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## Chakra's



# Summaries

## **Sagittarius Sun ☉ ↗ and ☾ ☊ Cancer Moon man**

([814] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Practical, appreciative and charismatic;

Negatives: Careless, brutal and fatalistic;

Perfect partner: Someone who appreciates their dreamy and easy-going nature;

Advice: Practice mindfulness and try to understand what triggers your temper.

## **Sun ☉ in VIII 8th House**

([866] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **Permanent transformation - Summary:**

Strengths: Intense, introverted and observant;

Challenges: Distant, cold and aloof;

Advice: They need to pay less attention to what others are saying.

## **Moon ☾ in III 3rd House**

([874] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **Keen on what the world has to offer - Summary:**

Strengths: Curiosity, responsivity and affection;

Challenges: Nervousness and restlessness;

Advice: Try slowing down and focus more on what is said.

Neutral: Knowledge is what feeds their soul and mind

## **Moon ☾ in 9th Nakshatra: Ashlesha**

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

Strength: independent, clever, versatile, sharp, philosophical, entertaining, multiple occupations, seductive, gains through spirituality, passionate and disciplined when interested in topic, ability to accomplish greatness when motivated.

Weakness: mental instability, nervous, depressed, moody, deceptive, tactless, lacking social skills, impolite, careless, selfish, secretive, detached, ungrateful, unpopular, introspective, reclusive, blunt, unappreciative, possessive, breaks the rules, scattered, unproductive.

### **Pada [1]**

## **Moon ☾ in fourth pada**

(26°40'-30°00' degrees Cancer): Pisces navamsa. You are scholarly and are well-versed

in the literature of the world, but your curiosity isn't limited to what can be learned in books. You see the world itself as an opportunity to learn, and you love to travel and see its wonders. Romance and adventure appeal to you. You may spend money extravagantly.

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

### ***Mercury ♿ in ♒ Aquarius man***

([904] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **The forward thinker - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Visionary and eccentric;

Negatives: Snob and indecisive;

Soulmate: Someone who can keep them away from boredom;

Life lesson: Leaving anxious thoughts away from time to time.

### ***Mercury ♿ in X 10th House***

([917] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Great at problem solving - Summary:**

Strengths: Elegant, charming and discerning;

Challenges: Impulsive and controlling;

Advice: They should be open to new experiences, not afraid of them.

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

([937] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Dynamic and enthusiastic;

Negatives: Unpredictable and impatient;

Soulmate: Someone who is honest and straightforward;

Life lesson: Taking the time to be more observant.

### ***Venus ♀ in 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 ♈ Aries man***

([957] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Dynamic and persistent;

Negatives: Domineering and procrastinating;

Soulmate: Someone who will fight for their desires;  
Life lesson: Focusing more on creative pursuits.  
Neutral: He wants someone who will fight

### **Mars ♂ in XII 12th House**

([992] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Making their dreams come true - Summary:**

Strengths: Emotional, direct and creative;  
Challenges: Secretive and insecure;  
Advice: Avoid living in the past once you've learned its lessons.

### **Jupiter ♃ in ♏ Pisces man**

([1004] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

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

### **Jupiter ♃ in XI 11th House**

([1015] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A knack for successful endeavors - Summary:**

Strengths: Loving, knowledgeable and lucky;  
Challenges: Manipulative and lazy;  
Advice: They need to focus on their education more.

### **Saturn ♄ in ♉ Taurus man**

([1018] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

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

### **Saturn ♄ in I 1st House**

([1029] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Keeping their promises, always - Summary:**

Strengths: Generous, responsible and contemplative;  
Challenges: Shy, easily stressed and conceited;  
Advice: They need to take every obstacle as an opportunity to learn.

### **Uranus ♅ in ♈ Aries man**

([1041] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Pioneering and impulsive;  
Top qualities: Astute and optimistic;  
Challenges: Individualistic and insensitive;  
Advice: You need to accept disruption as part of life.

***Uranus ♃ in XII 12th House***

([1064] i.thehoroscope.co)

**A sociable companion - Summary:**

Strengths: Ingenious, elegant and unconventional;  
Challenges: Distracted, cautious and superficial;  
Advice: They should try to look at their work with joy not resentment.

***Neptune ♆ in ♏ Pisces man***

([1076] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Mystical and sacrificing;  
Top qualities: Dependable, trustworthy and compassionate;  
Challenges: Oversensitive; lazy and isolating;  
Advice: Aid to others doesn't have to be material.

***Neptune ♆ in XI 11th House***

([1087] i.thehoroscope.co)

**A tolerant personality - Summary:**

Strengths: Intuitive, talented and sensual;  
Challenges: Distracted, lazy and conceited;  
Advice: They should take more time for their passions.

***Pluto ♇ in ♒ Aquarius man***

([1099] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Original and independent;  
Top qualities: Adaptable, relaxed and eager;  
Challenges: Extremist and undecided;  
Advice: Beware of compulsive behaviors.

***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 ♏ Scorpio**

([1120] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Serious, appreciative and gentle;

Challenges: Unpredictable and dramatic

Meant to explore profound matters, Darkness and what is forbidden

**South Node ♏ in ♉ Taurus**

([1126] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

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

Challenges: Instinctual, arrogant and harsh;

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

**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 ♈ Aries**

([1137] elsaelsa.com)

**Lone Pioneer**

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

([1160] elsaelsa.com)

**Gifts of Shadow**

► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus - (1°29')** ♏7 | ♎8

([179] astromatrix.org:) Unconscious Needs

Opportunities: 1. Knowing Your Desires 2. Gaining Confidence

Challenges: 1. Developing Your Independence 2. Understanding Yourself Better

► **Descendant DC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°20') ♀7 | ♀12

([187] astromatrix.org:) Lacking Confidence

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

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

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Mercury** - (1°52') ♀8 | ♀10

([3] astromatrix.org:) Mental Focus

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

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

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°02') ♀8 | ♀8

([4] astromatrix.org:) The Lover Of Life

Opportunities: 1. Loving Life 2. Finding a Loving Partner

Challenges: 1. Listening as Much as Speaking 2. Avoiding Excessive Indulgence

► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°09') ♀8 | ♀12

([40] astromatrix.org:) The Sensualist

Opportunities: 1. Understanding Your Emotions 2. Not Sweating the Small Relationship Stuff

Challenges: 1. Overcoming Jealousies 2. Having Better Relations with Opposite Sex

► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (3°00' A) ♀8 | ♀8

([4] astromatrix.org:) The Lover Of Life

Opportunities: 1. Loving Life 2. Finding a Loving Partner

Challenges: 1. Listening as Much as Speaking 2. Avoiding Excessive Indulgence

► **Jupiter ♃ Conjunct ♀ Lilith** - (7°57' S) ♀11 | ♀12

([629] astromatrix.org:) Conscious Transformation

Opportunities: 1. Higher growth & wisdom 2. Taking initiatives in life

Challenges: 1. Connecting with your subconscious 2. Focusing on higher goals

► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♀ Mercury** - (5°42' A) ♀3 | ♀10

([152] astromatrix.org:) Where To Go And Why

Opportunities: 1. Gaining Greater Inner Harmony 2. Perceiving the World More Clearly

Challenges: 1. Rebalancing Yourself 2. Admitting Your Flaws

► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♀ Lilith** - (2°53' S) ♀10 | ♀12

([640] astromatrix.org:) Being highly idealistic

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

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

► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (5°51' S) ♀1 | ☾3

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

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

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

► **Ascendant ASC Square ♀ Mercury** - (0°09' A) ♀1 | ♀10

([410] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Unrecognized Genius

Opportunities: 1. Relaxing More with People 2. Working Patiently Towards Goals

Challenges: 1. Understanding Misunderstandings 2. Accepting Difficulties

► **Moon ☾ Square ♂ Mars** - (5°00' S) ☾3 | ♀12

([390] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Going Your Own Way

Opportunities: 1. Advancing in Life 2. Growing Through Action

Challenges: 1. Keeping Your Ego in Check 2. Connecting with Others

► **Midheaven MC Trine ♀ Mercury** - (1°18' S) ♀6 | ♀10

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

Opportunities: 1. Getting the Job Done 2. Using Writing for Your Benefit

Challenges: 1. Getting Outside Your Comfort Zone 2. Learning what You Need in Life

► **Sun ☉ Trine ♂ Mars** - (5°54' A) ☉8 | ♀12

([302] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Door Opener

Opportunities: 1. Finding Socially-Engaged Work 2. Taking on New Challenges

Challenges: 1. Curbing Impulsive Behavior 2. Recognizing Opportunities

► **Venus ♀ Trine ♀ Lilith** - (7°31' S) ♀8 | ♀12

([648] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Honouring your unique gifts

Opportunities: 1. Illuminating limiting beliefs 2. Becoming more authentic with others

Challenges: 1. Maintaining your truth 2. Releasing stagnant attachment



# Extra Source

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

## Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Pluto** - (1°55') ♄1 | ♄10
- 2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°29') ♀7 | ♄8
- 3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°20') ♀7 | ♄12
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°02') ♄8 | ♄8
- 5) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°09') ♄8 | ♄12
- 6) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°19') ♄11 | ♄1
- 7) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (1°45') ♄11 | ♄11
- 8) ► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (1°26') ♄1 | ♄11
- 9) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (2°00') ♄1 | ♄1
- 10) ► **Neptune ♄ Parallel ☾ North-Node** - (0°34') ♄11 | ♄7
- 11) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (0°42' A) ♄1 | ♄1
- 12) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (6°22' A) ♄12 | ♄11
- 13) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (3°00' A) ♄8 | ♄8
- 14) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♄ Pluto** - (2°08' A) ♄10 | ♄10
- 15) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♄ Uranus** - (2°36' S) ♄12 | ♄12
- 16) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ☾ South-Node** - (10°24' A) ♄12 | ♄1
- 17) ► **Jupiter ♃ Conjunct ♄ Neptune** - (5°41' S) ♄11 | ♄11
- 18) ► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct ☾ South-Node** - (1°09' S) ♄1 | ♄1
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ☿ Mercury** - (5°42' A) ☿3 | ♄10
- 20) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♄ Pluto** - (3°34' A) ☿3 | ♄10
- 21) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile ♄ Pluto** - (2°56' A) ♄11 | ♄10
- 22) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (5°51' S) ♄1 | ☿3
- 23) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♄ Pluto** - (2°17' A) ♄1 | ♄10
- 24) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♄ Neptune** - (5°51' A) ♄8 | ♄11
- 25) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♂ Mars** - (5°00' S) ☿3 | ♄12
- 26) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♄ Saturn** - (6°33' A) ☿3 | ♄1
- 27) ► **Moon ☾ Square ☾ North-Node** - (5°24' A) ☿3 | ♄7

- 28) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♄ Saturn** - (0°51' S)    ♄10 | ♄1
- 29) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♏ North-Node** - (0°18' A)    ♄10 | ♄7
- 30) ► **Saturn ♄ Square ♇ Pluto** - (2°59' A)    ♄1 | ♄10
- 31) ► **Pluto ♇ Square ♏ North-Node** - (1°50' S)    ♄10 | ♄7
- 32) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♇ Pluto** - (3°26' S)    ♄6 | ♄10
- 33) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♂ Mars** - (5°54' A)    ♄8 | ♄12
- 34) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♅ Uranus** - (3°18' A)    ♄8 | ♄12
- 35) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (0°38' A)    ♄3 | ♄11
- 36) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ♆ Neptune** - (5°03' A)    ♄3 | ♄11
- 37) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♅ Uranus** - (6°18' A)    ♄8 | ♄12
- 38) ► **Sun ☉ Octile ♏ North-Node** - (1°18' A)    ♄8 | ♄7

## Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

**Sun ☉ in ♐ Sagittarius    16° 50'**

(Betty Lundsted)

Sagittarius is the last and most impersonal of the Fire signs. The idealism of Sagittarius is less personal than either Aries or Leo. Sagittarians are more involved in causes, politics; in formulating the law; and they have ideas about religion and / or philosophy. They too come from a home that is strongly influenced by the father. But often, Sagittarians are angry at the father. It seems he is quite fond of them when they are little but later forsakes them for some other interest as they grow older. The Sagittarian types are looking for approval and respect from the father, while at the same time they want to be independent from him. For some reason known only to Sagittarians, they think Daddy is a successful person; and like all the Fire signs, they feel that it is impossible to measure up to his greatness.

