the mind (as is the case with everyone), but he or she may not be particularly inclined to do so unless some sort of intellectual challenge is involved. Many forms of exercise will be tried, but most will be deemed boring. Encourage your subject to find one which satisfies his intellectual and physical needs, and to stick to it. If this does not happen, restlessness will build up, bringing a rather sharp bad temper and irritability that will be directed not only towards others but also to the self, through considerable selfcriticism. Energy may be dissipated through too many changes of direction, both in life in general and on a day-to-day basis. This will obviously lead to feelings of dissatisfaction, so look to other stabilizing areas of the chart for a steadier approach and sense of discipline; this influence can then be expressed in a more controlled and practical way.

Quite a strong element of versatility is usually present; and the key to getting the very best out of this placing is to remember that, because total relaxation is not usually enjoyed (again because it is considered boring), a change of occupation will be most beneficial. If heavy physical demands are made on the subject during the working day, he or she should invite intellectual challenges in the evening, or vice versa, remembering, of course, that the inclination to make too many changes must be controlled.

The arms and hands are vulnerable, so the subject should be encouraged to wear protective gloves when gardening or doing rough chores, and to be very careful when handling sharp tools or hot dishes - especially when Mars is making transits to the personal planets or the Ascendant.

As far as the sex life is concerned, here is a lively, experimental partner who will enjoy a rewarding sex life from youth right through to old age. The attitude towards sex will be light-hearted: it is fun, and to be enjoyed. This placing tends to take some of the steamy passion out of this sphere of life, but the subject will nevertheless be an energetic and often athletic lover, which in turn will help to keep the partner equally energetic, youthful, and athletic!

(Grant Lewi)

Your energies flow naturally into adventurous paths. Movement, physical and mental, is essential to you, and you express best when working, playing, living actively, preferably at high speed. You are rarely bored or boring, but you can wear others, and yourself, out by the ferocity of your attack on life. You are extraordinarily aware of the world around you; sense perceptions are acute, swift, probably accurate; and you are voluble in expressing what you take in. Energy flows naturally to the tongue; you are a better talker than a listener; and are generally glib, discursive, extensive in your remarks written or spoken. With any concentrative force, this position gains value; without it, you scatter your energies. You are something of a sensualist, and like the physical expressions of love; you probably think sex is more important than it really is, and by thinking make it so. Energy flows into mind force as well as into physical activity; this is peculiarly a position in which, to have a sound mind, you must also have a sound body. You must beware of neglecting your physical well-being through letting your energies dam up in the pools of the mind; also of being blocked by sensational thoughts which from time to time will tend to dominate you. The negative reactions of the sex urge, such as envy, jealousy and hatred, can frustrate you if you let them get hold. Mind control and bodily vigor are the two things for which you should constantly strive.

(Syndey Omarr)

Mars in Gemini gives the native an active, restless mind; it makes him want to change

things, to bend situations to his own will. He likes action, but tries too hard, too soon. The astrologer can teach him the value of concentration and the necessity, at times, of making adjustments instead of insisting that the world adjust to him.

Mars in Gemini is adventurous, but once the chase is over he doesn't enjoy the victory as much as he should. This includes numerous areas of life: sex, food, money. Thus, there are numerous affairs; and there is a general restless nature, and dissatisfaction with home life.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an eloquent, though potentially tricky, suitor. Energy is created and maintained through the use of your intellect and words, and also your hands. Tactical pursuits like debate and chess also keep sharp your most valued weapons - your mind and tongue. Your rapier-like wit and lively nervous system need diverse and speedy input and stimulation, or they can devolve into biting sarcasm and defensive cynicism, such being the usual forms taken by any anger.

You attract with the gift of the gab; by being in the know and on the go; with a lively, adolescent-like wit and charm that dazzles and flatters with ease, and a kind of 'you can't pin me down' vibe; and with manual skills and an agile body, displaying versatility in more than one field.

You repel with a fly, roguish nature that palls as fast as it initially impresses; with a cold, unfeeling streak that cannot stay the emotional course; all head and no talk - at least, apparently; and with a fidgety or distracted temperament that never gets to, or steers around, the point.

You are attracted to lively situations where there is plenty of opportunity to interact in a quick, light and verbal fashion; to Others who have ready wit and a flashy sense of humour; and to where you are challenged to show your mental muscle or to keep people guessing.

You are repelled by dull, homey, predictable situations where nothing is happening at that very moment; by Others who cannot get their minds into gear and who are too slow to appreciate the pace of life as you like it; by a lack of stimulation; and by safe scenarios where everything and everyone is a known quantity.

When you are alone, it is because you have found the pace of your love or sex life too nerve-racking to continue with. The reason behind this is that you have been driven simultaneously by a desire to satisfy your feelings on the one hand, and a fear of actually encountering them on the other. So when you do get what you desire, you then have to control it with your wits in a bid to avoid feeling what you are afraid of feeling. You set up reasons and schedules that pre-empt that dreaded encounter with your own

emotional truth. This psychological split may well express itself as a love triangle. So being alone is telling you that it is time to stop living life on these two diverging lines of thinking and feeling, and to take stock of your inner fears and feelings with a view to understanding them. Then and only then will you be ready to emerge again into the fray.

(John Townley)

You are quite sensitive, and you learn the delicate art of lovemaking very quickly. For that reason, you need a lover who responds to a rather gentle touch, and who is ready to search for every possible means of sexual expression. You easily translate thought into action, and therefore you can become quite expert with a minimum of physical experience as long as it is backed up with a maximum of knowledge.

However, you can be too knowledgeable, trying to pack too many different techniques into one night of love so that each individual expression is less meaningful. Better to savor each technique and reserve some for later enjoyment - there's a lot of life and love ahead of you.

On the opposite side, however, although you value the emotional communion of love, you grow bored if the physical expression is always the same. Your lover should be willing to experiment or at least go along with whatever you devise for variety's sake.

You may enjoy using props and mechanical embellishments in lovemaking, particularly in acting out sexual fantasies. Such expression can be quite fulfilling, as long as it is not a substitute for emotional communication.

(Robert Hand)

Your energies get turned on very rapidly, and you work very quickly. However, you may have trouble directing your energy at a single task for any length of time. You are inclined to start several projects at once and never finish any of them, because it's more exciting to move on to something else. This can be a real handicap in school, because you are required to apply yourself for extended periods to tasks that may not be especially interesting. If you cannot overcome this basic tendency to dabble shallowly in many activities, you will not master any skill very completely.

On the other hand, you do have a quick mind, which you enjoy using, especially to debate and argue with others in a spirit of friendly disagreement. You may argue a particular point of view, not because you really believe it, but because it is fun to defend it. You are more likely to disagree with people about ideas than about almost anything else.

Try not to be so impulsive in the way that you think. If you make decisions too rapidly, you will often be wrong. This is another way in which you are too impatient to take the



time to do the job thoroughly.

Your fondness for change may make you want to travel and move around a lot. You probably like to ride around on your bicycle, just finding out what is going on.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Ideas are projected forcefully.

Symbol: A fencer engages his opponent with agile parries and swift thrusts.

Mars in Gemini denotes an energetic thinker with a busy, restless mind. He is a voluble talker who seldom hesitates to jump into a debate on any subject that ignites his interest. This individual endeavours to convert ideas into effective action as quickly as possible in order to be free to pursue the new projects which claim his attention. He will labour diligently to achieve designated results, but is apt to exert himself in spurts rather than in a steady, even manner.

Since the fires of Mars flare fervently when stirred by the breezy enthusiasms of Gemini, this ideologically impetuous individual frequently incites others to action with his sudden inspirations. He can be intoxicated by words; and his beliefs are contagious. He may, however, switch his stand and confound his followers by espousing different points of view on different occasions.

This position gives an adventurous streak, although there is no great fondness for 'roughing it'. Such a person is handy to have on an expedition, since he is a good sport, takes a keen interest in his surroundings, and can cope with almost any exigency. Although inclined to avoid heavy work, he knows how to mend things, improvise diversions, and boost morale. Later, he is likely to write a rousing account of his experiences which he will not hesitate to embellish for added effect.

The Martian Geminian should never be fettered. Whether he is a taxicab driver or jetset pacesetter, he needs to circulate in order to be physically and mentally renewed. He is a born salesman who can inject his own ideas into whatever project he is promoting, whether this involves backing a political candidate, introducing a scientific concept, or extolling the virtues of the latest timesaving gadget. This individual makes an aggressive literary agent, a clever sportswriter, or a versatile executive secretary. Such a person can be counted on to excel wherever the physical stamina of Mars combines with the verbal dexterity of Gemini.

The Mars-Gemini individual is well adapted to duel with words, and can wield the rapier of repartee or the sword of sarcasm with telling effect. He seldom has to take overt action against an antagonist, because he can fight much more devastatingly with cutting phrases. His strength lies in his ability to unbalance his opponent with cleverly placed thrusts so that his power is expended where it counts and not wasted in unnecessary

sparring. He may have to make a special effort to guard against the dispersal of his energies and to prevent excitement and irritability from fraying his nerves.

This verbal sophisticate is capable of building a bridge of words between the world of the mind and the world of practical action. He can make indelible enterprises sound feasible, and knows how to present the reasonable in terms of the desirable. Although Gemini is not noted for endurance, Mars acts through it with such direct force that a self-perpetuating blaze may be kindled. A fire need be lit only once; and the Martian Geminian can be an intellectual firebrand, igniting a conflagration that may spread far beyond the original spark of an idea that set it burning.

(Isabel Hickey)

Alert, energetic, witty, sarcastic, often strife with relatives and friends. Energises the tongue too much and makes it sharp and caustic. Can be the gossip and can have a forked tongue. Is afflicted, not trustworthy. Lively, mechanical-minded, and capable of doing many things well. Has to learn to conserve energy and direct it wisely. Otherwise the nervous system gives trouble. Biggest fault is failing to follow through and keep promises. This is why it is undependable. Scatters force and needs to learn concentration of power.

(Jeff Green)

Mars in Gemini reflects a desire structure that is energised through the motivation of independent thinking, and the desire to question every accepted opinion established by any authority. As a result, the mental temperament is argumentative and combative. Mars in Gemini desires to create its own mental constructions about the nature of things, to expand its level of awareness and consciousness through the expansion of its mental horizons. This will occur through the formation and reformulation of mental constructions or ideas that become ever larger and more expansive. The desire to continually expand and know more means Mars in Gemini will even challenge its own ideas at key points in the evolutionary journey. The desire nature is very restless and curious, and can pursue many different directions simultaneously. The weakness in this is not following through or completing anything (two pages in a book are read without completing the book, etc.), since what was curious or interesting yesterday may be boring today!

Sexually, Mars in Gemini manifests a mental desire to explore and understand the diversity of all possible sexual orientations and behaviours. To say that Mars in Gemini is sexually curious would be an understatement. Many will study the sexual traditions of many other cultures in the desire to obtain as much sexual knowledge as possible. On a physical level, Mars in Gemini can find it very difficult to disengage its mind from the sexual act. There is an inner voyeur that is forever observing the physical act of sex. This observation creates a mental amazement regarding sexual activities. This can be frustrating to the individual, as well as to the partner. This frustration can lead to the use

of sexual methods that lead to physical intensity as a way of bypassing the mental orientation inherent within Mars in Gemini. There can be strong desires to experiment with sexual toys or devices as a way of achieving sexual stimulation. There can also be a desire to challenge the limitation of gender roles, or the manifestation of bisexual or homosexual desires. At best, Mars in Gemini creates sexual versatility and adaptability to the desires of both partners. In and of itself, Mars in Gemini will not preclude any possible sexual scenario.

Mars in Gemini can also reflect karmic or evolutionary conditions that manifest as sexual issues between one's siblings or parents. When this occurs, the sexual development of the Mars in Gemini person will be arrested. This will lead to a form of sexual infantilism, where the individual will be sexually immature as an adult. The genital region, as a result, can be 'frozen' because the nerves (Gemini) have become constricted.

As their lives evolve, these individuals must embrace the Sagittarian polarity. In essence, this means the desire to actualise one guiding philosophical system of thought that serves as a foundation to which the various mental constructions can be consistently related. This creates a consistency of perspective and a consistency of thought. It allows for a consistency of interpretation of the phenomenal reality that we participate in. It is also important that this polarity be embraced so that such individuals learn to access their own unique 'truth', versus the 'truths' that are all too often projected on them by other people. Sexually, it means to distinguish between natural sexual laws and expressions, and the 'fads' of the day - to move from 'try anything once' to 'this is consistent with who I am and what I need'.

## Mars in 4th House

(Donna van Toen)

You may have sudden, inexplicably touchy spells. You're a hard worker in your home and / or for your loved ones, and are normally energetic (although if Mars is in a Water sign your energy may be more emotional than physical). Possibly you lost a parent in childhood or came from a home where fighting was common. Early on in your life, strong desires for independence and security came to the fore. These are what motivate you; and no doubt what you gain in these areas will be retained well into old age and perhaps throughout your life. Sometimes people with this aspect prefer not to marry; but they nearly always want their own home. Mars here under stress can be a troublemaker, a disturber of the status quo. Watch that!

Mars here says your wants are pretty basic - love, loyalty, a home, an even temper. One thing you want is a sense of shared past or similar background. You may insist on knowing your mate / lover's romantic history before committing yourself.

You're often motivated by hidden or subconscious factors that are triggered by environmental stimuli and stir your instinctive defence mechanisms. Lucky breaks are apt to be connected with your home and / or birthplace; at least a great deal of your activity may be connected with these (sometimes it's getting away from them which leads to lucky breaks!) To a lesser extent, lucky breaks may be connected with some sort of serious involvement with community recreation or promoting local businesses. Career activities tend not to offer too many opportunities as a rule, either because you're a rather private person or sometimes because of a militant or egotistical approach that turns people off.

The fourth house has to do with your home environment as well as your emotional and metaphysical development. If Mars is here, it suggests quite a strong emphasis on creative and / or psychic energy, which has developed over several lifetimes, but hasn't been used constructively. In the past, impatience has gotten the better of you, and caused you to leave many things uncompleted or badly done. This tendency is still with you and will have to be watched closely. Your actions will involve finding a constructive outlet for your creativity and / or psychic ability, learning to develop thoroughness in your chosen field, and learning to tone down strong emotions that interfere with your ability to follow your chosen path.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

A person with Mars in the fourth needs deep emotional connections and puts a lot of energy into close relationships. Sex tends to stir up lots of buried feelings and anger from early life, and carries the weight of past hurts, which makes intimate relationships very volatile. This person may have come from a family background where there were big issues around sexuality with a lot of unspoken undercurrents around at home.

These people's need to feel emotionally secure in order to enjoy sex means that they feel uncomfortable with casual sex. They will feel most at ease with a live-in lover, which gives them both the security they need and plenty of time simply to be with that person.

People with Mars in the fourth often have periods when they feel the need to withdraw from relationships altogether. They are affected at a deep level, and therefore need time alone to restore themselves after a relationship has ended. This allows feelings and memories to surface so that they can digest and reassess them.

For these people, a strong, secure emotional relationship gives them a solid base from which they can operate. They feel freer and more able to go out into the world and fight for what they want if they have this.

A secure home is also a vital necessity for their security. They need to feel in control of where they live, and will fight fiercely to keep it. Obtaining and maintaining their own living space is a powerful motivating factor; and they will focus a great deal of energy on

this. A lot of effort is put into getting their home exactly as they want it; and they tend to be frequently reorganizing and redecorating it. Doing things around the home is restoring and energizing to them.

Their strong feelings about their home may create conflict with those they live with, especially if they do not have the same values and attitude. However, with someone who shares their tastes and objectives, getting a home together and working on it will bring deep satisfaction, strengthening the bond between them and fostering sexual desire. Because of this, actually living together can seem vitally important to the fourth house Mars people. To them it feels essential to the survival of the relationship. They are strongly territorial both about their home and about their partner, and want the security of knowing that they belong to him / her alone.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: With Mars in the 4th, your inner sanctum is constructed around the imagery and feeling of desire. What you want becomes almost sacredly personal. Your inner focus is honed to a razor's edge. But you may experience caution around overtly going after what you want. The pitfall involves this tendency to postpone action and thus inadvertently delay fulfillment; too often, you want to be sure you're safe before you act. The challenge is to express desire with all the depth it deserves.

Personal security: Security is much desired, but difficult to achieve, in large part because you are by nature polarized toward those closest to you. You want so much with them and from them that ordinary fulfillment is sometimes not enough. You tend to be extremely sentimental and protective; but remember that even softness can be smothering. As an adult, you're concerned with the scars of the past. You want to clear the air with your family, to get one clean shot at making your points, so you can finally connect with them on your own terms. The pitfalls are continual restlessness and a lack of true relaxation, while the challenge is to learn the difference between passion and aggression.

Emotional imprints: Your imprints were probably more event-oriented than would be the case with most of the other planets. Peak experiences were more significant than subtler conditioning; and the classical assumptions of childhood trauma, especially separations, have greater relevance if they occurred. The sheer weight of territoriality was a profound influence: fighting for what was 'mine'. You felt you were being judged according to male standards: desire, assertiveness, and willful action.

'Inner-link' parent: Here we see a contradiction, a masculine symbol in the mother's area. It can indicate a number of distinctly different possibilities. If your mother was feminine on the surface, you still felt her masculinity assert itself often. She might have been a woman of high energies, the natural ruler of the roost, someone who could easily have moved her talents into the external world of cultural power. On the other hand, your

father may have taken over some of the classical duties of motherhood. Or you could have imprinted on the urgency of your relationship for him, with desire spilling over into interaction. This placement sometimes indicates long-standing disputes or bitterness with parents, often resulting from a conflict in the parent-child roles. However, even when that is the case, there is a sense of strength that pervades the imprints.

Private intuition: your relationship to inner guidance moves through heated and volatile exchanges. You go within to energize yourself, to charge your batteries, to light the flames of desire. Again and again, you momentarily withdraw from the world during times of difficulty, only to emerge soon after with an entirely new direction or fresh approach, almost like a slingshot. Your guides often remind you of what you truly want. They are not, however, always friendly. Often they confront you, pushing you to get up once more, to live your life adventurously and with real passion.

(Howard Sasportas)

Anything in the 4th house may be hidden from view. But, sooner or later, the drive to express the self latent in a 4th house Mars can no longer remain underground. And like anything which has been locked away for any length of time in the basement, it is not likely to be very pretty when you finally let it out. This placement suggests a hidden aggressiveness and anger that needs to be brought to the surface, analysed, re-integrated into the personality, and consciously directed to constructive ends. At first Mars may appear as intense fury and rage, erupting volcanically all over the place, surprising both those who spew it and anybody within close range. Once the Mars is 'freed', however, those with this placement eventually grow more adept and graceful at expressing and honouring everything that is going on inside them - the nasty bits as well as the good. Reconnecting to a 4th house Mars, like drinking a wellknown beer, enlivens the parts other planets can't reach. A kind of juicy vitality which wasn't there before pervades much more of the life.

When most people come home to roost after a hard day's work, they just want to take off their shoes, mix a drink, put their feet up and watch television. But for those with Mars in the 4th, it is after they've 'clocked off' that their day begins. It is within the home sphere and personal life that they are likely to evince their greatest drive and enterprise, not to mention their domineering and aggressive streaks. In this respect, they are not unlike a certain type of creature called a cichlid fish. These war-like fish need other fish on whom they can vent their aggression. If a pair of them is isolated from a tank containing other fish, then the male will turn his aggression to wards his spouse and offspring. Similarly, those with Mars in the 4th may displace the anger they feel but don't express to other people onto those innocently waiting for them back at home. Well-mannered and docile at work, they may come home spoiling for a fight. Aggression can be displaced in other ways however: digging in the garden, building an extension on the house, provoking someone to get angry at them, or falling down the stairs, etc..

The father (or hidden parent) may be experienced as powerful and masterly, or as pushy, argumentative, sexual and potentially violent. Those with this placement may have to do battle with the father in order to reclaim their own sense of autonomy and freedom of expression. They may not succeed in this until they establish a home of their own; and there is usually a strong urge to do so. Often they are descended from a background of 'survivors'; and they, too, possess a mighty resilience - they can only be held down for so long before they bounce back fighting.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are annoyed when conditions force you to submit to other people's demands. As you grew up, you felt resentful when you had to fulfill family obligations or take on other people's responsibilities. You wanted to be independent as soon as possible, even though it caused some bitterness at home. You especially want to make your own way and make your own mistakes, which is part of the maturing process. There will be hazards to face; and you must accept full responsibility for your actions. Your best path for development would be through some broad social program where your efforts can have the best results. You will have to be discriminating in choosing who to associate with in your endeavors. Because you encourage people to trust you and believe that you understand their problems, it is important not to violate their confidence.

You believe that actions speak louder than words as you strive to acquire the necessary financial resources to fulfill your ambitions. You find it especially upsetting to be without funds, and you make a point of knowing as much as possible about money and devising schemes to earn it. You equate freedom with financial independence, but you should develop human qualities to offset any lean periods. People tend to help those who demonstrate admirable qualities and shun those who are totally preoccupied with money. You must work hard to develop friendships that will benefit you when you are in need, and learn to make concessions to others, for their priorities are as important to them as yours are to you.

Your greatest difficulties will come when you face reversals or rejection in your career. Establishing goals within reasonably safe limits will allow you to gain experience and proficiency in your field. Don't try to fulfill your parents' expectations, for the only potentials you must live up to are your own. Once you are independent, you are accountable only to yourself. Take advantage of opportunities offered by your associates, and learn why your competitors sometimes fail. Your partner could be a valuable source of creative imagination if you listen to his or her ideas. You are stimulated when your mate admires your successes, and comforted by support when things go wrong.

Be very careful of friends who are always asking favors. See to it that you help only those who deserve it. Work out a program of action designed to give you the security you need for your later years. You will be guided by the sound ethical standards you

learned in your formative years. Getting an education will extend the limits of your goals and give you the necessary leverage to successfully meet any challenge without having to resort to questionable practices.

You have to learn the hard way, but you never forget what you learn. Your greatest asset is your ability to put your ideas into action, if you can learn not to act until you have fully explored the consequences. Probably you want to make substantial gains in your career before considering marriage; and that is the course you should take. You cannot afford the responsibilities and limitations of a family while you are trying to establish a place in your career. You need as much mobility as possible during this period of your life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a difficult spot for Mars: square to the Ascendant, opposed to the Midheaven, and submerged in the lowest sector of the chart. However, these very difficulties often stimulate it to great effort, so that although it doesn't always show forth as great external accomplishment, it almost always shows a life of great growth and inner development.

This placement almost always indicates a heavy relationship with the mother that marks the entire life. The mother is apt to be domineering, though if aspects are supportive, this may simply show as strength and support without her will being imposed to too great a degree. In any case, the mother outshines the father, who may die or leave the home during childhood. If the Moon is here, or Neptune, or if Mars is in Cancer or Pisces, there is sorrow added - the mother suffers, is ill, or is unhappy or hysterical. Or, she may die, leaving them with lifelong emotional pain and guilt. This can result in alcoholism and, possibly (with enough other testimony), suicide.

In a man's chart, Mars in the fourth is apt to make him strong-willed, sometimes even harsh or cruel toward his wife and childre, perhaps to compensate for having to endure his mother's problems. Having children of his own may appear to him to be a burden and a sorrow rather than a joy. In a woman's chart, it makes it hard for her to be receptive toward other women, particularly older women; and she may be unresponsive to her own children, due to pent-up anger or grief.

A fourth-house Mars with squares, inconjuncts and oppositions almost always points to a hectic, disorderly home in childhood, with the possibility of physical or emotional violence. This difficult home atmosphere may be reproduced in the adult home as well. People with these chart conditions would benefit from therapy.

This may not be the easiest location for Mars, but it can act as a goad, prodding them toward self-mastery and accomplishment, if only to escape or rise above the early home environment. It forces them to consider basic values, to decide what is real versus what isn't, to set priorities, and to act upon them. It is the sign of those who must pull



themselves up by their bootstraps. It is a sort of 'make or break' factor; they will either succumb and allow life to turn them into something they themselves cannot respect, or they will fight to improve themselves and their lot. In the one case, they will be self-pitying, filled with anger and blame and inclined to take out their feelings on those weaker; in the other, they will be philosophical, feel pity for those who mistreated or neglected them, and be kind and tender to those weaker than themselves.

It gives a good deal of strength to understand the ups and downs of fortune in either case, and generally gives a firm grip on life. It can testify to a long, productive life, or to an early, usually violent death, depending on various other factors. It can also be partial testimony to death by accident. In any case, there will probably be a close call early in life that shocks them into caution and awareness.

Mars at this angle doesn't have the power that it has on the other angles to bring things about rapidly; but it does have stick-to-it-iveness, follow-through and bounceback, and it can accomplish a lot over a life-time. It does give the power to start something new, a new way of doing things, new ideas, that take a lifetime of dedication to instill, and often bring more renown to those who come after than to those whose vision it was in the first place. Sometimes it means that they have a greater effect on later generations than on their own.

Often, it means that they leave home and live the rest of their lives far from native roots. If Mars is in Gemini or Sagittarius, they may never stay anywhere long enough to put down roots of their own. If it is in Earth or Water signs, they may build their own home, or sacrifice much to acquire land and property or a home of their own. With bad aspects, there is danger to the home, particularly from fire. It is a good location for construction workers, builders, and architects.

## Jupiter ♃ in ♌ Leo 8° 56'

No interpretation.

## Jupiter ♃ in 6th House

(Marilyn Waram)

A person who has Jupiter in the sixth house connects ultimate values and the search for truth to work, productivity, efficiency, and the mundane, routine little jobs which keep life running smoothly. This may be expressed as an extreme fussiness, where all details must be attended to perfectly. Nothing else will do. The perfectionism which Jupiter can indicate can combine with the sixth house attention to specifics to produce a particular

perfectionist who will readily criticize both her own performance and others. She can have a sharp eye, all right, but may have a sharp tongue as well. She does not intend to hurt, but considers accuracy and precision so important that she often does not distinguish between situations where those qualities are important and those situations where they are not. She may also assume that it is her responsibility to correct mistakes.

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

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

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

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

Jupiter in the sixth is a natural square. There is a conflict between the sixth house association with discrimination, picking among the details, and demand for practicality, and the Jupiter association with generalization, looking at the overall picture and intellectual approach. There can be a pull between the need for purity, accuracy and

correctness and the tendency to want to wrap matters up quickly, to disregard details and assume things. This can lead to a chronically stressed-out nervous system.

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

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

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

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

with goodwill and generosity; she can express both of these towards her co-workers. She may also learn to bring the positive, optimistic, hopeful view of the future, and the faith in her ability to take on challenges, to the work environment. She can become quite an inspiration to those with whom she works.

(Eve Jackson)

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

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

(Stephen Arroyo)

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

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

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

(Stephen Arroyo) (contd.)

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

They have great sympathy for others less fortunate than themselves, and may give away more than they can afford (unless Jupiter is in Capricorn). They are inclined to align themselves with hopeless or outworn causes, techniques or individuals, and may sacrifice much out of loyalty. Their politics is truly the politics of love. They are inclined to work by fits and starts, and need a well-placed Saturn and Sun to help keep them moving steadily forward.

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

Duty and service: Helping is natural, a source of social pride. You offer to share the bounty of your life, however great or small it may be. The more you share what you've amassed, the greater is your future reward. Your particular method of helping is to

remind us that God is on our side, that within ourselves are all the tools needed to create a whole and happy life. At times you may not even believe this yourself; but if you counter the pessimism around you with positive attitudes, then you'll return to an optimistic and confident state. In reminding us, you remind yourself. The pitfalls lie in empty promises and dashed hopes. Be certain that your message of good faith has some basis in pragmatic fact, for there is little in life more discouraging than being told that things will get better, only to have them grow worse. The challenge is to tell the truth in the best possible way.

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

Although you believe in yourself, you have some doubts that your ideas are as good as



others say they are, and you often fail to promote them as fully as you should. Consider it this way: if you try them and they succeed, all's well. If they don't, at least you won't have to waste any more time with them. You could help solve important social problems if you respond to society's needs. Your understanding and natural desire to be helpful could be effective tools to help those in need. It is quite likely that the career you choose will require you to serve the public.

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

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

## Saturn ♄ in ♎ Libra 28° 5'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

You might try to maintain the Libra emotional security by clinging to certain social ideals and always being pleasant. This form of harmony may result in difficulty with being yourself since it cuts off personal expression with others. When you place a limit on your actions with expectations of how others should respond, severe limitations may be felt. The result may be that all of your relationships become burdensome and disappointing.

### Dynamic

You have the skill and social responsibility to create relationships that actually work by bringing into manifestation their natural inherent harmony. Acknowledging yourself as creator of the harmony and disharmony that you experience gives you security in your ability to experience what is created. Once you are willing to undergo the possibility of

disharmony in relationships, you have the capacity to actualize yourself by sharing your honest, individual point of view. A natural, authentic balance can manifest in response.

You can commit yourself to your integrity, sharing your independent point of view honestly, and then objectively notice how others respond. This process allows you to use your diplomatic abilities on an impersonal level that serves a collective need. The result can bring about the necessary structure to produce an alliance that answers both your needs and the needs of the other person, with no limiting justifications of how you think the relationship should appear.

## General

Your own sense of separate identity is completed and perfective as an effective, selfintegrated entity. You are looking for another person with whom to share, recognizing your own independence and seeing a partnership with another who is also a fully selfintegrated, independent being.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Libra is a natural square which calls for integration between activities as an equal and power roles. Life should be big enough for both marriage and a career; but to do justice to both, we have to make compromises. If one person in a partnership is dominant, even if acting as the responsible parent with impeccable intentions, there is no real partnership. If Saturn is still being experienced as fear of the world's power, we may marry a father-figure to protect us. If we have enough confidence in our own power to avoid doing that but not enough to deal with an equal, we may pick a partner who will let us play parent as owner of the power and the responsibility. Or, our insecurity may lead to delaying marriage for fear of being dominated, criticized, rejected, or hurt in some other way.

We only claim our share of the power of the world when we are realistically coping with the area of life symbolized by the sign and house of Saturn. When the cardinal and / or the fixed dilemmas are emphasized in a chart showing a major issue involving power and relationships, it is helpful to have a place in our lives for all three of the major alternatives. We need some co-operative relationships, some competitive ones which let us develop and test our powers, and some in which we help others. The latter interactions reassure us that we have our share of the power and we use it to assist others.

Libra careers may deal with people or involve beauty in some way. The first includes counselling and consulting in many areas, law, politics, social work, arbitration, and personnel work. The second includes architecture, photography, and any area of design.

The father may be equalitarian, fair-minded, artistic, pleasant, etc. if he is expressing

the positive potentials of Libra. Or he may be learning to handle power in peer relationships. In general, other things being equal, the psychological drives of the house tend to outweigh the sign. Of course, the nature of the planet is primary.

(Skye Alexander)

Partnerships of all kinds may prove troublesome for you; and in your relationships with other people you probably will experience your share of disappointments, frustrations and delays. Through relationships, however, you are likely to learn your most significant life lessons and grow in many ways. This position of Saturn could signify 'fated' associations and lessons to be learned through your relationships.

Perhaps you will be denied a meaningful relationship, at least until you are mature enough to balance your needs and desires with another person's. Indeed, one of your tests in life might be finding this delicate balance and learning to compromise without sacrificing yourself. Although relationships are very important to you, it may seem as though you are unlucky in love. External or internal obstacles - cultural, ethnic or religious barriers, age differences, poverty, work or family obligations - might stand in the way of your happiness. Your relationships could develop very slowly, or you might have to wait a long time for a lover to become available. Physical problems, such as illness, handicaps or ugliness, could make it hard for you to attract partners.

You may feel you are unlovable; and your inferiority complex could repel prospective partners. Or, you might be so desperate for love that you cling to any likely candidate, and thus drive him / her away with your expectations. Because you believe you are inadequate and undesirable, you tend to be quite defensive and sensitive about love and relationships. Afraid of being rejected, you might shut yourself off from other people and refuse to get involved because you don't want to be hurt. You are cautious and conservative in love; and your cold, aloof, disinterested demeanor can cause potential partners to give up on you and go looking for someone more accessible.

The sign Libra also is connected with art. Saturn in Libra can suggest a need to channel love and attention into artistic pursuits; therefore, you might be blocked from relationships with other people so that your time and energy can be devoted to another cause. Perhaps your tests and growth experiences will come through the arts.

Your relationships may be a burden to you in some way. Some sort of sacrifice could be necessary; and your partner or the relationship itself might make great demands on you. Perhaps your independence will be limited by your partnership; or the relationship might require you to shoulder heavy responsibilities.

This is a good placement for business partnerships, however, since Saturn is associated with work, and Libra with all types of committed partnerships. Perhaps you and your mate share career goals and work together effectively in business. Work might be an

important and solidifying part of your love relationship, or you might meet romantic partners through your job.