Most Sagittarians grow up in an atmosphere of enough food and shelter, but they seem to feel left out in the emotional department. They seem to radiate self-confidence and enthusiasm, but inside they often question their personal values. Again, here is the Fire sign dilemma - ideals can be so lofty that the Fire sign person can't possibly live up to them.

Sagittarians pursue ideals and ideas in an independent way. They are interested in all aspects of the concept of freedom. The political quest for freedom often involves the

concept of revolution. However, when it comes down to the actual fighting, Sagittarians don't want to be involved - it's cold and uncomfortable on the battlefield, and suddenly philosophy seems to be the direction in which to travel! This type can be the great fireside revolutionary. Sagittarians who become interested in politics often have the same problems Leos have. As they become more involved in the political arena, they find that it's not as idealistic as it seemed at first. They don't care for the political compromises that take place - or graft, or dealings that are less than idealistic.

No idealist likes to be in situations that are not 'fair'. 'The world isn't fair; there ought to be a law', say the Fire signs. After a number of hurts over the years - hurts caused by the unfairness of life - one begins to notice that Mother Nature is not fair either! She does not support 'fairness' in the life structure of the universe. It's the Fire sign people who work to develop a sense of fairness and justice, for the universe does not make moral judgements. Westerners regard certain Eastern practices with abhorrence because they seem so unfair, so inhuman. But our ideals will not allow us to see that life is a constant stream of transformation and change. Life is a force much like that of symbolic water, for it keeps on 'a-keepin' on'. Perhaps some insight can be gained as to why Fire signs don't understand Water signs and vice versa if the difference in the symbols of the two is taken into consideration.

In the area of the Sagittarian's relationships, the father has a great deal of influence. He is a person who loves companionship and camaraderie. He likes typically male things - sports events, the hunt, the 'man-and-his-dog' stuff in life. The child is influenced by this, and the effect manifests differently in the male and the female as they each mature. And because Sagittarians are so involved with ethics and justice and the theory of what is going on in the universe, they often find personal relationships difficult.

The Sagittarian female comes into the universe with a strong dose of father influence. The influence of the masculine principle interferes with the development of her concept of her feminine self. Her mother's influence is very weak; and like her Aries and Leo sisters, the Sagittarian feels sympathy for her Mom.

She wants to be known for her mind; for her ability to be rational, to comprehend information in the same logical manner that a man is purported to. She is, however, a female; and lurking behind her sports events, her politics, and her career responsibilities, is that nagging fear that she may not be as feminine as she could be - or that men don't appreciate her femaleness. Her conscious mind doesn't think that she's worried, but her unconscious mind knows that she is biologically female. So an interesting battle takes place within her. She presents herself as an intellectual, with the body language of a sexpot. The men she talks with don't really understand what is expected of them, and she sometimes causes unpleasant and unwanted sexual advances to be made upon her. She doesn't want to be known as a sexual type; she really wants a relationship built on intellectual sharing. She wants companionship as Daddy had, and as she once had with her Dad. As long as she rejects her femaleness - the biological energy present in

her life structure - she is the victim of animus projection. In relationships she will always be a bit disappointed because no man can live up to her projection of the knight in shining armor. Because of her sexual projection, and the reaction of men to it, she can develop a dislike for men because she thinks that all they want from a woman is sex. But the situation can be cured when she understands her own needs. The masculine principle is strong in her, and can be used profitably for career development. The feminine body can easily be incorporated with the masculine principle, for we are all a combination of both. Investigations into what a 'woman' is, or what a woman can be, can be very helpful to her. We are all a combination of energies, and when this is understood we can then proceed through life without resentment of our biological gender, and interact with people with interest rather than defensiveness.

The Sagittarian male has a slightly different influence coming from the father image. He wants to be as successful as his father, but doesn't believe that he can ever be the man Daddy is, or the companion Daddy is. He has lofty ideals that he brings into his career - but Daddy was a casual man who didn't hurry or rush or take responsibility too seriously. Life just seemed to 'happen' to his father.

The Sagittarian child doesn't know how to follow through on activities, and doesn't think that one should work too hard since Daddy didn't. What he doesn't understand is that his father may have worked very hard to establish himself, but the Sagittarian kid didn't witness that period. So he doesn't work as hard as he can, and his lofty ideals and revolutionary ideas may never see fruition. He may wind up being supported by his wife, for life circumstances bring him into situations that cause those results.

As far as his concept of his maleness is concerned, he's learned the companionship attitudes that his father had, and he's coupled them with idealism. Fire sign men have such lofty ideals about love that it sometimes becomes difficult for them to have a love relationship on the physical plane since so much guilt is attached to the earthy aspects of sex. The Sagittarian male may be a bit shamefaced about his needs for sex and may, therefore, approach women with such tactlessness that he unconsciously makes sure he never 'scores'. He may love one woman and have sex with another. He may trade in a good emotional sexual relationship for good basic companionship. He may choose to relate to the fellows in the locker room, following all the sports events faithfully, rather than building a strong relationship with a female.

He comes from a father-dominated atmosphere - and this means Dads are important and Moms are not. So he may limit his relationships with women, feeling that they are cooks and domestics, and not companions. If most of his relationships are with men and he feels love in these friendships, he may wonder if he is really a 'man' because he knows that he's uncomfortable with the opposite sex.

Both Sagittarians will learn about honesty in their lifetime. They pride themselves on being idealists and on being honest as Daddy is. But often they are not honest with

themselves. The female wants to be a masculine companion and avoid her feminine self. The male wants to be a companion to his mate but wonders about his masculine self. Both need to allow themselves to be emotional as well as intellectual. Learning how to give love is an important step for them.

Honesty expresses itself in other ways as well: Sagittarians pride themselves on being honest in situations where honesty becomes rather tactless. In the process of being brutally honest, they may shatter someone else's self-image, or cast aspersions on another individual. Then they wonder why people withdraw. It has been said that Sagittarians have foot-in-mouth disease because they say things that hurt or shock other people. You ask 'How does my hair look?' and Sag says 'Gee, it looks nice today,' implying that you haven't been looking well lately! This tactlessness doesn't go over big in business either. Sagittarians learn as they grow older that some questions in life don't need to be answered - they learn how to listen. Learning to listen is one of the qualities of a judge - justice and truth and fairness are qualities that can be used in a positive Jupiterian way. And in order to judge fairly, one must listen to the whole story.

(Haydn Paul)

The Sagittarian personality usually is good-humoured, needs freedom and liberty to roam around, and does not respond well to the imposition of orders from others. Your temperament will be cheerful, optimistic and generous, being a consistent and reliable friend. You prefer to live as free as possible, and may need employment which offers considerable work variety and independence, so that you can organise your own endeavours while ensuring that the job is also completed. You may be attracted towards medicine, law and religion, and have skills to become an effective teacher, but you may need to avoid any authoritarian or patronising attitudes. You will be quite ambitious and usually quick to take advantage of opportunities; your attitude may be too optimistic at times, becoming overly enthusiastic about plans before you have had time to consider them fully.

You may need a clearer sense of direction and life purpose, which directs you towards suitable work, but once found should enable you to strive one-pointedly to achieve your goals. You can be a conscientious worker, especially to ensure an income which is sufficient to indulge your need to spend on your particular interests. You may prefer earning a living by working for large organisations, feeling financially safe and secure within them, and they also offer potential progress towards positions of responsibility. Although you love freedom, security is also important, allowing relaxation so that you can enjoy your freedom. Wealth and possessions also attract, as you greatly enjoy spending and luxury possessions.

There is an innate sense of fair play and justice; and your manner is open and frank, possibly too direct, blunt and abrupt at times for some; but your comments and observations are usually quite accurate. You tend to make mental intuitive leaps,

bypassing rationality and logic steps; but sometimes you are too quick jumping to conclusions about things, and then resist changing your viewpoint - even when it is incorrect. You may have an inventive mind, perhaps quite original in content through verbal or literary expression, and this will often closely reflect your moral values and beliefs. You can be an entertaining talker; and although you may not be too knowledgeable about all themes, your mind has an ability to piece together information fragments so that you sound quite informed.

Haydn Paul) (contd.)

Home and family evoke sentimental reactions, and you can have an image of self-sacrifice for their benefit, although you want appreciation for your actions. You can express fixed and assertive opinions at home; and while you attempt to create a free, liberal atmosphere, this can lead to some conflicts, especially if your ideals or presentation of personal views tend to become a little extreme. You need mental stimulation and a variety of social company, and this can create a restless pattern of physical and mental activity. Your partner needs to understand your need for freedom, sharing your diverse interests and not attempting to limit or restrain you.

You may not always be fully honest with yourself, especially due to tendencies for emotional self-deception; self-enquiry may reveal two sides to your nature, one bright and amiable, the other broody and insecure. You can be an abstract thinker, idealist not realist, inclined towards stubborn, dogmatic and fixed ideas; in later years your interest can veer to philosophy and religious concerns. You have an 'interest in death', and often have intuitive feelings or prophetic insights which you note but may avoid trying to explain or understand, preferring to ignore them. The alternative approach is to pursue and explore your inner psychology and man's spiritual heritage to gain a deeper understanding.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Sagittarius individuals feel they have the right to be free; to be the intellectual authority; to be acknowledged and appreciated as noble and deserving.

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If your attention focuses on wanting others to acknowledge your intellectual superiority continually, your intellect may inadvertently become pompous and self-serving. When this occurs, your communication might become directed only toward proving your moral righteousness. Indulging in the Sagittarian need to be recognized for a broad mental perspective may bring a focus on one area of perception. Then you might demand to be at centre stage, whether you deserve it or not, 'spouting off' ideas in that area. Thus, you may unknowingly alienate others by insisting that they agree with you. As a consequence, the base you could effectively expand on is lost when you refuse to add

their factual input into your calculations.

When others do not agree with your conclusions, your vitality diminishes, and you may lose contact with the Sagittarius ideals and sense of humanity. If you need others to acknowledge you as noble and deserving, you may inflate your words of action. This may distract you from putting energy into accomplishing the action itself.

### Dynamic

When you focus on inspiring others, you can effectively listen for the areas in which they are asking questions. This enables you to share relevant insights that can be appreciated by the other person. You have the ability to use your intellect to help other people by demonstrating your capacity to see their lives from a broader, more optimistic viewpoint. When you share those beliefs that enhance other people's levels of self-trust, you can effectively expand their faith in themselves. This automatically brings about acknowledgement and appreciation of your intellect.

The awareness of yourself as part of a larger brotherhood can enable you to express your perceptions spontaneously in a loving way. This enhances the situation for everyone and increases your vitality and well-being. Consequently, you experience pride and a sense of responsibility as your reward when you use enthusiasm to recognize the significance of others and to bring out their importance.

(Sydney Omarr)

### Sagittarius Females

The Sagittarius lady is an idealist; honesty and frankness are key words. She is loyal; her love is a very real thing and she doesn't want to make light of it. This is a noble lady; when she makes up her mind to do something, it gets done, despite often overwhelming odds. Her decisions are swift; sometimes impulsive actions cause her difficulty. If you want this lady, you must stress integrity. Respect comes first - then love grows, at least as far as she is concerned.

She must always have a goal in front of her; it could be an overseas journey, a book she is going to write or read, or any ambition; but the future must be there before her: she is not one to live on past memories or scrapbooks.