Once you establish a relationship, it is likely to endure. You are not frivolous with your affection, and tend to be a traditionalist, preferring marriage to less structured casual love affairs. A devoted and dependable partner, you take your commitment and the relationship very seriously, and won't give up when the going gets tough. You are willing to work hard to make a partnership a strong and lasting one; and though they may not be easy, your relationships ultimately can be very successful.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Libra brings the realization that to accomplish anything of lasting value, or even to make life possible, human co-operation is necessary - and it must be enduring if it is to be effective. But enduring co-operation is feasible only when all parties in a project are dealt with justly; and justice requires mutually accepted rules of conduct and commitment. Each person must strive to complete his work and must be responsible to the whole. Most discipline and responsibility grow out of the understanding that human relationships entail mutual commitment, as in marriage, business partnerships, and close friendships. The reason is that Saturn is exalted in Libra, the sign ruling relationships.

Because Saturn in Libra deals with responsibilities in relationships, it also rules the laws that formally regulate such affairs. Thus, people with this Saturn position often become lawyers, judges, and mediators.

To a large extent, Saturn in Libra rules contracts, including marriage contracts. These Saturn agreements often are of a karmic nature, arising as they do out of interactions with people who have incurred past responsibilities and moral debts.

Because Libra is an intellectual Air sign and a cardinal sign of activity, people with Saturn in Libra deal extensively with business arrangements: organizational planning, formulation of legal contracts, co-operative division of work responsibilities among people. The ability to plan and organize group endeavors is seen with this position.

Saturn in Libra can indicate marriage in later life or marriage to a serious person with heavy business or professional obligations. The marriage itself often incurs burdens, hard work, and the need for patience.

This is a powerful position for Saturn; it gives much social awareness and social responsibility. If Saturn is well-aspected, these people often attain positions of great wealth and social honor through their ability to work with others - an ability that implies receptiveness, tact, reliability, and good organization.

If Saturn is afflicted in Libra, there can be exacting attitudes toward people and a tendency to drive them at work. Natives can lack love, forgiveness, and a sense of responsibility in their relationships. They are inclined to apply the letter of the law strictly instead of understanding the justice implied by the spirit of the law. The concept of justice that they enforce so strictly is colored by their personal outlook. An afflicted Saturn in Libra can indicate a false ambition leading the natives into too many commitments, which they can fulfill only at the price of overwork. In some cases, they cannot meet their commitments, and the consequent resentment they arouse in others results in their own loss of status.

(Grant Lewi)

You appear to have little need to defend yourself, because your justification comes directly through others. You are capable of being one of the best adjusted of mortals, living easily with your associates, in getting along with whom your deepest ego is vindicated. This position of Saturn is bound to take you out of yourself and turn a major portion of your attention to the outer world and the people in it. If you're a naturally aggressive and extroverted person, this gives you great tact and charm, because of which you get what you want with a minimum of struggle. You don't have to fight your way along because your deepest intuitions tell you how to win friends and influence people graciously. If your nature is passive or tends to be introverted, you devote your life wholeheartedly to service of others and satisfy your tendency to inwardness by selffulfillment through sacrifice. In any case, and along whatever lines the total personality leads, this position of Saturn is one of the best insurances of usefulness, and will tend to strengthen and lend significance to an otherwise undistinguished chart.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Libra tells us of a native who would like his life to be in order, who wants the world to hand out justice rather than punishment. In seeking the ideal, he often runs into emotional storms; there are indications of more than one marriage, of disappointments in partners (both marital and business).

He has strength, ability and courage, but his public image is apt to be ultra-serious. He must pay heed to public relations and should take special care with legal documents, including birth certificates, passports and contracts.

He is not an easy person to really know; the astrologer must help him to know himself better. He makes his influence felt - and the key is to make it felt in a constructive manner. Otherwise he is accused of being prejudiced and narrow.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Saturn is traditionally well placed in this sign; and there certainly seems to be a subtle

harmony between the sign and the planet. There is a natural sense of justice; and the individual has an above-average sympathy and understanding of other people. Kindness and practical common sense are also present; tact and diplomacy will color any advice that is given. He or she is usually impartial, flexible and fair; and the need to see fair play, so characteristic of any Libran emphasis, will certainly be present with this placing.

If Saturn receives mostly negative aspects, particularly from the personal planets, or makes a square or opposition to the Ascendant, some intolerance may be shown toward partners or colleagues, especially if Saturn is in the seventh or tenth house. If in the fourth house, there may be a tendency to be discontented with the home and domestic situation, and / or perhaps a desire to move very frequently. However, attention must always be given to Saturn's house position.

Despite the longing for a permanent emotional relationship, it may be avoided or sacrificed for some reason, perhaps due to sexual inhibition or an inability to express the emotions freely. Any external reason will probably be mere justification - the real one will definitely go much deeper.

Saturn's inner authoritative voice from this sign will sharpen the subject's conscience by arousing a guilty sense of shame; 'If you do that, you will be treating me very badly, after all I've done for you. You are totally selfish and if you do this dreadful thing I'll never forgive you.' Ask if the subject had a parent who always grumbled in this way and was never satisfied with what his or her child produced or did.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a just rock, but may potentially suffer a decision block. Your tasks and obligations include having the discipline to fulfil your loving duty to Other - but not just be bound by convention; taking / allowing the time to establish right relations - thus avoiding untenable relationships; and building relationships that are true to themselves - and are not just relationships in name only.

You can get stuck with a relationship that starts out well but becomes increasingly dull, meaningless and confining; with doing a balancing act between the Other whom you have to be with and the Other whom you want to be with; and with any Other, for fear of being alone.

You are learning to enter into relationship for reasons of conscious choice rather than just because it is 'what one does'; to face the fact that you only find yourself reflected in Other - if you are split within yourself, there will be more than one Other; and to be true to yourself.

You commit to an Other who is as willing to commit him- / herself as you are (how much is that?); to an Other whom you know and feel will make an honest person out of you,

and who wants you to make an honest person out of him / her (honest = honest with oneself); and to an Other of serious intent and gracious demeanour, and with some doubts.

You should be wary of thinking that simply having a certificate of marriage will make it work; of an Other who has all the right qualities and credentials - the less cracks there seem to be then the more cracks there will be; and of any Other who is utterly convinced that you are made for one another, or conversely, who is constantly undecided.

When you are alone, it is basically because you are having to review and consider what relationships are all about, for you as an individual in terms of your experience, and also more generally with regard and in contrast to your social milieu. It is more than likely that your initial attitude to relationship was very much moulded by your class, racial and cultural background. This is the social 'programme' which has you unconsciously believe that a certain Other, at any age, and from a certain social category, is certainly the one for you. If my records are anything to go by, one person in 20 with Saturn in Libra remains happily and faithfully married to his / her original marriage partner. So the chances are that at some point you will be looking at just yourself in the mirror - and, it is to be hoped, realizing that any partner is entirely to do with what you see there. What is honest and real will attract just that, in the same way that what is denied and bound up in fantasy will conjure up frustration, deceit and disillusionment.

(John Townley)

You tend to be balanced and stable in settling difficulties within a relationship; and you aren't flustered by temporary turmoil. Generally you can patiently wait out an emotional storm or take steps to calm it down, even to your own disadvantage if you are at fault. You have the foresight to see that the situation will balance out in the end and that you will reach that equilibrium only by keeping your present relationship on an even keel.

Indeed, you are probably better than your partner at coping with problems, at least in your approach to them. But that may be a sensitive issue between you, so avoid reminding your partner of personal failings, particularly when you have successfully handled a situation and your lover has not. In the interests of harmony, let it go at that. Otherwise your partner may be at cross-purposes with you in similar situations in the future.

You may have a special talent for arbitrating problems outside your own relationship, which can be a creative outlet for you. But you should do this only if requested to, lest others think you are interfering. Or your lover might think you are less interested in your own relationship.

(Robert Hand)

This placement is strong only when Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. It indicates that you need plenty of time to make decisions and that you always want to know everything about the subject before making up your mind. Others may think you are indecisive at times; but they will find that when you finally make a decision it is usually right.

You may be somewhat reserved in relations with others; but once you commit yourself, you will stay with that person - friend or lover - for a long time. Your strong sense of fairness is evident in your relationships as well as in every other area of your life. You are conscious of rules and duty toward your friends, and you are not likely to break an agreement that you have made with someone. You take relationships so seriously that you would never make an agreement lightly. While you are young, this trait might not be very obvious; but it will be clearer as you get older.

You are very concerned that everyone has what he / she deserves; and your sense of justice is outraged when someone takes advantage of someone else.

If you are not encouraged to encounter other people and to believe in yourself, you may prefer to be alone, unburdened by the necessity of relating to others. Or you may feel that others do not understand you. As you get older, this should diminish.

## Saturn ♄ in 8th House

(Liz Greene)

The first sign or house belonging to each element is generally the clearest and most direct in meaning, and relates to the development of the individual personality and its integration. The second sign of that element denotes a point of crisis, for here the individual must take his own experience and integrate it into the group of which he is a part. This is rarely done without struggle, for this too is an expansion of consciousness from the personal to the universal. The third and last sign or house refers to the larger unit of the group and infers the final purpose of the particular level of consciousness symbolised by that element.

The watery signs and houses do not contradict this. In the fourth house a man is subjected to an isolated unit to emotional forces and pressures from the environment which shape his future growth as a personality. He has the opportunity of building a base within himself so that the projection into circumstance is withdrawn and inner security on the feeling level becomes a permanent possession of his character. In the eighth house, the man must take his feeling nature as a channel of expression and contact and begin to function in personal relationships with others. The flow of feeling is not between him and another. Finally, in the twelfth house he has the opportunity of taking the wisdom he



has acquired from his experiences and offering it to the group in service for the group development. He is no longer an isolated unit but part of a larger evolving life. This is a helpful way of viewing things which is useful to remember in considering Saturn in the eighth house, for this house is probably the most misunderstood and maligned of all the houses in the horoscope.

This house is primarily described as either the house of physical death - which suggests that it has no value or activity outside that brief moment when we take leave of the physical sheath - or as 'money received from others', a description which is an insult to the complexity and power of the sign and planet associated with the house. Both interpretations are valid as far as they go, but they do not help in an understanding of Saturn placed in the eighth beyond the reading of a death in old age and the denial of inheritance; and both of these readings are frequently mistaken. The interchange of finances between two people in partnership may be one of the by-products of the house; but it is only when the meaning of money as a symbol of emotional values is understood that the more complex meaning of 'money received from others' becomes clear. Death itself does indeed come under this house; but there are many kinds of death, and most of them are not physical; and every death is followed inevitably by a rebirth because it is only the form, and not the life which inherits the form, that dies.

As a watery house, the eighth deals primarily with emotional exchange. As opposite from the second house, that which has physical value and meaning and which constitutes stability and self-sustenance becomes that which has emotional value and which constitutes stability of feeling. It is in the eighth sign, Scorpio, that we may find a clue to the significance of this house in matters of sex, emotional curses, and the death and rebirth of the instincts as purified desire.

This is primarily a house of crisis, and refers to those points in life where the emotional ties to others force a man to the realisation of some vital area of his own feeling nature which must be recognised, examined, and purified. Here money becomes a symbol of emotional dependence or freedom, for in our society it buys freedom or bondage in marriage, and our sexual values are largely coloured by our finances. So often in the eighth house there exists the enactment of a struggle which appears purely material and which is really emotional in origin. It is no wonder that Freud attributed such significance to money in dreams and why psychology continues to recognise the relationship between monetary and emotional generosity or tightness.

It is common to find the individual with afflicted planets here tied to a difficult financial situation following upon a broken marriage or to chronic problems with partners who take advantage of him financially. This is particularly characteristic of an eighth house Saturn. When investigated, it will often be found that on the sexual and emotional levels there was difficulty in expression; and there is no sweeter revenge for many people than to air their disappointment and frustration in the face of an unresponsive Saturnian partner through material demands.

The area into which this discussion takes us is a prickly one; and this is usual for Scorpio and the eighth house; however, although the previous statement may seem inordinately hard, it is ironic that in our society the prostitute, who is at least honest about the wares that she sells, is despised and generally ends up in jail, while the wife who fundamentally plays the same role and buys her security with her body is glorified because society condones this mask. There are a great many women who trade their sexual favours for a legal tie which promises them financial security; and a great many men who buy these favours in exchange for what have been euphemistically termed 'a husband's rights'.

There is much rubble which must be dug through where our present attitudes toward sex in relation to money are concerned, for we are still following the feudal concepts of family financial structure. In spite of the efforts of more enlightened souls, it will take another generation (as of 1976!) before we can begin to understand that the real nature of sex has nothing to do with the physical world at all but is the reflection of emotional and mental energies - which are in turn the reflection of still more complex energies. Money and sex are still too complex for the average man to understand except in a literal way; and consequently, we have a tremendous amount of confusion to wade through before the alchemical union of two people into one is understood.

The three watery houses and signs represent three aspects of the feeling nature of man. The fourth house symbolises the nurturing forces which shape his early life. The eighth symbolises the creative and procreative forces which he wields and through which he contacts others. The twelfth symbolises the dissipating forces which eventually break down his sense of separateness and release him into group life.

The eighth house is a battleground, the primary purpose of which is self-understanding and self-mastery through constant crises. There is no greater battleground or stimulus to crisis than the energies which are released through the apparently wholly physical act of sex. The union which occurs on the level of the feeling nature produces a flow of energy which takes a man, for a brief moment, 'out of himself' - it is virtually the only time that he can feel himself to be at one with another human being. It is this intimate emotional oneness to which the sexual aspect of the eighth house refers; there is a death of the individual awareness and the birth of a mutual awareness for which reason the Elizabethans called the sexual act 'the little death'. Unfortunately there are many people who are as frightened of the apparent emotional vulnerability inherent in this as they are of death itself. What they do not recognise is that the union takes place whether it is recognised or not, and that on the feeling level it is not possible to totally shut out the partner; it is only possible to believe that he has been shut out.

To consider this point of view is to recognise the real responsibility in a sexual union. This has nothing to do with morality. We have had many centuries of moral teachings which have done absolutely nothing to help us understand the real nature of the mystery. The currents of this great creative force or 'serpent power' - whose cousins we

may see as the serpent in the garden, the ouroboros of alchemy, and the plumed serpent of the Aztecs - may be released in other ways, but these belong to the sphere of the occultist and the magician, and the average individual knows only one - physical sex. Once set in motion, these currents bind and alter both souls involved. All states of consciousness which involve the 'death' of the personality - ranging from those induced by drugs to certain kinds of religious ecstasy and trances of varying sorts - come under the rulership of the eighth house, for they all refer to this same energy which can separate the self from its vehicles. Physical death is only the last in a series of deaths which begin with birth.

We understand very little about both sex and death at the present time; and this ignorance is more than slightly owed to the confusion of the Piscean era with its pronouncement of sex as evil and of death as the gateway to never-ending heaven or hell. This kind of conditioning runs deep, as it has been with us for two thousand years; and even the more liberal-minded and scientifically-inclined have the same collective heritage of fear, superstition, and fascination about this area of human experience. The individual with Saturn in the eighth house has a double burden on his hands, for he must not only come to terms with Saturn - who is evasive enough on his own - but he must also be willing to make the descent into Pluto's realm if he is to find the treasure hard to attain. It may be said, however, and with no attempt at poetry, that the person who accomplishes this possesses the key to his own immortality.

In a great many cases with Saturn in Scorpio or in the eighth house, the individual's fears or feelings of inadequacy are in the area of sexual expression. This is undoubtedly a symbol for an even deeper fear; but here the symbol is powerful enough in its own right to create great pain in the person's life. The average man who has to deal with this situation will not, however, take kindly to being told this fact bluntly by an astrological consultant. People are as prickly about sex now, when it comes to overt discussion, as they were during Victoria's time. Moreover, the man's inadequacy is not a physical one but rather an emotional one; this is a watery, not an earthy, house. Saturn in the eighth is often linked with impotence or frigidity; but these are also not physical problems, and the physician who attempts to cure these problems through hormones alone is committing a grave error. The difficulty here lies in the fear of submission, or violation, of the control of the partner, and of emotional rejection, for it is the psychic rather than the physical exchange which contains the threat.

It is fairly common to find an individual with Saturn in the eighth who may be affectionate and loving but who, when the last output of separateness is passed in the bedroom, shies like a frightened horse and cannot perform. Or he may overcompensate for his inner fears by becoming the 'perfect lover' on a purely physical level; and he may try to block the flow of energy and emotion to his partner so that he is, somehow, not really there. However subtle this mechanism is, it can be deeply frustrating and disturbing to the partner although it may not be recognised on a conscious level by either person. The individual may not be aware that anything is wrong except that somehow it is always

faintly disappointing; and he is never able to achieve the satisfaction his fantasies tell him is possible. It takes an unusual degree of honesty to look directly at the subtle patterns which surround an eighth house Saturn, for there is, at the same time as fear, the overcompensation of great value placed on performance, in our present era. No wonder that these people have such trouble with money during and after marriage; they may easily find themselves under financial obligations concurrent with the amount of frustration they have unconsciously inflicted on their partners.

As with all Saturn positions, two extremes of behaviour are possible. The effects of overcompensation can help to produce the overtly promiscuous person who is not truly motivated by physical pleasure but who is truly particularly hard to be 'sexy' because he or she is dimly aware of a fundamental problem in relating emotionally to another person. Here Saturn again tries to make an emotional value into a physical one with little success. This kind of behaviour is prevalent now because there is great emphasis on sexual freedom as the reaction to too much restriction in the past. Both are extremes which are part of the natural process of evolution, but which are unpleasant in themselves, for fear permeates them both.

It is naturally wise for the consultant astrologer to express diplomacy when dealing with eighth house matters, for he may be inviting a punch in the mouth otherwise. But with this kind of eighth house Saturn, we are reminded of that wonderful Shakespearean line, 'Methinks thou dost protest too much!' This is reminiscent of the fourth house Saturn who 'adores' his family, who had a 'wonderful' childhood, who had 'no problems whatsoever' with either parent.

On the other hand, the person with Saturn in the eighth may cloak his fears with the garment of strong religious or moral convictions of a particularly intolerant sort, thereby declaring as sinful that of which he is essentially afraid. In these cases Saturn is a prompter toward celibacy, but for all the wrong reasons. The devil, unfortunately, is not vanquished by being told to go away; it is the light of consciousness that he cannot endure.

We may also find that rare individual who is honest enough with himself to understand that there is something within himself that needs development - as there is in everyone - and who makes the effort not only to discipline but to comprehend his sexual nature as well so that he can express it in the most positive way. In all cases, however, the fascination with death and with sex is very great although there may be fear or disgust at the same time.

It seems that a characteristic pattern of the person with an eighth house Saturn is to be let down emotionally by others and often in the most intimate and painful way; and it is in this pattern that a clue to the larger purpose of the placement may be found. There is frequently a denial of deep emotional contact in childhood; and as Saturn has some connection with the father, this placement often occurs where the father dies or is

emotionally cold. Often the individual grows up in an environment where very little physical expression occurs or where the sexual problems existent between the parents have filled the atmosphere with hostility and fear. There is some link between the father and the sexual energies although this may be very subtle. Often it is not subtle; and beatings or assault occur. The effect, whatever the actual circumstance, is a feeling of isolation and loneliness that no-one can share and whose scars no-one can alleviate. For Saturn in the eighth house carries deeper emotional scars than any other Saturnian placement; and the wounds are slower to heal.

People with Saturn in the eighth have a deep insight into nature and human nature and a fascination with death and other states of being. They often have a strong desire to save humanity, or at least some part of it. This position attracts effective advisors. It also tends to be politically conservative.

They can have a certain blindness about themselves and the things or people they believe in, with a set of fixed ideas that can sometimes get in their way. Their usual refusal to see their own stubbornness brings them many losses in life, until they face themselves and can accept the truth about themselves.

They tend to wear well and often gain in attractiveness as they age. They usually have a brush with death at some point that changes their lives - either their own death or that of someone else. They may deal with death, or after-death states, in their work in some way, if there are other factors that confirm it.

These people are often very concerned with money, security, and position, due to a great lack of one or all of these in youth, and will probably gain a great deal of the first two at least, though possibly never enough to satisfy. They are capable of giving gracefully, effectively, and thoroughly, when needed, whether of time, services, or material things. The sorrows of their lives can be transformed into humor; they are usually very amusing people. In youth they are often very attractive to older people who can be helpful to them. With other factors, this guarantees charisma; yet in spite of it they are often lonely. They attract others, but often not the ones they'd like to attract.

(Howard Sasportas)

Saturn in the 8th gives apprehensions and difficulties in the area of intimacy, sharing and joint resources. They may feel insecure about what they have to give or experience some difficulty receiving what another is offering. More generally, there is the fear of letting go, of merging and blending with another person. To truly merge with someone else means the death of the self as a separate individual. This is a frightening prospect for those with Saturn in the 8th who want to hold onto what they value and possess. In addition, letting themselves go in a relationship entails the possibility of being overtaken by feelings that they have attempted to keep under rigid control - rage, jealousy, envy and passions of a primitive and instinctive nature. They desperately crave a close union

and yet withdraw from it for fear of being overwhelmed by such eruptions. Subsequently they may have difficulty relaxing and being open and trusting with others, all of which could give rise to sexual problems. (In mythology, Eros and Thanatos were brothers, and the sexual union is a kind of death of one's individuality.) Investigating the root causes of inhibitions in this area deepens and enriches their self-knowledge and understanding.

Besides possible sexual hang-ups, there are conflicts pooling resources and making personal adjustments in relationships. The partner's beliefs or values may differ from and contradict their or they may choose a mate who is a burden in some way. And yet, helping out with the welfare of others may be precisely what Saturn in the 8th needs for his or her own personal development. There can be trouble over inheritance, taxation and business contracts, and the possibility of drawn-out divorce proceedings. Some will make a career dealing with other people's money - bankers, investment consultants, stockbrokers and accountants may have this position of Saturn.

Generally, they hesitate to probe beneath the surface of life and yet this is what is needed for greater depth and maturity. Obviously, people who attempt to maintain rigid controls over themselves are likely to be very frightened by the prospect of physical death and what looms in the hereafter. These apprehensions could provoke them to a serious pursuit of more knowledge in these areas.

(Robert Pelletier)

In the struggle to gain control over your life circumstances, you are forced to be obligated to and dependent upon others, although it bothers you. When you compare your accomplishments and resources with those of your contemporaries, your self-image suffers needlessly. Gaining personal security is so important that it has forced you to work with others as the one way to become more financially independent. Secretly, though, you aren't always sure that you measure up to the public's expectations, so you extend yourself to remove that doubt. You would be better off working for yourself in your own business, which would eliminate that problem. You are better equipped to deal with the public's needs than you realize, as should be proved by what you get for your services.

After repeatedly hearing how competent you are from those who appreciate your skills, you will finally realize that they are right. Perhaps then you will place a higher premium on your talents, thus letting the public know that you will do what they require but that your services are costly. They also know that they will get all or more than they expect. Once established in your occupation, you invest heavily in time and energy to achieve your goals and objectives. You learn to mobilize your skills and resources efficiently to derive the most benefit with the least effort. Luckily, when you need favors, you can always turn to those whom you have helped in the past.

You might neglect developing the kind of human values that are so essential in your

career, especially since you will probably deal with the general public. Don't put all your values in material considerations, because if you do, many people cannot relate to you on a personal level. While you have greater sexual self-discipline than most people, the reason you are conservative in indulging your appetite is because of the cost involved. The chances are you will prefer having a small family that you can manage without being under enormous demands. You are willing to do without some of life's pleasures and direct your efforts toward your career. Because you are easily intimidated by your competitors' high performance, you strive to increase your skills and improve your position in relation to them. You want a career that allows you to grow and expand so you can increase your earnings and public status.

Your wealth of valuable ideas amounts to little unless you work at developing them so they can be utilized in the marketplace. This means that you will have to invest a lot of time and energy to increase your value to the buying public or, if you work for someone else, to achieve greater recognition from your superiors. With your organizational ability, you should be able to mobilize your resources so effectively that you won't have to be concerned about how to earn a living.

Look around for people whose needs or situations require your skills to improve them. You are definitely tied to working with and for the general public. Your partner admires and respects your efforts, although you may think that you can be accepted only to the extent that you provide every possible material benefit. Keep a sharp eye out for clever individuals who try to con you into schemes that aren't within the bounds of legality. You are sufficiently afraid of the consequences that you are unlikely to resort to lax moral behavior or questionable ethical standards.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: Saturn in the 8th indicates a strong sense of responsibility surrounding intimacy. This can indicate a working dedication to achieve lasting intimacy. But it may also reveal anxieties. You could fear being held responsible for every failure in sharing, not only blame for the shortcomings of your partnerships, but for any problems your partners have in their personalities. You may mistrust others' motives, believing that they will reject you once they're close enough to expose your flaws. These worries are not groundless - it's necessary to approach with caution. Make a long-term commitment to union, and move one step at a time. Even when you feel the onrush of intimacy, remind yourself to slow down. The pitfall is wanting from others what you have not given yourself. The challenge is careful selection of partners followed by persevering effort.

Transformation: Temper your sensitivity to others' reactions, your fears that you will be criticized or humiliated for not changing fast or well enough. You know very well not only what must change, but how those changes must be expressed. Do not adhere to schedules or rules imposed from outside; forcing change out of fear of rejection achieves nothing. At the same time, do not refuse to work on changing simply because others

seem to be pushing you. The challenge is to take responsibility for where you are, not where you feel you should be. Do so calmly, without protest, while you continue gaining strength through measured steps forward. Your fears of ego death have only the power you give them, so celebrate even tiny victories over inertia. Most of all, be gentle and forgoing with yourself. You can change; time is on your side.

Sexual merging: You want sex to be tangible, not ethereal, but this focus is so demanding that you may overwhelm your own capacity for the experience. You fear that if you truly let go, you will obliterate yourself, so you hold back. The closer you come, the more your own gravity holds you down. Sometimes you can't achieve release, and you regard this as a personal failure. It's not. It's the result of pushing too hard, of carrying too much seriousness. You regard your beloved's desires toward you with suspicion. This is protection against your rejection anxieties. The challenge is to patiently develop sexual relaxation. Remember, the trek up the mountain is long, to be achieved slowly. Only then will you appreciate the view from the summit.

Focused intuition: You feel it's not enough to merely have intuition; you often demand perfect knowing. This is too much to expect. Also, you fear the repercussions of intuition, believing that others will kill the messenger. Finally, you fear that you may actually be crazy, that intuition is not real, and that you are succumbing to a form of self-delusion. Each pitfall warrants real concern, but none is true. Your challenge is to work persistently to develop your intuitive faculties, constantly checking and double-checking the accuracy of your perceptions, and slowly developing faith that invisible worlds do indeed exist, and can be of great pragmatic value.

Shared assets: Money means responsibility, whether there is too little or too much. There is often delay or disappointment - your reward for patience is not as high as you hoped it would be. Happily, Saturn improves with age, like fine wine, and maturity can bring great common sense. But this is achieved only if you carefully manage the resources available through relationships. Easy money is counterfeit for you, and you must reject it. The challenge is to be like the little piggy who built his house out of bricks.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the eighth house is, like Saturn in the seventh, usually working on issues of power versus equality. As part of our desire for deep lasting peer relationships, but with the added intensity of water, the eighth house can be more challenging than the seventh, where we are usually more consciously aware of both sides of situations and more willing to compromise. Water instinctively seeks fusion, but in the eighth house, as with Scorpio and Pluto, we also want control. It is not easy to be passionately involved with a mate but able to release to allow equality, to control ourselves but not anyone else, to realize we cannot possess another person. Complicating the situation is the Water need for dependence and the Letter Eight fear of loss of control. The prize for success is shared power and shared pleasure with possessions and appetites. We learn self-



knowledge partly through the mirror of the mate and self-mastery partly out of respect for the rights of the mate.

In an interview with a female client who had Saturn in the eighth house I was delicately trying to get across the issue of sharing power with her husband without suggesting that there was something 'wrong' with her. She just looked at me and said "Yes, my husband and I do fight a lot. We enjoy it. Then we kiss and make up." So I said "Fine". Usually I advise competing with members of the other team rather than our own. But if you are doing it consciously as a game, it is not a problem. When something is happening in our lives which disturbs us and we are not sure why it is there or how to deal with it, then we need to do some analysis.

An eighth house father may be possessive and dominating if his family is his main or only place where he can feel in control. Or he may be so busy seeking security in the material world that he is rarely home. This combination can also indicate the death of a parent or other important authority figure in the early life, teaching us how to let go. Unless the father is unusually secure, he may feel deeply but seldom express his emotions.

Emotional manipulation is a sign of too much insecurity to seek what we want openly. There may be sexual issues, especially if the relationship between the parents is poor. If the father tends to repress his emotions, they may periodically come out explosively or they may lead to illness. He is likely to be trying to learn moderation, when is enough, and how to let go. If the child can learn from the father's example, he or she will be ahead of the game.

We can direct the saturn drive for power in the world into a career with teamwork. It could deal with joint resources in banking, investment, taxes, insurance, or public funds in government work. Or it could deal with the search for hidden answers through depth psychology, archaeology, detective work, or any type of research. Saturn and the eighth house bring together two of the 'obsessive-compulsive' sides of life, so individuals with this combination are often very good at detail and organization, with phenomenal memories and a strong will. If they possibly can, such people keep on going until they get there.

## Uranus ♅ in ♊ Gemini 21° 50'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in this generation have the ability to receive from the planetary mind new forms of communication to reach people with the message of the times. They will have fresh insights into how to verbalize and promote the new directions that have been established. Disruption occurs only when attempts are made to stay on a logical, rational

level with their messages instead of expanding the mind to a more intuitive form of communication.

(Joan Negus)

Uranus was in Gemini during the American Revolution, the Civil War in the United States and World War II. Since Gemini is an Air sign, we would expect some form of communication to lead to dramatic Uranian changes; and at least one important document stood out during each war to support this premise. The Declaration of Independence, signed in 1776, set the stage for the United States becoming an independent nation. The Emancipation Proclamation presented by Lincoln to his cabinet in 1862 had a great impact on the Civil War, and ultimately resulted in the freeing of the slaves. And the Charter of the United Nations created in 1945, it is to be hoped, will eventually lead to the freedom of all nations and worldwide cooperation. There were also outstanding orators connected with each war.

As we focus specifically on the period in the twentieth century in which Uranus was in Gemini, another Gemini quality becomes evident in connection with revolutionary matters. Communications played an important role in our attitude toward World War II. The movies and books of that era were filled with messages to evoke patriotism. It was as though we had to be convinced that the actions of our country were the right ones in order to stay on that path. And the propaganda continued throughout the war.

Another Uranus in Gemini characteristic that was obvious in mundane events of that period was speed. When Uranus was in Taurus, we seemed to be heading unrelentingly in the direction of a worldwide conflagration, but the movement was slow and steady. Once Uranus transited into Gemini, the pace accelerated. There seemed to be more skirmishes and isolated battles. This was particularly clear as the war spread to the area of the Pacific Ocean. Battles took place on islands, and thus there were interruptions in the action as the troops moved from place to place. In Europe, however (where the war began with Uranus in Taurus), soldiers traveled uninterrupted across land.

So if you have Uranus in Gemini, you will feel quite comfortable with the spontaneity associated with Uranus. You might not stay with a revolution or cause for an extended period of time, but you can react and become involved quickly. Then, of course, you can drop these activities just as suddenly. Because you want to remain as unencumbered as possible, you will probably not get too close to the people involved or too deeply attached to the activities. In this way, you can easily flit to some new cause. If you are too interdependent with the other participants or at the hub of activity, it is more difficult to remove yourself and you could feel trapped.

You really are not looking for deep-seated commitment in terms of revolutionary activities. If you become interested in a cause, you probably want to make your contribution quickly and go on to something new before you become bored. You could

be chosen as spokesperson for the group or do writing in connection with the project. Your objectivity and ability to reach people on their own level would help you explain issues clearly.

When you are dealing with matters of change, freedom and originality in your own life, you could find that talking about possibilities before you take action is helpful and perhaps even essential. Then once you think you have made up your mind, you might make quick, but small changes. You could ultimately make drastic changes, but you should do this in stages. In fact, you will probably be most comfortable taking a number of actions simultaneously, in different directions. In other words, if you are experiencing a Uranian period - one in which you are restless and have an urge to be freer or to do things differently - you might examine various parts of your life and make small moves in several of them. For example, you might rearrange the furniture in your home, reorganize your routine at work, and in your social life go to a new place or take out a new person.

Such changes are not drastic, and if they do not work out well you can return to the way things were. Or, if any of them work out well, you can then make a further change in that area. Changes will occur suddenly but sporadically. Although it may seem that a great deal of action is taking place, meaningful progress may be slow. Eventually you may end up in a very different place from where you began, but you will do it gradually. This is because you might take one small situation that needs to be redirected. In other words, you are always active, but sometimes you may move in circles instead of a straight line. Compare this to Uranus in Taurus, where movement can be so slow as to seem non-existent. Yet important changes will probably materialize at the same rate of speed that they will with Uranus in Gemini.

If you were to concentrate on only one segment of your life that seemed unsatisfactory and immediately make radical changes, you could feel restricted and anxious instead of freer. For instance, if, instead of rearranging your furniture, you packed up your belongings and moved to a new location with the first twinge of restlessness, you could regret what you had done. You might miss your old home and decide that you want to go back. Then you would spend a great amount of time and effort retracing your steps in order to return to your starting point. Whereas, if you take small steps forward without closing doors behind you, you might eventually move, but you would know by then that it was right for you. In other words, individuals with Uranus in Gemini are always ready for action, but the focus is more on movement than on sweeping change.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Gemini last century in August and September 1941, and again from May 1942 to early June 1949. Those of you born with this Uranus placement have experienced and been responsible for changes in the education system, changes that resulted in more openness, individuality and equality. Most of you with this planetary

placement attended state-run school systems that were authoritarian, unimaginative and stultifying. In an attempt to change this limited system, many of you chose to pursue careers in education and were responsible for breaking away from the traditional methods of teaching. Open classrooms, alternative study programs, greater freedom of expression and more emphasis on students' rights were initiated by members of your Uranus-group. Those of you who went to school in the southern United States were the first to experience the integration of the public schools, a change designed to create more equitable opportunities for all children.

Gemini is also the sign of communication, and the most notable and significant changes effected by your 'mini-generation' are in this area. Those of you with Uranus in Gemini have been responsible for revolutionary technological advances in the way we communicate. Although earlier generations may have designed the first computers, it was your Uranus-group who improved and expanded the technology and made it available to a broad audience. Under the leadership of people with Uranus in Gemini, all sorts of sophisticated electronics and communications systems that not long ago would have seemed like science fiction have proliferated and become part of our daily lives. As a result of your inventiveness, worldwide communication has been opened up, accelerated and made easier than most people would have dreamed possible.

As children, you were the first group to grow up with television - another major breakthrough in communication. Suddenly the world was opened up and laid bare for all to see. With the invention of the television, the way people received information changed radically, and that information could be conveyed instantaneously from any spot on the globe - even from outer space. Those of you with Uranus in Gemini saw the world from a different perspective relative to those of earlier generations.

Another 'first' for your Uranus-group was the development of electronic music as a form of communication. Rock-and-roll, and its many variations, burst on the scene with your mini-generation; and many of the bards of this musical language had / have Uranus in Gemini. Along with this new music came revolutionary changes in musical equipment. The invention of stereo systems and other technology related to the electronic music field irrevocably altered the way people listened to and produced music.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Gemini indicates a generation of people who are destined to be the progenitors of a new way of thinking. They have brilliant, original, intuitive minds; they will pioneer new concepts in science, literature, education, electronics, and communications media.

People with this position have a tendency toward extreme restlessness, which can make it difficult for them to follow an idea through to completion; they need to exert self-discipline in order to bring their ideas to fruition. Because of their restlessness, they

generally travel about a great deal, seeking new social contacts and an exposure to new ideas. This position indicates great freedom in thinking and - since we create our destinies with our minds - gives the ability to break habitual living patterns as a result of the awareness of alternative modes of activity.

If Uranus is afflicted in Gemini, the thinking can be disjointed, eccentric, and impractical. There can be confusion and the danger of accidents while travelling, as well as unreliable relationships with brothers, sisters, and neighbors.

(Grant Lewi)

This position of Gemini represents the genius of America in all its phases. It was in force when the Declaration of Independence was signed, and again during the Civil War it brought the Emancipation Proclamation. It stands for freedom, liberty, independence of action and of conscience. It makes you mentally alert and is one of the indexes of genius. It gives quickness of perception, and an exalted mental approach to all problems, whether personal or social. You think things through quickly and logically, appearing because of this to have intuition (which is probably in your case a super-rapid working of logical processes). You love freedom, and one way or another will have it. At the same time, you respect the rights of others, and will fight for abstract principles even more effectively than for your own individual rights. Mental training is what you need to rise to your best. Without training and a conscious effort to concentrate, your great mental energies are likely to scatter. You can be a dilettante, covering many fields swiftly; or a creator of importance if you stress one field and stick to it.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is an excellent, very dynamic and lively placing, endowing originality, quick thinking and often brilliant ideas which the subject should be encouraged to think through carefully and eventually develop to the full. Here is excellent potential. If the chart veers towards the intellectual, with Mercury and Jupiter well placed by sign as well as aspect, this influence will blend in, adding spiciness, a sharp attitude and quick responses, especially in argument and debate. It is also good for the subject who works in the media or follows any sort of literary or academic career. The technical areas of communications will also be of interest.

The restless, nervous side of Gemini and the tension of Uranus can cause problems. See if these are indicated elsewhere in the chart, if Uranus receives squares or oppositions from the Sun, Moon or Mercury, or if it is in negative aspect to the Ascendant. If so, such an aspect, plus this sign placing, will be a potential source of tension and sometimes distress, since the individual will become very worried when finding it difficult to relax, sleep properly or put problems to one side; a relaxation technique or yoga may help. If Mars is involved, there may be migraines, or nasty headaches at the very least. However, on the whole Uranus is in an excellent mood

here.

(John Townley)

This position marks those who were born between 1942 and 1949, who approach sexual experimentation in a deliberate and intellectual way. This group introduced 'swinging' as a lifestyle, which emphasizes planned sexual experiences rather than those that happen spontaneously. The head leads the heart and body, rather than the other way round.

Not everyone in this age group is a soulless swinger, by any means, but this generation does tend to overintellectualize new sexual experiences, which sometimes stifles the benefits.

On the other hand, this attitude enables many who might otherwise be restricted by oppressive and archaic sexual mores to relate to new partners and techniques. Being able to reduce sexual hangups and accept or reject them rationally is the touchstone of sexual liberation. This generation has been able to let the sexual taboos and repression of generations out of the closet and into the light of day.

Because of the intellectual interest in sexual discovery, people with this placement enjoy all kinds of lighthearted fetishism. Unfortunately, individuals from other age groups simply cannot relate to these head trips.

(Robert Hand)

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## Uranus ♅ in 4th House

(Joan Negus)

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

If you never move, however, chances are that you came from an unusual home environment, had an eccentric or creative parent, or simply that your adult home will differ greatly from the home of your childhood. Since the house in which you find Uranus in your natal chart is where you may consciously or unconsciously break with tradition, you are most likely to operate differently from the way your family of origin did. If there were strict rules and regulations in your childhood home, you might carefully avoid this in your adult home, and have a rather unconventional household. If your childhood home was unusual or nonconforming, then you might crave stabilisation and

create a very conventional environment.

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

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

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

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

You probably prefer to determine how and when you are going to be spontaneously sociable. You might not only tell your guests when to arrive, but also tell them what time to go home. In fact, if you decide to have a party, you will probably feel most comfortable if you specify the time of arrival and the time of departure. This is not essential, however, because if your guests do not leave when you want them to, you could become so cool and detached that they will probably get the message to go home rather quickly.



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

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

There may be frequent changes of residence, perhaps caused by parental choice or careers, which periodically uproot a child from a familiar environment and friends, forcing him or her to confront 'new unknown worlds' and so stand alone (if only temporarily), being forced to adapt quickly to new homes, schools and friends, even different countries. Such an early lifestyle can be either beneficial or damaging; much depends

upon the age of the child, the support from parents, and the individual point of development and ability to deal with a changing environment. In several ways, it can speed the maturation process, with the child soon accepting responsibility and sensibly applying intelligence to its actions and choices, as well as offering a broader perception of the varieties and differences that life presents through experiencing different communities or countries. Yet it can also create a pattern of instability, a lack of roots, a need to modify 'self' without having an established centre to work from.

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

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

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

(Jeff Green)

A natural stress can occur in the entire digestive system, causing overly alkaline or acidic conditions in the stomach; ulcers, gas; restriction caused by emotional duress or stress leading to loss of appetite; problems with the duodenum and its lining; deficient or extreme secretion of digestive enzymes from the pancreas, which causes either constipation or diarrhea; imbalances in the chemical composition of the digestive fluids within the mouth, which can lead to gum disease, accelerated breakdown of the enamel on the teeth, and bad breath. Uranus here can also lead to lymphatic swellings or problems in varying extremes, female problems linked with the ovaries or womb, and male problems linked with the testes or prostate (swelling), and can promote 'swellings'

throughout the body for no apparent reason other than stress.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

They are usually outspoken to a fault, often with a sort of bitter humor, and overly sensitive to criticism. Anguish at home causes them to leave their native turf and start a new life somewhere else. Even if they do not leave physically, they are often involved in the founding of a new order, a new way of doing something. They tend to be mavericks and insist on having things their own way or they won't participate. They wish to build a new world with themselves at the centre, but this brings them much loneliness. They are often misunderstood by their associates, who think them cold, or overly abrupt or risqué, not seeing the warmth that is in their hearts. They are usually expressive with words, saying things in a terse, humorous style that is intended either to inform or to entertain.

Women with this position are more inclined to neurosis, possibly because their field of expansion, their potential for using their emotional energies to give form to something outside themselves, is more limited in our society. There is more frustration; the emotional complexes are more stimulated and the behavior follows suit.

Although both men and women with this position have a love of young people, they have a hard time dealing with them and, although they do not wish to do so, both tend to revisit their own traumas on their children. They are powerless to stop this unless they get some therapy to help them build new response patterns. They are attracted to those very different from themselves and often choose a partner from a very different background. Their marriage may or may not be happy; but often they will cling to the mate, happy or not, fearful of losing the one who knows them best and who must accept them as they are.

Their emotional tension can translate into a strong sexuality, which may be firmly repressed for a variety of reasons. The resulting frustration can make them irritable and sarcastic and very hard to deal with. They are always desiring someone that they cannot have. Actually, this is only one focus of a perpetual must / can't that derives from the emotional cruelty they experienced as children.

(Howard Sasportas)

Whether through personal choice or unavoidable external circumstances, those with Uranus in the 4th are not meant to be bound by the traditional biological family unit. They may feel like outsiders, strangers or outcasts from their families of origin; or for some reason, the early home life was disrupted and the family scattered. This placement of Uranus implies a need to find where they truly belong as their family or racial roots don't seem to provide this kind of containment. Often deeply restless, they require the space and freedom to search for their true 'spiritual' home or family.

Fearing the loss of alternatives, they are sometimes reluctant to put down any roots at all - maybe there is some place better or more appropriate around the corner. In certain instances I have seen, this disruption has been attracted externally as if by fate - something from the outside compels a move or the need to uproot. Or everything seems to be perfectly secure in the home until Uranus in the 4th is 'triggered' by progression or transit and suddenly, out of the blue, they pick up and leave or the family breaks up or changes in some way.

This placement could also describe an unusual home life. The home could be used as a meeting place for groups or organisations where different ideas are exchanged. They may live in a utopian community, or a housing venture based on something slightly unconventional. The father (or hidden parent) may bear some of the characteristics of Uranus. He may have been unconventional or erratic in some way or literally kept appearing and disappearing from the home scene. He might have felt trapped by being a parent. Sometimes he is physically present but remains an unknown quantity with whom a close emotional rapport is difficult. Occasionally, I have seen Uranus in the 4th in the charts of people who, as they were growing up, watched their fathers suffer mental breakdowns. More positively, it can be a father who is highly original, inventive, free-thinking, and loving without being smothering.

Although this may not be revealed until later in life, those with Uranus in the 4th are often deeply unconventional. In some cases, they may live in a certain way until midlife and then radically change their lifestyle when Uranus opposes its own place. An interest in metaphysics and in philosophical and political systems may surface as they grow older.

Uranus in the 4th house is similar to Aquarius on the IC or in the 4th house. An identity needs to be found which is based on something other than just the personal family unit. At some stage in life, they may want to participate in an activity which benefits or advances the family of humanity.

(Robert Pelletier)

You had to subdue your desire for independence until you had matured sufficiently to take advantage of your gifted imagination. Your early home life may have caused you to rebel against the tedious and conflicting duties your parents required you to carry out.

However, you were generally willing to make sacrifices, because you knew that one day you would be able to invest the necessary time and effort to serve the public interests in your own unique way. You feel a strong kinship with your fellow man and want to show that you care by helping to relieve the burdens of some and correcting injustices toward others. You are truly a caring person with strong enough convictions that you can speak up for those who are unable to defend themselves.

You are reasonably well-focused to derive the greatest yield from your creative insight. You are not particularly disturbed at the prospect of financial difficulties, and you are prepared to use other means if necessary to gain the freedom to come and go at will. You will align yourself with people whose purposes are in harmony with your own until you achieve the personal and financial integrity to stand alone. You understand the value of your natural talents, for they will provide you with a substantial income and give you the opportunity to prove what you can do. You are clever in devising ways to utilize your talents effectively, and you are determined that your efforts will provide the desired results.

You know that to attain an important position that will give you the leverage to accomplish your goals, you must be willing to accept challenge and competition. It will be necessary to control your urge to assert yourself impulsively. You will have to make some concessions to others if you want to win their co-operation and help in achieving your objectives. You must give others the chance to offer suggestions, for you will find that many opportunities will come from totally unexpected sources. You will gain much support from a mate or partner who has the perception and foresight to help you realize your fondest dreams and aspirations.

Good intentions are not enough; and you know that to do your best work you must be fully informed. When others speak, you listen carefully and pick up many ideas. You will even go without some of your favorite comforts and spend time and energy to work toward gaining your goals successfully. This involves some sacrifice, but you know that it serves your future security and independence from want.

All your life you may have to define and redefine your motivations. In your need to achieve material comforts and be free from conditions that seem to threaten or limit you in any way, you may make too many concessions and lose sight of your more enduring accomplishments on behalf of society. You must be careful not to become obsessed with achieving financial success at the risk of losing sight of your most important objectives. You belong to the society you live in, and you must respond to the most pressing human needs by using your creative talent and inspiration to serve them. It would be too bad to review your past and see that you indulged yourself to the exclusion of helping those with whom you shared a social and spiritual destiny.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: Your private self is eccentric, probably very different in tone and spirit from the self shown to the world. There is freedom in your inner sanctum, freedom from the restrictions of social rules and cultural appropriateness. The pitfall surrounds hiding your individuality too well, so that no-one ever sees it. The challenge is to drink deeply from the well of personal freedom and uniqueness. More than with any other 4th house planetary association, Uranus indicates a heightened possibility of feeling like a stranger in a strange land. All human beings occasionally experience alienation. But for most, that feeling is negative and quickly shaken off, like a bad cold. For you, it's more than psychological, more than merely metaphorical. Being an alien is something you hold onto privately. Whether you feel privileged or cursed, it remains a treasured secret.

Personal security: Family is a continual source of revolution. You feel it your task to upset the applecart, to be the reformer of the family; and you will tend to live out that role through phases alternating between exuberantly positive individuality and staunchly defiant outrage. Abnormality is emphasized in all aspects of home and family; and instability is actually more comfortable than permanence. The pitfall involves a rejection of real security through ego eccentricities, while the challenge is to awaken yourself to the miracle of true interdependence, and to realize that change is the only constant.

Emotional imprints: Here, as with Mars, events condition the imprint system, but whatever shocks you suffered as a child - loss, separation, sudden change - tended to produce not heat or conflict, but withdrawal to a safer world inside yourself. So you learned to rely on yourself very clearly; and those imprints toward separateness or independence remain strong throughout the entire life. You also may have felt (or been made to feel) that you were different from the rest of your family, either 'special' or 'a black sheep'.

'Inner link' parent: Your mother's brilliant eccentricity is emphasized in your imprints of her. However traditional her values may have seemed, there was something very willful - even perhaps defiant - that stood out in your early understanding of her. She may have seemed unstable, or she might have ruled the household with an iron hand. Even if she was a quiet, calm person, you would have been impressed by her strong sense of self-possession. The precise effect cannot be determined from the house placement alone, but what is certain is that her imprint is emphatic and in some way unusual.

Private intuition: Contact with inward guidance is sporadic. Your guides are powerful but unpredictable, remaining silent and invisible for a while, then bursting suddenly onto the scene. There is sometimes the sensation that they are in control - 'don't call us, we'll call you' - although that is, of course, an illusion. More likely, they regard you with detached friendship, a kind of 'cool warmth', and they simply check in when they're in the neighborhood. More than any other planet, this one corresponds to the epiphany of revelation: moments of blinding mental 'light' suddenly explode into the consciousness, revealing not only what you didn't see, but what no-one else has ever seen before: your own uniqueness, your own special truth.

## Neptune ♆ in ♒ Aquarius 6° 2'

No interpretation.

## Neptune ♆ in 12th House

(Marilyn Waram)

Neptune is associated with both Pisces and the twelfth house, which means when it is positioned in the twelfth house it can be a double dose of either comfort or dissatisfaction. Both house and planet are Water, so there is much here that goes on below conscious awareness. It doesn't have to stay that way, but it certainly tends to, unless deliberate work is done to bring unconscious values, beliefs and faith into consciousness.

The most difficult part of this placement is that very lack of consciousness about itself and how it operates. What works from unconscious levels has far more power - and more freedom - to affect us than those drives of which we are conscious. When we know about particular tendencies, we can make allowances for them, work around them, if we so choose.

For example, if an individual understands that she has a great deal of ambition in her career, she can realise that perhaps her ambition tends to unbalance her lifestyle. Perhaps her automatic tendency is to put job requirements before her husband's needs. If she realises this, however, she is in a position to make well-thought-out choices, rather than automatic ones. No longer will she simply assume that her career always has to come first. She will see that sometimes her husband may be more important. It will depend on the circumstances - the important point is, because she is aware of her tendencies, she isn't ruled by them. She is free to respond in different ways, free to make conscious choices which will bring her results she wants and will enjoy.

With Neptune in the twelfth house, it is often very difficult to take any notice at all that ultimate, unquestioned values determine how we interpret the world around us in addition to how we interpret our own behaviour and attitudes. The values are so unquestioned as to be beyond challenge. The person with Neptune in the twelfth will tend to have a great deal of difficulty just digesting the concept of how values affect perceptions and therefore attitudes and behaviour. Her values simply are what they are, and they tend to resist categorisation or definition. She is so surrounded and absorbed by her values that she cannot properly separate herself or her experiences from them. They become absolute in her life; and to challenge them is to challenge her deepest

needs.

This Neptunian's deepest need is to discover and live her spiritual heritage. She is closer to it than any, yet less able to translate it into terms the world can understand. This does not especially bother her, but any barrier to her goal can feel terribly painful and unfair, although often she simply comes to view it as part of the unreal world she thinks she can ignore.

With Neptune here the individual is less connected to the world than others, more in tune with the world of spirit, of the healing, harmonising energy of absolute love which flows through and around all of us, if we are but aware of it. She could well have psychic abilities. She never fully embraces the world and its version of reality because she is aware, if only on a dim level, that the universe encompasses so much more than our own minds can handle.

The danger is that the person will come fully to this insight before she has developed some ego strength. With ego strength, she will honour herself as well as her vision, and can relate positively to the vastness she sees. Without it, she will tend to be overwhelmed and easily terrified. Then she will find Neptune's negative choices are an irresistible temptation. She will think she has found a way out of the nameless terror, and never see the trap yawning ahead of her.

With Neptune in the twelfth house, the individual will need to take a long look at her tendency to idealise peace, universal love, sacrifice and service, art and music, fantasy, and the spiritual path. She will tend to have many illusions about spiritual development and the role it plays in life. She will expect it to be easy, yet she will be willing to suffer rather than give up her dream. There will be a strong need to overlook or deny any flaws in those issues she considers vital in her life.

the positive choices are for those who integrate the yearnings of Neptune into a wholistic lifestyle, or for those few individuals whose whole chart points in a single direction. Neptune in the twelfth is not a problem by itself, if there are no contraindications or clashes. If nothing is repressed or ignored, if all part and drives and needs are honoured and given some attention, all the gods and goddesses will be content. The main problem with Neptune in the twelfth is the aforementioned lack of awareness of what the ultimate values are and how they affect the quality of the person's life.

When the person with Neptune in the twelfth has a deep, underlying faith that everything is already perfect, it amazingly seems to be. This person has not ignored or evaded awareness; rather she has seen through surface appearances to the underlying meaning, to the consequences of whatever is going on at present. She senses a flow to life, a purpose which is usually greater and more important than the temporary setbacks which so upset the average person. She sees events in a different light entirely. Where someone with less awareness might interpret the death of a friend as untimely and



unfair, the Neptunian might know on some deep inner level that the friend needed to go on to other experiences in order to take his next step of growth. The Neptunian would grieve for herself and her own sense of loss, but she would feel that everything had occurred for a good reason. From her inner core of steadfast faith would come strength enough to look past the surface for a larger, more encompassing pattern to the flow of life.

This Neptunian can do what every Neptunian yearns to do; she can live in conscious touch with both the world of physical reality and the world of spiritual reality. Each enhances the other.

(Haydn Paul)

The 12th house is considered to be Neptune's own house, and so both the positive and negative qualities are found in this natal position. The influence of the unconscious mind is especially strong, and the effects of this type may be dependent on the rest of the chart and the type of aspects made to Neptune.

For those who are relatively unintegrated individuals, or who lack an effective selfdevelopment or spiritual path, Neptune can stimulate considerable unease from this sphere. There are disquieting undercurrents, irrational fears, phobias, compulsions, and obsessions which can arise. Imagination is extremely active, and the feelingemotional nature is highly stimulated and prone to impressionable influences and changes of moods. Memories of the past can still carry blocked energies or contain 'unfinished business' that affects the present; a generally negative, insecure and unstable outlook on life may dominate. Confusion and vagueness may afflict decisionmaking; and passivity and feelings of lack of control restrict any full experience of life.

More positive integration of Neptune into the psyche, which is aided by favourable aspects, displays the positive dimension of this sphere, where forms of channelling of hidden wisdom and insight may be achieved. Psychic sensitivity can destroy a life just as it can enrich it; much depends on the individual reaction to its influence, and the degree to which balance and integration can be made. Intuitive accessing of inner stores of knowledge is becoming more popular again, and can often be highly inspirational, although great care must be made in opening inner channels because the energy and experiences that can be unleashed are extremely powerful and transformative, and many become victims of their own repressed unconscious mind which, like a dam bursting, floods the separate personality, dissolving protective barriers.

There are likely to be distinct mystical and religious attractions through this position of Neptune, possibly a monastic type of impulse, where the idea of retreat from the world or relative seclusion is most appealing. Periodic withdrawal can be beneficial, especially when it is done as a form of inner cleansing and designed to re-empower the self. Compassion will be a motivating tendency; and some with this position become

dedicated to a life of service and care for those who are disadvantaged in life, those who are ill or are social rejects. Some type of service to the world is probably the most effective way to release this energy and cleanse any unconscious patterns which otherwise may affect the conscious life; selfless service can be highly purifying, offering meaning and purpose in life; and for someone with his natal position of Neptune it may prove to be the best direction. Certainly learning to accept life with its good and bad, its light and darkness, and coming to terms with inner conflicts and disillusionment in the world are crucial steps to take because these help to restore balance and clearer perception. Remaining in anguish because the world fails to match your expectations is a waste of time and energy, and is a futile task. Discovering how to use your gifts to help the world to move towards your vision could be your most worthwhile contribution.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people are generally shy and reserved and don't seek the limelight, though they are poised and graceful when they must step forward in order to accomplish goals. Tender and understanding of human sorrow and frailty, they have a deep desire to help. With difficult aspects, their childhood home may have been unstable in some way, although there may have been a lot of love.

This is an excellent position for an artist, songwriter, playwright, or anyone who lives by capturing the needs and trends of their time. It gives a good sense of rhythm and timing.

Generally, twelfth-house Neptune gives charisma with an appearance of pride and a head held high. These people tend to be naturally modest, but keenly feel their own worth, and as such, feel superior to the common herd. However, they remain deeply vulnerable to loneliness and are sometimes hard put to find a way out of it, as they cannot be content with just anyone as a companion. Though they are generally warm and loving, they may hide it behind a cool, reserved exterior, or tough guy pose.

They are not inclined to be go-getters unless other aspects promise it. They are more likely to let others come to them, which they generally do, though it may take time. They are inclined to have but one relationship at a time, and are not into playing the field, even in youth. This position is a partial testimony to homosexuality, if only for the need for one strong relationship, and the tendency to accept what comes rather than to seek it out.

Usually, they are deeply religious, with a philosophy based on humanistic values. They are inclined to be somewhat passive and fatalistic. Often, there is an awareness of other levels of life, of life after death, or an ability to see beyond the veil. Also, there is an ability to see life in greater perspective than most, the grand panoply in which each has a part to play.

(Howard Sasportas)

Neptune is strong in its own house, where the very best or the very worst qualities of this planet may manifest. Those with this placement will be highly sensitive to undercurrents, movements and unseen forces in the atmosphere. Sometimes they are more aware of these levels than what is actually happening on the surface level of life. At times, their uncanny vision can be confusing: they see or are told one thing and yet feel or sense something quite different occurring.

Some may be victimised by their own unconscious - that is, periodically swamped or overwhelmed by emotions and feelings which others have a easier time keeping at bay. A few people I know with this placement have reported experiences in which they felt their ego-boundaries dissolving and their ordinary 'lensing' of life go out of focus. For some, this was welcomed as a mystical or peak experience; but for others the experience was accompanied by disarming and frightening sensations of chaos and invasion.

If Neptune is not too adversely aspected, the unconscious mind can serve as a source of guidance and inspiration, allowing access to the 'inner, wise person'. There is an openness to the archaic memory of earlier forms of evolution and they can draw on this reserve of stored information with startling effect - as if they have wisdom and insight into experiences of which they have had no first-hand knowledge. There may be an interest in the philosophy of karma and reincarnation and possibly the belief that they are in touch with some of their previous lives. Understood properly, this could help them in more meaningfully meeting the present life. However, for some with this placement, dwelling on past lives could be a way of avoiding facing what is in front of them right now. Fantasising about when they were Cleopatra or Joan of Arc might also add a bit of glamour to an otherwise dull existence, but it remains to be seen to what constructive use they put such beliefs.

Neptune in the 12th can denote very strong escapist tendencies: daydreams or fantasies can swallow them whole, and they might retreat from life by creating their own little worlds in which to live. For most people with this placement, times of seclusion and withdrawal will be necessary in order to re-centre and cleanse themselves of the 'psychic smog' which has been absorbed and accumulated from interaction with others.

One extreme of Neptune in the 12th may be those who feel that they have no control whatsoever over what happens to them (what some psychologists call an 'external locus of control'). While Neptune asks that we acknowledge a greater authority than ourselves, a total denial of personal power and responsibility is not a healthy situation, and is best kept in check wherever this planet is placed. Studies have linked depression and various other forms of psychopathology with people who feel that they have lost the influence to direct their lives.

Similar to Venus in the 12th, those with Neptune here suffer because the world doesn't always live up to their expectations of what it could be. While they are hurt by the lack of

beauty in the world, it is also possible that their sensitivity to beauty can be a means of their own self-healing. Beauty has a regenerative effect on the psyche. If they can make time in their lives to dwell on a sunset, linger by the sea on a night when the stars are visible, meditate in a chapel while the light shines through a stained glass window, or go to a gallery to view their favourite painting, they can often revitalise their own world-weary psyches. As Piero Ferrucci writes in 'What we may be', in those moments a victory occurs 'over discouragement, a positive affirmation against resigning ourselves to the process of crystallisation and death'. In other words, those people with Neptune in the 12th do have a choice: whether to see beauty or not.

Beauty also has a self-transcending and revelatory power - opening Neptune in the 12th to new worlds and possibilities which others may not be able to glimpse. Taking responsibility to look for beauty in life will not miraculously erase all their problems, but it can lighten their load and balance out a tendency to err on the side of dissatisfaction.

(Howard Sasportas) (contd.)

Performing service is another way of freeing the self from pain and unhappiness, and giving meaning to life. Again, some common sense is required: some with this placement may throw themselves totally into other people's lives as a way of avoiding their own. Nonetheless, Neptune in the 12th could do very effective work within hospitals or institutions. Others may be found employed in museums, libraries and art galleries which protect and preserve the wisdom, beauty and riches of past and present.

Those with Neptune in the 12th might meditate on Jung's idea that certain problems in life can 'never be solved, but only outgrown'. Some new interest or vision arises; and through this widening of view the insoluble problem loses its urgency. One level we are caught in a storm; but viewing it from a different level shifts our perspective - like being on a mountain-top viewing the storm in the valley. The thunderstorm is still there and still has relevance, but we are now above it. Those with Neptune in the 12th will have to learn to accept the good with the bad, the perfect with the imperfect, and the beautiful with the ugly. It helps if they can remember and reflect on what is known as Wittgenstein's dictum: 'The solution to the problem of life is seen in the vanishing of the problem'.

(Liz Greene)

In the 12th house, Neptune comes home. In the waters of its own templum, we may observe it uncontaminated by the outer world and the things and people in it. The 12th house, like the 6th and the 8th, has had a hard press. It is also, like Neptune, difficult to define. Traditionally known as the house of imprisonment, confinement and self-undoing, it is a source of anxiety to astrological students who discover natal planets placed there and, having availed themselves of older textbooks, draw dire conclusions.

Because the 12th describes the individual's personal experience of the source, it is concerned with inheritance. But it is not parental inheritance as described by the 4th and 10th. Our 12th house legacy takes us much further back, into the realm of what the Chinese call *teh* ancestors. Here lie our deepest roots, in terms of race, religion, national origins, and the culture out of which the family line has sprung. Even if we repudiate this longer past, and identify only with the present and the life we have carved for ourselves in the world, the 12th house is always there to remind us that we are the inheritors of images, myths, traditions, feelings, and dreams which belong not only to our parents but to our grandparents, great-grandparents, and the 'stock' from which we have sprung. From the 12th, the ghosts of the distant past come back to haunt us - the family 'skeletons in the closet', the forgotten religious orthodoxy of a great-grandfather, the long-suppressed story of the great-aunt's suicide and the great-great-grandmother's 'second sight', the poverty of the immigrant, and the religious persecution of two hundred years before. The daimons of forgotten places inhabit the 12th as well - the country left behind long ago, the folk tunes, the ancestral totems of the tribe. And further back even than this lie the primordial myths of human origins and human development. To all this, planets placed in the natal 12th house are attuned. It is not surprising that, uneducated as we are about the reality and power of the unconscious collective psyche, the 12th house gives us so much trouble.

Neptune in the 12th is a transmitter of the richness, darkness, and light of that which came before us. The 12th is the house of pre-birth, and therefore also describes the period of the mother's pregnancy, when we were contained within the uterine waters. As a medium for the archetypal themes of the ancestral collective, Neptune in the 12th is particularly attuned to feelings and images of suffering and redemption. Religious issues which belong to the family inheritance are likely to prove particularly powerful, and it is important for the individual to learn something about his or her spiritual heritage; if these themes are dominant in the family psyche, they will not leave the individual with Neptune in the 12th alone. If unconscious, Neptune in the 12th may prove compulsive and overwhelming, threatening to engulf the ego with the power of its yearning, which is really the power of many long-dead individuals each contributing his or her own longing to an ever-increasing psychic imperative. The power of the imagination, and the capacity to express images in creative form, may also be an urgent theme of the family inheritance; and artistic vehicles may need to be found for fantasies which are older and larger than those of the individual. It is not surprising that this house is called the house of self-undoing; if we are unconscious of this vast ancestral longing to go home, we may ensure that we are dragged home in spite of ourselves.

Ebertine mentions 'mysticism, rêverie and artistic pursuit... the inner or psychic life is open to external influence... a craving for drugs and narcotics. An inclination toward retreat, rêverie and mysticism is what we might expect when the individual experiences the primal ongoing unadulterated by any surrogate. The gift of receptivity to such powerful redemptive images is also the gift of the artist. Commitment to a religious or spiritual path may offer consolation to Neptune's melancholy and worldweariness, and may

provide a means of redeeming not only one's own loneliness but the victims of the past. Neptune in the 12th may shoulder the burden of redeeming family sin and unhappiness, and is particularly prone to identification with the suffering saviour. For this reason, the individual with Neptune in the 12th, if conscious and unformed, may become the scapegoat or vessel for family conflicts which go back over many generations. Certain forms of mental and physical disintegration, which embody an accrued family background of misery and difficulty, may be connected to Neptune in the 12th if the individual cannot contain his or her inner experiences. It is in this context that we may link drug addiction to this placement of the planet.

The collective unconscious, with its endless fertile stream of archetypal dreams and fantasies, may also become the symbol of redemption for Neptune in the 12th. One may become addicted to the creative powers of the psyche, retreating from relationships with the outer world in order to partake of the universal waters of the source. The individual may see himself or herself as a Christ-figure, come to save the suffering world. This is not the ideology of the 11th, with its vision of a perfect society, but rather, absolute emotional identification with life's victims. Because politics can sometimes provide an arena through which religious feeling may be expressed, Neptune in the 12th may contribute to a political philosophy which champions the underdog, because the family inheritance has unconsciously compelled the individual to redeem a hidden past.