This woman is proud, refined; she is sensitive, often disturbed by comparatively minor matters. Don't attempt to pressure her: it is best to let her decide, to make up her own mind, to take the initiative. She is fiery in temperament; her outlook is universal, philosophical. At times she does go to extremes. But if you are able to win this lady, you will have attained a great deal. Her assets far outweigh her faults.

A Sagittarius woman is exciting, yet gives the impression of being shy. She presents a challenge. You want to know her, to have her express her true feelings. In other words, this woman is difficult to resist! One important hint is this: be honest - state your business, your intentions - don't attempt coverups, false promises, statements. Another hint is that this lady appreciates the outdoors and sports, and is drawn to men who are kind to animals.

She will bring out the best in you and will try to earn your respect. The Sagittarius woman is something special. Study these hints and apply yourself. She's worth the trouble!

### Sagittarius Males

If you are the kind of lady who wants only to stay indoors, then you had better forget the Sagittarius man. He is open in his nature and he likes to be out in the open. He wants to share things with you: his likes and dislikes, his hobbies, interests, hopes, aspirations. This is a man who will make you know you are a woman. And he'll make you live up to it!

This man dislikes petty persons; he will help you to grow and will expect you to be a big person. If you do not succeed, his initial attraction may turn to revulsion. The best hint is to follow your true feelings, even your intuition. By being honest, even impulsive, you can win this man's sympathy and understanding.

Basically, this man is trustworthy. He may not always do things in the way you expected, but he gets them done. He keeps his promises. You can feel secure with him. During a time of emergency, he acts. He thinks quickly; he is fiery in temperament and has a knack for seeing the situation as a whole. Often, he does not take the time to explain his actions. These are the times when you must have faith in his judgement. It would be a mistake, for example, to nag, to question, to doubt, to undermine his motives.

Sagittarius men do not pull their punches; you can trap them but, if so, they will withdraw to such an extent that you will be left more alone than if you actually were alone.

Sagittarius men want to learn: by reading, experimenting, questioning, travelling, writing, examining, probing. If the kind of life you want is a 'sit still and be quiet' kind, then the Sagittarius man could only make you unhappy, and vice versa.

You catch him with color, charm, wit; you intrigue him by asking fantastic questions. You make him lose interest by being too conventional in your outlook, ambitions, aspirations.

This man wants companionship; he wants to share his experiences, adventures. By all means, stick to your views, your individuality. He may appear to be a rebel - but the one quality he admires in a woman, above all else, is independence.

(Skye Alexander)



People who have their Suns in Sagittarius are generally jovial, friendly, fun-loving souls who know how to have a good time and never take life too seriously. Optimistic and future-oriented, you don't let problems or disappointments get you down for long. You quickly put failures behind you and immediately start planning your next great adventure or million-dollar scheme. Never satisfied with just getting by, you want to do things on a grand scale; to make it bit and live life to the fullest.

Your glibness, self-confidence and positive attitude make you the quintessential salesperson, and you could sell running shoes to a cheetah. However, you lack the organization and perseverance to see projects through to completion, and are much better at starting things than completing them. You tend to overestimate yourself, and often promise more than you can deliver. Consequently, you might earn yourself a reputation for being unreliable. You rarely get anyplace or finish anything on time, and are usually over budget. Somehow, though, things work out in the end - Lady Luck seems to smile on you - and despite your irresponsibility and rather cavalier attitude, it's hard to stay mad at you for long.

Your quick wit and ready humor make you a much-loved companion, and you lift the spirits of everyone around you. You tie together the mundane and the cosmic in unexpected ways, and help us laugh at ourselves and the world around us. You have a vivid imagination, and may seek to enhance the monotony of daily life with fantasy. However, you sometimes try to avoid reality through escapism, and may be unwilling to assume responsibilities such as earning a living, paying your bills, committing to a relationship or taking care of your children.

(Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

A Sagittarian partner may use the home and the family in the same way that a racing driver uses a pit-stop, calling in for food, fuel, a change of clothes, a new cheque book, and then off again. It also seems to take a Sagittarian quite a while to work out whether he actually wants a relationship or not. When he decides that he does want one, he then has to work out which of the many candidates for his attention will actually claim him. Sagittarians vary quite a bit in their attitudes. Some are relaters who want nothing better than to be in the middle of a happy family unit, while others are really better off alone, travelling lightly across the world, floating backwards and forwards between their parents, friends, assorted loves, sometimes spouses and pets. These free-spirited folks need to be able to take off in a fishing boat for a few days at a time, to spend the evening drinking and gambling with friends, or to crash out on a beach somewhere. My daughter's Sagittarian friends send her cheerful, optimistic, jokey letters and postcards from all over the world. Many of those who do settle down with a partner choose one from some far-off, exotic location where the family background and lifestyle is very different. Many Sagittarians seem to spend their lives on the brink of travelling to their spiritual home, which is located, as far as I can ascertain, somewhere in the middle of

Australia!

The more settled types of Sagittarian are easy-going, pleasant and helpful. These subjects may not be strong personalities, but they are very loving and extremely kind. Sagittarians hate to see an injustice, and will try to intervene in family quarrels in order to put things right. However, they can be too ineffectual to do much to change things. These people need a strong and reliable partner who has a lively brain and a mind of his / her own. Sagittarians won't make many demands upon a partner, and will not grumble too much if left at home while the other half travels or pursues a career. So long as there is give and take and trust in the relationship, these subjects can survive most things. Sagittarians can't always deal confidently and efficiently with severe problems, but they do their best to help, and they won't walk away just because the going gets tough. If they love someone, these generous people will give the partner everything they own and they will work hard to make the home a happy and comfortable place in which to live. However, if a Sagittarian finds himself in an increasingly difficult situation, he may be so powerless to change things that his only means of coping with it is to escape. One wonderful story which was told to me by a friend typifies the behaviour of this sign. Apparently my friend's mother had not had a pleasant marriage and, therefore, when the time came for the youngest child to start working, she arranged to go abroad and work as a contract nurse. The family came home to find a note on the kitchen table which announced 'Dinner in oven. Gone to Bermuda. Back in three years.'

Sagittarians can be very eccentric. Their values are spiritual rather than material, and they don't stop to worry about what the neighbours might think. I have known more than one Sagittarian who, when asked out to dinner, takes her own food and even her own saucepan and spoon! These people can be very disconcerting to those who are not used to their kind of behaviour. They follow a peculiar kind of logic, and try to go through life without putting other people to any kind of trouble. They can be too outspoken for many people's taste because they don't hide their feelings. However, their honest and direct approach ensures that they are never two-faced.

Sagittarius is a Fire sign, which means that these subjects are quite strongly sexed. They are also adventurous and experimental in all areas of life, and this carries over into their sex lives as well. Sagittarians are not afraid of sexual adventures, and they love to try anything new. They hate to think that they may miss out on anything, and they are prevented from feeling foolish or getting hurt by their ability to put everything down to experience. Sagittarians may be unfaithful when young, although this is not done in order to punish or humiliate their partners: it simply reflects the fact that they don't take material or bodily matters very seriously. The thing which counts most for them is friendship along with the experience of love and sex. Later on, some of these footloose people settle down and make quite reasonable partners. By then they will have experimented enough sexually to know what works best for them, and the whole business gets relegated to the background of their lives while they get on with other experiences which they find more interesting.

Even later in life, they can do without sex altogether, taking up something like archaeology, religion or growing rare orchids instead. One thing which is worth pointing out is their sense of amazed loss and their genuine grief when someone else makes use of them and subsequently moves on, leaving them behind.

Sagittarians can take or leave wider relationships. These subjects are friendly and goodnatured, and would far prefer to get on well with in-laws, aunties and a new partner's children than live in an atmosphere of rancour. However, if it doesn't work, the Sagittarian doesn't blame himself; he simply writes this off as one of those things and steers clear of awkward relatives. Sagittarians are very broad-minded and absolutely nonracist, so relatives who are mixed in colour, race or religion are viewed as a blessing rather than a curse. The only ones they really can't stand are those who are stupid or gratuitously unpleasant.

As children, Sagittarians cause their parents very little trouble. They are out of the house almost as soon as they can walk, visiting friends or relatives, or getting involved with school activities. They escape most of their parents' wrath simply by not being there; and many Sagittarian children have what amounts to a second family somewhere else in the neighbourhood. Sagittarius children are not particularly clever or remarkable, but they may do well if they are allowed to look after animals. Quite a number of Sagittarian children show an early talent for entertaining others or for sports. They have very enquiring minds and will want to travel away from home as soon as they can.

As parents, Sagittarian subjects are kind, loving and interesting; they will do all they can to teach their children, and they will not leave questions unanswered. There is a danger that their children may have to take on the role of parents at a rather early stage in life, especially if there are severe difficulties to be coped with. Many Sagittarian parents can't cope with the reality of life with children and, therefore, do best if they can afford to send them off to school as weekly boarders or share the chore of bringing them up with other relatives.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Challenge is important in a fulfilling Sagittarian life. When an achievement is accomplished, Sagittarius soon begins work on the next one. The compulsion to set new targets and meet them is so strong that it can become all-engrossing, with present activities being skimmed because the eye is always on future plans. Sagittarian enthusiasm, optimism and zest for life are second to none, but must be controlled. The worst fault, restlessness, can be a severe problem, for Sagittarians don't always see projects through to the end.

Natural excitement and enthusiasm can feed the innate Sagittarian tendency to take risks, which can become real foolhardiness, especially when young. Developing their

inherent intellectual powers will enable these people to avoid unnecessary risks. They should also cultivate a more philosophical outlook. If their natural exuberance isn't controlled, it will become boisterous. Their enjoyment of life and sense of humor are charming but can sometimes get out of hand - they should remember that practical jokes are rarely funny for their victims.

One of the dual signs of the zodiac, Sagittarius gives versatility, which may contribute to the Sagittarian tendency to move too quickly from one task to another, or to be involved in too many things at once. Greater satisfaction will come from steadily working through one project towards the next, which, after all, they can ensure is as different as possible.

This sign confers breadth of vision and the ability to assimilate quickly what may be a complex situation. However, these people are not usually good at coping with detail, which bores them. In ignoring the minutiae, they can run into difficulties, so they should always read the small print.

No true Sagittarian can cope with claustrophobic conditions (they must have a room with a view, for instance), particularly within personal relationships. A possessive, suspicious or jealous partner will not last long: their independent spirits won't tolerate any restrictions on personal freedom.

Sex is greeted with customary Sagittarian enthusiasm and exuberance; when they are very young, a possible partner's sexual attractions can be irresistible. With experience they will look for other qualities: someone whose intelligence at least matches their own, and with whom they can be friends as well as lovers.

Enthusiasm is a wonderful element in any child, but in young Sagittarians it can be so generous that it needs to be channeled and not frittered away. Similarly, boisterousness may need to be calmed. The parents should discover as early as possible in the child's life where his or her true interests lie. There is tremendous potential here, but it must be properly led (without the child's knowledge). Achievement will feed enthusiasm, whether in class, on the sports field or during out-of-school hours. Sagittarian children find it difficult to obey school rules, but aren't blind to reason; and any sensible restrictions will be accepted. Their reading and language skills should be encouraged from an early age.

As parents, Sagittarians are admirable: they respond in a lively way to their children, encourage their interests, and help them build up good libraries. However, it is vital that a Sagittarian mother doesn't sacrifice her own interests entirely to those of her family but tries to set time aside for herself. No matter how much she loves her children, their limited conversation is not always sufficiently engrossing; restlessness is certain if she has no means of escape. Ideally, new projects should be started as soon after the birth of a child as possible.

In career, once again, challenge is essential; and boring, repetitive work must be

avoided if at all possible. Environment is also important: small, stuffy offices or crowded workshops are equally intolerable. Acquiring money is not in itself very important; Sagittarians usually manage to find it when necessary. Hard-earned cash is more likely to be spent on study, books and travel than on impressive material possessions. A spirit of adventure (not always physical) is important; work which takes these people out of their own environment is good for them. Taking short cuts to success can lead them into serious errors, usually because they haven't attended to enough detail.