The line between Neptune in the 12th as visionary, artist, and healer, and Neptune in the 12th as addict, invalid or psychotic, is very fluid. Neptune placed in this house teaches us a good deal about our extremely limited and sometimes downright stupid definitions of sanity. The mystical or 'oceanic' peak experience is not uncommon with Neptune in the 12th, and it can be redemptive and life-enhancing. Yet the individual may also be so overwhelmed that he or she identifies utterly with being God's mouthpiece. This may, in certain contexts, be appropriate; Neptune in the 12th is more likely than most to recognise the essential divinity in the whole of life. It is only when primary narcissism dominates the stage, and no-one else is granted the same status, that we may begin to worry. Neptune's apparent madeness may be eminently sane, although attuned to the inner rather than the outer world. But there are some individuals with Neptune in the 12th, particularly if it forms stressful aspects with important personal planets, who are unable to maintain their boundaries against the flooding of the collective psyche. They may act out the traditional meaning of the 12th house, and spend their lives permanently or intermittently confined.

The individual with Neptune in the 12th may not consider himself or herself in need of help, and may in fact not need it at all, unless he or she is as danger to others, or is the victim of compulsions beyond personal control. Neptune's eternal enemy is also Neptune's eternal friend; and a little Saturnian realism can go a long way in assisting a 12th house Neptune floundering in deep waters - although too much Saturn may provoke the very flood the individual is seeking to avoid. Perhaps equally important is the function of Mercury, the natural ruler of the 6th house. It was Jung's belief that, when

working with those inundated by archetypal images and compulsions, an understanding of the symbolic nature of the material could prove remarkably healing in assisting the individual to navigate the currents. Even if a breakdown occurs, the person's capacity to use the experience constructively may depend in part on comprehending what happened in clear psychological terms. Understanding is especially important for those with Neptune in the 12th and a chart in which Air or Earth is emphasised, because, as the fairy tale of Rumpelstiltskin tells us, knowing the name of something demystifies it and renders it approachable. Mercury, in his mythic role as guide of souls, can offer a system of support for Neptune in the 12th which, although intellectual in nature, provides a very useful form of ark.

The challenge lies in containing and working with Neptune's strength in its own house in ways which allow life to proceed rather than disintegrate. Definitions of normality and sanity need to be carefully questioned in relation to this most receptive and imaginative of Neptune's house placements. Sometimes periods of withdrawal, or even a kind of dissolution, may necessarily alternate with periods of active involvement with the outer world. Only the individual can decide what balance is appropriate. But Neptune in the 12th, because it reflects an ancestral inheritance much greater than the individual, will not tolerate suppression. The Neptunian longing for redemption and return to the source of life has probably been suppressed or denied for many generations; and, as Harry Truman once said, for the person with Neptune in the 12th, 'the buck stops here'.

(Robert Pelletier)

Although you are sensitive to the social conditions around you, you feel powerless to make a contribution to alleviating them. You know that a serious need exists, but you may subconsciously reject the idea that you can do anything about it. The fact that social conditions bother you should tell you that you can help. Your compassion for human suffering should alert you to find a way to help relieve it. Your early parental conditioning made you aware that you should become more self-reliant; but first you must establish your own foundation and be secure in your own being. Instead of moaning about the problems, admit that you might be able to find a solution, and then apply yourself to the task. By serving the needs of those around you, you will come to see that you are indeed useful and important to those you serve. It is easy to have excellent intentions, but you may lack the courage to carry them out.

In your career, you often accept responsibilities that others reject. You want to make a good impression on your superiors and thereby get the opportunity to prove that you can handle even greater burdens. You are deeply aware of the enormous responsibility of a career in serving the public, and you want to live up to their expectations. To better accomplish this objective, you should adopt a plan that will allow you to derive the benefits you deserve while making a valuable contribution to society.

Your first priority should be to get the very best education and training you can afford.

This will lessen the danger of being intimidated by others who are wellqualified. With self-discipline, you can gain the credentials you need to advance in your career. Try not to indulge in non-productive activity, for you tend to wander about aimlessly, with little to show for the time. If you pass up formal training, you might have to be content with an unfulfilling life because you contributed so little to it. With training, however, your skills will gain the attention of the public, and you will be recognised for your accomplishments.

Consider a career that deals with people's problems, such as medicine, social services, institutional work or spiritual enterprises. The field you choose should involve relieving people's suffering or improving the conditions that restrict their development. You can stimulate people to seek a more productive life with more highs than lows. You may have to make sacrifices while developing your creative potentials, but your love for those close to you may motivate you to endure these temporary limitations.

Occasionally you feel sorry for yourself, believing that your efforts are futile; but if just one person appreciates your efforts, your optimism returns, and you realise that you are necessary to the world. Your low-key manner may obscure the high quality of your effort. Though you may find it necessary to serve others first, be assured that in doing so you also serve your own needs. By involving yourself in other people's problems, you will find yourself. Don't allow others to persecute you with their demands, for when this happens, your physical health will signal that you've exceeded your limits.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Your fantasies involve pure surrender, giving up ego identity to become one with larger universes within and beyond the ordinary self. When you dream - waking or sleeping - you dissolve into a realm where control and will have no meaning. Your fantasies run the gamut, from visions of the Second Coming to winning the state lottery. The pitfalls are reminiscent of Venus, but subtler. You might 'overeat' on religion, stuffing yourself full of 'junk-food spirituality'. Also, 'visualisation' is no substitute for hard work. If you want something, work with the Earth, not against it. The challenge is to allow dreams to inspire you, so that ordinary events acquire the radiant aura of divine presence.

Unfocused intuition: Everything you see, hear, taste, touch, and smell has an intuitive dimension. In fact, all your sensory receptors work at multiple levels. They pick up both tangible and ethereal levels simultaneously. So the most basic ways you experience anything blend the actual and the magical. This gives you the advantage of being able to work constantly with your intuition, since it is woven into your natural vision of life. It also saddles you with the burden of having no essential distinctions surrounding intuition. You may not even realise it's happening, since it's ubiquitous. You tend not to receive specific information, but instead to absorb fundamental meanings. The challenge is to see the signature of higher meaning in everything you experience, to bask in the magic



of life.

**Withdrawal or isolation:** Your withdrawals are more psychic than physical. You need not be alone to vanish; you simply leave your body and float out into the cosmos.

Paradoxically, it is ordinary life that feels isolated. When you withdraw, you merge with everything beyond the self, so that even in invisibility you are one with the universe. The pitfall is that you may prefer withdrawal to real life. You could become a full-time escapist, whisking yourself away from the demands of living into a formless realm of non-being: more pleasant, no doubt, but illusory at best.

**Selfless giving:** Selfless giving is a lifestyle rather than an event. Your gifts tend to be spiritual rather than physical, intangible rather than concrete. They may also be romantic or idealistic in tone. When you transcend the ego, your sense of personal boundaries evaporates. This can be frightening if you believe your essence is dissolving. Or you could achieve reunion with everything, grass and sky and earth. The pitfall is giving without really offering anything, being open-hearted but ineffective, well-intentioned but naive. The challenge is to make your gifts tangible enough that the spiritual bounty can be shared.

**'Past lives':** In past lives, you explored the boundaries between what's real and what's not. You were a magician performing sleight of hand or a yogi stopping his heartbeat, a minister promoting salvation or a charlatan selling snake oil, a true mystic reaching for divine union or a deluded schizophrenic locked in an insane asylum. Your relationships were characterised by compassion and sincere giving, or delusion and heartbreak. One thing is common: things were never quite what they seemed. Now it's time to move out of the shadows and into the light. Every time you lean backward into your karmic past, life dissolves into confusion. Accept life's dreamlike quality without succumbing to it, knowing that there is reality behind every illusion, and illusion behind every reality.

## Pluto ♅ in ♐ Sagittarius 8° 14'

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 fulfilment, 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 charge, 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.

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As in all natural cardinal houses, Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn represents a condition wherein an entire chapter or cycle of evolutionary development has come to a close and another has just begun within the recent past. This evolutionary development can apply to countries as well as individuals.

For example, the U.S. chart has Pluto in Capricorn, South Node in Aquarius, and the North Node in Leo. The rebellion against British rule (South Node in Aquarius) was necessary in order for this country to take charge of its own destiny (North Node in Leo). In so doing, a new evolutionary cycle began (Pluto in Capricorn). The pyramid reality structure of the North Node in Leo seems to be reflected in the fact that so much of what happens in the world depends on what happens in the United States. The U.S. was destined to play the international role (South Node in Aquarius) as the "leader of the free world" (North Node in Leo with respect to Pluto in Capricorn).

Individuals who have Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn have been learning the evolutionary lesson of how to establish their individuality and authority within a culture or society. Any society must establish laws, regulations, customs and taboos to which each individual within the society must conform so that the society can function as an integrated and stable whole.

These laws and customs may evolve naturally over time, may be established through a consensus of the society's members or they may be imposed upon the society by those in power. In any case, a society or culture represents collective authority that dictates how individuals are expected to conduct themselves. Each nation or culture has a philosophical tradition, derived from the Ninth House or Sagittarius, that is the foundation upon which the laws, regulations, and customs are formulated. In the Tenth House or Capricorn, these philosophies become institutionalized and politicized. Examples include the philosophy of democracy and religious freedom (Ninth House) evolving into capitalism (Tenth House), or the philosophy of Marxism (Ninth House) leading to communism and atheism (Tenth House). In this manner a nation or society creates traditions and forms a national identity.

In the same way, individuals who have Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn have needed to learn how to link or integrate their own philosophy and identity within the framework of a society, culture or nation. This evolutionary necessity and development represents the progressive socialization of the individual which began in Libra or the Seventh House. Just as a country has borders that define its relationship or position with respect to other countries, so too does the individual have a position, place or function within his or her country. Each individual has boundaries, parameters or limitations relative to his or her social position or function within a society. As a result, Tenth House Pluto individuals have had to learn, and will continue to learn, how to define their individuality through their social position or function. In order for this to occur, they must learn how the society works; if I have a desire to do this or that, to become this or that, how does society allow me to accomplish my goals?

By learning to operate within society, these individuals have also been learning related lessons in discipline, self-determination and submission to a higher authority. Because they have been learning how to establish that which characterizes their individuality, i.e. values, beliefs, desires and needs, and to link their individual purpose to a social purpose, they have also been learning lessons in social and emotional maturity.

Because each nation has its own vibration that is created through its laws, customs and taboos, each of us is born into a nation that reflects our karmic and evolutionary needs. Just as the Fourth House and Cancer described our experiences with our parents and early environment, the Tenth House and Capricorn describes our “extended family” environment; the country or culture in which we grow up. Just as our self-image is conditioned by our parents so much of our sense of social identity is conditioned by the nation in which we grow up.

Tenth House Pluto individuals, then, have had, and will have, an intensified evolutionary need that demands they learn to become socially responsible people through the social functions that they are karmically destined to perform. The natural evolutionary condition and karmic lines of development will correlate to those functions. These individuals will be born into countries that best reflect the ways in which they can learn these lessons.

A majority of people with Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn have desired positions of social power or status. Many have occupied positions of power in past incarnations. Power, in this context, is relative and based on evolutionary capacity and karmic dynamics. In order to accomplish their ends, these individuals thoroughly learned how the system works using Pluto’s innate ability to penetrate to the basic structure or essence of any subject. In the Tenth House, this means society or social systems.

Many people with Pluto in the Tenth House or in Capricorn have learned to manipulate the system to their own advantage. They have done so in order to realize their ambitions: to get to the top. These individuals often believe that their ends justify the means. In extreme cases, this dynamic can lead to blind ambition. An example of this extreme is found in former President Richard Nixon who has Pluto in the Tenth House.

The desire for social power or status also reflects the fact that these individuals need to be in control of their position within society, rather than allowing society to control them. Pluto in the Tenth House has made the individual aware of his or her power and powerlessness and what symbolizes power and powerlessness in a societal context. The nature of a society determines the ways and means through which social position is achieved. Thus, if the system is corrupt, unjust or manipulative, the individual who seeks power and position within that system is likely to do so in a corrupt, unjust or manipulative way. In so doing, they claim that “This is just the way it works” and relieve themselves of any personal responsibility.

The potential karmic and evolutionary problems that this can lead to are twofold: 1. becoming overly-identified with one's career, position or status, and 2. manipulating and using others for one's own ends. Both can lead to abuse of power, especially if the person's entire sense of emotional and physical security is linked to his or her social power, career or status.

When this occurs such individuals, or even entire nations, may use all means at their disposal to defend themselves against any usurping of their power, position or status. The effort to maintain power or position at any cost can assume very ugly forms. Nixon's response to the Watergate investigation is an example of this. A recent example of a nation acting under the banner of "national interests" was the U.S. invasion of Grenada. A grosser example would be the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet Union. The rationales used to justify such actions are always self-serving and pious.

The history of humankind is a sad testimony to these facts. War, invasions and defense against invasion seem to be the rule rather than the exception in human history. The struggle among nations to dominate or be dominated predates the beginnings of history itself.

Yet another evolutionary lesson of the Tenth House Pluto is to learn how to be responsible for one's own actions. Individuals who have manipulated others to achieve their own ends will come into this life with subconscious guilt patterns as a result of prior errors. The same principle applies to nations. Even today the German people feel guilt in their national Soul because of the holocaust created by Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. Hitler had an Eighth House Pluto in Gemini conjunct Neptune. His South Node was in Capricorn in the Third House conjunct Jupiter and the Moon. The ruler of the South Node, Saturn, was in the Tenth House in Leo. The North Node was in Cancer in the Ninth House, ruled by the Capricorn Moon conjunct Jupiter and the South Node. Later, I will use Hitler's chart to illustrate the points covered in the first two chapters.

The guilt occurs because the standards of conduct inherent in Pluto are intensified in the Tenth House or Capricorn. No matter how it is rationalized, the abuse of power is not ultimately right. All of us have a deep inner sense of what is ultimately right and wrong. We may not know exactly why something is right or wrong; our judgment derives from this inner sense or intuition.

Commonly, then, many Tenth House Pluto individuals will come into this life with a deep sense of inherent guilt that cannot be rationally explained by current life experiences. This situation will only occur when there have been negative or misguided behavioral responses to the evolutionary impulse of the Tenth House Pluto. This guilt can have a very profound inhibiting effect in the current incarnation, so much so, that these individuals often feel that they do not deserve anything beyond what they already have. They feel resigned to their lot in life. In this way, they are punishing themselves for prior "mistakes" and attempting to atone for prior sins. The greatest frustration occurs

because many do not know why they find themselves in this condition. Karmically, many will be blocked by society from fulfilling their goals, The doors seem to be closed. Others block themselves, and close their own doors. This condition enforces reflection, through which the individual can become aware of the inner motivations or dynamics that created this situation. Reflection can lead to deep depression and feelings of futility, of an utter lack of power, an utter lack of being in control of life. Often these individuals will draw to themselves a family situation in which one or both of the parents will be stern disciplinarians, imposing rigid standards of conduct on these individuals as children. Or they may have a parent who leaves the scene, or rejects the responsibility of parenting. This situation leads the individual early on to reflect upon the actions of one or both parents, and reflects their own evolutionary and karmic need to judge themselves relative to their own standards of conduct. Often these individuals have been heavily judgemental in the past, judging others against whatever standards of conduct and behavior they identified with at the time.

A primary lesson of the Tenth House Pluto has also been self-determination and self-discipline. Self-determination means identifying one's goals, abilities, capacities and desires and actualizing them through one's own efforts. The need is to identify one's function Taurus in the Ninth House, and its planetary ruler, Venus, in Sagittarius in the Fourth House conjunct Mercury. The world role that he was destined to play took him to many lands in order to bridge cultural gaps through the teachings that he expressed. With an opposition from Pluto to Venus, it is interesting to note that he had a deep personal desire to seclude himself in the Himalayas that went unresolved in his lifetime. He made the statement that after leaving this life he would reincarnate hundreds of years later to fulfill that unresolved desire. Another example of a Tenth House Pluto individual whose life and work transcended national borders, albeit on a different level, is Agatha Christie. Christie also had Pluto conjunct Neptune in the Tenth House with the South Node in Sagittarius in the Fourth House conjunct Mars. The planetary ruler of the North Node, Jupiter, was in Aquarius retrograde in the Fifth House. The ruler of the North Node in Gemini in the Tenth House, Mercury, was in Libra in the Second House. Many of her mystery novels had international settings and her books have been published in dozens of languages all over the world. Intrinsic to a mystery is the theme of right and wrong and the assumption that what is just and right will prevail in the end. Christie's writings expressed such standards of right and wrong.

Those individuals who have made an effort to learn the required evolutionary and karmic lessons in the past will express natural leadership qualities at whatever evolutionary level to which they have evolved. They will be the embodiment of self-determination and can act as models for others who wish to motivate themselves in the same way. These individuals will understand that they are responsible for their own actions, and will not use devious means of achieving their ambitions. Commonly, they will feel an intense contempt and dislike for those who resort to devious ways of realizing their goals, and are not afraid to confront those who do use these tactics. The Tenth House Pluto person thus exposes others to their motivations that make them operate as they do. In so doing,

they have the potential to influence others toward a higher standard of conduct.

These individuals have commonly had a parent or parents who support, encourage and understand what they must do with their lives. Sometimes one parent is supportive and the other is not. Sometimes the one that isn't eventually comes around to see that the path that the individual must travel is right for them, even if it does not conform to the parent's wishes.

In addition, the Tenth House and Capricorn are the archetypes through which we all come face to face with our own mortality, and with time and space itself. These archetypes produce the awareness that we have a certain time span in which to fulfill our destinies. Consequently, Tenth House Pluto individuals feel this awareness more acutely than those who do not have Pluto in this house or sign.

This awareness enforces lessons of social and emotional maturity; to grow up and get on with it. It must occur to enforce the awareness of timing in our lives, and that the structural organization of reality at whatever level or application changes or evolves over and through time. The rise and fall of nations, seasonal change, and the evolving nature and structure of an individual's reality all reflect this fact. This awareness, with the necessary reflection, allows for structural change. This change will occur with respect to that which is outmoded or crystalized so that growth at any level of reality can occur. If negatively expressed in an individual, this awareness produces a sense of futility and pessimism: "What's the point?". Positively, it produces the motivations required to accomplish what the individual is here to do.

As with the Fourth House, Tenth House Pluto individuals, in almost all cases, have switched gender in their most recent prior lives; sometimes the current life is the first experience in the opposite gender in many lifetimes. This usually signals that a state of imbalance has been reached and further evolutionary growth could not occur through the gender that came before. Thus, for evolutionary purposes, they have switched genders to promote balance and further growth. The resulting hormonal shift of the gender switch can create a variety of emotional moods and feelings that are difficult for the individual to relate to, let alone control. These emotions seem to have a life of their own. The evolutionary need is to become aware of the source or trigger producing the moods and emotions rather than being a victim of them. In this way self-knowledge will grow — what are these feelings telling me about myself?

An example of an individual who refused to accept this gender switch is Christine Jorgensen. Jorgensen was born a man, yet had a sex change operation to become the woman she once was. Jorgensen has Pluto in Cancer in the Tenth House conjunct the North Node in the Eleventh House. The South Node is in Capricorn in the Fifth House, conjunct a Capricorn Moon in the Fourth House. Neptune in Leo inconjuncts the South Node and Moon, and Mars in Pisces is sextile the South Node and trine the North Node. In addition, Venus in Aries in the Eighth House squares the Nodal axis, Pluto and the

Moon. Her determination to have this gender switched reversed served as an inspiration and example for others who feel the same need. These astrological symbols suggest confusion within her Soul as to what gender through which to express itself. The square from Venus to the Nodal axis, Pluto and the Moon correlates to “skipped steps.”

Beyond this, they are learning emotional lessons. One avenue through which these emotional lessons will occur is in family situations. This can involve either one or both parents, the marriage partner or children or both. The Tenth House Pluto individuals commonly experience emotional shocks delivered to them by one or both parents, their children or a spouse. These shocks force deep self-examination. The loss of a parent can produce this effect, for example. Judgemental parents who do not understand the child's individuality can force the person in upon him or herself. The karmic reason for these conditions in the individual's life is to force self-examination on an inner emotional basis. This process must occur so that they can understand the nature and basis of their emotions and to create a sense of internal security that is not linked to external conditions. In addition, it requires that the individual discover the inner dynamics sibility for these life conditions, self-knowledge will result.

The family difficulties that these individuals may experience through their own children can force them to examine themselves as never before. They may have “problem” children, or very aware children who produce internal confrontations that force the individual to look at what they do and why they do it.

Under other evolutionary and karmic circumstances, the Tenth House Pluto individual as a parent may neglect his or her children because of career obligations and may never really get to know them. Consequently, the children never really know the parent. The resulting gulf produces guilt that again forces self-examination. In all cases, such emotional shocks and confrontations compel these individuals to examine who and what they are and to examine the reasons and dynamics that have determined their emotional, intellectual, spiritual or physical behavior. They must reflect on how they have identified themselves and what constitutes their security on an emotional level.

Often, the “right” career or social position for the Tenth House Pluto individual is denied or karmically blocked in this life to enforce these same lessons. In other cases, this denial will occur because of prior abuses of power. Being held down in this way enforces the same lessons. Or the individual may be born into a special class or inherited social position. Others, because of prior-life efforts, will succeed in obtaining a position of relative prominence early on in this life. Yet many will lose the position in some way or fall from grace. Some simply will tire of their social position and break away from it.

(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.

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 they have evolved to. They will be the embodiment of self-determination, and can act as role-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 realising 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, he or she has the potential to influence others toward a higher standard of conduct.

These individuals have commonly had a parent or parents who support, encourage and understand what they must do with their lives. Sometimes one parent is supportive and the other is not. Sometimes the one that isn't eventually comes around to see that the path that the individual must travel is right for him or her, 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 fulfil 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 organisation 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 crystallised so that growth at any level of reality can occur. If negatively expressed in an individual, this awareness produces a sense of futility and pessimism: 'What's the point?'. Positively, it produces the motivations required to accomplish what the individual is here to do.

As with the Fourth House, Tenth House Pluto individuals, in almost all cases, have switched gender in their most recent prior lives; sometimes the current life is the first experience in the opposite gender in many lifetimes. This usually signals that a state of imbalance has been reached and further evolutionary growth could not occur through the gender that came before. Thus, for evolutionary purposes, they have switched genders to promote balance and further growth. The resulting hormonal shift of the gender switch can create a variety of emotional moods and feelings that are difficult for the individual to relate to, let alone control. These emotions seem to have a life of their own. The evolutionary need is to become aware of the source or trigger producing the moods and emotions rather than being a victim of them. In this way self-knowledge will grow - what are these feelings telling me about myself? The polarity point is the Fourth House. The evolutionary intent is that the individual learn to develop internal security, identity completion and a personal fulfilment that is not bound up or linked to the need for success or social position. These individuals are learning how to see themselves without the trappings and security that their social function or career provides.

Beyond this, they are learning emotional lessons. One avenue through which these emotional lessons will occur is in family situations. This can involve either one or both parents, the marriage partner or children or both. The Tenth House Pluto individuals commonly experience emotional shocks delivered to them by one or both parents, their children or a spouse. These shocks force deep self-examination. The loss of a parent can produce this effect, for example. Judgemental parents who do not understand the child's individuality can force the person in upon him- or herself. The karmic reason for these conditions in the individual's life is to force self-examination on an inner emotional basis. This process must occur so that they can understand the nature and basis of their emotions and to create a sense of internal security that is not linked to external conditions. In addition, it requires that the individual discover the inner dynamics that create this karmic necessity. If the individual can accept the responsibility for these life conditions, self-knowledge will result.

The family difficulties that these individuals may experience through their own children can force them to examine themselves as never before. They may have 'problem' children, or very aware children who produce internal confrontations that force the individual to look at what he or she does and why he or she does it.

Under other evolutionary and karmic circumstances, the Tenth House Pluto individual as a parent may neglect his or her children because of career obligations, and may never really get to know them. Consequently, the children never really know the parent. The resulting gulf produces guilt that again forces self-examination. In all cases, such emotional shocks and confrontations compel these individuals to examine who and what they are and to examine the reasons and dynamics that have determined their emotional, intellectual, spiritual or physical behaviour. They must reflect on how they have identified themselves and what constitutes their security on an emotional level.

Often, the 'right' career or social position for the Tenth House Pluto individual is denied or karmically blocked in this life to enforce these same lessons. In other cases, this denial will occur because of prior abuses of power. Being held down in this way enforces the same lessons. Or the individual may be born into a special class or inherited social position. Others, because of prior-life efforts, will succeed in obtaining a position of relative prominence early on in this life. Yet many will lose the position in some way or fall from grace. Some simply will tire of their social position and break away from it. The evolutionary intent fosters examination in order to discover how identification with career or social position has created an emotional security base. These individuals will necessarily reflect upon their internal dynamics in such a way as to become aware of how they determine their reality, self-image and security. This reflection provides the opportunity to change outmoded or crystallised patterns in identity association. In this way, these individuals will learn how to reorganise themselves and create a new self-image that is not dependent upon career or social function. They will learn to accept responsibility for their own actions and the conditions of their lives and reality. In this way they can progressively learn to internalise their security needs and eventually develop an attitude that if everything is taken from them, they will still be okay. The more these lessons are realised, the faster potential blocks to a meaningful career will be removed. Their need for social recognition and power can then be met effortlessly through whatever social function their evolutionary and karmic capacity requires.

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) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (0°18')    ൬7 | ൬9
- 2) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (0°58')    ൬7 | 86
- 3) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (0°19')    55 | 86
- 4) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (1°23')    44 | 44
- 5) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°04')    44 | 12
- 6) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♁ South-Node** - (0°22')    44 | 001
- 7) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°19')    88 | 10
- 8) ► **Uranus ♅ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°19')    44 | 12
- 9) ► **Neptune ♆ Parallel ♁ South-Node** - (1°26')    12 | 001
- 10) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♁ North-Node** - (1°13' A)    ൬7 | ൬7
- 11) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (10°13' S)    99 | 88
- 12) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (2°46' A)    88 | 88
- 13) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♅ Uranus** - (1°43' A)    44 | 44
- 14) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♆ Neptune** - (2°54' A)    86 | 12
- 15) ► **Neptune ♆ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (2°12' S)    12 | 10
- 16) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Mars** - (6°37' A)    001 | 44
- 17) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♇ Pluto** - (5°16' S)    001 | 10
- 18) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♂ Mars** - (7°03' S)    ൬7 | 44
- 19) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♅ Uranus** - (5°20' S)    ൬7 | 44
- 20) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (0°38' A)    ൬9 | 86
- 21) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♆ Neptune** - (2°16' S)    ൬9 | 12
- 22) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☾ Moon** - (5°12' S)    001 | ൬9
- 23) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ☾ Moon** - (5°30' A)    55 | ൬9
- 24) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♀ Venus** - (7°29' S)    55 | 88
- 25) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♄ Saturn** - (4°43' S)    55 | 88
- 26) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ☿ Mercury** - (1°57' A)    ൬9 | 55
- 27) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♂ Mars** - (5°12' S)    88 | 44
- 28) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♅ Uranus** - (3°29' S)    88 | 44
- 29) ► **Jupiter ♃ Trine ♇ Pluto** - (0°42' A)    86 | 10
- 30) ► **Saturn ♄ Trine ♅ Uranus** - (6°15' S)    88 | 44
- 31) ► **Neptune ♆ Trine ♁ North-Node** - (7°39' S)    12 | ൬7
- 32) ► **Sun ☉ Semi-Sextile ♀ Venus** - (1°51' A)    ൬7 | 88

- 1) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (0°18')    ൬7 | ൬9

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition the Ascendant shows that you try to become personally involved in the affairs of the people you know. Not content with casual encounters or impersonal communication, you seek to be absorbed by others so they will turn to you for sympathetic understanding. Subconsciously, you need someone to need you at all times. You are trying to transfer the parental loyalty of your childhood to people with whom you can become intimately identified. This seems to be the only way you can conserve the emotional security you are accustomed to.

You have a wide circle of friends who think highly of you because of your generous and kindly disposition. Nevertheless, you find it difficult to form individual, binding relationships, because you are never really sure you can fulfill the responsibilities they entail. To avoid this problem, you circulate freely among a number of people you feel comfortable with, who appreciate the favors you do for them. You want to be loved, and you constantly dwell on this fact. Although you adapt fairly well to changes in a relationship between yourself and another person, you secretly worry that you've failed to make a sufficient contribution to sustain the relationship.

Because you function well in a social environment, public relations would be a comfortable field for you. You hate being alone, so any professional interest should involve personal contact with the public. You may have some difficulty in achieving your material goals, however. Your sometimes fickle behavior gives your superiors the impression that you are unstable and therefore unreliable. It is important that you learn to stand alone and secure in your independence. You persist in the hope that everything you desire will some day be realized.

(Sue Tompkins)

Moon conjunct Descendant suggests that there is a very strong need for relationship and all the emotional, familial and domestic security it might provide. A need for relationships which will provide some measure of nurture, containment, protection and dependency. Whatever the real nature of a particular relationship - child-parent, employer-employee, or that between two lovers, those with the Moon Descendant somehow or other find themselves in a parent-child relationship, with them to be found at either end of the spectrum.

People with this placement often find, maybe several years into a relationship, that they have 'married' someone who closely resembles their mother or are re-enacting the relationship they had with her or would like to have had.

Sometimes the early mother figure was experienced more as a wife, either to the child or to the other parent, and it is from this situation that a mother-spouse linkage is formed. In

any event, mother issues and relationship seem even more intermingled than usual with this combination.

People with Moon conjunct Descendant are often very nurturant in relationship, and, indeed, in all one-to-one encounters, though, as Howard Sasportas says of Moon in the 7th, it may be 'over-sensitive or over-adaptive' to the needs of the partner. This placement is indicative of the formation of very strong bonds with women. People with this placement who are in therapy, for example, usually feel more comfortable with women therapists.

The placement can also be found in those who meet others through providing some sort of lunar skills; such skills might range from cooking and catering to working in security, or even such things as furniture restoration: those who provide some kind of service which involves caring or providing some kind of protection.

#### Moon square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The effect of the hard aspects between the Moon and Ascendant is much more uncomfortable and disturbing. We experience the world and everything with which we are not totally familiar as a worrying threat to our safety, and so we do not always react with poise or find it easy to make contacts.

The Moon, as the principle of changeability, can make us moody for reasons not immediately apparent to the outside world, and this can produce a vicious spiral in which we feel hurt, retire into ourselves, get no sympathy, feel hurt, withdraw, etc., etc.. Yet that is the last thing we require, since the Moon / Ascendant aspect gives us a need for emotional interaction with our environment.

Sometimes we are at a loss for how to behave in emotional situations, or in situations where we have to care for and cherish others (for example, as a mother or father). Then we may be inclined to seek the help and advice of someone we trust to solve the problem in some other way. The activity associated with hard aspects often encourages us to explore various avenues.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the aspects between the Moon and Ascendant are difficult, these people see life as a difficult emotional experience. Each new beginning in childhood may have been an emotional trauma - they were afraid to start school, they had difficulty moving to another school during the early years, or perhaps they resisted the various phases of growing



up.

If the Moon squares the Ascendant, it indicates that the emotional needs of these individuals are not easily expressed by the 'persona'. The career drive may suppress the emotional nature, or the masquerade that is presented to the public may in fact mask a tender emotional structure. This causes inner tension, for the emotional needs have to find expression.

In the case of the opposition, in some way the mother (Moon) compromised the child's actions - every time the Ascendant reached out to do something, mother stood in the way. The individual will respond to life much as the mother did as far as the emotions are concerned, so the same apprehensions that Mom projected when the person was a child will be projected by the person as an adult. Each new job will bring inordinate trauma; each new beginning will contain trauma.

2) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♊ **Jupiter** - (0°58')    ♀7 | ♋6

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of the Sun and Jupiter indicates that you almost never act in moderation. In everything you do you show boundless enthusiasm, and you never really believe you will fail. Because of this faith in your ability to do anything you set your mind on, you may overestimate your capabilities and suffer disappointment on occasion. But even then, you can pick up the pieces and start in on another venture. If you learn to plan your actions more carefully, your successes would be more consistent. Lacking the ability to efficiently manage your talents, you tend to wander aimlessly from endeavor to endeavor, trusting that everything will eventually work out satisfactorily. While you don't necessarily rely on it, luck seems to attend you when you need it most.

Although you want recognition for your efforts, you are not driven by ambition. For you it is more important to live a full life, rich in experiences and with abundant possibilities for using all your potentials. You are generous to a fault, and no one who brings you a tale of woe will go away empty-handed. This is one of the many reasons why you have some difficulty saving money. Even when thrift is essential, you are self-indulgent.

Your occupational interests are varied, but you are generally inclined toward a profession, such as medicine, law, education, philosophy, philanthropic endeavors, travel, or any other field that offers opportunities for growth. You quickly tire of routine jobs that have few chances for progress and development or jobs that don't use your imagination. You work best when you are permitted to use your creativity and work to the full measure of your enthusiasm. You are well informed on many subjects and always eager to learn more.

You tend to be liberal in your religious views and somewhat indifferent to religious

organizations, a matter that you feel rather apologetic about. An avid reader, you feel you must develop your own philosophy to guide you in life. You have high hopes for the future and never allow yourself to get into a rut that limits your progress. Subtle spiritual urgings tell you that everything that occurs in the outer world has a purpose in the inner world of consciousness. You have enormous faith, although it does not follow any structured ideology, and it sustains you by enabling you to fulfill your destined role.

Your emotional contacts are primarily with individuals who share your enthusiasm about life, who are eager to share their experiences with you and are not exclusively preoccupied with material concerns. You appreciate the sanctity of all life - vegetable, animal, and human - and you are warmly disposed toward anyone with a similar feeling. You are an emotional glutton, and may have some difficulty finding a partner who will satisfy your physical, emotional and spiritual needs in a totally satisfying relationship.

Your physical problems come about through lack of moderation. Doing too much for prolonged periods of time without sufficient rest can easily produce physical weariness; also, your blood pressure could become troublesome. Cultivate healthful living habits.

(Haydn Paul)

You will be naturally optimistic, enthusiastic and eager to explore the potential of life, looking to exploit your solar power and Jupiterian expansive tendency to enable you to taste life as deeply as possible. An image that fits this aspect is that of the seeker, believing that you are following a secret path towards a future destiny, reacting against and resisting any restrictive limitations that may occur as obstacles to your progress.

This can, however, be an ambivalent tendency. You may be correct in your intuition, discerning the signposts of your path; yet equally, this could become a path of evasion if you believe that it offers a justification for self-centred choices, or if you assert personal freedom to the point where you wander through life with no sense of a clear direction.

One of your main assets is an innate self-confidence which generates a powerful faith in your ability to attain aims successfully. Through positive thinking you can attract 'good fortune' into your life, naturally expecting that all will work to your benefit. Usually, your positive attitudes will prove effective, yet there will be occasions when over-optimistic tendencies may stretch your actual capabilities too far, and you experience temporary setbacks to your plans. But even then, due to openness to new opportunities and directions, you'll succeed in discovering new roads to travel.

You may need to make more efficient use of your personal talents and resources, perhaps through greater self-discipline and focusing on your intentions. Forethought and planning may be skills which require additional development, and which can help to maximise future success. You will want to use your full potential, and searching for ways to do this may make you restless and unable to settle for very long. It is the

expansionary quality of Jupiter that causes this agitation, and by recognising this activity you should ensure that routine work or lifestyles do not restrict or trap you, or else its intended positive contribution to your life could initially result in more disruptive effects.

Areas that may attract your interest include education, medicine, law, travel, philosophy, religion, social and humanitarian influence. You look for progress and scope for expansion wherever you become involved, especially when your contribution can be beneficial for others' welfare. There is the potential of merging your talents and interests with areas of social concern, so that your energy flows into the resolution of social issues, or you may become a spokesperson or representative of group ideals and social aims. Work involving the initial impulse for transformative social projects may particularly suit you, and offer ample scope for ongoing development. Linking your path with social needs could be an appropriate action and wise choice.

You enjoy expressing personal creativity and imagination, feeling that energy flowing into new forms and channels, sparking off new thoughts, directions and perceptions. Discovering a path which evokes self-motivation is very important, enabling that enthusiastic energy to be released. You like to be well-informed, and will be aware of most current social trends and world news. Ongoing learning is especially enjoyed, as it provides a source for the renewal of interest in life and opens up new areas of fascination and experience. It is a fullness of life that you seek, a real enjoyment of yourself and the world, and this can lead you to be attracted towards more hedonistic explorations. Yet underlying this is a need to create your own unique perception, philosophy and worldview, which is a reflection of a spiritual need to discover your own meaning and purpose of life.

Your spiritual interests do not really fit within orthodox teachings and religious organisations, and mainly derive from the sense of inner guidance and trust in the beneficence of life. You will adopt a position of tolerance and freedom, especially valuing the unity of all life and the concept of universal human fellowship, so civilrights issues may interest you, or ecological concerns.

In relationships, you prefer partners who are fundamentally in tune with your perception of life, fellow enthusiasts and positive thinkers who appreciate the subtler qualities of people and experiences, rather than being preoccupied with materialistic matters and the accumulation of money and social power. You will expect much from a partner, and can inadvertently place pressures on others to satisfy your needs, rather than being equally aware of their own feelings and desires. More awareness may be needed in intimate relationships. For example you may need to curb your tendency to over-indulge in pleasurable activities. Otherwise you may create imbalances in yourself that need adjustment through greater health care. Containing that restless spirit may also be necessary at times, and you may need to realise that if you always focus on the horizon then you can lose sight of what is around you, and so diminish your appreciation of what is currently present in your life.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The expansiveness and progressiveness of Jupiter go hand in hand with the way the psyche seeks to develop: a combination that frequently results in self-reliance, optimism and success. An air of confidence usually has a stimulating effect on others. However, people with this aspect need to be careful not to think too highly of themselves: big-headedness and megalomania are the bad side of Jupiter. In principle, Sun conjunct Jupiter can heal both literally (the physician) and immaterially. Properties such as joviality, fair play and optimism come well to the fore with this aspect, enabling these people to put fresh heart into others. Also they are quite likely to be open-handed, magnanimous and protective, but run the risk of acting in a spirit of self-importance and so of extinguishing the spark of true humanity.

Thinking too highly of themselves can also be expressed in the optimistic laying of grandiose plans with an inattention to detail that is bound to produce mistakes and disappointments. But then, doing things with a flourish is typical of this aspect.

Natives with Jupiter in combination with the Sun tend to see things in broad perspective. Quite often they have philosophical, pedagogic or religious interests, and are keen on anything that gives food for thought or widens the horizons. Tolerance results from a deep conviction that humanity is essentially freedom-loving; people with a Sun / Jupiter conjunction like to make up their own minds and to arrange their own lives.

Moderation is not Jupiter's strongest point and, when the planet is conjunct the Sun, psychological and physical problems can arise through an unwillingness to exercise restraint. These problems are seen in such varied activities as speaking, eating, and drinking. Nevertheless, much of the damage can be repaired thanks to the native's irrepressibility.

(Betty Lundsted)

These planets in aspect indicate an emphasis regarding how the individual is programmed to relate to the self (the inner values, the personal needs). Jupiter symbolizes how we relate to the concept of self, family and the universe around us.

The conjunction represents the well-born in some way. These children are born at a time when the father feels good about himself and the family is doing better than other families in the neighborhood. If they are born in a poor neighborhood, their family is the most successful around. If they are born to a professional or wealthy family, the environment is comfortable. But the comfort usually expresses itself in financial terms rather than in emotional terms; so, the child may be well fed, well educated and well cared for, but the sense of happiness, or emotional comfort, may not be there. It brings an energy to the child that attracts money, prestige and trust as the child matures.

Because people trust them, any venture that these individuals undertake will probably go well, unless there are other aspects to the Sun-Jupiter that cause a problem.

When the father feels good about himself, the child absorbs an inner sense of wellbeing and brings to maturity the ability to co-operate with authority figures. The child born in a masculine sign will always do better than the child born into a feminine sign for the Earth / Water sign child gives more emphasis to the aspects coming from the mother's side of the family. In order to develop the influence from the father (the Sun sign) the mother-blocks must be released. Then the energy is free to flow.

(Charles Carter)

This conjunction may be regarded as a potent benefic influence, probably in a general way second to none in this respect. It is more ambitious and active than the trine or sextile, but commonly it resembles them in the simplicity of its life. It has literary, religious, scientific, and philosophical tendencies, and may also be incline to military and naval matters.

It has the benevolence of the good aspects, but perhaps it is more vigorous, decisive, and direct in expression, and there may be a taste for invective or satire if Mars is also strong.

3) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°19') ☿5 | ♃6

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of Mercury and Jupiter shows that you are inclined to go to extremes in your expectations. You have a fertile imagination and much inspiration, but you may lack the practical sense to use them constructively. You don't like to take on responsibility, assuming you can achieve without diligent application and hard work. Although you are well-informed on many subjects, your opinions are based on shabby evidence. You alienate people because you strike them as being a 'know-it-all'. You are inattentive to details when making judgements, which forces you to revise your position later. Your sometimes irresponsible statements are inconsistent with your mature mental development. You would do well to become a better listener and thereby gain some wisdom. In your case, silence would surely be golden. If you listen to both sides before jumping to conclusions, you will reap great dividends and win many friends.

You have an insatiable appetite for knowledge and are intensely curious about everything. You must be careful, however, for you may not follow up your initial curiosity, and fragments of information are never a good substitute for the whole story. You need to discipline yourself and resist the tendency to hop from one subject to another, becoming a jack-of-all-trades and a master of none. Once you focus on a specific objective and determine to persist, there is much you can accomplish.

Law, education, writing, and public relations are some of the fields in which you can apply your creative talents and become successful. Aim for objectives that are within the realm of probability. As you reach your goals, redefine and clarify your next ones. In this way, you won't be disappointed at not reaching the moon. You should also plan to continue your education as your level of accomplishment increases. You need to stay abreast of current developments if you want to remain competitive.

Be careful to avoid legal entanglements; you tend to pass over the small print and suffer losses as a result. Get a good and trustworthy attorney to take care of matters that you may not fully understand. You can't afford not to afford his services.

Your personal and romantic relationships are inclined to be a bit untidy. You tend to assume that a friend is seriously interested in you, failing to realize that he or she may be using you only to satisfy selfish desires. Insist on deferring your declaration of love until you can determine your lover's credentials. Unless you are honest with yourself, you will be the victim of insincerity by your associates.

(Betty Lundsted)

This person comes from a childhood in which the family doesn't relate to him. The power of the trine can be developed out of an opposition, but constructive use of the energy will have to be learned - early childhood experience doesn't provide the training.

Friends and opportunities may be lost because of a poor choice of words. The opposition causes a compromise between the relating ability and the need for communication. It can express in an excessive manner - one day relating nicely, the next not, or words can come out in a tirade. The feeling is that if communication is honest (according to the sign Mercury is in) then relationships can't happen. These feelings create inner tensions; eventually, resentments develop because real communication isn't achieved. The aspect is a powerful one. The resentments will go once the individual learns how to express the compromise in a profitable manner. This can be learned once he realizes that he was not shown how to do it by his family. The opposition can be compared to the needs of the Sun archetype and then worked out.

Mercury square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The unbalanced use of hard-aspect energy may make Jupiter too expansive, and the effect of this on voluble Mercury is to produce bragging, conceited talk, opinionatedness and inaccuracy. Taking big risks in Mercurial matters (trade, contacts, traffic) can be

another consequence.

But, even with the tense aspects, there is also a great deal of warmth in contacts with others. We like them to share our experiences and thoughts, and we can actively propagate ideas and become good teachers or advocates. Eager involvement in all sorts of things is a further probable result of these aspects, and, in fact, varied interests can turn out more successfully in some respects than they would have done had we had an easier aspect between the same planets. However, we shall have to overcome a certain amount of opposition because we try to do things at the wrong time and in the wrong way. Also thoughts are restless, even hyperactive, and we are always trying to see connections whether they exist or not.

Quite frequently, we shall find that Mercury, as the objective, ordering factor in our make-up, causes trouble when we enter Jupiter's terrain (expansion, religion and the widening of one's horizon). This can create inner uncertainty about what we are doing, and probably, in order to convince ourselves that we are right, we try to convince others that we are right - a dubious enterprise. We need to be careful about how we word our opinions and about how we offer advice. With these tense aspects, ill-considered or exaggerated reactions run in the blood.

#### 4) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Uranus** - (1°23') ♀4 | ♀4

(Haydn Paul)

This will give you a dynamic, powerful energy that you attempt to direct in pursuit of your ambitions. One difficulty can be in the often erratic flow of this volatile energy, which creates problems in consistent application. It will be seen as though an on-off switch is being internally activated by an unknown hand. This is the unpredictable instability of the Uranian vibration, which is interfering with the drive of Mars.

Even so, the power that you release is quite considerable; but you may have to learn how to apply it in ways that create the maximum benefit for yourself, perhaps through taking into account this irregular flow pattern, and organising yourself accordingly. When this energy is freely flowing, you will feel highly charged, and under the influence (or 'inebriation') of this energy you are liable to be quite impulsive. Actions can be taken without due thought or consideration, and this can create future difficulties, through following unwise choices. A lack of sensitivity to others, and a diminution of common sense, can occur; and you may look for ways to release the sudden pressure that can rapidly build up inside you. In extreme cases, this can be expressed through explosions of temper and anger at any provocation, even to the point of physical violence; certainly attempts to release the energy through verbal and emotionally directed violence towards a partner are common.

You prefer to retain as much independence as possible; and you are not one to bow to

any authority. Basically, you are anti-establishment, a natural rebel, an anarchist. You see your own will and desires as paramount, following a purely personal code of behaviour which is determined by a self-centred perspective on life. You tend to insist on your right to be free to follow your own path and ambitions, and can experience relationship problems through this attitude, and may need to learn the values of cooperation to modify this tendency.

Your search for excitement is mainly in terms of physically based action, which can be through competitive sports, or in sexual conquests. You feel a strong need to 'feed' this urge for physical / material level action, and it is tied in with a need to prove yourself in relation to others, to prove that you are better than them in some chosen way.

In some ways, the rebellious spirit can find suitable channels through becoming an opponent of the Establishment, but one who is working from within a socially accepted framework, attempting to change society from within. It may be argued that this is the most effective way, to initiate constructive change through speaking out on behalf of a minority or disadvantaged social group. Irrespective of how you may express this tendency, you will tend to look for results to occur in the physical world as a reflection of your impact. You can have little patience for social rules, preferring to disregard them; but apart from you being penalised if you contravene them, you may have to learn the art of apparent conformity in order to create a foundation that you can work from in your own inimitable, subversive way.

Probably you will find that you become more effective if you can control the inner energy, so that you are able to direct it into predetermined channels of creative expression. The act of clarifying your aims, personal and social, will help this process. Careful consideration of your options and goals will lead to wiser choices at the times of activity, and a gradual transformation from self-preoccupation to becoming more aware of the rights and feelings of others will be a great step for you to make. Learning to share and work with others in co-operation will offer scope for the fullest use of your talents and forceful energy, and will re-integrate you back into society as a positive revolutionary rather than just a negative reactionary.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars conjunct Uranus, you are unrestrained, forceful, and energetic in striving to achieve your goals. You establish your own rules and won't submit to anyone's restraints. As you work to get what you want out of life, you are completely uninhibited, guided by the belief that you must be free to do whatever is necessary to get what you want. There's never a dull moment when you're around, because you seek excitement, and when there isn't any, you create it.

This impulsiveness can cause you many problems. Society is stabilized by laws and rules of behavior, and the people who abide by them are irritated by your rebellious



nature. If you truly want to accomplish your objectives, you will have to play by the rules.

Your courageous nature can best be used in occupations that require daring, such as sports, racing, mountain climbing, or exploration. Before contemplating any of these, however, be sure you understand that safeguards are necessary. Otherwise, the results will be tragic. Only a powerful Saturn in your chart can offer the protection you need.

You could easily become the champion for people who are too weak or perhaps too timid to demand social adjustment or change for themselves. You have the courage to instigate change by challenging powerful government officials. To dramatize your point, you may even threaten them, using the public support you've gained. Once you have all the evidence to confirm an allegation of wrongdoing, you won't be stopped from whatever action is needed to make sure that justice is served.

You have a powerful sex drive that cannot accept 'no' for an answer. You would be refused mainly by those who expect an emotional response in addition to a biological one. As far as this conjunction shows, you are primarily a 'taker' and not much of a 'giver'.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The executive ability and energy of Mars is placed under high tension by a conjunction with Uranus. With two impatient factors in such close contact, we feel the urge, even when very young, to go our own way as unconventionally as possible. There is something provocative and defiant about our behavior whenever we stand up for ourselves.

Our patience is not great: we have too much need of action, change and renewal. In one way or another, we are very alert to what is going on around us; and, because we are rather keyed up, we may suffer from nerves or slight overstrain. We are inclined to rush into things, but seldom finish them. And we are not good at co-ordinating our activities. Impulsiveness and lack of forethought are increased by Uranus; which can cause us to be brusque, capricious and sudden, not to say liable to the occasional fits of temper. Therefore this combination increases the risk of broken friendships and marriages; also of accidents. But the same swiftness of action makes us extremely adroit at handling difficult situations where snap decisions have to be taken.

The wayward self-will of Uranus produces a degree of obstinacy in the owners of Mars / Uranus aspects. We can impetuously follow our own ideas in spite of anything anyone may do to stop us. We are very dynamic, and it is hard to resist our bold handling of affairs. We can shine brightly if given the chance to be ourselves; but being warned off or told what not to do arouses the fighting spirit, and then the destructive side of this combination puts in an appearance. Forbearance is not our strong point.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus represents the erratic or selfwilled tendencies of the personality, the combination can be indicative of an individual with a 'short fuse'. How this energy manifests will depend on the sign placement.

The energy level is usually high. People born with this aspect are aware of the inherent energy level, and by the time they reach their twenties they have learned something about channeling it.

In a sexual sense, the conjunction can indicate a strange, unusual or unorthodox sexuality, which can manifest as a slightly eccentric conditioning as well as include all forms of what is considered sexual perversion. The aspect should be synthesized with the other aspects involved in the conjunction; the Venus, Sun and Moon placements should be considered before determining that a Mars-Uranus conjunction is unhealthy. The aspect indicates precociousness, impulsive sexual relations, as well as impulsive physical reaction in general. This person may jump into emotional or sexual involvements without considering all the factors necessary in a relationship. This aspect can cause relationships with partners who are unusual types.

Because Mars represents the action taken to express the Sun potential in each individual, it's important to become conscious of the energy here. Uranus involves erratic behavior and one can take erratic action. The concept of self-will may need to be considered, for action may be too impetuous to accomplish what is desired on an overall level. The conjunction bestows a creative genius that may not be expressed until the less evolved qualities are disciplined.

(Charles Carter)

Will-power, courage, and dogged persistence characterise this aspect, though the nervous strain may be so great that the native breaks under it, fighting, as a rule, to the last. Paralysis must sometimes be feared from the tensions of Uranus. Often the character shows best in moments of danger but it has little patience under stress and strain. I have only known one case wherein, to date, it has been something of a dumb note; here it falls in Leo in the 12th and has externalised in the shape of dire suffering through the sickness of wife and children, as well as injuries at games.

Charubel, the astrological seer, had the conjunction in Capricorn; his nature exemplifies the occult side of Mars intensified by Uranus; Tennyson, who had the conjunction in Scorpio in the 6th, also had an interest in such things, but it was half-smothered by the age in which he lived.

Inharmonious aspects between these planets may in some measure denote weakmindedness, probably through an actual malformation of the brain (Mars).

5) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°04') ♀4 | ♀12

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction can pose several difficulties: in choice of actions, where you may struggle to establish what your real aims are; in making that final decision to attempt to achieve them, and in ensuring that sufficient and persistent effort is then made to guarantee success. An unintegrated Neptune can dissolve that focused will, making decisive clarity difficult to maintain. Additionally, you tend to avoid accepting the consequences of your choices, and there can be a refusal to acknowledge responsibility when such actions lead to failure or negative results.

Part of this derives from lack of prior consideration and a willingness to sometimes jump into action on impulse alone; yet this is often used as a spur to be decisive. 'I didn't know it would turn out like that...' is used as a defensive excuse, and is probably true because possible repercussions were not evaluated. Yet continuing with such an approach is essentially avoiding personal responsibility. You may realise eventually that most actions you take on impulse go awry in some respect, rarely fulfilling your initial intention.

This issue related to choice and action is one which needs clarification and resolving. You may find that it is beneficial to pause before acting on impulse, and sensible to slow down and take time to consider the likely results of your decision. This may then show you alternative routes to take, or may even dissuade you from taking action at all. As Mars will influence you to be more dynamically assertive, you need to take into account your effects on other people too, especially any family and those closest to you. This may then modify your more self-centred tendencies and ensure that through insensitivity you do not then create unnecessary pain for anyone.

You can be quite attractive to others, as the Mars-Neptune energies combine to create a potentially dynamic glamour, yet this apparent combination of action and sensitivity can often be superficial when the Mars characteristics are dominating the more subtle Neptune ones, which is more often the situation. Neptunian qualities come through disguised as a flexibility of personality, a set of masks and images that you almost automatically assume in your relations with people and in social or work environments. You recognise that these lead to some inner confusion, especially in respect of decision-making; but they are also usable for self-projection. You quite enjoy playing with these masks and feeling that your real intentions are hidden within a secret persona; you do not really like others to know you too well.

This leads to the attraction of acting behind images, and there is often a dramatic side to your nature, perhaps through some creative expression or even theatre work, where imagination can flourish in an evocative situation and you can be hidden behind the mask, performing a role. Certainly you will develop a favourite image of yourself which is

projected out for others to see you through. Some have affinities with medicine and healing abilities; even here, you may hide behind the image of nurse, doctor, consultant or psychic healer. Alternatively, your dreams and desires about yourself could be unrealistic; and whilst you aspire to great status and achievement, your lack of will or application and your impracticality defeat you. Ultimately, your image of self-elevation may only exist within your imagination.

Steps can be taken to improve matters though. Feeling able to release your blocked imagination into daily life is important, because whilst initially such a move may be glamorous and ineffective, you can learn to direct it towards deliberate intentions, and so use it as a powerful energy to achieve your aims. Techniques of creative visualisation are recommended to take advantage of this process of mental imagination, and can help to re-create your life. Future planning can help you to gain greater control too, so that there is less opportunity for something unconsidered to destroy your intention. And working hard to actually achieve viable skills is another way of helping yourself; if you do not do this, that unintegrated Neptune will serve only to dissolve those dreams instead of helping to fulfil them.

In intimate relationships, more awareness will probably be needed. A combination of impulsive Mars and the self-deluding tendency of Neptune may conspire to show you the pain of disappointing illusions in love. Mars can encourage you into sudden passionate affairs, caught within the glammers of a new lover, but when you are directed by purely unconscious motivations the likelihood is that suffering will result, as a prompt to make you more aware the next time. Be wary of any personal tendencies toward self-deception and deceiving others or being deceived; these may be likely, and can be associated with the sphere of the conjunction's natal house. Try to remain honest and frank, as communication is vital in relationships, and you have a tendency both to be emotionally vulnerable and to have unusual emotional needs, so the quality of your intimate relationships should ideally be high.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have the planet Mars conjunct Neptune, indicating some conflict between your impulses to act and your willingness to accept responsibility for the results of your actions. You may not deliberately avoid the consequences, but it is often difficult for you to clearly see the burden of guilt. Your imagination is sometimes blocked because you are unable to plan ahead well enough, and you allow chance to determine the results. Almost everything you do on impulse will prove disappointing. Before you act, you must realistically weigh the energy you are investing against the probable effects. You are inclined to ignore reality and the feelings of others when you assert yourself.

People are drawn by your magnetic appeal. You easily take on characteristics that will please others and not appear threatening to them. The theatre and related fields are especially suited to your active imagination and great creative potential. With your acting

talent, you can also successfully 'play the role' in many professional activities. To gain acceptance in your field of interest, you may have to resort to subterfuge. However, honestly developed skills must soon replace the act, if you expect to retain your position. If other factors of your chart indicate caution, reserve, and responsibility, medicine may be the best field for your sensitive nature.

Be extremely careful in your romantic relationships. What may seem to be true love could turn out to be merely an escapade for you or your partner. Such a disappointment would be very painful. It is easy for you to become entrapped in an alliance that would be embarrassing if it were revealed. Don't deceive others, or you risk being deceived by them too. Any contacts you make must be made honestly.

Be wary of medication unless a physician advises it. Good hygiene is essential, for you are more susceptible to infection than others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the desire for self-preservation, executive ability and energy (Mars) conjuncts a need to blur the borders and thus to refine, to idealize or to make things fluid (Neptune), very divergent and apparently conflicting elements may be expected. The background of the signs plays an important role in this, however.

If Mars has few or no dignities, Neptune may drain the energy of Mars, leaving less resilience, less self-assertion, and less pugnacity than one would normally expect. Even if Mars is well-fortified, Neptune will still undermine, and the Martian influence will be rather impersonal and idealistic, yet will work in such a way that we can throw glamor around ourselves and we appeal to others as very lovable. For film stars and models, this aspect is ideal. Incompatible as the two factors may seem, they do interact. That is to say, Neptune transforms the manifestation of Mars: either the energy is reduced, or else the attitude is relatively free from Martian egotism and so indefinite that others read into it what they will.

The conjunction also makes us a trifle woolly-minded but idealistic. We want to help humanity and can work hard for a social cause. We regard Martian energy as something to be used for the group rather than for personal ends: the collective within us takes precedence over the individual. Therefore a Mars / Neptune conjunction can cause a certain amount of trouble with relationships. Neptune is a planet capable of producing glamorous, shimmering illusions, whereas Mars gives a need for down-to-earth activity. Therefore we can be very romantic, but are liable to deception by an internal dream-world, which we may also project on the things we see around us. A plus point here is that, for the professional artist, this is a fine aspect which enhances his or her powers of expression.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars symbolizes the action principle; Neptune adds fantasy, illusion or delusion to any facet of the action principle. In one sense, this conjunction can indicate inspired action; it conveys creative activity. It may also indicate a person who doesn't know what he's doing.

Since Mars rules sexuality, the Neptune influence indicates one full of fantasy and delusion; and that fantasy can manifest in myriad ways. It can indicate the person who must have a spiritual and inspired sexual relationship; it may reflect the person who wants to live out all his sexual fantasies. To determine whether or not the conjunction suggests those who may have unprofitable or strange sexual relationships, one must check the other aspects in the chart to see if sex is viewed as something abnormal. If so, the conjunction will support that abnormality; if not, the conjunction will reflect a person who may be at least an interesting sex partner. Sexual dysfunctions will be indicated by other aspects to Mars, Moon or Venus. If the Sun is afflicted, the person may have an unhealthy self-image and therefore take sexual action that reflects his self-image.

This particular conjunction must be interpreted according to the additional aspects to it, for the energy will syncretize all the planets involved. If the individual develops a sense of self-worth and becomes trained in metaphysical principles, the energy can be indicative of brilliance.

(Charles Carter)

This is a very potent feature in any chart. The temperament is often fond of romance, colourful things, painting, ritual, music, dancing, and similar expressions of the emotions. There may be vanity and much self-approbation, with lofty aspirations which tend beyond the possible and desirable. The enthusiasms are not always wise or well-controlled. There may be an analytic tendency, a desire to plumb the depths, or there may be a soaring ambition, but the native seldom seeks ordinary or merely routine things.

With respect to externalities, things ruled by the house wherein the conjunction falls are likely to present intricate and important problems; and perhaps ill-will and cunning will be aimed at the native from those directions. Sometimes there may be great apparent success and power in regard to the matters denoted by the houseposition and rulerships, but often this proves illusory or is marred by treachery. Bitter disappointment and disillusionment may follow on bright beginnings. As a typical example, in the 5th house, still-born children may occur.

6) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ☾ **South-Node** - (0°22') ♀4 | 001

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

On the positive side, this aspect can cause the natives to question the militaristic values or group actions of their society. They may step aside if they feel that the trend is to no good. They sometimes become loners, acting upon their own decisions and disregarding what others think or do. On the negative side, their actions and desires tend to be out of harmony with the standards of society. They may act at the wrong time and in the wrong place, antagonizing others and causing opposition. They are likely then to lash out in anger and frustration.

(Bernice Grebner)

The South Node stimulates Mars passions and senses, but can give poor timing, for the South Node influence pushes forward with passion and then pulls back. Action and fear need to be balanced. This is what the aspect is: action, then fear.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the physical energy is highly channelled inward to heal the internal structure. Naturally, the outward energy applications look quite weak. In a woman's chart, this often denies sexual satisfaction or the other extreme, depending upon the rest of the chart. Here, the soul learns subconsciously to curb its martial authoritative nature. In a previous life spectrum, the indulgence and misuses of physical power, sex, and energies have brought about this condition in this life. Circulatory problems or blood difficulties can be a normal deficiency for these people. General temperament of these people is very difficult to grasp. When they want to be angry or temperamental, a sudden curb on energy is imposed by circumstance and they often fail to show the reactions appropriately.

(Donna van Toen)

Adaptability is limited, hindering growth. A tendency towards accident-proneness or fear of injury can lead to stagnation. When angular, this position frequently coincides with loss of a mate or parent through death or separation, or sometimes some traumatic blow to the self-esteem at an early age.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, the militant energies can prevail. According to the sign and house, the native will tilt at windmills and misdirect his or her energies. Wrong ideas are fiercely defended, but without convincing others of their merit. Many resort to feverish activity and waste their strength. The time that must elapse before the native learns the most profitable use of the latter depends largely on other planets aspecting Mars.

Mars square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Disharmonious collaboration, the desire to quarrel, a lack of good fellowship. Quarrels and disputes within communities, organizations and associations, interruption of associations.

7) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♌ **Pluto** - (1°19')    ♄8 | ♄10

(Haydn Paul)

Saturn implies restrictions and limitations, which serve as a barrier to progress until certain changes are made or lessons learnt; and when in association with Pluto, the way forward is conditioned by the need for an inner transformation to occur. With this aspect, it is likely that you will experience some degree of frustration in achieving your objectives, or a sense of invisible blockages facing you that require you to discover some way to pass them or dissolve them through penetration.

As you have a strong ambitious nature, you will need to make full use of all the resources available to you, applying accumulated knowledge and experience to a determined persistent effort to succeed. Patience will be an essential quality for you to develop, as it is unlikely that you will have rapid immediate success in your objectives. Usually you have to wait, and undergo the experience of frustration and not knowing if your goals will be realised; and this can be a testing and transformative phase, especially as it is likely to be repeated periodically throughout your life.

You will be attracted towards power and status, although it may be that instead of reaching a position where you 'possess' such attributes, you are required to gain a new perspective and understanding of influence in the world, rather than demonstrating it yourself. Much depends upon your ability to apply your talents and resources practically; potentially, your ideas and schemes can have a noticeable impact upon the world and your immediate environment, especially when you are working through an established structure and social system. This is because you feel more naturally in tune with existing organisations, preferring traditional approaches and attitudes as a reflection of 'stability and foundation'. You often resist accepting new trends or social changes, as you are inherently wary of them, preferring to follow your established path unless the impulse for change is naturally arising within yourself; and even then the likelihood is that you will attempt to resist and block its movement as a reaction to its unsettling effect. You will have a conservative nature and perception of life, respecting traditions and the consensus social attitudes, being suspicious of those who need to experiment and challenge accepted attitudes.

The socially subversive nature of Pluto is unlikely to be too evident, as Saturn will



overlay it too much, although it can erupt in your inner and personal life, potentially stimulating a collapse in your 'secure foundations', forcing you to re-evaluate yourself and your life. Such a radical impact is unlikely, however, unless you are capable of undergoing the cathartic transformation that could occur, because Saturn will maintain your inner structure to prevent this happening.

You will be a private person, serious and secretive in nature, not openly revealing your thoughts and particularly your emotions, which you may try to avoid and keep tightly sealed away in a 'locked drawer'. Emotions imply fluctuation and change to you; and this does not fit easily with your world view and perception of self, making you feel uncomfortable. A more healthy approach to emotions should be encouraged, as it would prevent any energy repression on the emotional level, or else you may find that Pluto takes that route to make its presence felt.

In intimate relationships, you will be a firm, reliable partner, and you will prefer a traditional approach to marriage and mutual commitment, so you should choose wisely. You will not be overly demonstrative of emotional (on the surface), but you should avoid any tendency to fix the relationship in limiting and binding ties, and instead allow it space to change and evolve. Remember that your partner is a unique individual with a potential to unfold, so allow the necessary freedom for him or her to do so, and encourage the process too. Security in a 'straightjacket' situation is a false situation, and inimical to growth and development, so despite your tendency in that direction, it is wiser to accept change and unpredictability so that energies can flow healthily.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Saturn and Pluto gives you a driving ambition to realize your goals. To do this, however, you must use all your resources and experience. An austerity program may be necessary, but you are willing to endure whatever is required so that your plans will succeed. The fear of an unfulfilled life drives you to accomplish as much as you can. You are certain that your determination and persistence will make success possible.

You may be forced into a particular profession before you realize which field will enable you to get the results you desire. Your inclination is to traditional occupations that can give you stability in the face of changing social values, which seem to financially threaten you. You may resist 'getting in step' with changes and defiantly challenge anyone who suggests that you must, or you will make anxious adjustments to them. In any case, your approach to solving the problems you face is extreme. You either 'join' and transform a liability into an asset, or you resist and suffer defeat from the relentless tide of progress.