## Sun ☉ in 8th House

(Haydn Paul)

One important tendency in the psyche is the deep impulse to move beyond existing boundaries, barriers, limitations and restrictions. It is an expansionary drive that seeks the experience of an intense union which dissolves the parameters and constraints of the separate self.

This impulse can be disconcerting and disruptive, agitating within your personality, manifesting as an undefined inner pressure striving for release, and often displaying its presence through compulsive fascinations, unconscious motivations and an ambivalent reaction to life; there can be a simultaneous desire to taste life as deeply as possible or to withdraw from external life involvement.

Underlying this is a need for reconnection, to touch a deeper centre of your nature that is magnetically attracting you. Your emotional and feeling nature is especially responsive, and due to inner conflict may become a battlefield that is opening you to experience greater life intensity. This may not be easy, as it is probably your relationships that become the source of contention; and as those inner pressures increase, they will strip away the veneers of control and self-image previously imposed upon these relationships. In the stark light of emotional anguish, you may become aware of unresolved areas of your nature, negative emotional patterns and unconscious tendencies that require cleansing, releasing and healing. Yet it is through such experiences that your lighted path can be discovered. By these unconscious patterns rising to the surface of your life and consciousness, you have the opportunity to use painful experiences in a positive and transformative manner, even though one result may be a phase of difficult relationships. If this has occurred, then the message is pointing you towards personal change, and such experiences are serving as catalysts for an expansion beyond your present limits.

You may become interested in deeper self-understanding, and through your need for this begin to search in the realms of psychology, religion and occultism and commence your spiritual quest to discover your holistic centre. This attraction to the mysteries of life

is associated with the 8th house; and your solar path of development will lead towards such realms. Areas of social taboo can particularly fascinate; and you may become interested in techniques that require the application of a focused will, such as magic or creative visualisation.

The exploration of your sexuality may assume a high profile, as that is one way to gain experiences of emotional and physical intensity. Much will depend on your reactions to the issue of life intensity, whether you wholeheartedly embrace its potential or whether you feel afraid of exalted and heightened feelings and senses. If fear dominates, through unease about moving beyond existing boundaries, then you may choose to resist deeper life intimacy and reject the potential transformation. However, if you persevere in daring to explore the scope of life, your inner experience can become enriched and those pressures dissolved through conscious self-expression. Relationships may then become less a battlefield and more a foundation for progressive growth and enjoyment of life, as you succeed in transforming your need for union into positive life enhancement, instead of passively allowing yourself to be dominated by the consequences of inner storms.

Another sphere within this 8th house dimension is related to investments, legacies, law and resources. Your path may be helped or hindered by family relationships, especially through the potential of legacies and personal partnerships. If the Sun has challenging aspects (square, opposition), then there may be more difficulties occurring, which can frustrate and restrict you, so care may be needed in respect of marital and legal disputes. If the Sun has harmonious aspects (conjunction, sextile, trine), then you may have better fortunes if involved in family legacies, business, partnerships, financial transactions and speculation; but be cautious if you feel the impulse for greater expansion, and ensure that you carefully investigate and evaluate your plans and options to assess their viability. Fortune may arise from utilising your personal contacts, and through the sharing of resources in joint endeavours. Ideally, you could use any financial success to increase your potential for greater life intensity and inner abundance, rather than allowing money or possessions to act as a substitute for a life meaning and purpose.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the Sun gives strength, independence, endurance, and great potential power, which can show forth in the outside world as success in business, politics, the arts, or in any arena. There is the ability to sense what will work and the courage to act on it. There is also an ability to manage others with skill, though that skill may sometimes appear somewhat Machiavellian.

Unfortunately, along with these powerful gifts this position also brings emotional isolation in some form. In youth, they were usually socially isolated in some way, the ego undergoing difficult tests of the loss of love, death of loved ones, undue restriction, social ostracism, possibly even institutionalization, or a combination of these, at an early age,

and often alone, without loving counsel. Rather than destroy the ego, this usually works to crystallize it, strengthen it, forcing it to feed on ideas, fantasies, on religious truths, or plans for the future, giving it great potential for the adult years of power.

These people seem complete unto themselves, cool, self-reliant, and secure within their own abilities; but they will always be vulnerable, deeply craving affection and commitment, and more or less terrified that they will never find it. In their own isolation, it is hard for them to see the need and vulnerability of others; and they may be capable of terrible coldness, and even cruelty, to those who need them. They may latch onto one person who they hope will give them all they crave in the way of emotional sustenance and commitment; but this can be neurotic in intensity and lead to an agonizing breakup. There may be a number of such relationships.

A woman with this position tends to choose a partner whose need is even greater than hers. Often, though, she will eventually come to resent her partner's dependency, not realizing that it was her own need to be needed that prompted her to form the relationship in the first place.

A man with this position will yearn for a partner who seems to be emotionally secure, often someone with more money or social position, one with a powerful or well-to-do father, or who is older and more successful in her career; or the well-kept mate or lover of a successful man, whom he will woo with all his power. These relationships usually have a hard time in reality. He may dedicate much time and effort to winning her (or him), then back out at the last minute out of fear of the emotional or financial demands of the relationship. Should the object of his dreams actually turn to him and begin to reveal an ordinary neediness of her own, he may even begin to hate her.

Death, imprisonment, and / or exile may mark the life; if not directly, possibly through someone else. In a group, they tend to stand apart in some way, isolated from the rest by fate or by choice. In their isolation, they are vulnerable to the intrigues or enmity of groups, and can be made into scapegoats or patsies, suffering condemnation, ostracism or worse for doing the same things that others do with impunity.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: An 8th house Sun indicates that the question of personal worth through partnership is central. The experience of being with someone - not just interacting with the person, but truly merging - is an experience so important that everything else pales in comparison. You plug into life-energy through trusting relationships. Faith in your partner parallels belief in yourself; choose the wrong partners and you short-circuit your growth. The 'right' partner will work with you to achieve a state of union. The surrender is not to each other, but to something mutual, and more profound than either ego. You'll know you're on the right track when togetherness is accompanied by the feeling that you are more and more your true self. The challenge is to be productively connected - not

dependent, yet not separate; linked in trust while still honoring your own path.

Transformation: Approach transformation with your whole self. It's not a process you can flirt with, for when you undertake this path, the essence of your life-direction changes. It's like a solar eclipse. The lights of your universe temporarily go out - not something to be undertaken lightly. If you can't die well, you can't live well. You didn't come to the Earth to live one life; you came to live many, in sequence, each built from the ashes of the one preceding, and all within a single lifetime, within a single body. An ordinary life is not for you, so don't try to create one - it can result only in the suffocation of being buried alive. You need to live in the flow of the extraordinary. Forget normalcy; go for the gusto.

Sexual merging: The psychological release of sexual union is central. Orgasm opens the door to the cosmos, especially that achieved by a steady increase in emotional and physical stimulation, one where you momentarily lose track of who is penetrating whom, where maleness and femaleness lose their distinctions, where lover and beloved merge together into a different sort of creature, something more than human. It's a release that may be fuelled by biology, but is consummated in spirit. Needless to say, this is most effective when your heart opens, when you are with a partner you truly love. During sex, focus on the center of your being, and flood yourself with warm, inner light.

Focused intuition: Intuition brings out your divinity. The tools exist innately within yourself; they merely need to be brought into play. You can see into anyone you're willing to focus on, for your radar is strong. The pitfall is your tendency to be overwhelmed by what you pick up. You may have difficulty distinguishing between your subtle perceptions of others and your own experience; and this can be confusing. The challenge is to act on what you sense, without concern for its origin. Check out your hunches. Push for full clarity. The benefits will be heartwarming.

Shared assets: One level of your life-purpose involves the management, responsibilities, and benefits of money, property and possessions. There is no clear way to tell from the Sun's placement alone what your monetary circumstances are, not what your characteristic reaction will be; the sign and interplanetary aspects must be considered for that. What we can know is that your circumstances and reactions directly influence essential fulfillment. You may have power you apparently didn't ask for, or you may lack power you desperately want; but in either case, the power of shared resources will eventually be yours. The pitfall is failing to see how many people you affect. The challenge is to own this power fully. Use it consciously, however you choose to 'spend' it.

(Robert Pelletier)

Fulfilling your destiny requires participating in public affairs and serving the needs of others, even though it means making sacrifices. If you turn your strong desire nature to providing dependable public services, you will be amply rewarded for your efforts. A



career in medicine, psychology, research, crime detection, insurance or financial guidance might be suitable; and you can earn a comfortable living in these areas if you accept the responsibilities. Your parents will encourage and support you until you are established in your career. Examine your moral and ethical standards, for nothing erodes your gains so quickly as taking liberties with legal guidelines. Misrepresenting your ability to perform the services that your career requires will undermine your credibility. When you agree to provide a service for someone, you are in that person's debt until the service is rendered.

Your position is unique because you are so sensitive to people's failings and needs. You also understand that you have a need responsibility to others, because they tell you their problems, knowing that you can help them, and of course you can. Make certain that your profession allows room to grow and expand the services you give to those who need them. As you grow and develop, your earnings will increase and bring you financial independence.

Romantic affairs and self-indulgent activities may divert you from getting established in your career. On the other hand, your desire for pleasure and freedom to enjoy yourself with your loved one and children may be so intense that you will make the necessary sacrifices in your early years. Such a sacrifice would indicate that you are willing to accept the challenges of responsibility. Contact with well-to-do people may motivate you to rise to the highest degree of competence in your field. If you give the best service, you can charge accordingly. Your friends may provide opportunities during your training period; but they may demand favors when you reach your goal. Money is very important to you, but you enjoy knowing that you are making a worthwhile contribution to the people who depend on your services.

An effective salesperson, you easily convince people of the value of your services. They are impressed by your ability to carry out your promises; and they learn to depend on you. Be wary when you are asked to give away your talents, as often happens in a social gathering when people assume that it's all right to ask favors of you. You may have to steer the conversation elsewhere or suggest that they contact you in a different setting. In your desire to serve others, you sometimes do more than you should, which doesn't allow them to solve their own problems. You should serve in an advisory capacity and help people when they truly need you, but you should not take on their responsibilities. Be alert to the danger of becoming so greedy that you accept jobs for which you aren't qualified, simply because of the money you can make.

You demonstrate your best qualities when you stimulate people to capitalize on their own resources. This gives you an opportunity to repay any debts you feel you owe society for the benefits you've gained in serving the public. This applies to your partner, who values your talents and supports you in your endeavors. Your mate must share your desires. If you maintain high ethical standards, you can't lose.

# Moon ☾ in ♋ Cancer 27° 44'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

## Static

You may have an impulsive tendency to trample on or ignore the feelings of others when you habitually seek to fill your emotional needs first. If you indulge in the Cancerian world of self-centred emotion, it may be difficult to see beyond your own needs to the solutions offered by others for emotional balance. Wanting others to pay attention to you can lead to feeling crushed if you are rebuffed. This can result in a negative self-image, of feeling unable to create positive and nourishing emotional situations in your life.

## Dynamic

When you take responsibility for creating the emotional closeness you need, you may notice that the methods you have been using do not work. The truth is that others cannot provide your fulfilment because you already have a surplus of emotional fullness. Your lesson is to empty your own cup first so that it can be refilled. You can do this by discovering the other people who exist in your universe.

After first choosing to sacrifice your emotional demands, you can fill the cups of others by discerning their needs for self-confidence and by encouraging them to assert their feelings. When you give your attention to others and fill their needs for personal closeness and empathy, you find yourself experiencing the tender intimacy and security you want.

## General

You have a basic insecurity and fear of needing to be taken care of by others. You fear needing someone else's sympathy to survive. There are active subconscious fears of sustaining a physical injury or handicap that might prevent you from being able to take care of yourself; or you fear becoming too old to take care of yourself of having to rely on family members to do things for you.