Secretive about your plans and ambitions, you don't share your innermost thoughts with anyone. You work behind the scenes, patiently acquiring financial resources that you feel will protect you in later years. You are efficient in managing your financial affairs and

resourceful in spending.

You are qualified to gain positions of power and authority. An effective organizer, you command the respect of those under you. You are almost faultless in observing the law, and although your judgement may be harsh, it is fair. You have an uncanny ability to understand people's motives, which serves you well in determining guilt or innocence.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Intensity and tenacity are key concepts in the conjunction of Saturn and Pluto. This is an extremely powerful conjunction if linked with personal factors. The ability to shape things, to work hard and long, and to endure stress are enormously intensified by Pluto, and we are able to tap a great reservoir of strength and resilience. At the same time, a need for power and authority and a desire to leave no stone unturned (Pluto) assume a set form (Saturn). Striving for fame and success, tough behavior, and refusal to give way on any issue, are likely consequences.

Pluto also has to do with repressions, and its conjunction with Saturn makes us painfully aware of these unconscious impulses. We can resort to firm action to enable us to overcome problems and fears. Others may think of us as strong, but do not see the inner struggle - which nothing would induce us to reveal to them.

Profound inquiry (Saturn) plus penetration (Pluto) give a capacity for all kinds of research and for science in general. When working on anything that really interests us, we anticipate good results and are very energetic and ambitious; but nobody must get in the way, otherwise we strike back mercilessly.

Under the influence of Pluto, it can be hard to gauge how forcefully we express ourselves; and when the planet is in conjunction with vulnerable Saturn we can be more prickly and fierce than (seen in retrospect) we intended. We have the strategic ability to outwit rivals. Without realizing it, we choose to confront others and make a bid for power in the very place where we feel most at risk; naturally enough, this stirs up a hornet's nest from time to time. Therefore the present conjunction is said to signify violence - although our behavior need not sink to that level. Violence is certainly possible, but only if the rest of the chart points in the same direction.

What is more, the conjunction of Pluto and Saturn is found in people who are determined to master important processes at all costs. These can be socio-political processes, processes that are personally meaningful to these natives, or even the processes of parapsychology or magic. Feelings of uncertainty created by unconscious compulsions might prompt us to take the reins of our life completely into our own hands.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents the influence of the father on the individual's psyche, the caution point in the consciousness, the teacher or tester; Pluto represents unconscious motivation. The conjunction indicates a person born into a generation when people unconsciously take the law into their own hands. Rationally, they may say that the 'law' is wonderful, but personally one hears them talking about how one 'must' do something. Free will may be disguised intellectually, but in actuality they subconsciously feel that they should be the law-makers.

The father's influence on these individuals was most probably manipulative; it may be difficult for them to see just how they are influenced by the father. The aspect indicates people who may think their urges toward traditional concepts are conscious, but who may be motivated to react to life experience on an unconscious level.

In Leo (August 1946 - July 1948), this conjunction indicates people who consider respect and approval seriously, and may feel they are not being respected enough. They unconsciously react with hurt feelings and sensitivity when they are not treated in an approvable manner. They may not realize that the hurt feelings have something to do with the fact that their father didn't treat them well when they were little, and here is this life experience doing it to them again. These people will be motivated to consider the 'law' and all its ramifications whenever they are offended. They may not explore why they are offended, but merely the fact that they are.

8) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°19')    ♀4 | ♂12

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction came within a nine degree orb in November 1988, was exact in February, August and October 1993, and stayed in orb until 1998; the last time before that was 1821-3. These children will have a strong degree of identification with the collective mind and group consciousness, which in some cases could revert back to fervent nationalist affinities in countries that have a powerful controlling religious, racial, political and social structures. Yet in most cases it is unlikely that this will result in the emergence of charismatic demagogues as in recent examples of the manipulation of the masses.

There will be a directing sense of social responsibility, and an awareness of participating in a social community, which will be expressed in positive ways for the betterment of all. The merged energies of this conjunction will inspire concepts of brotherhood, which will reflect the ideals of Uranus and Neptune, as a form of revolutionary mysticism emerging from an acute mental and emotional sensitivity connected to an intuitive imaginative faculty.

Personal freedoms and rights will have a high priority, and there will be a new perception of 'leadership' being formed, which can dissolve those old patterns of a powerful leader

and hundreds of following 'sheep'. There is a distrust of leaders, based on an intuitive perception of their real motivations and characteristics, which will also develop into a new understanding of authority and power in society. Those born under this aspects will be willing to 'fight' for the maintenance of personal freedoms and rights if they are under threat by the decisions of social leaders. A new balance of power between the people and the state will begin to form, and a new politics should rise into view, reflecting this increase in individual rights and power. Generally, this should be a period of spiritual and scientific development, where breakthroughs occur in the exploration of nature and mind.

Changes that became inevitable by 1994 will have to be more fully achieved and realised by this new generation, imbued with a more conscious spirit of human unity and solidarity.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Neptune shows that you are aware of your obligations to the social structure to which you belong, and that you identify closely with its mass consciousness. You are keenly observant of the deception that the leaders often use to gain and maintain complete control of the people, and this disturbs you deeply. You recognize that this pattern can lead to loss of personal freedom unless steps are taken to eliminate the offenders. Since you belong to a generation that will not tolerate abuses of authority and power, you realize that freedom can be lost if not protected against political erosion.

When the conjunction occurred in 1821-3, among the important achievements were the invention of an ingenious process for waterproofing fabric and the development of cement, which later played a large role in the industrial revolution. These physical phenomena - cement and waterproof fabric - exactly parallel the strong foundations of the courageous individuals who have this aspects and the process they use to protect themselves and their rights.

You respond to people who need your understanding of their social predicament, whether it is a personal problem or one they share with others. Although you know that you can do little by yourself, the combined effort of those sharing your concern can be a powerful force against social injustice. Working together, you can restore order and freedom where there was chaos and privation.

(Betty Lundsted)

It seems that the conjunction of these planets would make for some interesting life experiences - the concept of individuality or humanity is brought together with that of creative expression. These are the times when important changes in attitude and / or consciousness take place.

When this aspect occurred in the early 1820s, it brought the world Mary Baker Eddy, Dostoevski, Clara Barton, Louis Pasteur and Johann Strauss. If this conjunction also involves a personal configuration, a personal kind of creativity emerges - for example, Clara Barton had this conjunction also conjunct her natal sun.

(Charles Carter)

This potent aspect occurs again and again in the charts of the great. It stands midway between the harmonious and inharmonious contacts, and produces the great savant or prophet, such as Pasteur and Ruskin, and people of remarkable but more doubtful repute, such as Nell Gwyn and Caesar Borgia. Dr. A. R. Wallace exemplifies the spiritualist tendencies of the aspect.

It seems on the whole to be self-willed, but frequently extremely able, and rarely to be lightly disregarded. One would expect eccentricity, but on the whole good intentions and kindness, Neptune softening Uranus, as it softens Mars.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. Hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible that he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

9) ► **Neptune** ♄ **Parallel** ☊ **South-Node** - (1°26')    ♀12 | 001

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction does not make for popularity. The natives' unconscious habits and intuitive promptings are out of harmony with current social trends, and their timing is likely to be off when they have an opportunity for good fortune. However, they are often individualistic and discriminating in relation to popular social trends, and can sidestep the folly of the masses through superior intuitive wisdom. There is a danger that things on which the natives have worked hard will be stolen or taken from them through intrigue or unfortunate circumstances which are beyond the natives' control. Natives may have the responsibility of acting as channels for working out spiritual purposes under different conditions.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect will give the individual the ability to inhale spiritual and idealistic goals to organize and restructure the individuality. Thus, these people will use spiritual values and ideal goals as a selling point for the betterment of the Karmic growth. This is an individualized method requiring singular elevation of a soul but performed on a group basis. Thus, one finds a singular personal elevation in his spiritual values, then letting others form individually, and then forming a group of elevated souls. On a mundane level, it can cause difficulties and frustrations from spiritual or psychic misuse, drug and alcohol abuse, deceptions, fantasies, and excessive daydreaming.

(Donna van Toen)

A peculiarity or confused issue may encourage stagnation. Sometimes there's a medical disorder, a drinking problem, or a weight problem; other times, inhibitions of misperceptions hinder growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, various snares can lie along the path of development. There is a naive faith in promises of all sorts, and a tendency to fall prey to cheats and swindlers. Because the natives are only vaguely aware of their limitations, they are apt to make mistakes, become enmeshed in intrigues, and have difficulty in finding a plan of personal development. The ego-disintegration due to Neptune often results in diffuse aims.

Neptune square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of social or communal sense and feeling; the inclination to exploit, deceive and cheat other people. A lack of judgement leading to wrong ideas about other people or about an association. The misfortune of being disappointed or the tendency to deceive other people.

(Bernice Grebner)

This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over-stimulation of the imagination from overly idealistic thoughts. This power should be used for acting, singing, poetry, and understanding compassion. Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. It gives a desire for seclusion and for impractical endeavors. As with all aspects, we must consider other aspects that can lessen or emphasize. Many

times this aspect indicates two sides to the nature - a pull of undue idealism and being overly sensitive against power-hungry, selfish gratification. Badly aspected to Mercury, it can give mental imbalance in one degree or another. This position, when touched by transits and / or progressions, could bring confinement or hospitalization - forced confinement with the square; self-imposed isolation from the other aspects. The karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position, and the nature of the aspects.

10) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♊ **North-Node** - (1°13' A)    117 | 117

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction indicates birth near the time of a solar or lunar eclipse. It also shows that this is a major event in the natural world, which causes major events and sets of circumstances in the natives' world and provides them greater scope for their self-expression as well as opportunities for expansion of their poqwe and leadership potential. The conjunction suggests an inherited karmic tendency toward good luck as a result of previous use of the life energies for the benefit of the individual's larger environment. When carried too far, however, this influence can dissipate the individual's energies, causing exhaustion and a depletion of the life force.

(Bernice Grebner)

This gives a strong advantage to the North Node area. The ego and the new activity flow along the same path. Wherever the Sun is located is where there is strength, vitality, action and warmth.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides strong persoanl elevation in this life. It usually comes from lack of recognition and self-respect from the recent past life. They just have to get out of the Karmic rut and establish some of their own standards in this life. The destiny often helps them in most of the ways it can during life. Stronger independence is taught; but there are always supporting walls around them. This ensures any fail-safe mechanism for them. Thus, even if they make a mistake, they do not have to pay for it on a grand scale... not at least in this life. Parental guidance and excellent discipline from them are often provided as a basic growth in life. Responsibilities are often given to them just as they are ready for them. Individual ego has a proper projection function which uses optimum energy to get recognition in this life for these people. 'Father-figure' ideal is quite strong for them in whatever form it may be.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction with the Sun places the self-consciousness of the native in the



foreground. What matters here is to function autonomously and independently, to develop the character traits and strengths that already exist, and to concentrate on the achievement of personal goals. With the Sun's aspects, personal commitment to all affairs of the house or axis is required. The emphasis is always laid on individual effort for further development; imperfections or weaknesses are not tolerated. Given freedom and independence, the native will attain his or her objective and will make solid progress.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Intellectual or physical associations, the public. Seeking contact with others, the desire to associate.

11) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (10°13' S) ♏9 | ♍8

(Haydn Paul)

The Saturn-Moon combination is not a particularly harmonious one; and in these contacts the individual lunar nature is often detrimentally affected.

You can display a sombre, self-restrained, conservative personality. Your social relationships can lack spontaneity, enthusiasm, and naturalness, inhibited by emotional defensiveness, reserve, and caution. Relaxed communication and self-expression can be difficult. Apprehension may restrict social contact, perhaps with an attitude of distrust and pessimism toward life and people. If this limiting and negative worldview exists, then you will also block the release of potential and diminish life enjoyment.

Self-esteem is weakened by such attitudes, which fall like a shadow across your relationships and experiences. One source of this may have been childhood and early social conditioning. Perhaps early childhood was influenced by family discipline, either through authoritarian controls, or through imposed religious, political, or social beliefs. Perhaps there were family upheavals and unsettling discord, or strong feelings that you were not really wanted or loved by your parents, whether or not this was actually true. This may have resulted in a fear of emotional expression, to others and even to yourself. This, coupled with a need to protect your sensitivity, has associated emotions with painful 'negative experiences'. In adult life, there may be one parent toward whom you still feel resentment, deeply contradictory attitudes, and powerful emotions.

Emotional integration can be lacking; it is part of your nature that remains uncomfortable and relatively immature, and which will interfere with adult relationships that may prove difficult to develop beyond the early stages. A lack of self-confidence, and reluctance to reveal your vulnerable feelings to others, make you withdraw into negative behaviour patterns whenever the possibility of a close relationship occurs. You need to open to intimacy, and face possible rejection in the hope of moving toward potential success;

you need to learn how to trust others. Then you can break free from your self-imposed prison. Obviously, making suitable relationship choices is a key requirement; and cautious discernment is necessary in choosing friends and intimates.

Learning how to dissolve past influences is necessary. You may feel emotionally attached to memories and material possessions, perhaps nostalgic or sentimental, even though childhood may not have been especially satisfying. Liberation from the past's chains will bring relief and release; it may not be easy, yet could provide the keys to a bright new future. You may be surprised at how much past experience and conditioning have shaped your adult personality; looking for ways to heal and integrate your inner child would be extremely beneficial and transformative.

Achieving this step could help improve the quality of your relationships. Potential exists for you to enjoy mature contacts with other essentially serious and thoughtful partners, where the relationship has maturity and depth, with a gradual emotional release as mutual sharing increases across every level - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. If this happens, you will experience the dawn of a more positive, optimistic outlook, as you release the burden of the past by redirecting emotional energy into new constructive life-style patterns. Others may encourage your progress; and, if they do so, accept their support. You just need others' encouragement to convince you of your own worth.

Despite any inner stress and unresolved emotional difficulties, you are likely to progress in your career through focusing attention in specific directions, especially in early adulthood, when your emotions remained controlled and probably repressed. You tend to isolate emotions into a 'separate compartment', although sensitivity to others would ideally be needed in management positions. Normally, you will be honest, impersonal, fair, competent, and efficient, enjoying roles of responsible authority, and you will expect comparable standards of commitment from others. Areas which may attract include law, medicine, business, politics, and education.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between the Moon and Saturn shows that you are emotionally defensive, cautious, reserved, and extremely apprehensive about your experiences. Perhaps during your childhood your parents or guardians disciplined you so much that you assumed they did not love you. Because of your extreme sensitivity, you tend to overemphasize negative effects anyway. Almost certainly you did have traumatic experiences with your parents during the early conditioning years, and there is still a residual negative effect, probably caused by the parent who had the most authority in the home. Your early conditioning did not prepare you to deal successfully with the circumstances of everyday living, and you have learned to expect the worst.

Perhaps the guilt projected onto you during the formative years is the cause of the difficulty you sometimes have in forming close, emotional ties in your adult years. It often

happens that you are unsuccessful in developing a partnership. Even so, you must deliberately stop thinking that happiness will always elude you. You must recognise your self-worth in order to project yourself optimistically toward others.

You are very likely to succeed professionally because you focus your efforts in worldly areas where your feelings don't have to function. Because you protect yourself by insulating your emotions, you could achieve success in business. In your professional dealings you are basically honest (sometimes painfully so), and you demand the same honesty from others. Management is your particular strong point, and you should rise to prominence in that area. Women will find you stern but will respect you for your fairness. You demand competence from those under you, and you demonstrate it by your own efficiency. If you have a position of authority you will not hesitate to fire someone who doesn't measure up to your expectations; you regard each person under you as an extension of yourself.

You could work well as an employee of professional people such as judges, lawyers, doctors, industrialists, educators, or politicians. You would gain the trust that is necessary in order to function effectively, and you would also serve their interests capably. It is also possible that you could undertake such a profession yourself. Your emotional detachment would allow you to provide unbiased opinions, which would serve the interests of your clients.

Emotional fulfillment will come about through contact with mature and serious individuals. A permanent relationship is possible only if your partner regards you as a mate in all areas - socially, spiritually, and professionally. It is essential for you to share your life with another, but that sharing must be total. Most important, you must always respect each other.

In the area of health, you may have problems involving your back, which may restrict you on occasion. The reproductive system could also cause you difficulty at some time in your life. Above all, try to look at the brighter side of life. Certain negative experiences may seem dismal at the time, but the lessons learned from them should enable you to become more optimistic as you grow.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever unconscious emotional reactions occur (Moon), people with this aspect experience sensitivity and vulnerability and find it hard to express themselves. Emotional reserve is common with this aspect.

The sense of security is bound up with Saturn, and so these people are inclined to shoulder too much responsibility, work hard and deny themselves many small pleasures. They seek safety in perfectionism and the world regards them as very trustworthy and diligent; yet inwardly they are unsure and easily hurt, and, to tell the truth, are more or

less running away from themselves.

They are inclined to restrict themselves to what they see and know. Therefore, when opportunities present themselves, these individuals either let them slip through their fingers or study all the ins and outs before committing themselves. This goes along with rigid ideas and a certain blinkering of the mental vision. Flexibility is slight, owing mainly to a great vulnerability of which others are ignorant. They anxiously hide this vulnerability behind a mask of hard work or, if the chart is passive, behind a mask of gloom and inertia that is hard to penetrate.

Often they feel that they are living under constant pressure and dare not do anything spontaneous. Before showing feelings, they need to make very sure of the other person, and that can take a long time. The cold aloofness of this aspect is a form of self-protection. Nevertheless Saturn gives almost unbreakable faithfulness and dependability once someone has won this person over; then it would be impossible to think of a more stable relationship. Before that point is reached, however, a host of inhibitions, fears, suspicions and sensitive feelings is waiting to be vanquished.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is difficult to work through, for it symbolizes a childhood that was less than ideal. The energy manifests in early childhood illness or emotional deprivation or both. The mother of the native is suppressed and restricted by the father in some way. This child is suppressed and restricted by the father as well. The mother's emotions are thwarted; she may not be able to have friends; her 'causes' are put down; her life-style may be completely hampered by marriage responsibilities. The mother may feel depressed and emotionally unfulfilled, and the child absorbs her attitudes and responses. Because the mother is unhappy, the child assumes that this reaction is 'normal'. Sometimes this aspect occurs in marriages where the mother is a brood mare - raising babies and taking care of a family. There may be no relationship between the parents other than the father being the provider and expecting to be fed at six o'clock sharp. The mother may resent it, but she may not be strong enough to change her situation. Her reasons may be myriad - she may have too many children, she may not have skills, or, like the heroine in 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde', she may be psychologically overwhelmed by the power of the Mr. Hyde personality. Each time the mother reaches out emotionally, responding to someone or something spontaneously, the father 'dumps' on her.

The child picks up the emotional deprivation and brings the following characteristics into his adult life: a tendency toward melancholia, quick mood changes that are psychologically or unconsciously based, and a basically unhealthy attitude regarding relationships. If this child is female, she will enter into romantic relationships assuming that she cannot share her thoughts and feelings with her loved one; she doesn't expect men to be nice or considerate or understanding, so she will tend to share her innermost

feelings with her friends rather than with her lover or husband. In the chart of a male, the ability to respond emotionally is restricted, for the father restricted this male's emotional development. This aspect also affects his relationships with women, and he may feel that no woman will ever care for him. He forces himself (often subconsciously) to barricade his emotional self, sometimes expressing himself harshly. If his father was physically or emotionally abusive to women, he may be too. He may be drawn to women who cannot give anything emotionally. In the case of the female, if her father was physically or emotionally abusive, she will expect the same kind of treatment from the men she chooses and will stay in unwholesome situations far longer than someone who doesn't have this aspect.

The aspect seems to place restrictions on the body in some way. Saturn symbolizes restriction, and the Moon represents the physical body. Children with this aspect sometimes have skeletal deficiencies or are prone to chronic ailments. The adult with this aspect has a harder time shaking colds or chronic maladies. These people should contemplate preventive medicine, for they can ward off illness by keeping healthy.

(Charles Carter)

This powerful position is on the whole good, from a Saturnian point of view. The native is extremely hard-working, and is often a self-denying Spartan. The temperament is hard, self-seeking, and critical, with few good words for anyone, though such praise as they may not grudge is usually well bestowed and their criticism is not so much actuated by envy or a carping spirit as it is the outcome of an almost inordinate craving for perfection. In good types, there is a high grade of intellect, but of a practical kind, with a distaste for abstractions. In lower types it tends to discontent, and sometimes to a narrowness that verges towards stupidity, yet it is questionable if the native is ever stupid in that which interests him, and he is rarely frivolous or silly. There is a rather rigid self-confidence, the native usually feeling thoroughly competent in his own work, and instinctively feeling no interest in anything else, lest his insufficiency in other domains might be apparent. As regards occupations and pursuits, the conjunction has much the same effect as the harmonious aspects.

12) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°46' A)    ♅8 | ♅8

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Venus and Saturn indicates that you feel you must make concessions to others to get what you want. You are always the one who is expected to adjust to the demands of others in order to have a satisfactory relationship. As a result, you are often dissatisfied with the contacts you make, either because they are not fulfilling enough, or because you feel you are being used. You may become resigned to making the best of a relationship in which you give more than the other person does. On the positive side, however, this shows that you take the relationship seriously. You are loyal and sincere in

your affections, but tend to be inhibited in demonstrating them, because you are afraid that others will take advantage of you.

You have reasonably good judgement, which is reflected in your material affairs. You are self-disciplined in handling money, and prudent enough to always save something regardless of your income. Such prudence is a way to compensate for the disappointments you may have in personal relationships, and you consider it a reasonable substitute. Saving money also gives you security and allows you some material comforts.

You are temperamentally suited to occupations in which success depends on adhering to rules and regulations. Finance, banking, building trades, insurance, law, real estate, sales, and designing are some endeavors in which you can successfully apply yourself. Ideally, you should have a position that allows you to function independently. You are dutiful and responsible, and would accomplish more without a supervisor breathing down your neck. You are certainly able to work with others, but you prefer working in privacy.

Your romantic interests are stimulated by individuals who are serious, sincere, honest. You need a person you can respect and who will respect you too. A mature individual represents security to you, in addition to providing social status. Your lover must be tactful and polished, and have a strong and admirable character. You are repulsed by vulgarity and disturbed by disorder. Your objectives are well-defined, and you will expect your mate to co-operate in reaching mutual goals. Because of your deep concern for the integrity of the family, you will unhesitatingly withdraw from any external situation that threatens your family.

It is important that you look at the bright and positive side of life; negative attitudes can bring about negative effects. Problems in the throat glands may have a similar origin. You can improve your general well-being by adopting a more cheerful outlook, but the optimism must be genuine.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The need for warmth and love, for security and harmony, is a weak and sensitive spot in all Saturnian aspects to Venus (and most of all in the conjunction). We find it hard to let our warmth show and are often so prickly that we erect a wall around ourselves and seem very cool, impassive and formal. Nobody sees that inside we are crying out for a little friendliness and warmth to give us a sense of personal worth and that it is through sheer inability to handle relationships that we are shutting them out. Therefore the Venus / Saturn aspects are regarded as fraught with problems, and classical astrology promises little joy in life and many emotional upsets to those who have them.

Nevertheless, with this aspect we can become very fond of a person and we have the potential to build up a lasting stable relationship; that is the other side of Saturn. There is

more faithfulness with these aspects than there is with aspects between Venus and Jupiter. But before we give ourselves to another, we have to know that other through and through and completely trust this person, because Saturn will only bet on certainties. Of course, this can consume time and effort. In fact, we need to guard against letting the security factor predominate: we should resist the temptation to look for a fatherly or motherly partner, as they would not be close enough to be a true companion.

With all this uncertainty and vulnerability, suspicion can creep in. We are so anxious to keep our loved one that we hedge him or her in on all sides and make the relationship difficult or even impossible. At times, our attitude can be most subservient: we slave away to do everything to our partner's liking, but are still very constrained. If, as is quite likely, they seem to be ungrateful, then we must realize it is because the partner is put off by our air of taut worry.

Learning self-confidence and self-acceptance is a must if we are to settle down. Once we accept that we are not cut out to be one of the world's revellers, but are solid, reliable citizens in need of security, and once we bring ourselves to reveal our weak side, we can enjoy a strong, enduring marriage or friendship.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Venus and Saturn are conjunct, it indicates that the mother and father of this individual presented a united front that placed certain restrictions and limitations upon his psyche during his formative years. Venus indicates the effect of the mother's attitudes regarding her femininity, and these images will help form the concept of womanhood, the feminine function and the concept of love in later life. Saturn represents the area of restriction; it also shows how the father influenced the psyche. The combination of these planets indicates a strong tie to the mythic Mother and Father image - these archetypal images can easily be confused with the physical parents.

The aspects between the Sun and Moon indicate the parents in a physical sense; and how they responded to their lives when the personality of the individual was forming. The Saturn-Venus placement affects the concept of giving and crystallization in the psyche and is a more difficult concept to comprehend. The conjunction of Venus and Saturn implies that the individual was restricted or restrained from having what he wanted during the first three years of life. This may not mean that he was abused (although I would not entirely dismiss the thought), but that he may have lost his favorite toy or blanket; or he may have been fed according to some scientific theory rather than when he was hungry. This person grew up to view affection as something that is coupled with loss. He may be a pessimist in love relationships and may be apprehensive of romance. He may marry out of common sense: in other words, he doesn't marry someone he loves, he marries someone who will logically make a 'good' partner. Or he falls in love with someone, and ends the relationship after the first argument because he feels the relationship is over. Or he withdraws into years of hurt feelings and never trusts the

loved one again.

People with this aspect are extremely interested in guarantees - one must constantly prove to the Saturn-Venus types that one loves them. Ironically, they don't offer the same guarantees. They can be takers and have great trouble giving. They don't know how to give because they did not see their parents giving to each other; when children don't see this during their formative years, they have to make a conscious attempt to learn how to do it as adults. These people also think the grass is greener on the other side and often wonder whether they might do better in another relationship - so, sometimes, they can be seen as flirts.

When the individual becomes aware of this aspect, it's a good idea to start practising how to give - not how to buy someone, but to give. Learning how to give a part of the self is the hardest thing for this person to do. Because the parents' marriage was not a model of a healthy relationship, it is hard for this individual to learn how to have one. My suggestion would be that any activity in a relationship that is inspired by the memory of 'that's what Mom and Dad would have done' is probably not what needs to be done. Sometimes we learn what we want by beginning to understand what we don't want.

(Charles Carter)

This conjunction is extremely powerful, and partakes of the character of both good and evil contacts, the life, on its affectional side, being completely dominated by the sense of duty; duty and happiness become identified. Except for its great power, it is in no wise different from the inharmonious contact (the square or opposition, q.v.).

13) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°43' A)    ♀4 | ♀4

(Haydn Paul)

This will give you a dynamic, powerful energy that you attempt to direct in pursuit of your ambitions. One difficulty can be in the often erratic flow of this volatile energy, which creates problems in consistent application. It will be seen as though an on-off switch is being internally activated by an unknown hand. This is the unpredictable instability of the Uranian vibration, which is interfering with the drive of Mars.

Even so, the power that you release is quite considerable; but you may have to learn how to apply it in ways that create the maximum benefit for yourself, perhaps through taking into account this irregular flow pattern, and organising yourself accordingly. When this energy is freely flowing, you will feel highly charged, and under the influence (or 'inebriation') of this energy you are liable to be quite impulsive. Actions can be taken without due thought or consideration, and this can create future difficulties, through following unwise choices. A lack of sensitivity to others, and a diminution of common sense, can occur; and you may look for ways to release the sudden pressure that can



rapidly build up inside you. In extreme cases, this can be expressed through explosions of temper and anger at any provocation, even to the point of physical violence; certainly attempts to release the energy through verbal and emotionally directed violence towards a partner are common.

You prefer to retain as much independence as possible; and you are not one to bow to any authority. Basically, you are anti-establishment, a natural rebel, an anarchist. You see your own will and desires as paramount, following a purely personal code of behaviour which is determined by a self-centred perspective on life. You tend to insist on your right to be free to follow your own path and ambitions, and can experience relationship problems through this attitude, and may need to learn the values of cooperation to modify this tendency.

Your search for excitement is mainly in terms of physically based action, which can be through competitive sports, or in sexual conquests. You feel a strong need to 'feed' this urge for physical / material level action, and it is tied in with a need to prove yourself in relation to others, to prove that you are better than them in some chosen way.

In some ways, the rebellious spirit can find suitable channels through becoming an opponent of the Establishment, but one who is working from within a socially accepted framework, attempting to change society from within. It may be argued that this is the most effective way, to initiate constructive change through speaking out on behalf of a minority or disadvantaged social group. Irrespective of how you may express this tendency, you will tend to look for results to occur in the physical world as a reflection of your impact. You can have little patience for social rules, preferring to disregard them; but apart from you being penalised if you contravene them, you may have to learn the art of apparent conformity in order to create a foundation that you can work from in your own inimitable, subversive way.

Probably you will find that you become more effective if you can control the inner energy, so that you are able to direct it into predetermined channels of creative expression. The act of clarifying your aims, personal and social, will help this process. Careful consideration of your options and goals will lead to wiser choices at the times of activity, and a gradual transformation from self-preoccupation to becoming more aware of the rights and feelings of others will be a great step for you to make. Learning to share and work with others in co-operation will offer scope for the fullest use of your talents and forceful energy, and will re-integrate you back into society as a positive revolutionary rather than just a negative reactionary.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars conjunct Uranus, you are unrestrained, forceful, and energetic in striving to achieve your goals. You establish your own rules and won't submit to anyone's restraints. As you work to get what you want out of life, you are completely uninhibited,

guided by the belief that you must be free to do whatever is necessary to get what you want. There's never a dull moment when you're around, because you seek excitement, and when there isn't any, you create it.

This impulsiveness can cause you many problems. Society is stabilized by laws and rules of behavior, and the people who abide by them are irritated by your rebellious nature. If you truly want to accomplish your objectives, you will have to play by the rules.

Your courageous nature can best be used in occupations that require daring, such as sports, racing, mountain climbing, or exploration. Before contemplating any of these, however, be sure you understand that safeguards are necessary. Otherwise, the results will be tragic. Only a powerful Saturn in your chart can offer the protection you need.

You could easily become the champion for people who are too weak or perhaps too timid to demand social adjustment or change for themselves. You have the courage to instigate change by challenging powerful government officials. To dramatize your point, you may even threaten them, using the public support you've gained. Once you have all the evidence to confirm an allegation of wrongdoing, you won't be stopped from whatever action is needed to make sure that justice is served.

You have a powerful sex drive that cannot accept 'no' for an answer. You would be refused mainly by those who expect an emotional response in addition to a biological one. As far as this conjunction shows, you are primarily a 'taker' and not much of a 'giver'.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The executive ability and energy of Mars is placed under high tension by a conjunction with Uranus. With two impatient factors in such close contact, we feel the urge, even when very young, to go our own way as unconventionally as possible. There is something provocative and defiant about our behavior whenever we stand up for ourselves.

Our patience is not great: we have too much need of action, change and renewal. In one way or another, we are very alert to what is going on around us; and, because we are rather keyed up, we may suffer from nerves or slight overstrain. We are inclined to rush into things, but seldom finish them. And we are not good at co-ordinating our activities. Impulsiveness and lack of forethought are increased by Uranus; which can cause us to be brusque, capricious and sudden, not to say liable to the occasional fits of temper. Therefore this combination increases the risk of broken friendships and marriages; also of accidents. But the same swiftness of action makes us extremely adroit at handling difficult situations where snap decisions have to be taken.

The wayward self-will of Uranus produces a degree of obstinacy in the owners of Mars /

Uranus aspects. We can impetuously follow our own ideas in spite of anything anyone may do to stop us. We are very dynamic, and it is hard to resist our bold handling of affairs. We can shine brightly if given the chance to be ourselves; but being warned off or told what not to do arouses the fighting spirit, and then the destructive side of this combination puts in an appearance. Forbearance is not our strong point.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus represents the erratic or selfwilled tendencies of the personality, the combination can be indicative of an individual with a 'short fuse'. How this energy manifests will depend on the sign placement.

The energy level is usually high. People born with this aspect are aware of the inherent energy level, and by the time they reach their twenties they have learned something about channeling it.

In a sexual sense, the conjunction can indicate a strange, unusual or unorthodox sexuality, which can manifest as a slightly eccentric conditioning as well as include all forms of what is considered sexual perversion. The aspect should be synthesized with the other aspects involved in the conjunction; the Venus, Sun and Moon placements should be considered before determining that a Mars-Uranus conjunction is unhealthy. The aspect indicates precociousness, impulsive sexual relations, as well as impulsive physical reaction in general. This person may jump into emotional or sexual involvements without considering all the factors necessary in a relationship. This aspect can cause relationships with partners who are unusual types.