Such fears lend urgency to your need for an emotional 'parent' figure to rely on for protection and care. Thus, family is extremely important in this incarnation and is subconsciously related to basic survival. This insecurity results in unhealthy patterns of manipulation through dependencies, clinging, and controlling family members by being overprotective.

The lesson here is to enjoy the nourishment of intimacy and empathy without

accompanying debilitating bondage. To do this you must learn to rely on authority within yourself. Tendencies to cling need to be redirected to 'clinging' to goals and ideals that are larger than your personal life. Then the sense of dependency will shift to depending on yourself to hold true to your goals and ideals.

Since you are learning that there is a 'higher authority' you can rely on to take care of your needs, you are able to release family members from these debilitating dependencies. In this way you open yourself to experiencing true intimacy and loving closeness because the clinging attachment has been replaced by an atmosphere of freedom, support, and confidence in your family member's ability to achieve great heights and to take care of him- / herself.

(Tracy Marks)

If our Moon is in Cancer, coming to terms with our lunar needs is particularly important, since Cancer is the sign of the Moon. Our basic well-being is therefore dependent upon our connection to our lunar source. If we were either deprived or over-indulged as children, we may have become excessively attached to food, home or nurturing figures who cared for and comforted us. When we are in touch with our needs and feelings, we may be inclined to: a) eat or seek oral gratification; b) expect others to cater to us; c) cry incessantly, either in self-pity or in an attempt to compel other people to be more responsive to us; d) cling to people or possessions; e) withdraw into a private world. An alternative pattern is to seek vicarious satisfaction through compulsively nurturing others. It may be easy for us to become helpless little girls or boys or even Big Mommies or Big Daddies, but difficult to experience full satisfaction or to respond to others in ways which do not infantilize them but instead respect their integrity and individuality. If we have squares or oppositions to our Moon, we may have erected powerful defences against our needs both to nurture and to be nurtured, and may as a result experience psychological or physical (often related to the stomach, uterus or breasts) problems which require us to learn to care for ourselves more fully.

Our Cancerian Moon suggests that one or both of our parental figures may have been maternal, protective and empathic, capable of internally perceiving our needs and satisfying them. However, if our Moon is afflicted, our lunar parents may have unconsciously been influenced by their own unmet needs and encouraged us to remain helpless and dependent upon them for gratification. Such parents are frequently martyrs, doing for us what we needed to do for ourselves, or paying excessive attention to their own emotions and physical ills in an attempt to gain from us the sympathy and consideration which we ourselves may have needed to experience.

As a result, we may have learned to give ourselves internal messages which lead us to feel sorry for ourselves, to indulge our pain, to expect too much from others, or to become overly attached to food, home, loved ones or other external forms of security and gratification. One of our most important tasks may be that of fully mourning the

symbiosis our inner child never had or inevitably had to relinquish as part of maturation. We may have to experience the depth of our needs to nurture and be nurtured, and as adults to establish patterns of behavior and interaction which fulfill those needs without catering to them. Our lunar lessons may also include: a) contacting and communicating our real needs and feelings; b) building an inner foundation of security; c) overcoming behaviors based on helplessness or which use helplessness and neediness as weapons; d) learning to support the adult as well as the child in other people, and to love without possessing; e) devoting ourselves to self-nourishment rather than giving undue attention to giving and receiving in relationships.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Cancer takes himself seriously, feels he is 'destined' to fulfill a certain role, and is loyal to family tradition, or at least to family members. He may battle them himself, but will brook no interference from outsiders. He must think of how outsiders feel, think, react.

There is 'unconscious' selfishness evident. The native appears to feel that others are too sensitive to accept favors or show appreciation. The astrologer should attempt to make him see the situation as it exists and to see persons in light of their everyday problems. The Moon here depicts one who seems, somehow, to believe that others truly understand what he means by some kind of osmosis. The native should be taught greater respect for hard, cold facts, including the economic ones. He needs to be taught to have greater interest in what others think, feel, need, hope, dream and aspire to accomplish.

The native reacts inwardly; he takes a kind of fierce pleasure in brooding, pondering the 'toughness' of the world in general and his associates and friends in particular. His family and security mean much - but he often appears to do everything in his power to endanger his chances of success. He is a puzzle, but an interesting one - he wants to know himself and the world. He is creative, sensitive, strong in the belief that he is 'special'; but he seems fated to wander in many directions. He wants comfort in his home but tends to complain if things go too smoothly.

The native, a bit like the Sun in Leo, needs an audience, wants to impress others and requires recognition, but is suspicious of the source once it is received. He can do more to harm himself than any enemy would dream of doing.

His need for a creative outlet is evident: he would make a good writer, painter, one who deals in an unusual manner with liquid, food and the thoughts of others. He can be found in news, advertising and public relations, and in affairs connected with security, marriage and real estate.

He is a complicated individual, although he will deny it, insisting that he is simple and

easy to get along with if only others would understand him. The astrologer's job is to make the native play his part in the role of understanding - including family, finances, and members of the opposite sex who want to receive as well as give a feeling of well-being. The Moon in Cancer is sociable, emotional, changeable, and sensitive to the point of being psychic.

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon rules the sign of Cancer, and this emphasizes your experience of deep emotional intensity. One likelihood is that as childhood conditioning influenced the development of your later adult personality and behavior, you will have stronger connections to parents and your current domestic or family life than do people with other Moon placements.

Your foundations exist in emotional depths, so you have a great need for security and stability within anything that evokes emotions and feelings. Relationships need to be reliable, trustworthy, and relatively predictable, in actuality as well as in appearance, because you possess a degree of psychism that operates on feeling levels; if a partner is unhappy and discontented, even if this is not openly communicated, you will feel it through the subtler senses. Excessive absorption of others' moods and feelings, both positive and negative, will influence your behavior and state of well-being. This will probably register through the stomach / solar plexus / heart area of the body, and you may be advised to psychically protect yourself from all external and unwanted influences.

As most of your life is conditioned by deep feeling responses and childhood behavioral patterns, you will benefit from a greater understanding of them. Look especially toward your mother's influence on the formation of your values, attitudes, and beliefs. Review existing memories related to emotional suffering - those about which you may still brood - and look at any unresolved emotional wounds; note how you often overreact to others' personal comments, how you tend to imagine 'what they think / feel' about you; and explore the fluctuations in how you relate to people. Observe how you evaluate others and experiences through emotions and intuitions; realize how your attitudes, beliefs, and values are connected to emotional biases; see the emotional power shaping your major decisions, and how your reactions are generated by emotions.

You may experience emotional instability, ranging from denying needs to emotional possessiveness, dependency, and suffocation of intimate partners and family. Accepting the needs of Moon in Cancer is vital, as they will persist through your life. Only an understanding of how they operate within you will diminish the compulsive unconscious nature of much of their activity. With greater clarity, you should perceive these patterns activated within you, then choose how to respond more consciously, instead of simply allowing the dominance of automatic reactions.

You need to love and be loved, to experience a deep contact between yourself and partner or family. Allowing this will strengthen your sense of security. Excessive dependency should not be indulged, because these traits will make you too vulnerable to others' inconsistent behavior and liable to emotional manipulation. Your tendency to retreat into an inner shell should be modified, so that it does not prevent expanding your social activities or releasing personal potential beyond a restricted familiar environment. You need greater self-confidence to move beyond challenging situations and make new progress, instead of remaining within repetitive habitual circles.

(Skye Alexander)

You are highly emotional and very sensitive. From day to day, your emotional state fluctuates noticeably, and you might discover that the Moon's changing phases affect you significantly. Unless many of your planets are in air and / or earth signs, you may 'wear your heart on your sleeve'.

Inclined to let your heart rule your head, you can have trouble making rational, detached decisions. Actually, your intuition is quite keen and you'd be wise to trust it. You have the ability to tune in to what other people are feeling, and are quite psychic.

Security is of primary importance to you, but often you feel your life has no inherent stability. Thus, you may attempt to find security in external things: family, country, money, your home, traditions. Your family provides a sense of belonging, as does your country on a larger scale. Your home offers protection from the dangers of the outside world. Because you fear being dependent, you can be overly concerned with having money, and believe wealth will bring you the security you desire. Or, you may look to your partner to take care of you.

At the centre of your universe is your family; and your children are your pride and joy. Naturally maternal and nurturing, you adore all children, not only your own, and are a strong supporter of the traditional, nuclear family.

The emotional attachments you form are strong and binding. You cling tightly to other people and it is almost impossible for you to separate your own needs from theirs. This is especially true in the case of your partner and / or children. This Moon position symbolizes the archetypal mother, but your tendency is to be a 'smother' to those you love. You are willing to devote yourself entirely to your loved ones, but your love is not unconditional. You never want your children to grow up. With partners, you can be every bit as possessive and jealous as someone who has Moon in Scorpio. Even friends and employees are seen as part of your extended family, and you expect their complete loyalty and dedication.

Because you feel vulnerable and defenceless, you sometimes imagine threats to your security that are not real. A difference of opinion or lifestyle can seem downright

dangerous to you. For this reason, you find it hard to tolerate individuality and diversity - in your family, workplace, city or country - and tend to view others as being either with you or against you.

Both the Moon and Cancer are associated with the mother, and your mother is very important to you. Regardless of your age, it is unlikely that you've severed the umbilical cord. Your tie to her can be either positive or negative; even if you were orphaned at an early age, the loss of your mother is a significant, underlying dynamis in your life. If you live near your mother, you probably see her frequently; if career or other demands take you far from home, you undoubtedly miss her greatly.

Your own role as a parent is very important to you, and you are protective, nurturing and devoted to your children. However, you may have trouble seeing your children as individuals, and need to guard against thinking of them as extensions of yourself. You also worry too much about your children and can be overly protective of them.

Providing nourishment to others is one of your fortés; you are probably a good cook, or at least enjoy cooking. The 'Jewish Mother' cliché certainly describes you, and you demonstrate your love for family and friends by feeding them. You enjoy having family and friends over for dinner, and no-one goes away from your home hungry. You also like to eat and appreciate fine food. However, you must guard against a tendency to use food as a substitute for emotional nourishment, and try not to overeat when what you really want is love and attention.

Going out on the town doesn't appeal to you much; you'd rather stay home with your family or partner, and prefer that others comes to visit you. You especially like to celebrate holidays in your home. Your home is important to you, and you want to own the nicest one possible. Your home serves many functions for you: security, status, stability; a place where those you love can gather. Because permanence and family traditions are important to you, you'd probably like to continue living in or near your childhood home even as an adult, if possible.

Since Cancer and the Moon embody one of the female energies, women usually respond to it more easily and express it in a more obvious manner than men do. Women with this placement enjoy being mothers and homemakers, and are comfortable in traditional female roles (unless they also have Aquarius or Aries prominently figuring in their charts). They show their emotions openly and are able to empathize with others' feelings.

Men with this Moon position may project this energy onto the women in their lives, and might seek mates who provide them with the maternal nurturing and emotional support they desire. You may attempt to find a substitute mother in your partner. Like the woman with this placement, you are a devoted and protective parent, but are less likely to reveal your feelings. Frequently, the man with Moon in Cancer attempts to satisfy his needs for

security by working with a large, established company where he can feel he is part of a bigger family.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

Maternal, sympathetic, but sometimes patronizing, you naively trust your feelings, but you are apprehensive in matters outside your control.

Your sense impressions are very accurate, but you do not often act upon them. Your mind is meditative and your reactions are slow and uncertain. Sensitive to outside influences, you pick up negative vibrations from others; this can make you moody and unhappy if these feelings spill over into your personal relationships. You hide your true feelings and strong emotions under a hard shell.

You have a great deal of placid affection and passivity that results in a special love for home and family; this is your primary attachment. You are inclined to gentle, peaceful, romantic love rather than grand passion. This position of the Moon promises a very deep and strong bond with the mother. If the umbilical cord is not severed in time, relationships may be problematic.

You are very intuitive and overly sensitive to outside influences; you sense conditions, both consciously and unconsciously, and are often psychic. You are easily imposed upon, and when this happens you feel a deep resentment.

You love your home, and you always need a home base to retreat to; yet you often travel and make changes in your life. Your domestic, nurturing nature likes to take care of others, and you are very understanding of their feelings.

The Moon in Cancer is thrifty, economical and careful with property and money. You don't like to see these misused or wasted. Artistic, creative and dramatic, you have a natural flair for music, poetry and dancing. Your love of home and family can also express itself in true patriotism.

In a man's chart, this placement of the Moon can be a bit too emotionally sensitive. In looking for a partner, he is attracted to a woman who is more mother than mate. A woman with the Moon in Cancer is easily hurt and tends to dominate the home situation.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is the planet which rules Cancer; therefore it is quite at home here. The Moon rules the inner person, therefore like those who have the Sun in Cancer, your reactions to people and places are very strong, and this will automatically be taken into account in any decisions which you make. Your feelings are very sensitive, which means that you link in very quickly to other people's feelings to the point where you can feel whether



they are unhappy or in pain. You can sense a 'funny' atmosphere as soon as you walk into a room. Unless there are very conflicting forces on your chart, you should have the usual Cancerian ability to listen sympathetically. In business, you would have an instinctive feel about a deal which was about to go wrong - or go right!

The negative side of this coin is over-sensitivity. Like the other feminine water signs of Pisces and Scorpio, you can take things too personally, brood, sulk and shut yourself off from others. They say that Cancerians' moods change with each tide, but this is an exaggeration. Women with the Moon in any of the water signs will be very susceptible to period problems and hormone-related mood swings. The very worst aspect of this placement is that you may indulge in emotional blackmail by shutting off from others and sending out disapproving vibes. On a very bad day, you might be beset by feelings of paranoia or the kind of envy which would make you behave in a thoroughly resentful manner. You can also be over-critical and fault-finding on occasions. This kind of behaviour is rare because you are much too kind and thoughtful a person, far too receptive to the needs of others to be this unpleasant for long.

You have the ability to adjust yourself to your surroundings and fit in fairly well with other people (water signs find their own level). You may complain about the situation you find yourself in, but you will make the best of it and will often find a way of changing and manipulating the circumstances to suit yourself. Remember Cancer is a cardinal sign and the Moon represents one's instincts. Your instinctive reaction is to put things right and create a better atmosphere. Some people are starters and others are runners; the ability to initiate projects and / or to see them through would depend upon a variety of factors in your birthchart, but your instinctive reaction is to set things in motion and then encourage others (or find someone else) to see them through. If you are really stuck for an answer to your problems, you can always look a bit pathetic in the hope that someone will take pity on you and help you solve them.

You are considerate towards others, especially your family, whom it would be almost impossible for you to desert - you would only do so under extreme duress. I think that you would try several times to put things right before giving up on them. You have patience with children and young people, and are probably very fond of animals. You are not entirely selfless; it is only when you are settled and satisfied that you can relax and give sustenance to others. Your greatest requirements are for emotional security, for example through a partner you can rely upon, harmony in the home, and friends who help build up your confidence. Lack of confidence in your own abilities and feelings of relative worthlessness are your worst enemy, and it's these that can make you feel jealous and resentful towards others, often quite without justification.

You like children and enjoy having them around you, and are not only good to your own children but kind to other people's as well. However, you greatly resent having other people's children being dumped on you. Your gentle inner nature responds to the vulnerability and honesty of children. You may remain a bit too close to your own

children after they have grown up, or you may want them to be independent but find that you can't get rid of them! Alternatively, your own mother may continue to smother you long after you have grown up! It may be quite difficult for you to forget your own childhood as you have a slight tendency to live in the past.

You react to any difficult situation by worrying. You genuinely worry about your family; also money, health, the state of the nation and the imminence of nuclear war. There is a tendency for you to attract parasitical people who hang themselves on to you and make demands upon you. This is most evident among those of you who have your Sun or Ascendant in a steady Earth sign or an enthusiastic Fire sign. Fortunately for you, you are astute enough to be able to spot these types coming and to off-load them far more easily than, for instance, a soft-hearted Moon in Pisces person could. When you care for someone you are very good to him / her if he / she is ill; being kind and sympathetic, you can become worked on on his / her behalf if you think that he / she is being hurt by someone else. Unfortunately, unless there is a lot of strength elsewhere on the chart, you won't actually do anything practical to help.

You might be sensual but you are not greedy. You don't have a large appetite for food; you prefer small amounts that are very well cooked and presented. Your sensitive stomach may reject spicy foods. (One Moon in Cancer friend tells me that he cannot eat raw onions.) You probably enjoy good wines, but there is no evidence of this Moon placement leading to overindulgence. You could be a good cook yourself, but this will depend upon other factors in your birthchart, and also upon your lifestyle. You hate scenes and rows, and are easily upset by harsh, discordant noises. You can put up with any amount of chaos around you at work, but you need peace and harmony in the home. You may have the Cancerian trait of collecting things, ranging from valuable antiques to junk. You don't like losing anything - or anyone.

Your senses are all strong, especially that of hearing - you really hate discordant noises. The senses of smell, touch and taste are well-developed, and you could be long-sighted. Sexually, you absolutely come into your own. The whole concept of an experience which involves all the senses plus love and affection is just too much for you to miss. Being basically kind and thoughtful, you should be a considerate - even a practised lover. The fact that you are the faithful type possibly mitigates against much variety in sexual experiences. Two of my friends who happen to be married to Moon in Cancer subjects tell me that their partners are good lovers.

You enjoy the company of new people and visiting new places, but also you have an attachment to old ones. You enjoy gossiping almost as much as your Gemini cousins do. You have a habit of observing the behaviour of others as a form of self-protection. Being emotionally cautious, you are slow to fall in love and open yourself to the prospect of hurt and rejection. Others may fall in love with you because you have an immediate understanding of their problems. You seem to know others psychically. If the one who falls for your sympathetic attitude expects you to go on and solve his / her problems, he /

she may be disappointed. This rather depends on your Sun and rising signs.

Being cautious, you may react in a slightly hostile manner towards new people. If you have something very outgoing, such as Sagittarius, on your Ascendant, there will be an open, confident attitude; however, the caution will still be there hidden away underneath. You are basically honest both with your money and in most other senses; you can be trusted in any kind of confidential situation and with any information. However, one less pleasant attribute is that you can occasionally display a touch of smarminess, flattering those whom you wish to get around or out of whom you wish to make capital. This is a successful ploy in most cases, but it won't wash when dealing with people who are particularly perceptive.

You can be slightly mean in small matters. This peculiarity also applies to the Moon in Pisces and Scorpio. My friend Linda tells me that she gets annoyed when her children waste toothpaste and she saves the last bits of used bars of soap, jamming them together so that they can be completely finished off! Both solar and lunar Cancerians find it hard to get rid of anything. Once in a while you decide to turn out the cupboards only to put almost everything back again. There is too much sentiment attached to your junk for you to be able to throw it out. You need a base to operate from; therefore, not only your home but also your office are important to you, and you don't want these to be disturbed or 'cleaned-up' too much. Unless there is a strong dose of Libra or Virgo on your birthchart, you are not over-fussy about the appearance of your home; you could make a home anywhere.

Your likes and dislikes are strong. You also have courage in odd places where others lack it. For instance, you are adept at asking questions, probing, finding out what makes people tick and keeping up-to-date with the local gossip. You are not above giving a gentle form of 'third degree'.

Lunar Cancerians have a long memory; therefore, you can hold a grudge if you are hurt, but you also remember those who have helped you. Being rather sentimental, you like to remember birthdays and anniversaries and you feel peeved if yours are forgotten. Your intuition is very strong, and this may just be a helpful tool in everyday life, or you can actually be drawn towards psychic work of some kind. Quite a few lunar Cancerians have paranormal or psychic hobbies. Because you can be trusted with secrets, you could work as a psychic consultant of some kind where you have to listen to people's confidences. You like the countryside and really love the sea. If a Cancerian Moon is very prominent in your birthchart, you could choose a job on or near the sea. Another of your interests is the past. You may study history or collect things which have been around for a long time such as antiquities.

In relationships, you play the part of parent and may take an over-responsible attitude to others and try to organize them too much or dictate to them too much, or play the child hoping to be forgiven for bad behaviour just one more time. This too many jump back

one generation, and you may be on the receiving end of this behaviour rather than dishing it out yourself. It is natural for you to worry about those about whom you care. If backed up by other planetary factors, you could be a blamer and complainer in a relationship - this would be especially true if there was a strong Pisces factor somewhere on your chart.

Unless there are other factors on the chart, such as an emphasis on the sign of Libra, you will be a hard and conscientious worker. Your inner nature leads you towards the kind of job where you can be helpful. Many lunar Cancerians work in hospitals, in schools and with the elderly; others are attracted to the world of business. Some of you are drawn towards the field of antiques, rare coins, stately homes or genealogy. Insurance may attract you because of its 'protective' image. Many of you retrain later in life if your original career ceases to be viable or if you find that you lack certain qualifications which would help you to get up the career ladder. Many solar and lunar Cancerians run small businesses, shops and small agencies. Being good with your hands, you could work as a plumber, carpenter etc.. Lunar Cancerians make excellent teachers too.

You will not stand in the way of a partner who wants a career; in most cases, you are only too willing to see him / her get on, and you will help if you can. Your sensitivity means that you could make a good salesperson or business executive, personnel manager or counsellor. Politics may appeal, as could accountancy. Most of you have a theatrical side to your nature, and might be drawn to the world of entertainment or sports. The drawback to this is the irregularity of work and the general uncertainty of this field. Being a worrier, you would probably be happier in a secure job while singing and dancing during your time off. You would be a good partner for a very go-ahead person, but you haven't really got the stomach for high-risk or slightly criminal ventures.

The Moon in this position suggests that your mother gave birth to you easily. Your parents' home will have been comfortable, and the relationships there will have been pleasant. The chances are that you are the eldest in your family (although this is much more likely if the Ascendant were in Cancer). The background and history of your family is important to you, and you may try to trace your family tree. The family may travel a bit, taking you with it, but there is no evidence that you moved home a lot. Mother may have been traditional and ordinary, but possibly over-protective towards you.

This Moon position suggests strong health with good recovery from illness and operations. The weak areas associated with the Moon in Cancer would be chest, breasts and stomach, but the Moon is not the most obvious indicator of health in a chart.

You are very much in tune with your body; therefore, you would feel pain almost before something began to go wrong! Unless the Moon is very afflicted and there are other very important factors on the birthchart, there is no reason to suppose that you are any more susceptible to the dreaded disease of cancer itself than any other sign.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The Moon is always the third most important factor of a birth chart; but because it rules Cancer, its influence is considerably increased when placed in this sign. The well-known natural defensive system, which is such a prominent characteristic of those with a Cancerian Sun sign, will be equally - if not more powerfully - present. Defensiveness will be the immediate reaction, not only when the individual is challenged, but also in less threatening situations.

The emotional and intuitive levels are second-to-none, and those with this placing should learn to trust in and rely on them - their instincts will not let them down. However, it is important that you look for other practical, down-to-earth indications in the chart, so that these marvelous facilities can be controlled and not allowed to dominate in a negative way.

The Sun or Mercury in an Earth sign, for instance, or perhaps a trine aspect to Saturn from the Moon itself, would be of enormous help. Such a stabilizing influence is necessary because, in addition to a powerful intuition, there is plenty of imagination that, triggered in a negative way, can be expressed through worry.

When worried, the individual will tend to think that the very worst has happened. He or she may not necessarily have a depressive outlook, but apprehension over loved ones can cause these powerful responses to build up out of control. For instance, if a child is unexpectedly late home from school, the subject will soon imagine that there has been a serious accident. Nevertheless, both sexes tend to make excellent and loving parents.