Because Mars represents the action taken to express the Sun potential in each individual, it's important to become conscious of the energy here. Uranus involves erratic behavior and one can take erratic action. The concept of self-will may need to be considered, for action may be too impetuous to accomplish what is desired on an overall level. The conjunction bestows a creative genius that may not be expressed until the less evolved qualities are disciplined.

(Charles Carter)

Will-power, courage, and dogged persistence characterise this aspect, though the nervous strain may be so great that the native breaks under it, fighting, as a rule, to the last. Paralysis must sometimes be feared from the tensions of Uranus. Often the character shows best in moments of danger but it has little patience under stress and strain. I have only known one case wherein, to date, it has been something of a dumb note; here it falls in Leo in the 12th and has externalised in the shape of dire suffering through the sickness of wife and children, as well as injuries at games.

Charubel, the astrological seer, had the conjunction in Capricorn; his natus exemplifies

the occult side of Mars intensified by Uranus; Tennyson, who had the conjunction in Scorpio in the 6th, also had an interest in such things, but it was half-smothered by the age in which he lived.

Inharmonious aspects between these planets may in some measure denote weakmindedness, probably through an actual malformation of the brain (Mars).

14) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Opposition** ♅ **Neptune** - (2°54' A)    ♄6 | ♆12

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition has several similarities to the square, but here the source of 'contention' is projected externally onto the outer world and people. There is the difficulty of 'followthrough', where intentions and plans are often thwarted by an inability to actually realise them, despite your original aims; things are started but never completed in any satisfying way. You tend to resent and resist any external pressure that can be placed on you by others' expectations of your performance and abilities.

Conflicts often arise in interpersonal relationships, especially with other work colleagues, who may attempt to take advantage of your skills or persuade you to take on responsibilities which may be thankless tasks, or in which for reasons of their own advantage they expect you to fail. There is often a lot of manipulative activity in work places, and you can become a victim of this if you are not aware of the hidden motivations of others. You can become paranoid and suspicious of people, perhaps as a result of previous experience, and there is often a kernel of truth and validity there; yet equally, part of this is a projection emanating from you based on the tensions inherent within this opposition. You tend to either oppose or antagonise others, sometimes by being too direct in your comments and attitudes; there is little social diplomacy in your style of expression, and sometimes you can be very tactless and too adversarial.

There can be a blind spot in your character that is often unrecognised, and is related to the sign and house positions of Jupiter and Neptune. Whilst you may fail to fully comprehend your own nature and what you 'should be doing', you still express yourself forcefully and with a tendency to be authoritarian. Yet you also often challenge the dictates of those in positions of authority, questioning their perceptions and rights to wield power. There is less of a social awareness and conscience here with this aspect, as most of the energy is tied up in an external uneasiness; you do not have any great trust in the good nature of others, which, whilst possibly more realistic, is also symptomatic of your own inner fragmentation and stress - you cannot relax and trust yourself either. You need to learn how to accept others as well as accepting yourself; the two are intertwined, and if you can manage this then stress will be diminished and all your relationships will improve as you correspondingly feel more at ease in your own nature.

Intimate relationships can pose difficulties until the step of personal integration and resolution is taken. Your choices of partners may be unwise, especially where those anima-animus projections are superimposed on the partner, apparently turning them into the ideal lover who possesses everything that you believe you desire and need. When these projections collapse, you are liable to be emotionally distraught and see that person as another one who has deceived you; in fact, it may have been your own illusions that have been self-deceptive, and so the consequences of a hurt heart should not be taken out on your partner in any emotional or physical aggression. Resorting to the Neptuneian addictions of drugs or alcohol must be avoided at such traumatic times.

Some form of religious or spiritual life and aspiration is likely, yet this too can suffer from some distortion and invalid projections. Your spiritual attitudes may lack a practical dimension, or even a serious application by yourself in everyday life. There can be a greater attraction toward the glimmers of more exotic religions, which offer a colourful fascination and mystery that appeals. Cultism and an idealised surrender to gurus can be a temptation, despite your resistance to forms of authority, and can seem to offer a way out from the disappointments and stresses of your life. Alternatively, you may dream of foreign travel or pilgrimages across the world as an antidote to the lifestyle you feel trapped within.

Realising that so much of what dissatisfies you in the world is a reflection of an inner lack of integration would be a major step forward. Reabsorbing those powerful projections, allowing yourself to re-own them, can only strengthen you and give you back the ability to redirect your life in ways that you want it to move in. Taking such control and self-responsibility is crucial, unless you want to persist in the likelihood of unsatisfactory relationships with others, where your need for development and expansion is perpetually thwarted by 'external resistance'.

15) ► **Neptune** ♀ **Sextile** ♀ **Pluto** - (2°12' S)    ♁12 | ♃10

(Note: this is the only aspect between Neptune and Pluto affecting any of our time; it came into being, within a five-degree orb of accuracy, in January 1942, and will fall outside a five degree orb for the last time in March 2039.)

(Haydn Paul)

During the past century, there has been only one aspect made between Neptune and Pluto, and it is interesting to note that the sextile commenced in the midst of World War II during 1942. The influence of this relationship would be expected to have global and generational effects; and, like all of the transpersonal planetary energies, would be a directive force stimulating the development of the evolutionary process within time and space.

Neptune will attract an almost mystical exploratory search from those responsive to it;

and since the sextile commenced science has reacted in two distinct and complementary directions: effort has been poured into developing space travel and satellite technology, exploring the vast outer universe through radio-telescopes, for example; while the complementary exploration of inner space - investigating and probing the building blocks of matter - and quantum physics has emerged at the forefront of scientific enquiry.

The attempts to understand the nature of the universe, its composition and size, the possible creation of the universe and the 'big bang theory' reflect the traditional Western way of looking externally. What has paralleled this tendency has been the birth of an opposite movement amongst people, that of self-exploration, the inner mystical way. This has been through the New Age movement, humanistic / Jungian psychology, occult techniques, and the rebirth of magical attitudes towards life. It has also involved the grafting onto the Western tree of many of the attitudes and much of the knowledge of Eastern philosophies and religions; a merging of the two hemispheres; a potential unification of belief structures reflecting the scientific movement towards a more mystically orientated quantum physics.

As the outer universe becomes vaster, and the inner universe becomes a mysterious vastness of space, the only point in which the outer and the inner become reconciled is in the human being. At a time when the immense destructive power of splitting the atom can be used to commit racial suicide or genocide, the old Mystery School injunction of the ancients is the key to the future: 'Man, know thyself'.

The generations born after this aspect commenced, or those especially receptive to its influence, are aware of the basic tendencies emanating from it. They are life-enhancing: the need to protect the world's environment from senseless devastation; the need to extend individual rights and freedoms, to unfold international co-operation and to move beyond an embracing consumer materialist dominance in the West. The recognition that potentially a higher quality of life can be had in the world for the majority of people through a redirection of resources (if the will is there) can lead to radical change.

The energies of transformation are present, and much depends upon our use of them, individually and collectively, for negative or positive results. The challenge of 'free will' is to make choices and decisions which determine, in the present, the nature of the future.

(Robert Pelletier)

The influence began in 1942, when Neptune was in Libra and Pluto was in Leo. The signs they occupy have changed, causing some differences in their effects.

The influences of these planets are global in effect and represent the evolutionary process by which man continually strives to achieve ultimate perfection. They indicate man's reaching out toward other dimensions of experience while trying to maintain order

in the real world to which he is materially bound. People are becoming more aware of the probability that other worlds exist, and all our scientific skills will be used in attempts to reach them. A similar assault is being made in the quest to explore the vast inner world of man. Neptune represents that world, while Pluto refers to the outer reaches of infinite space.

Both worlds are truly infinite, and although man is pursuing similar goals in each direction, this author believes that neither quest excludes the other. It is suggested that the same goals will ultimately be reached regardless of which direction is taken. One either reaches out in the natural world in search of answers or seeks those answers in the inner depths of his own spiritual being. Man's familiarity with the physical world makes it the most plausible and safe area in which to seek tangible answers to the question of why he exists at all. While he struggles in this search, there is an equally courageous struggle to find answers through the occult. The increased investigation of extrasensory perception, alpha states of consciousness, psychokinesis, telepathy, and other such phenomena indicate that man senses that the answers may not lie outside him, but within him. There is no conflict between the two searches; in fact, they may well sustain and help to control each other.

Although enormous benefits will be realized, there will still be many problems and difficulties for the world and its inhabitants before those benefits come about.

1942 to 1956, Neptune in Libra sextile Pluto in Leo:

Those born during this time eventually recognize that understanding and compromise are not enough, and that scientific progress must be depended upon to maintain peace. Even as hostilities ended, new leaders emerged who would continue to threaten the peace.

You will always be suspicious of your leaders. You want them to establish the kind of government that will truly serve the public and in which you can have complete confidence. Your continuing suspicions will serve to produce greater honesty in government, but with Neptune in Libra it will be difficult to really know if honesty has been achieved.

1957-1970: Neptune in Scorpio sextile Pluto in Virgo:

You have learned to resent the fact that organized religions could dictate people's beliefs or that marriage was ever necessary if two people loved each other. In maturity, you resented the power accumulated by the industrial giants and took issue with how the universities and colleges were being run. You are among those who feel that the world is becoming too materialistic, that society lacks any feeling for the individual and his or her personal dreams.

You feel the need to serve society. You deplore the quality of life that is available, for you consider life very precious. Horrified by what industry is doing to nature, you support

legislation that will conserve the natural resources that remain so that your children can inherit it. You will also support funding for continued medical research to find cures for killer diseases such as cancer, heart disease, etc.. You will advocate continuing research to develop safe and effective methods of birth control.

1971-1983: Neptune in Sagittarius sextile Pluto in Libra:

These people will have completely revised attitudes about religion, philosophy, education, and human relationships. Religion will be restored to a place of usefulness in your daily lives. It will hardly resemble the religion of your elders, but it will be a far more vital element in your life. You have faith not just because your forebears accepted it, but because it adds meaning to your life and makes you responsible to others for your actions. Your faith adds to your search for perfection while you make any contribution to society that will help to bring about that state. You are deeply concerned for your fellow man, and are willing to make compromises in your desires if it will prove beneficial to others in the long run.

You will insist on the integrity of those you select for your leaders, and will demand that they truly represent the electorate. You will want schools to re-emphasize the humanities in education, and give students the opportunity to choose professions that serve man rather than the tight, confining specialization of industry.

You will also show increased interest in the occult, and be responsible for major developments in the fields of extrasensory perception and alpha states of consciousness. You will open new dimensions of the mind, and explore them for unlimited resources, which are denied to the more materialistic investigator.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Neptune, as the planet that refines and disassociates, that liquidates what is personal and leads us to an experience of oneness, is intensified by its contact with Pluto. Therefore, in the period covered by the sextile of these two heavenly bodies, we are likely to see a collective need for unification and for a development of spiritual values. This very thing has manifested itself in the revival of mysticism and esoteric study, in which Eastern religions advocating detachment (not to mention watered down versions of these religions) have been popularized in the West. On the other hand, Neptune dissoluteness has also become widespread under this reputedly benign aspect, and a baffling drug problem bedevils a large part of the globe. Pluto has to do with power, and there are close links between drug distributors and powerful forces in lands where the raw materials are grown.

Conversely, Neptune's effect on Pluto is to make power structures and power blocs more sophisticated and harder to define. Rival groups of countries now co-operate quietly on a host of important issues; so that, although some of the old power blocs survive, it is hard to say where their ramifications begin and end. What is more, Neptune



tends to undermine and erode established power structures. Subversive elements are burrowing away all over the world, and seem to survive the measures taken to eradicate them.

Pluto also signifies the masses and large-scale events. When it is joined by Neptune, irrational ideas, religious quirks, strange delusions and other follies sweep common sense out of the collective mind. And, since Pluto intensifies, the things mentioned build up into mass hysteria, holy wars and other crowd madness.

Neptune and Pluto both symbolize unconscious factors in the human being. Their combination gives the impetus to fruitful research into the hidden side of things, into the repressed contents of the psyche and into the secret properties of matter. Nuclear physics, depth psychology, parapsychology, the meaning of life and death, anxiety neurosis, and causes of freedom and inhibition in the unconscious, are all openly investigated; with the result that people are brought closer as a whole. With this combination, collectivization and harmful social pressures are strangely juxtaposed, giving an increased insight into human functioning that eventually helps people become more balanced and integrated.

This combination is probably often at work (regardless of aspect), guiding the unconscious flow of events whenever far-reaching cultural and social changes are taking place. But because Neptune and Pluto are so elusive, it is not easy to recognize the direction or destination of this flow in our own day and age. Only when future historians come to write of our times with cool detachment will it be possible to assess how, during periods when these two planets are in contact, great forces prepare a new era.

16) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Mars** - (6°37' A)    ☾1 | ♃4

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars square the Ascendant indicates that you show not moderation in asserting yourself. When you feel the urge to take action about something important, you usually do so without polish or refinement. When you act this way, people resent it and find you offensive. When reminded of your shortcomings, you are offended because you feel you should not have to answer to anyone for your actions. It is nearly impossible to stop you from expressing your opinion, and you don't care where you are or who hears you. Anyone who provokes you invites your immediate reaction, usually a negative one.

You seem to enjoy watching people become upset by your display of bad manners. You delight in putting people on the defensive and watching them squirm as you antagonize them with your tirades. Because you aren't really convinced of your superiority, you have a chip on your shoulder. Only winning in a show of strength can satisfy your ego.

Your parents probably tried to stimulate you to do the things they were unable to

accomplish in their lives, and you became annoyed by this pressure. Disagreements and bickering in your early home life have caused you to become bitter and resentful of authority. Although you want your talents to be recognized, your inability to submit to authority creates problems and restricts the progress of your career. Problems may also result because your parents could not provide you with an education. If you have received an education, you have done so by your own efforts.

You admire people who can translate their capabilities into financial gain. But if you are willing to endure the self-denial and sacrifice required, you can accomplish the same thing. You know your future security depends on successfully developing your potentials. You are willing to work hard to realize your goals, but there are times when you wonder if they are worth all the effort and the frustrations you must endure.

#### Mars square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

It is hard to regulate energy with these aspects. At one instant we are rushing matters; at another, we are frittering energy away on futilities; and generally speaking we are pretty inconsistent.

We flare up easily, and are always ready to take a poke at someone, but soon calm down. Also we sometimes react angrily to the (often well-meant) advice of others, which we regard as meddling in our affairs. We are quite capable of managing on our own, and make a point of doing so. Even when we know we will be rebuffed, we prefer going our own way to following someone's lead. As in the other Mars / Ascendant aspects, there is energy, daring, courage and enterprise - but we do need to be careful that impetuosity does not lead to ruptures with others. And we must not be surprised if we get some rather adverse reactions now and then from those around us. No-one could call us docile; and we never let anything go by default.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars squares or opposes the Ascendant, it is not easy to energize the creative potential in the personality in an appropriate manner. When the square appears, the action taken doesn't complement the persona. The action taken may not express the career interests, for career moves may not be perceived appropriately. Goals may be confused. Since Mars also rules sexuality, the sexual expression may not make sense either, for the career may be affected by the choice of sexual partners, or the career life-style may not connect in with the love life.

When the opposition occurs, a compromise is indicated, for the persona, the public

attitudes claimed while we put 'our best foot forward', may not agree with the action taken in life, or with the sexual needs. When these people understand the various possibilities regarding manifestation of this energy, they can make conscious decisions regarding how they wish to use it.

17) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♅ Pluto** - (5°16' 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.

18) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (7°03' S) ♀7 | ♀4

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to Mars gives you much enthusiasm and energy to carry out your tasks, but under prolonged pressure you periodically need to wind down and get away from your work. You must try not to drive yourself so hard in fulfilling your ambitions. When your efforts don't yield the expected results, you become annoyed and fly off the handle in disgust. Experience will probably teach you that you did not plan your actions carefully enough, so that you got exactly what you deserved under the circumstances. In time you should learn to meet obstacles by anticipating them and taking steps to overcome them in advance; in this way you can avoid the frustration of resistance. Think before you do anything, and you will save the precious time that is wasted in doing it over again. You need to learn patience in handling difficulties and to conserve your energy for constructive purposes. When challenged, you react with indignation, feeling that your competence is being threatened. You would be better advised to observe and learn how others conduct themselves under pressure. This is better than indulging in a senseless argument or a bitter display of temperament.

There are many fields in which you could successfully apply your talents, such as teaching, writing, sports, military service, medicine, law, and police work. However, you would have to understand the limitations to your freedom that these careers involve. Because you value your freedom, you should determine your priorities before indulging in any worthwhile endeavor. You must be willing to make that investment if you expect to gain prominence and recognition.

You are fairly good-natured and enjoy the company of many friends whom you admire for their own accomplishments. But you can be overbearing in demanding attention and trying to focus discussions on subjects that you are especially knowledgeable about. You have to learn to be a good listener too.

Although you have a highly developed sexual nature, you aren't too successful in overcoming the frustrations involved in satisfying it. Either you want what you can't have, or you've grown disinterested in what you do have. It is obvious that you will have to compensate as much as possible by diverting your energies into satisfying any enjoyable activities. The mate you are looking for is one who can match your physical needs and also be a companion in your other interests.

Somewhat careless about safety precautions, you invite accidents. Take care of any cuts as soon as they happen in order to reduce the possibility of infection.

(Haydn Paul)

You may be confronted with frustrations and a lack of satisfaction with this aspect, partly as a consequence of your own attitudes and style of expression which often spoil your chances for success and fulfilment. You can feel a restless energy seeking release, and this inner agitation linked to strong desires can lead to an uneven and eventful life, resulting from the effects of impulsive and sometimes ill-considered actions. You easily become impatient, especially when results are slow in coming, feeling anger and frustration; your natural reaction then is to apply more force and will-power to attain your aims, but this does not necessarily create the effects you want. By tending to act without prior thought, you often sow the seeds of your future failures, undermining what might have been perfectly reasonable plans if they had been more carefully thought out.

You are a self-seeking individual, looking to impose your presence on society and make a mark on the world. Striving to prove your worth, you may find that by modifying your approach you achieve greater success. You can have plenty of energy and enthusiasm, yet one problem can lie in your ability to direct and focus these along positive and constructive channels. It may be that certain lessons require learning before your path forward opens. More forethought and planning would be helpful, minimising wastage of energy and restrictive directions, enabling you to plan ahead and form contingency routes to surmount any predictable obstacles. Patience is necessary, so that temporary setbacks do not frustrate too much, and you are able to rely on ingenuity and faith in your abilities to persevere. Being able to maintain your directional focus is also important, as there is a tendency to lose confidence and change direction when you hit obstacles and disappointing results.

Changing your relationships may also be a key which benefits you, especially in consciously modifying any tendencies towards arguing, demanding attention,

egocentricity and being temperamental. While you can be good company, your lack of tact and diplomacy is sometimes striking; ill-considered impulsive comments may not be appreciated nor any attempts to hijack conversations so that they focus just on you and your interests. You can react against any opposing points of view, often seeing them as a personal attack, rather than carefully listening to see if they offer new perspectives which can enrich your perception and understanding of life or a specific topic.

Sexuality will be a major focus of expression, and your passions will run strongly with this aspect, although there may also be frustrations and constraints facing you. These could range from a lack of a partner, to desiring someone who is unattainable, to falling out of love with a partner. An ideal lover is one who suits your needs on every level, and careful choice needs to be taken in deciding to settle down with anyone, or else you may discover that freedom has been restricted through an impulsive action. Right choices depend on self-knowledge; deepening self-understanding will reveal the type of partner who can complement you. Be wary of allowing a contentious nature to interfere with your intimate relationships, or else they could degenerate into an emotional battlefield. If your sexual energies remain high, and there is little opportunity for a healthy release, then to avoid becoming increasingly irritable and unstable, a redirection into creative channels may be recommended. Allowing sexual preoccupations to become dominant in the personality is also unwise and rebalancing may be necessary for adjustment.

With several personality modifications, your future can look more promising, and you may direct energies into the spheres of writing, law, medicine, teaching, or military style careers which could suit your temperament, although limitations on freedom may also occur. Freedom is important to you, so you may oppose any demands for commitment made of you, through work or partnership; and, until that issue is resolved, you may feel unable to take full advantage of presented opportunities. If you are confronted with situations which may compromise your freedom, then you react by being less decisive, as you hate feeling imprisoned in any way. Finding employment that allows you scope for movement and independence, and a partner that recognises this need, may be a step in the right direction. Your abilities are present, but may require unlocking to become manifest, yet once they begin to flow can be highly transformative.

19) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♂ **Uranus** - (5°20' S) ♀7 | ♀4

(Haydn Paul)

The energy of the square aspect can feel highly frustrated and in some cases turn towards a more aggressive and potentially violent form of expression, if there is not a suitable channel for it to be released through. Discovering adequate forms is important to anchor the Uranian energy successfully, so evoking that Sun centre cohesiveness is essential in dealing with the highly charged Uranian energy and is common to all these aspects made to natal Uranus. This is a perpetual Sun-Uranian task.

You can be erratic, individualistic, restless and nervously agitated, desiring independence and freedom from all social restrictions. you may be a natural dissenter, a social trouble-maker, preferring to support your own minority view; it is even likely that your tendency to dissent can lead you to become socially isolated and alienated from others or radical groups with whom you are in basic agreement. If unmodified, and released indiscriminately, this energy is quite capable of 'causing trouble in an empty house'. Being the devil's advocate is a function that can often lead to confusion and loss of self, as eventually you either erode or lose sight of your own attitudes, beliefs or ideals, and this displaces you from strengthening your solar centre. Even if the majority hold a certain opinion or belief, then that alone can require you to reject it and to oppose its validity. From a more inclusive perspective there can be some truth in such a standpoint, as the majority viewpoint is often that of 'the lowest common denominator' and can reflect the most separative beliefs and opinions.

It must be remembered that such an attitude is really the intrinsic tone of the excitable, highly charged and volatile Uranian energy, but taken to a more personally destructive extreme. The exaltation of the unique individuality has to be achieved in a correct and wise manner, by attuning to the deeper solar centre of the individuality; otherwise, the negative and separative destructive tendencies can emerge into action.

You can be undisciplined, hating those predictable routines of life and work, often finding it hard to act responsibly and with full commitment. You react against conforming to social rules, feeling that they constrain your freedom, and you often follow your choices, irrespective of the repercussions and costs of doing so. You will probably fail to listen to well-meaning advice, and a stubborn need for self-assertion can lead you towards those very experiences and problems that you were being warned against. If you look honestly at your life, you will observe those times where you misjudged, making foolish decisions and choices often through sheer contrariness and by asserting your 'free individuality'. Without awareness, no-one is ever free, but is merely a prisoner to their own unconscious tendencies, a prey to them, like playthings of the inner gods. It is only through your solar centre that the planetary influences can be controlled and balanced, so that the positive characteristics can shine through, illuminating your life and creative expression.

At times you may become a little paranoid, especially when your choices have been unwise, influenced by less conscious and unintegrated forces in your psyche. It does not have to be like that. You can choose to take a more direct conscious role in your life, and not be a victim of your own ignorance. Those 'enemies' that you can project out into the external world are often your own unresolved inner demons that are slowly consuming you from within.

The square can be an aspect of frustrated blocked transformation and renewal; the inner personal revolution that both Sun and Uranus would like to bring is being blocked. These inner tensions can become potentially violent, and need to be redirected into



constructive positive channels. You need to release any tendencies towards impracticality, antisocial attitudes and hidden urges for personal power, to stop being antagonistic purely for the sake of performing the adversarial role, and use the freed energies to renew your own life. Compromise and balance within your nature, and allowing an inner transformation to strengthen your focus on your solar centre, is the key to a more satisfying relationship with the greater community, and for you to enter into more beneficial and harmonious intimate relationships.

As is probably recognised, you like others to be submissive to you, yet tend to lose respect for their individuality when they fall into that pattern of behaviour. You need to learn how to respect and elevate their uniqueness because that is the corollary of your 'trip' and 'philosophy'. Emotional depths need to be stirred more, letting those poisons of frustration and emotional conflicts rise to the surface to be encountered and understood, releasing and transmuting them by accepting them as a shadow part of yourself which should be acknowledged and never denied. Doing so will harmonise your energies more, offer greater inner peace and tranquillity (as far as Uranus will allow), and clear those festering poisons out of you. This will enable your unique individuality to flower in freedom. Your life can change from acting as a frustrated opponent, and become more what you are and what you truly stand for, moving away from a negative stance into one of positivity. Your choice is to do this, and the benefits will be yours to enjoy as the aims of your solar nature begin to reshape your life.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to Uranus shows that you are eccentric and sometimes unprincipled in your behavior. You insist on being allowed to do anything you want, even when you know you're wrong. You have a strong desire for power, and you persist even when it is clear that others won't grant it to you. Basically an upstart, you always have to express an opposing point of view, if only to cause dissension. Learn to base your position on sound, realistic values so that you aren't unjustifiably at variance with the majority.

Before you can succeed, you must re-examine your attitudes about authority in general. You must get over the idea that people are deliberately trying to restrain you, or that others are treated better than you. Your arrogance and unwillingness to follow rules will restrict your development. Humble yourself when necessary and learn how to grow one step at a time. You will earn the respect of others if you don't seem to threaten them. Although you doubt your own competence, you direct your anxieties toward other people.

Once you realize that others may be as sensitive about their own egos as you are, you will have established a solid foundation for realizing your objectives. Compromise will assure mutual benefits for everyone. You do have leadership ability, which you can use dramatically in dealing with large numbers of people. Teaching, the physical sciences,

politics, or government services at any level will provide you with the creative expression you want and need.

Socially, you are at odds with anyone who challenges you, and you may be referred to as a 'troublemaker'. Although you have many friends, they are mainly those who are willing to submit to you. This facet of your individuality colors your romantic affairs. You demand subservience from others, but lose respect for them if they submit. You will have to make many adjustments in your outlook before you can attain emotional satisfaction. Your strong will may disguise the depth of your emotional feelings.

(Betty Lundsted)

Because the Sun represents the self and Uranus represents the behavior pattern of a generation, the square is not easy. During the individual's childhood, the father is stubborn about his eccentricity. He may be a 'thwarted' in the social structure, or he may resent the social structure of his day. He may be a religious or political dissenter. But, in some way, this father reaches out to make some changes in his world. He may do this from a positive or a negative point of view - and end up by being productive or merely stubborn and eccentric. The father probably finds his child's behavior difficult to cope with as well.

The aspect works differently according to the sex of the individual and the dominant parent situation. A male with a positive sign Sun will be a radical; so will the female. The person coming from a mother-dominated family will resent the father's radical position. The mother-dominated male may have problems accepting his unconventional attitudes; or he may be unconventional at the cost of getting to understand himself. The mother-dominated female will have an unorthodox attitude toward men since she resents her father's position. She will draw an unorthodox male, and perhaps will not develop her talents because of such relationships.

The unorthodox factor will be present throughout the life, but one can choose to be unorthodox-productive or not, as one wishes. As we mature, we find via the system of trial and error that certain energies can be used productively or not. When a woman chooses an unorthodox mate (or a controversial one) and plans to have a family, she may end up with a mate who refuses to take the responsibility of fatherhood. This eventually limits her growth, since she may be forced to support her children rather than being in a situation where she gets help. When she is twenty, she can't see this - therefore the trial and error.

20) ► **Moon ☽ Square ☿ Jupiter - (0°38' A)** ♀9 | ♎6

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Jupiter inclines you to react to your experiences with excessive motion

andn to fail in making intellectual appraisals. Consequently, you jump to ncorrect conclusions, which causes difficulties in solving your problems. You easoning is based on such scanty evidence that you often have to withdraw any tatements based on it. The fact is, you lack the emotional stability to pursue your nvestigations and really get at the facts. You are self-indulgent, not too ambitious, nd sometimes irresponsible, preferring to live on the fringes of involvement with eople and situations. Your fickleness does not endear you to those who support you ecause you don't seem to really care whether they support you or not. But if they urn from you because of your indifference, you could become bitter, feeling that ou've been deserted. Because you lack emotional maturity, you will be passed by hen opportunities come up, especially if they are of a serious nature.

You are generous to excess, so you may find that you are always short of funds when ou need them most. Taking a course in financial management would teach you not o indulge in reckless credit buying without any means for repayment. This planetary ombination means you prefer to take the easiest route to satisfy your desires, and our planning probably does not go beyond the immediate purchase. Credit buying hould be avoided or, better still, completely eliminated. Money burns a hole in your ocket because you have very little sales resistance.

You vacillate between periods of intense enthusiasm and periods of complete apathy. ou have creative inspiration but are not willing to make the necessary effort to evelop and apply it. You feel sorry for yourself because you are getting so little from ife, but on the other hand you won't make any investment of yourself.

You should develop a program that will give you strict rules for your financial affairs nd help you accept responsibility and plan for the future. There is no other way to et your faculties in proper order. Once you do this, you won't have to settle for outine menial occupations that bore you and infest you with additional lethargy. You an look forward to such interesting fields as law, medicine, home economics, estaurant management, or education. An even better occupation would be in ehabilitation of the handicapped or physical therapy. In such areas you could ompare your own situation with the lives of people who have genuine liabilities. That ay give you the determination to accomplish some objectives and light the fuse of our creative abilities.

Your physical problems are almost completely the result of overindulgence in food nd drink. Avoid rich foods altogether; they only bog down your already sluggish onstitution. When you run, let it be as an exercise, not an escape from esponsibilities.

21) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♀ **Neptune** - (2°16' S)    ♏9 | ♊12

(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.

Releasng 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. Perferably 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.

22) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☾ Moon** - (5°12' S)    001 | ♏9

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine the Ascendant gives you an easy-going disposition and allows you to derive much pleasure from creative expression. You are imaginative, sensitive, emotionally poised, and articulate in expressing yourself. You appreciate the sense of values that your parents have instilled in you, and you are prepared to take advantage of your sensitive intellect and develop your own mental resources and ideas. Being resourceful, you will find the way to capitalize on your talents, even though it may be difficult to find the necessary funds to accomplish what you want. You may be forced to



do without some necessities, but you feel it is worth it if your main objectives can thus be realized. Unless you are alert, people will try to take advantage of your good nature to benefit themselves. You should require your friends to prove their worth before accepting them completely. You cannot afford to be indifferent to your own needs in relationships, whether casual or intimate.

You have sufficient talent to make a substantial contribution to your career. You realize that in order to succeed you must make sacrifices in your personal affairs. This might mean deferring marriage until you can get the education you need to succeed in your professional endeavors. You want to know that you've exploited your creative potentials, and you want the fulfillment that this brings.

Your marital partner must always remain a lover, so that you will continue to make substantial contributions to maintain the fascination and excitement of your first encounter.

You need to know you are wanted, and you are crushed if your efforts are unappreciated, especially by those to whom you've been the most generous.

Moon trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We are able to relate well emotionally to others. The emotional life presents few problems, and the environment does not pose a threat to our sense of well-being.

We are solicitous of those around us, and are prepared to help and pamper them; yet we have sense enough not to tie them down but to leave them as free as possible. However, we are very much involved with others and this can sometimes create difficulties, because we would much rather have company than be on our own. Not everyone can live with us on these terms.

Generally speaking, though, development will be emotionally stable as far as environment is concerned, and our need to be caring can be satisfied both in the family circle and in social and other work.

(Betty Lundsted)

These are people who have been taught to respond to life in an emotionally constructive manner during childhood.

23) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (5°30' A) ☾5 | ♏9

(Robert Hand)

You become so attached emotionally to objects as well as people that you tend to think of them almost as part of yourself. This will make you a very caring and loving person in relationships, especially as you get older, but you may try to be overprotective and possessive also. Don't try to limit the freedom of those you love, because you could drive them away. While you are young, you probably enjoy taking care of pets and even wild animals that need help.

You like to be surrounded by familiar objects that remind you of the past, which is very important to you. Also you may enjoy owning old things, which could mean that later in life you will collect antiques. Certainly you would prefer a home that has some sense of the past, that seems tied to a tradition. Objects and buildings that are shiny and new do not attract you as much.

When you are older, owning and taking care of land may be very important, because it makes you feel that you have roots, which you need very much. You may be interested in gardening or farming.

This aspect could mean that you tend to collect objects simply for the sake of having things around you. This habit could clutter up your life in more ways than one. Taking care of a lot of extra things could control your life and limit your freedom of movement. It could also distract you from doing things that will help you grow. You need to learn as soon as possible that real security does not come from having material possessions.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration favors professional success through the ability to deal with the public and to adapt to the emotional reactions of people in positions of authority, as well as with all who affect the natives' careers.

The security engendered by this aspect creates the opportunity of establishing a secure, harmonious domestic situation. This is further facilitated through emotional sensitivity toward the home and family members.