From a physical point-of-view, the digestive system will be upset by worry, and it is frequently the case that those with this placing have very sensitive skins, whatever their ethnic coloring. Caucasians will quickly turn beet-red in the sun, while the other races will find it difficult to get rid of even quite minor scar tissue. Protection from the sun, and additional care over cuts, insect bites and so on, is absolutely essential.

The past is a frequent subject for reflection and nostalgia; and the subject's childhood background may be allowed to dominate his / her outlook on life. Coming to terms with the attitude and treatment received from parents, whether that was beneficial or difficult, may take longer than for other Moon sign placings.

The family instincts are very powerful indeed, and these people often have to face problems when their children have grown up and want to leave home. Such an occurrence runs contrary to much that is of instinctive and genetic importance to them. At such times, they will have to call upon other, more forward-looking, areas of their charts to help them through any period of emotional and physical readjustment that is needed.

The Cancerian tendency to hoard is another strong instinct for the subject with this placing. As a result, clearing out the resulting clutter can be a chore that is avoided at all costs, perhaps because hoarding such items adds to the individual's much-needed sense of security.

There may be quick changes of mood, which can frequently be disconcerting for loved ones to witness. Women with this placing may suffer in an above-average way from premenstrual tension, but should try hard not to let it dominate their lives.

The face is usually round, with a quite literal moon-like shape and glow to it. When the Moon is placed in Cancer, no matter what its house, it can influence the individual's facial expression: a tiny frown-line may appear between the eyebrows.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in Cancer is in the sign of its rulership, indicating depth and intensity of the emotions. There can be strong ties to the mother, the family, and the home. Natives with this configuration may be good cooks and homemakers and concerned parents. Domestic security and marriage are important for their emotional wellbeing.

Individuals with the Moon in Cancer have a sensitivity to the moods and feelings of others that can border on the psychic; their extreme sensitivity to others' opinions and reactions may lead them to imagine slights, even when not intended. Consequently, they are inclined to withdraw and brood.

If the Moon is afflicted in Cancer, there may well be excessive emotional instability and a tendency to smother the children with love, to the point of wanting to dominate their lives.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a caring though potentially clinging soul. You have the need to be safe and secure with Other - but this could become dependent and suffocating. You have the instinct to make home and family - but there can be a restrictive resistance to the unknown. Your mother is seen or expressed as being very maternal, but could be emotionally manipulative.

You naturally respond towards Other with a strong urge to make him / her feel he / she belongs and is cared about. You respond to Other's emotional situations with great sympathy and support. You respond in a hospitable and congenial manner that puts Other at his / her ease.

Your inner child reacts with hurt and sulks if Other should fail to appreciate your

subjective idea of what an emotional relationship should be like; by swamping Other with the attention that you need rather than the space that he / she needs; and in a cloying and overly sentimental fashion, in an attempt not to feel threatened.

You gravitate towards Others who need mothering or supporting in an emotional way and / or who tie you to the home; Others who act as a mother figure to you in that they look after you instinctively; and romantically-minded Others who seem to be one or more of your dreams come true.

You can get caught up in relationships which lean on you with little thanks, recognition or return, thus forcing you to be more self-motivated or selfless; in being overly dependent on Other, who eventually wants his / her own space, and so then rebels; and in situations where you have mistakenly put all your eggs in one basket, so that you have to learn to cut your losses.

When you are alone, it is usually a highly unpleasant experience for you, and so therefore something which you try to avoid at all costs. This is because for you life means always having someone close to you, be it a whole family or one Other in particular. You simply do not like being alone, and can often limit or undersell yourself because of such a need to belong. Being alone is rather like being a little bird who has been tossed out of its nest by a cuckoo. But should this highly unwelcome situation come upon you, it will be because your self-diminishing neediness has reached a critical point where those needs much be looked at for what they are, and why they have come to rule your life so much. In 99.99% of cases, it will be something to do with your mother. She gave you either too much or not nearly enough - and so you would have to find a way of breaking those ties and being more, but not too, emotionally self-sufficient.

You take yourself very seriously, as a person to be reckoned with. You feel that you understand others and that you deserve to be understood yourself; yet you frequently feel misunderstood. Things are very clear to you; your intuitions are powerful, and whether right or wrong, they convince you utterly and are likely to control your actions. Sometimes your hunches are way off track, especially if emotions are involved. You regard your inner nature as something precious, to be guarded from the 'slings and arrows of outrageous fortune'; and are all too likely to think the slings and arrows are aimed at you when no-one else in the world is even thinking about you. You exude a desire to be understood, to be loved - also, to understand, and to love, if you have objectified your approach, which you must do if you are to be happy or successful. Your tendency is to withdraw, to meditate; and meditation often turns to brooding, brooding to depression. Activate your sympathies by becoming interested in others. Deserve their understanding by acting so that they can understand with approval. Forget yourself, your emotions, your reactions; harness your instincts to other people's problems or to creative work in business, science or the arts. To use, to become, to prove, to love must replace in your nature the deep tendency to be content with to have, to be, to know, to expect. No doors are closed to you when you have turned your understanding outward to the

world - and no doors are open to you when you turn it exclusively inward. Know your self first, through pain and struggle if necessary; and once you know it, don't brood about it; get to know something else.

(John Townley)

You have a very sympathetic nature, and you are always willing to listen to someone else's problems and sorrows. While you are young, you may be very involved with people who are in emotional difficulties, which can be a great drain on your personal strength. As you get older, you learn to avoid such people even when you are attracted to them.

The best way to handle this problem is to take a middle road, if possible. You will derive great satisfaction from helping and comforting a troubled lover, which is fine as long as you can avoid letting your partner's problems take over the affair. In a balanced relationship, you can be a refuge for your partner without becoming a doormat.

You may find that you are often involved in several relationships at once, not because you want variety but because you are so unwilling to let go of a relationship that is finished. Old lovers tend to linger in your imagination, which can get in the way of current involvements. Once you have established a relationship, although the quality and nature of your love may fluctuate considerably, it will never die.

(Robert Hand)

Because Cancer is the sign most strongly connected with the Moon, you can be very strong and secure emotionally. Being close to your mother is especially important, and you need a lot of love and affection from her as well as from others in your family. When you're older, you'll be very good at giving the same kind of support to others and taking care of people in need. Even in youth, you may do this with your friends or younger brothers; and you probably like to play games in which you pretend to be the mother or father. Later in life, you may play the role of parent to many people.

Feelings are more important to you than logical thinking, which seems cold or boring. You get very attached to certain ideas, points of view and even objects, for reasons which others don't always understand. They don't realize that if the things you care about are not worth it, you will find out for yourself soon enough.

You are easily hurt by criticism, especially if you feel that someone is criticizing you rather than your actions. It's not that you are weak or fragile, but that you are unusually sensitive to other people's feelings. You often know how they feel before they say anything; and you care very much how they feel.

(Arlene Robertson)



The Moon in Cancer is the strongest position of the twelve, for here in its own sign it operates freely with no contradictory, defeating or frustrating characteristics to diminish its natural function. The best placement is in the fourth, where it performs with undiminished power.

You with the Moon in Cancer respond to daily life on a highly emotional basis. All the commonplace events filter through your instincts; and much of what occurs is unconsciously linked with past conditions as far back as childhood happenings. More than any other sign, you, the Cancer native, were shaped and molded by your early experiences. As a child, you absorbed the atmosphere, whether pleasant or unpleasant, loving or no-loving; and these instincts are a deep part of your adult responses to life. Any unfamiliar emotional events may cause much stress and unhappiness, for you do not know what to tie them into from your past.

You are, consciously or unconsciously, psychically tuned in to others, picking up their reactions, moods and feelings. Sometimes this ability can be helpful in understanding them, but at times it can be overwhelming, so that all their hurts and pains are absorbed as your own. Your greatest instinct expresses itself freely in your desire to care for others - your children, your mate, your family, your friends. Whatever their problems might be at the moment, they are assured, in talking with you, of a warm, sympathetic response.

You long to have your loved ones close by so that you can reach out and touch them, hold them in a snug embrace. For a woman, such closeness can often be exaggerated into rampant negativity. There is the familiar sight of the mother who clutches onto a grown son, discouraging his attempts to break away and function on his own. She may often substitute his presence, his companionship, for that of a husband lost either through death or divorce. Or she may enlave a daughter, keeping her in bondage to insure against the loneliness of old age. The negative part of the Cancer Moon is unable to face being alone, bereft of family. This type of woman may resort to all kinds of subtle or overt manipulation, including financial ones, to bind the son or daughter to her until she dies.

The Cancer father, while he may not depend on such emotional extremes, is often deeply loving of his daughters, and may find it difficult to accept their departure from the household when they marry or strike out on their own. But for you, the Moon in Cancer person, whether male or female, these energies can be used positively to maintain the family circle in a close, rewarding relationship.

Because of your love of home and familial history, you hold onto possessions, collecting memorabilia about the family, old photographs and letters, which you carefully tuck away in a safe spot. You are wounded and upset at any well-meaning tactful suggestion that you weed out and discard some of this accumulation. These mementos, links to the

past, represent a necessary part of your emotional security. You are also frugal, able to construct something out of very little. Women are especially adept at creating decorative pieces, and often manufacture articles out of bits and pieces that a Moon-in-Virgo person would have long since thrown out. In a choice between spending money for luxuries or family activities, you choose the family activities with no hesitation. This frugality, however, does not necessarily carry over into food, for you love cooking and serving bountiful meals for your family and friends. Whether male or female, this is your way of telling them how much you care.

Your home is your retreat, your sanctuary, your refuge against a brusque and heartless world. Throughout your life, it will be extremely important to you. Many times you will not care to leave it for the pleasure of traveling. Being in alien surroundings, strange motel rooms and unfamiliar beds does not appeal to you at all.

If you are a female, you look for a mate who will enthusiastically share your love expression and who is as much of a homebody as you are. You need someone who can reinforce your efforts to beautify your home, often with do-it-yourself projects - sewing, needlework, handwoven rugs, canning the vegetable crop, painting the kitchen, building a garden walk - and who will understand your dedication toward making it a place of beauty and serenity stamped with your personality and individual touches. You would be miserable with a husband who didn't care about the furniture arrangement, was bored with your discovery of an antique bedstead, cared nothing about gardening, and was inept at household repairs.

If you are a male, you desire a wife who expends her energies in the home, who devotes her time selflessly to you and the children, cooks superbly, and delights in planning family get-togethers. While you appreciate and love her for her womanly qualities, you would definitely discourage her from any participation in the women's liberation movement.

Your emotional security depends on allowing your feelings to show. When you feel like crying, you cry. When you are depressed, you withdraw and sulk. Whatever your emotion of the moment might be, you allow it full sway and always expect your loved ones to respond and understand what you might be experiencing at the time. You vitally need such reaction, for you seek emotional expression in love - in a warm giving and receiving, hugging, kissing, handholding, cuddling the babies - all very physical, all very real.

(Isabel Hickey)

Too sensitive. Must not react to feelings of those around them: subject to moods. Easy-going and sociable. The need to mother others very strong. Everything experienced held in feeling memory. Introverted on subjective levels. Conservative. Operates in a deliberate social way. Can be carried away by tides of emotions. Far too sensitive in

response to environment. In a male chart, would attract a feminine more mother than mate.

## Moon ☾ in 3rd House

(Haydn Paul)

Communication and thought patterns will be influenced by emotions; and attitudes, values and beliefs are derived from the bias. This can be displayed when making rational decisions, yet the decision has already been made by your dominant feelings, or within intellectual disagreements when rational thought dissolves into a passionate and emotional defense of a personal viewpoint.

One area of difficulty may lie in establishing consistency of thought or concentration, as the lunar fluctuating nature may result in changeability, and lack of persistence and application. Repetitive routine bores you; and regular changes of mental stimulation are needed to satisfy your curiosity for knowledge. Information is required, as you feel it helps to satisfy your security need, almost believing that the more you know about the world and people, the safer you can feel. Absorbing this knowledge will be a task that attracts you throughout life. This, associated with a retentive memory and imaginative abilities, may provide a source for opportunity and exploitation, especially if you continue to develop your talents for communication and literary abilities. You may have a tendency to fantasize and enter daydreaming states. This could be applied in a more concentrated, imaginative focus for creative expression.