Moon trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious Moon / MC aspects, the person is very sensitive to the part played by others in his or her life, and especially to attitudes and feelings directed toward him or

her. Usually, however, he or she gets on well with people and gives the impression of being calm and collected. Because the search for peace and safety (Moon) does not create conflicts in the outside world, he or she naturally tends to feel at ease. So this person is quick to lend a hand in situations that are emotionally difficult, and to do whatever can be done for people. In essence, he or she wants to fit in socially.

Changeability is not so marked as in the conjunction. Any Moon / MC aspect will indicate some desire for change and variety, but with the harmonious ones this is less of an obsession and the person is more prepared to wait for the right moment. As already mentioned, this individual is often very supportive. In addition, because the Moon stands for the female principle, the person can also benefit from feminine support on more than one occasion.

24) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♀ Venus** - (7°29' S) ☿5 | ♄8

(Robert Hand)

This aspect means that you love working with and owning beautiful things, so that later you may have a career in art, crafts, decorating or another field involving beauty. But it also means that you have a harmonious nature, that you like to have a good time with others. You are not especially aggressive, preferring to give in or smooth over a possible dispute rather than fight. This is not because you lack self-confidence, but because you hate conflict. You are very warmhearted and friendly, and you like your relationships to be smooth.

Your relationship with your parents should be quite positive, and your early life should be very pleasant. When you are older, you will have happy memories of these years. You also get along well with persons in authority over you, such as teachers and employers. If you want, you can easily charm and flatter them, but you shouldn't do this ordinarily, because others will lose respect for you.

You do not like to be alone very much, for you find it difficult to amuse yourself, feeling that nothing is really worth doing unless you share it with someone else. So you always try to have friends around you. When you are older, you will seek out relationships with the opposite sex so that you are never alone for any length of time.

This trait also makes you a good team worker, because you know how to bring together the various interests of people in a group for everyone's benefit.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates continuation of the natives' careers and ambitions through the use of beauty, charm, and the social graces, which win the favor of people in important places. The harmony in their homes creates a favorable social atmosphere for

furthering professional ambitions.

Performing artists with this aspect will achieve some recognition.

Venus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The behavior when we have Venus sextile or trine the MC is very like that of the native with the conjunction - that is to say, we seem friendly, warm, sociable and cordial, and this gives us a flying start when it comes to asking for favors. Artistic or other work involving form, color and proportion could well be our métier; nor would we be out of place in positions demanding a friendly social approach, such as that of receptionist, steward, stewardess, host or hostess.

The need to preserve the peace at all costs and the wish to have harmony in society at large are also present in the easy aspects; so here, too, we have possibilities as justice of the peace or diplomat. Due to an (all too) great willingness to compromise, matters are not always thrashed out; this can create misunderstandings, and may leave openings for wolves in sheep's clothing to take advantage of a situation. We can also tangle with people who drag their feet over issues.

25) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♄ Saturn** - (4°43' S) ☿5 | ♄8

(Robert Hand)

As you grow older, you will get ahead by doing everything in a very systematic and orderly manner. You try to take good care of your possessions, and you like to have them arranged neatly about you. Also you try to use your possessions in the best way possible.

As you get older, you will be fascinated by the tools and techniques of any subject that interests you, and you will become very proficient in those techniques.

Even at an early age, you will feel that very little that is worth having comes for nothing in this world, but you are willing to work. As a result of this understanding, you may seem older than your age, and you may prefer the company of older people.

Although you can work with others if necessary, you probably prefer activities that you can pursue by yourself, because then you do not have to worry about whether someone else's standards are as high as your own. You are very exacting in your work, and find it frustrating to deal with anyone who is less exacting. This same energy may also cause

you to feel a bit different from other people, even sometimes as if you don't belong with them. However, this will not bother you greatly, because you are confident enough to be yourself. It is more important to you to be right than to be popular. This attitude will win you the respect of your elders, and all your life you will get along well with persons in authority. Eventually you will probably be in a position of authority yourself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates considerable professional ambition. The natives will work steadily and hard to achieve their chosen career goals. They are reliable in their jobs and possess organizational and managerial abilities. Thus, they gain the confidence of people in positions of authority and are promoted. This configuration favors a slow, steady climb to the top. It especially favors those in politics and indicates honesty in public office, providing other factors in the horoscope are confirmatory.

The professional success gained through hard work contributes to a secure and wellordered domestic life.

#### Saturn trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever the aspect between the Midheaven and Saturn, a feeling of vulnerability and inferiority will play a role. In the harmonious aspects, we can come to terms with this fairly well. They give us a serious outlook on ourselves and on life in general, and our sense of responsibility is well-developed. We can work hard and long, and we like to finish what we start. Indeed we can be very self-denying on behalf of work or for some other goal; also there is more than a hint of wanting to let the world know that we can play our part in fine style. Ambition is certainly not foreign to the harmonious aspects.

Saturn is the planet of time. Therefore we seldom see a meteoric rise to fame and fortune; instead, there is steady application giving solid achievement. Given time, this will operate to our advantage.

Even with these relaxed aspects, we seldom choose the path of least resistance - neither in forming our identity, nor in regard to social status. In any case, we are eminently suited to heavy, prolonged and responsible work. We can be a tower of strength to others, and can help them to shape their lives, too.

26) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♀ **Mercury** - (1°57' A)    ♏9 | ♊5

(Haydn Paul)

The trine indicates an opportunity to reconcile the Moon's instinctive, emotional energies with the mental and communicative energies of Mercury.

You should experience few direct conflicts between emotional messages and mental messages. A channel exists between the conscious and unconscious personality; yet these do not often pull you in different directions or amplify stress and psychological conflicts.

In order to determine your reactions to experiences, you will need to evaluate emotions and feelings; and this underpins your Mercurial intellect. You approach life with a relatively open heart and mind, and see all experience as contributing to selfdevelopment. Even though your Moon may resist life's sometimes harsh lessons, you can see the positive value that can emerge from difficult times. Through this attitude and heightened sensitivity, you can acquire insight in addition to knowledge, particularly when perceiving the interconnectedness of information and new ways of using it. This provides a new foundation for ongoing creative expression.

You can be inspired by a desire to utilize natural talents and abilities for social benefit; and your 'common sense' reflects a progressive, optimistic attitude, yet one which is not overly idealistic or blind to life's realities. You recognize that all is not either light or darkness, but that much of life exists in the shadow or gray area between. Instead of dwelling on the negative, you prefer to look toward more positive future possibilities, hoping to ensure that hard-won lessons from previous experience are applied when dealing with present situations. Experiences from the past can serve as stepping-stones taking you progressively onward.

In social and intimate family relationships, you will be appreciated for your sympathetic understanding. You have genuine concern and compassion for others, and a love of fairness and equality of opportunity. You help others less fortunate than yourself, and those who are passing through traumatic times of life disruption. While privately acknowledging your problems and weaknesses, you tend to keep them private, dealing with them by trying to resolve emotional unease through selfobjectivity and rationality. Emotional anxieties are usually kept hidden, although, in your sharing and helping others, your previous experiences and lessons may be deliberately mentioned if they serve to support or illuminate problems. You are not the type, however, to unload any current difficulties onto the shoulders of others.

Reason and logic are strong personality components, although these are colored by your instinctive emotional valuations of people, situations, and circumstances, forming a uniquely personal viewpoint. With a good memory and ability to apply knowledge positively and constructively, there may be business talents present and waiting to be exploited, talents which could be effectively released through modern communication media, perhaps involving your fluency of speech, literary skills, and communication

abilities.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine of the Moon to Mercury indicates that you are willing to accept all your experiences as ways to enrich your consciousness. You evaluate your reactions to people, events and situations quickly. Since you derive more significance from your response to stimuli than most people do, you accumulate a vast storehouse of information. This forms the basis for your creative development and expression. Your emotions are well integrated with your intellect. You are warmly sympathetic toward everyone and show a high degree of comprehension in your dealings with people. You have an amazingly retentive memory, and your ability to recall past incidents is remarkable. However, you don't allow the past to distort your reactions to current events; instead, you make good use of the lessons you have learned from the past. You show great eagerness to make your life useful and expressive. You search for new ways to exploit your talents and usually find them.

Your circle of friends is large because you are flexible enough to make allowances for people's undesirable traits. You earn the affection of everyone you deal with because you are fair and never too busy to offer assistance when they need it. Young people are especially attracted to you, and you make them feel quite comfortable with you. Because you don't expect more from them than they can do, they don't feel threatened. You are never so preoccupied with your personal affairs that you can't spend time with them.

You can succeed in your professional interests because you know how to apply your knowledge to get the best results. You look at problems objectively and are willing to ask for help if you cannot solve them. Realizing that you don't know everything, you are not afraid to admit it.

You may have some emotional anxieties, but you are completely aware of them. You don't generally reveal your personal problems to anyone except your most intimate and trusted friends. You don't dwell on negative thoughts; and, with your compassion and sincere concern, you can often help those who do.

Your life should be happy and filled with close friends, pleasant social activities, and comfortable domestic conditions. You will probably realize the goals you only dreamed of yesterday. You may have periods of difficulty, but you have the ability to cope with them, so they will not be long-lasting.

(Betty Lundsted)

This trine indicates a mother who easily communicates her feelings and is interested in dealing with her child. This forms the individual who has the trine into an adult who enjoys relating, who enjoys the social graces and sharing both thoughts and feelings. It

bestows an intuitive creativity, an interest in expressing the emotional self.

However, this aspect can be outweighed by afflictions from stronger planets to the Moon. For example, if Mercury trines the Moon but Saturn squares it, the Saturn aspect will be the stronger one, especially in the early years. This type of combination will indicate that the child had a good talking relationship with the mother, but not with the father.

#### 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, builder, 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.

27) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (5°12' S)    ♄8 | ♀4

(Donna van Toen)

Affectionate, pleasure-loving, and passionate, you have an intense approach to life that lasts well into middle age and sometimes longer. You have a great deal of warmth, which attracts others to you.

You have an enthusiasm for romance and sex that other people find attractive. You like to be with the opposite sex and show it. They, in turn, like you for being yourself and not playing games with them.

Your relationships should be good. Your sex life should also be good. Not that this aspect is a guarantee of romantic success - there can still be an unhappy love affair or two - but it's certainly a plus, and can help offset other stressful romantic aspects you might have.

One thing with this aspect that could need watching is the fact that you tend to be susceptible to flattery. While you don't play games with other people's affections yourself, you're a bit vulnerable to being caught up in other people's games, simply because you mean what you say and therefore assume others also mean what they say. If there are problems in your love life, it could be a sign that a little more discrimination is needed.

If you have Venus trine Mars by sign but not by aspect, the foregoing would apply to you to a lesser degree. You might not be quite as averse to playing games as those with the

trine aspect, though.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Venus to Mars shows that you are warm, affectionate, and congenial. You have a happy disposition and look for the better qualities in the people you relate to. You eagerly project yourself toward others and generally get the response you hope for. The demands you make on others are no greater than you would be willing to have them make. You have sex appeal, but you are not preoccupied with sex to the exclusion of other kinds of human contact. Your willingness to compromise encourages people to make concessions to you when it seems the right thing to do.

You are creative in entertaining friends at home, and people seek you out for their own social activities. Your creative talents could also be developed in the arts, drama, music, and appreciation for the dance. Any of these could prove rewarding to you either as a primary interest or as an avocation. You express yourself easily and could succeed in occupations that require you to appear before the public in some capacity. Public relations would seem particularly appropriate. With your congenial disposition, you can handle the most inflexible individual you might meet in carrying out your duties. You might also achieve success if you were self-employed.

Children find you a delightful companion, and you stimulate them to achieve because you believe in their individual capabilities. You also know how to win people over to your point of view by dramatizing your own position and not casting aspersions on theirs. You don't generally arouse criticism from those you deal with because you don't appear threatening to them. You tend to bring out the best in people.

You probably had a fairly happy home life that conditioned you to maintain happiness. Your own children will benefit from this too. Your belief in yourself allows you to give others the benefit of the doubt in your relations with them. You have a deep understanding of human nature and usually try to be helpful when people need help. But you don't assume that you have the right to interfere unless asked.

A fun-loving person at heart, you enjoy a good time. You may run into problems with romantic partners, who will assume by your nature that you won't care if they take liberties with you; for the most part, they would be mistaken.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother of this individual is a healthy influence during the childhood from a psychological point. What a person wants, desires, appreciates in life, what a person expects from a love relationship, is shown by the Venus position and sign. It is complemented by the Mars energy, for Mars enables one to act in a manner that helps the goal manifest. When the trine takes place, the personality reflects a great capacity

for love and giving. If there are other relating problems indicated in the chart, this aspect can help give confidence to the 'worthwhileness' of working through them.

Mars represents action and Venus symbolizes what we appreciate, what we want from a love relationship, what we want to surround ourselves with in life. This interaction can be a beneficial one if used for accomplishment on the career level. However, any trine should be examined in context with the signs, for trines can indicate a different dilemma. For example, a Fire sign trine here might be too idealistic, and the idealism may cause an overly sensitive reaction to the normal day-to-day relating problems.

### Venus trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With harmonious Mars / Venus aspects, we are in a position to combine activity and passivity, industry and harmony, and therefore usually make a good impression. Affection means a lot to us, and, as a rule, we experience little difficulty in displaying affection to others. These aspects can make contacts pleasant; for although we often play an active role (Mars), we do know how to rein ourselves in when this will help things to run more smoothly (Venus).

As in all the Mars / Venus aspects, sexuality is important; so indeed is every form of sensuous enjoyment. Dancing, theatre-going and the like can be some favorite diversions.

We may well be very creative. Venus always gives a feeling for form, proportion and color; and this, combined with Martian drive, is what we need for producing original work. Nevertheless, the Martian energy may not be strong enough in these harmonious aspects for creativity to manifest itself.

In love we can be very passionate. The partner means everything and we are prepared to devote ourselves to the loved one. On the other hand, we expect the partner to be devoted to us. The easy aspects are traditionally said to be favorable for love: the need to unite with someone (Venus) is in harmony with a desire to go and prove ourselves (Mars). Also a measure of independence is expected within the relationship so that the partners do not take each other over completely.

(Charles Carter)

These tend to make the feelings warm and cordial; they indicate what we should generally call an affectionate, warm-hearted person, even though other configurations may deny expression. On the other hand, in an emotional chart their may be expression

of an unrestrained kind, or gush; or, again, there may be a highly strung condition due to a lack of adequate expression.

The contacts are invigorating to the sexual nature, but better in this respect for males than for women, since they often appear in the charts of spinsters. This fact is probably due to the feelings of independence which they give and the love of freedom of thought or action; sometimes these traits even verge on the masterful.

These good aspects also tend to affectionate relations with the children and benefit from them.

They are very favourable for the family-life, provided that the planets are well-placed - all depends on this. The affections are rich and generous, and like will beget like in the shape of many kindnesses received. Mars, representing the rough side of life, is, as it were, blunted and mitigated by the Venus influence. It is decidedly good for men in their relations with women; they are likely to be helped in every respect, and often acquire both beauty and affection in marriage, and, by no means rarely, money as well.

28) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Uranus** - (3°29' S) ♁8 | ♃4

(Haydn Paul)

The expression of the trine has several similarities to that of the sextile, and usually enables these two planetary energies to work well together.

The social sphere of life will be of considerable importance to you, both as a personal need for contact with others, and in the enjoyment that you derive from it. Whilst you develop your own individuality and style, you have a 'community attitude'; your ideal is to live in a way that both succeeds in satisfying your needs and has a beneficial effect upon the wider world. Your personal values are founded within a social perspective; and you feel that your concerns embrace the world. As a planetary citizen, you may feel attracted towards involvement with those groups which share this attitude, so that through either personal or financial support you are able to contribute towards creating a better world.

The ability to have positive relationships with people may be used through work which brings you into broader contact with the public. This can be through teaching or communication in some way. Possibly your talents can be expressed via artistic creations or music, which embody your Venusian sense of harmony and beauty.

In your intimate partnerships, you find it easy to express your feelings, and these will remain more consistent than with the conjunction aspect. With these Venus-Uranus aspects, though, there is the tendency to be affectionate and sympathetic with the majority of people, a form of diffused love which is universal rather than individually orientated. This can cause some unease and confusion within a partner who fails to be

convinced of your specific love for him or her.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Venus to Uranus shows that you are usually optimistic and cheerful and thoroughly enjoy life. You express your love for people without great fanfare, and can usually detect insincerity in others. You make necessary adjustments to people, which endears you to them, but you are quick to see when others are abusing your affable nature.

Because of your sense of values, you strive to enrich the lives of others by sharing your good fortune with them. In the past, you accepted your responsibilities, and now you can enjoy the rewards. You realize that what you give is returned in abundance by others, to your mutual benefit.

Your well-developed sense of harmony and appreciation of beauty may be expressed through the arts, music, design, or drama. You radiate warmth in everything you do, and are rarely negative in your social contacts. You can work effectively in occupations that involve the public, because people feel comfortable with you.

Children are especially appreciative of your truthfulness in dealing with them. As a teacher, you would instantly capture your students' imagination because you have a talent for making a subject come alive. Your unique talents could prove rewarding in financial work. Your intuition would be an asset in speculating on the stock market.

Because of your innate self-control, you will probably marry well. You can look forward to satisfying romantic experiences based on mutual trust and understanding. You expect a lot from your partner, and you are willing to do whatever is expected of you. You have high hopes for a future rich with inner contentment. Your excitement and joy in living are the keys to much happiness.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a lovely aspect; it is much like the sextile. Venus indicates our ability to appreciate love, our 'druthers', our 'I want to be's; and Uranus indicates our behavior pattern. The Venus placement shows how the mother influences the individual from a psychological point. The trine to Uranus denotes that she is a broad-minded woman who is receptive to growth, change, and ideas from the younger generation, and that she is able to give the child a similar image to imitate. This individual will enjoy exploring humanitarian or new-age interests, sharing with others and supporting future generations and their ideas. If the chart warrants, this may be a person who will make an excellent teacher or counsellor, for he can be supportive of his students or clients; it can indicate someone involved in the art world, for he is looking for new forms of expression.

As far as love is concerned, relationships may be unusual or unorthodox but meaningful. The elements will express this energy differently; for instance, this trine in Water signs will indicate a much different person than the trine in Fire. The Water trine will be extremely sensitive and intuitive, looking for a very special relationship. The Fire trine will be looking for ultra-idealism. The energy is best used when the needs of the signs and elements are incorporated into what is looked for in life, and those needs should be tied into the qualities described by the Sun.

#### Venus trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The option of remaining free to lead one's own life, and of developing within a relationship as one thinks best, is a must for those who have harmonious aspects between Uranus and Venus. As soon as friends or the partner start tying this person down, Uranus incites him or her to kick over the traces. He or she is attracted by anything unusual or capricious in others and is quite likely to copy this behavior. A woman with one of these aspects is often very independent and has a mind of her own. A man with one of these aspects usually looks for a strong-willed woman who knows how to get what she wants.

People with these aspects are fully alive to the individuality of themselves and others, and, with their taste for the unusual, they keep an open mind on everything, no matter how strange. Nothing much disturbs them; instead, the unusual may even be found stimulating. Sometimes, they even go looking for change (at work, for example). The chance that the emotional life will be fairly unstable is therefore present even in the harmonious aspects.

(Charles Carter)

This is a combination which usually signifies unusual taste and some degree of artistic ability. There may be talent for music, literature, or the drama; it is often witty, fascinating, humorous, or charming. With a prominent Mars, there may be ability for work in metals.

It tends somewhat to eccentricity, sentiment, and romance, the passions being very sensitive. In many cases, it seems to be rather a dumb note, and goes no further than a mild liking for music.

So far as externals are concerned, it favours popularity, easy circumstances, and enjoyable, though not always steadfast, relations with the other sex. Very much depends upon the ability of the native to find an adequate outlet for the emotional nature, for there

is a proclivity towards adventures in love, and the romantic part of the nature may lead to looseness of conduct unless it can be 'sublimated' in some harmless way. For example, Petrarch expressed his romantic nature by writing sonnets to Laura, while living a perfectly comfortable and respectable life with a wife and several children, being plump and well-fed at a time when, according to his writings, love denied him food, sleep, and most other necessities. Or, again, romance may be sought in stranger directions, as in the case of William Blake, who was most happily married, but allowed the eccentricity of Uranus to find vent for itself in such peculiar habits as insisting on receiving and entertaining his guests in a completely unclothed condition, by way of demonstrating beyond all argument the fact of his having regained man's pristine 'innocence of childhood pure'. Another eccentric, but (so far as I know) perfectly moral Venus-Uranus man was Joseph Smith, the Mormon, who 'rationalised' the inner cravings of the aspect by producing a polygamous religion, miraculously revealed.

29) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°42' A)    ♄ 6 | ♃ 10

(Haydn Paul)

As with the sextile aspect, the trine indicates the potential of releasing a powerful creative energy emerging from a humanistic and spiritual perspective, which will be of positive use to yourself and the world.

Your innate optimism and belief in the essential goodness of life will turn your inner faith into an effective ability to manifest your creative vision, especially as you are able to channel your will into constructive forms of expression.

Your contribution to society may well be in working closely with people; and you have the gift of being able to inspire others to discover how to experience life more intensely and creatively and to release their own latent talents. This can involve you in the expression of a sort of life philosophy which can be adopted by others on their path to self-understanding. Obviously, any such influence must be carefully handled by you, both in how your own self-perception is changed and in what you offer to others or share with them. There is a great responsibility to be assumed when presenting yourself in a way that can have considerable influence on others' lives; and awareness must be shown and applied to ensure integrity is maintained, that the 'teaching' is as honest and valid as possible, that there is freedom for disagreement or new thinking to occur, and that it is understood that 'your way' is not the only or most appropriate way for everyone. In fact, even direct opposition from another may be the right way for them to unfold themselves or to discover new insights, and could be right for you as a stimulus to re-evaluate your own path and attitudes.

Primarily, you seem to function in a role of 'educator', and you are likely to develop into an effective speaker, clearly expounding your beliefs, ideas and attitudes, and being quite persuasive in that way. You tend to need personal freedom, and dislike being tied

down into predictable patterns of behaviour, as you may feel that you need to be relatively free in order to be able to respond to what you consider to be insights and intuitions. You support social transformation, and will reflect the unified vision as the direction for the future, offering a meaning and inspiring purpose for people to aim towards. You may find that a personal transformation is required of you prior to your fulfilling your potential role and function. Initially, this could involve considerable challenges facing you which require overcoming, or elements in your personal life that lead to periodic crises which lead eventually to wisdom and insight as a result of personal suffering.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Jupiter to Pluto indicates your interest in stimulating individuals and groups to creatively exploit their own potentials. Your optimistic response to social change inspires others to view the future with greater expectation and hope. You can awaken those around you to an acceptable philosophy for pursuing their destinies. You arouse them to establish constructive motivations that will sustain them through the bitter and the sweet, the highs and the lows, the successes and the failures in their lives. You are able to grasp the essential meaning behind any of life's mysteries and to dramatize it effectively enough to convince the most determined sceptic. Your words, often seemingly inspired, carry such an impact that they are seldom questioned. Because you are geared to become intimately involved in the affairs of others, you should choose a profession that will serve the public interest. Education would give you a broad yet intimate scope to demonstrate truths as you understand them and to shatter the illusions that restrict expansion of consciousness. It may be that you are a free soul, whose destiny is to serve others.

Your personal relationships must allow you mobility and creative expression. You have the power to move from a life of apathy and indolence to one in which you offer your insight for the benefit of society. You instinctively know right from wrong, and can assist others to recognize the difference. The young are especially responsive to you, for you understand the drama of their lives. Even elderly and mature people gain inspiration from your fresh and invigorating life-force. You can stimulate lives that could have become stagnant and without purpose.

You can restore your own life-force by contemplating your experiences and by meditating on the universal energy sources that grant you vision to know the truth. These precious moments will give you guidelines for applying the knowledge you gain.

(Betty Lundsted)

Jupiter indicates the relating principle, and Pluto symbolizes the unconscious motivation within an individual. When these two planets are in trine aspect, it indicates a person who enjoys relating to the masses, who enjoys the generation into which he is born, and



who enjoys reaching out to others in a co-operative venture. When the trine is in effect, the more unhealthy qualities of Pluto (like control or manipulation) don't manifest.

These individuals are more apt to become involved in traditional relationships, and tend to marry, raise a family, and participate in the more accepted cycles of adult behavior. They may be victims of the 'fad' of their day, subscribing to the faddy kinds of behavior that are popular from moment to moment. They may over-relate to the value system of their generation. For example, when it became fashionable to have a swimming pool and a color television set, these people could relate to those values, and may not understand that there is more to a relationship than having what the Joneses have.

Because the symbolism of Jupiter involves a changing perspective, and because Pluto symbolizes the needs of the collective unconscious, these individuals need to analyze their relationships more thoroughly than they want to when they are younger. Age and maturity help their drives, for they have the capability of combining archetypal images and patterns into their relationships, if they so desire.

#### Jupiter trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Jupiter and Pluto, there are power plays in many areas; the need to be important can make itself felt both on the physical and on the mental plane. Willpower is unusually strong, and we stand by our points of view. We hammer opinions home, and are not easily dissuaded. When linked with the personal planets, these aspects give great powers of persuasion. The obstinacy typical of the conjunction is typical of these aspects, too; but, because they are easy, it shows itself in a different way and causes less offence.

Expansive and improving Jupiter, in combination with taboo-breaking Pluto, sometimes gives social reformers who try to dethrone current moralities in order to replace them by others that seem more tolerant. Certainly freedom is promoted by Jupiter, but Pluto does not readily release its grip and will encourage the setting up of fresh power-structures which deny freedom in other areas. Although these are harmonious aspects, the Jupiter / Pluto combination is intrinsically so powerful that these people, though well-meaning, seldom give others a fair chance.

The desire to explore and investigate is well-developed in this combination. In professional life, this is excellent for scientific pursuits; in domestic life, it signals the housewife who is not taken in by sales patter but checks carefully before she buys.

We are inclined to moralize because we have a strong sense of right and wrong, which

also encourages us to work actively in support of progess - whether material, social or religious. We can do things on a large scale and are good organizers, but we must be careful not to attempt too much at one time.

30) ► **Saturn** ♌ **Trine** ♍ **Uranus** - (6°15' S) ♄8 | ♅4

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect can offer a good working balance between these two energies, one which can successfully reconcile their opposing natures. The more positive Saturn qualities allied to less extremist Uranian ones will be in evidence, operating through your personality expression.

As with the conjunction and sextile aspects, the trine will enable you to anchor and materialise the Uranian impulse, so that the energies will flow easily and fluently through you without creating any unnecessary blockages. Working from the Saturn ability of selfdiscipline, practical skills and organisation, you can take full advantage of the inspirational ideas of Uranus, eventually making them real on this material level. Yet you are not dazzled by materialism, and much of your actual interest and enjoyment is with the nature of the ideas themselves; being capable of manifesting them to some degree is but a completion of the process. It is those futuristic ideas and dreams that take hold of your imagination, giving it some form, definition and direction.

You are able to learn quickly from life experiences; you choose not to waste time having to repeat similar experiences through failing to realise the implicit lessons hidden within them. Time is short, and you prefer to make the best use of your natural talents and resources for yourself, and to aid others too if the opportunities present themselves. Potentially, you could become an inspiration for the young and others in how to actualise your intentions and complete the process of creativity, due to your ability to resolve the Saturn-Uranus polarity. Much of human experience revolves around the conflicts inherent in that dualistic polarity; and you could become an exponent of the fact that it can be reconciled. Your life could demonstrate the ability to weld together old and new impulses, the creative process, and the dichotomy of matter-spirit. Obviously, it would not always be easy; but you can make the potential real in your life, and prove to others that it is achievable. This is another aspect of the 'bridging role and function' that is currently needed during this transition stage, when unifying the planetary impulses is essential.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine between Saturn and Uranus shows that you have learned from your experiences and acquired discipline. As you project yourself toward future accomplishments, you are excited by the prospects of all the tomorrows. You have earned the freedom you enjoy. Although you have a healthy respect for material things,

you are fascinated by your increasing detachment from them. In the future you will be enriched by letting others share the benefits of your knowledge and experience.

You have the talent to mobilize and exploit your resources. You are intuitively aware that success depends on taking measured risks rather than on speculating. Consequently, you can teach others how to effectively capitalize on their potentials. You are well-qualified for executive positions because of your keen judgement and uncanny insight. Your understanding of people and their motivations enables you to organize their talents to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks.

You are particularly good at handling young people, because they can identify with you and the authority you present to them. They admire you for 'getting it all together' and being able to assert yourself without arrogance. They also respect you for expecting them to define and seek their own goals.

You can successfully apply your potentials in many occupations. Suitable fields include mathematics, science, research, and astrology, as well as many industrial positions requiring leadership and organization.

Your ideals are based on solid experience and the tried and true. As you strive to gain your objectives, you uphold the highest values of behavior. You are optimistic about the future for yourself and for those who share your ethical standards.

(Betty Lundsted)

The trine indicates children born into a generation that wishes to co-operate with established forms of authority. The father's effect on the individual's psyche can be used constructively because Dad was co-operative with his peers. Dad's values may be expressed differently, but this person is exposed to the concept of a changing consciousness.

If the trine ties into the personal planets, or if the trine ties to the chart of the nation, this individual may be drawn to work in the political arena, for he relates to contemporary events. In the personal sense, his need to develop a 'personality' works co-operatively with his drive for maturity.

Saturn trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tensions encountered in the conjunction are less conspicuous in the harmonious aspects between Saturn and Uranus because the two factors support one another in the

way they express themselves. Consequently, we can structure our lives well (Saturn) within existing frameworks - social or otherwise - without sacrificing anything of our individuality (Uranus). We function in the community in a completely personal way without creating tensions in the outer world or in ourselves.

We can apply ourselves diligently to personal development, showing great determination and energy. The will is resolute and we have plenty of staying-power

Life's ups and downs are taken in stride, and we are not easily thrown off balance. Although probably having a high opinion of ourselves, we are not blind to limitations, are prepared to give others elbow-room, and are likely to have a democratic outlook.

A balance is struck between the preservation of structure (Saturn) and the alteration of structure (Uranus), which interact smoothly to give a quiet, steady renewal. We are prepared to accept all kinds of change, and can take a keen interest in the ideas of others; but we always endeavor to integrate the new with the old or the old with the new as easily as possible. Therefore this is an excellent aspect for a legislator, since it encourages the framing of laws that, without being too rigid or too revolutionary, pay due regard to both public and private interest.

However, the tenacity and obstinacy characteristic of this aspect can make us unwilling to listen to reason. When locked on target, we are not easily diverted.

(Charles Carter)

This is an excellent practical combination, uniting common sense with initiative, willpower, and nervous energy.

It is favourable for any sort of work that requires patience and prudence, combined with originality and insight. Thus it is good for organising or for scientific work - the 'marshalling of facts' in the logical upbuilding of a great theory (e.g. Newton, Pasteur). The same tendency is exemplified by Ulysses Grant's remark: 'I will fight it out on this line if it takes me all the summer'. This great leader had Saturn trine Uranus-Neptune, and his determination was equally well evinced by his personal fortitude in great pain. Note that, as so often with Saturn, success came late.

There should be concentration, mental and volitional vigour, quiet resolution, prolonged preparation, and drastic final action.

It favours positions of control and administration; and, to judge by examples, it seems by no means without relation to the arts. It is likely to make the native popular as a governor.

However, even the good aspects appear to be of little use as preventives of injury and

violence, for they often occur in charts of victims of such things, although one can scarcely suppose that they are themselves indicators of the dangers.

31) ► **Neptune** ♃ **Trine** ♊ **North-Node** - (7°39' S)    ♊12 | ♏7

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates an intuitive ability to fathom the trends of prevailing social attitudes and modes of conduct. The natives thus instinctively know how to benefit from the social forces around them. They are in tune with the times, and gain success and popularity through this rapport.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides a strong sense of spirituality or even a mediumistic attitude to the individual. This person will transcend and distribute esoteric philosophy and ideas in terms of practicality. Bringing the unrealistic or fantasy to proper reality is a main function of this aspect in that individual's life. This type of individual is often spiritually well-grown, but comes to life just to check out a few things and help others to grow spiritually. The negative or destructive side of this aspect is quite mild as the circumstances will create a lot of obstacles in their wrong path.

(Donna van Toen)

Much like North Node conjunct Neptune. There's a tendency to expect more than is actually possible from individuals, institutions, or society in general; in the over-compensation phase this can trigger problems. There's an enjoyment of growth and of helping others to grow.

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.

32) ► **Sun** ☉ **Semi-Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (1°51' A)    ♀7 | ♀8

(Charles Carter)

The Semi-sextile, though a weak influence, betokens good humour, cheerfulness, and optimism. There is often a liking for human nature and for fun. An orb of about 2° might be allowed for this contact.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The semisextile is not a strong feature, but with it and the conjunction there is nearly always an appreciation of beautiful things, such as art and music. If Mercury is involved, there will be a talent for craft work.

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