Your environment and relationships will play an influential role in your life. While you may be capable of adapting to various types of environment and relationship, this is achieved mainly through a process of reflection and remolding your nature to accommodate changes. This can be through adopting the worldviews of those closest to you as your own and then reflecting them out again. The demarcation lines between yourself and intimates dissolve; and your thoughts and attitudes become indistinguishable from those of whoever is a major influence at that time. You may imaginatively project yourself 'into others', and instinctively sense whatever they are feeling or thinking. This derives from an emotional need to feel connected in life, both through discovering knowledge and through empathic relationship.

Your experience and perception of life is conditioned by the state of your feelings, emotions, and instincts at any given time. These deep emotional complexes are the source of your decision-making, even though you may try to disguise this by logic and justification. If your life is not satisfying and fulfilling, no decisions, aims and relationships are failing, be advised that self-exploration can bring clarity regarding the emotional biases which are secretly shaping your life.

Identifying the roots of your attitudes may enable wiser future decisions. Transforming any negative complexes would be extremely valuable, and is likely to release considerable blocked energy when healing has occurred. Holding onto negativity is foolish and will spoil your life; moving toward a more positive outlook will improve life. Learn how to observe and listen to yourself in communication and relationship; signs of inner needs will be there to be realized. Recognizing them is an essential step toward being able to consciously fulfill them, instead of failing to recognize your own messages to yourself.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

The Moon in the third house gives a hunger for self-expression, and for community and an easy give-and-take relationship with others. Without afflictions, these people express themselves easily and early in life, choosing their words carefully with attention to the effect on their audience; and are natural and spontaneous in speaking to groups. Usually humorous and entertaining, they are not inclined to reveal themselves or their inner workings, but aim to communicate by means of stories, anecdotes, and jokes. If they are artists, their works will show this, plays and novels being a series of episodes. If teachers, they use anecdotes to get a point across.

They are usually pleasant companions, rarely putting pressure on others. They are very sympathetic and understanding of the human condition. Throughout their lives, they accumulate stories of people and keep account of the sum total of valor and suffering. They are quite objective about their own place in the scheme of things, and are usually modest and self-deprecating. If the Sun is in Cancer or Virgo, or either of these two signs is rising, there may be too much modesty. They will not think well enough of themselves, or will be afraid to push forward in life, continually asking that others evaluate them.

With the Moon in Capricorn, lack of understanding can damage rapport with others. There will be the desire to entertain, but not the understanding of how to do it. Stories will be off the mark. With bad Saturn or Pluto aspects, bitterness, self-pity, and jealousy may distort their evaluation of their relation to the world. Their anecdotes will reflect this, the point of every story being how he or she 'showed them'. There may be times when their balance and good humor prevail and other times when the humor is sour and self-pitying. If other factors in their charts show a drinking problem or mental / emotional troubles, this lunar placement will intensify it.

With the Moon in Scorpio, emotions may get in the way at times, leaving them silent in groups, wishing they could join in spontaneously but finding it difficult to begin. Those with the Moon in the third house are very people-oriented. They believe in the old adage that 'the proper study of Man is Mankind'. They often become teachers, or reach part-time for the fun of it, because they communicate so easily.

Men with this Moon placement will be attracted to witty, communicative partners: teachers, writers, librarians, or students. With the Moon in Aquarius, Gemini, Pisces, or Sagittarius, they may find their partners hard to hold. Women with the Moon in these signs will find it hard to stay faithful, at least in youth. It generally indicates a talkative and / or intelligent mother.

(Bill Herbst)

**Outreach:** A 3rd house Moon indicates that you need motion and movement on a daily basis more strongly than other types. Curiosity is linked to emotional temperament; and since the Moon is strongly people-oriented, there is usually a desire to interact with others at the level of feelings rather than facts or figures. Interestingly, your maternal instincts are often directed at relative strangers as much as or more than at intimate family. It's almost as if the very sense of family becomes a function of the immediate environment. Thus, when people enter into your world, they are first approached with caution, but are soon welcomed with open arms. However, as they become less a source of curiosity and more three-dimensionally human, your interest may fade. So this placement embodies a blend of depth and superficiality. The challenge is to fulfill your needs for diverse stimulation while also providing interactive stability.

**Concrete mind:** You have a sense of cunning, a kind of 'feeling' basis for mentality, rather than the cold logic of sheer rationality itself. Needs are conditioned by the influx of information; and, conversely, perceptions are heavily influenced by emotional needs, which can be wonderful or terrible, depending on the situation. The pitfalls surround misinformation or misunderstanding through substitution of feelings for logic, while the challenge is to combine emotions and mentality into a mutually supportive and seamless whole.

**Curiosity:** There is a hunger to know, to understand; and you 'eat' information. Depending very much on your particular temperament, this can lead to profound temporary satisfaction, or it can produce an invisible 'mental indigestion', which will register in uncomfortable feelings. Curiosity waxes and wanes accordingly. When the need to know goes unsatisfied, your security dissolves; so, do everything you can to find out what interests you. However, deeper insecurity can produce a condition where nothing will satisfy your need to know, in which case you must look within for the knowledge. Distinguishing between these two conditions is a real challenge.

**Basic education:** Early education is conditioned very much by the maternal figures through whom the child forms imprints. The mother's bent shines through in the child's attitudes toward school and learning. There is real appetite for knowledge; and when this appetite goes unfulfilled, the relationship to the real world is gradually damaged, first through frustration, then through disinterest. The challenge is to learn something new every day, and this is no less authentic than any physical need such as hunger or sleep.

Communication: Speech and emotion flow together into a seamless whole, with each influencing the other. The voice is often pleasing in tone, soothing to the ear. Emotional defensiveness can be heard as well as felt. Both thinking and speaking reflect the emotion of the moment; the mind is often the servant of the temperament, directed according to the current status of your feelings. In addition, what is said feeds back to and influences the emotions. The only surprise here is that both speaker and listener are often fooled into believing that what's being offered is 'objective' data. If others want clear communication with you, be sure they understand your underlying emotional state before they interpret what's being said.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because of your natural curiosity, you accumulate considerable knowledge about many subjects. While your ability to retain information is notable, you sometimes have difficulty discriminating between fact and fiction. This is mainly because you allow your feelings to interfere with logic, which results in an emotional bias even in important matters. In your eagerness to communicate what you know, you often take liberties with the facts, especially when you want to impress people. At times you truly believe that events occurred as you have related them. Your gift of creative imagination only needs development to help you realize your goals and give you financial security for your later years. Pay more attention to your friends' suggestions for achieving your goals. You are on good terms with most or all of your friends, and you are happy to do favors for them, knowing that they will reciprocate.

Because you like people and have a talent for dealing with them, you might seek a career in communications. You indulge in much self-analysis, which has made you reasonably familiar with people's motivations. You could capitalize on this knowledge in a career that uses social contact as a tool for communication, such as writing or journalism. You easily show people that you are well-informed, and you stimulate them to enter freely into conversation with you. You should direct your attention to those who need your understanding and compassion.

Your fear of rejection and not being loved causes you to remain in an obscure position until you gain greater self-confidence. In this area, your imagination works against you. Pay more attention to others; they have their hangups and fears too. Then apply yourself to becoming proficient in your career to take advantage of every opportunity. Your most urgent priority is to get a formal education, so you can learn to use logic rather than emotion when you are faced with problems involving people. You must know as much as you can about human behavior in order to make accurate judgements. Don't take the chance that your feelings will give you the necessary information for making proper decisions.

You should not have any serious problem in winning approval from your superiors, because you are usually available for extra duty. You assume that it is your obligation to

volunteer, because you feel you must do more than others to get the results you want. In spite of this, you become defensive when superiors show an interest in you, for you suspect them of insincerity. Personal involvement with people is part of your destiny; and it is the best investment you can make to win deserved appreciation for your efforts on behalf of others. You may experience some uncertainty and anxiety about the best way to satisfy your partner's desires.

Take advantage of your natural talents to gain the security you need to feel truly comfortable with your accomplishments. This might cause some discomfort and strained relations with your parents, if they disagree with your plans. The worst thing you can do is to yield to the pressure of family ties and deny yourself the privilege and opportunity to prove that you are capable of succeeding without interference from them. Your progress and success depend largely on establishing your independence and self-determination.

While the Sun in the 3rd bursts in on the scene and wants to create an impression on the immediate environment, the Moon in this house reflects and is shaped by the surroundings. As there is the ability to 'feel' what others are thinking, those with this placement may have some difficulty in distinguishing between their own thoughts and the ruminations of others around them. At times, they may believe that they are being objective and rational when in actual fact they are reacting on the basis of some emotional complex. Situations will be coloured according to their moods and sensitivities. If they are in a positive frame of mind, then they will interpret everything positively. If they feel touchy and vulnerable, the same environment will be interpreted quite differently.

The mind is imaginative; and there is usually a retentive memory. The Sun in the 3rd house believes that knowledge is power; the Moon in the 3rd craves knowledge for the security it brings to truly know how something works. Since the Moon is associated with influences from the past, there may be a fascination for such subjects of study as archaeology, genealogy and history. This placement gives a certain adaptability to changing environments, but the mind may wander or fluctuate from one interest to another. The relationship to siblings - especially female relatives such as sisters, aunts or girl cousins - is worth examining for clues to the psychological make-up of those with this placement. Comfort and security is sought through a sibling or a relative, or they may have had to be 'mother' to others around them during the growing-up years. The actual mother may be related to more like an older sister than a parent.

The Gauquelins found that this placement confers some degree of writing talent. Unless the Moon were in an Air sign, the writing would be likely to display heartfelt emotion or describe personal memories and experiences. Public speakers with the Moon in the 3rd should be able to sway the feelings of the audience. Teachers with this placement can relate to the deeper feelings and needs of their students.

# Mercury ♀ in ♒ Aquarius 3° 26'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

## Static

By indulging in fears of losing mental objectivity, the Aquarius rational mind can become cold and detached from feeling or empathetic intuition. Thus, sensitivity to others in communication may be lost. By immersing yourself in nonjudgemental objectivity, you can inadvertently alienate others with a brittle barrier. Fear of losing a detached concept of universal love can bring on abstract and thoughtless retorts to the personal communications of others. This may keep people at a distance.

## Dynamic

When your attention focuses on making personal connection with others, you can become aware of their sensitivities. Recognizing the individuality in others enables you to apply the ideal of universal love. You are able to establish a connection for communication that allows others to share these unique ways of perceiving life. This is done by opening yourself to experience mental empathy with others. You experience ease in getting your point across when your ability for objective communication is tempered by an awareness of both the point of view of others and their emotional sensitivities.

(Skye Alexander)

Ideas come to you as bursts of insight. Mentally hyperactive, you never stop thinking and have a great deal of trouble slowing down to meditate or rest, for your thoughts are always racing in a dozen different directions and tripping over themselves. You tend to think and speak in fragments, rarely taking time to sort out and organize the profusion of ideas that flash on and off in your head. This is the position of the inventor, the scientist, the person who sees connections that others miss. You may have trouble, however, bringing your ideas down to earth and applying them in practical ways.

You are always looking to the future, and your ideas and attitudes are usually ahead of their time. Others may think you are a little bit crazy, or at least eccentric. Certainly your concepts and beliefs are out-of-the-ordinary and uniquely yours. You take pleasure in being unusual, quirky and avant-garde, and enjoy provoking more traditional people with your unconventional attitudes. You have no patience with the 'old ways', and little respect for the past. But because you never look back, you fail to learn from history and others' mistakes.



More egalitarian than most people, you judge others according to what they know, not what they own or who they are. You believe in equality and fairness, and are willing to stand up and speak out for what you believe. A humanitarian, you are concerned with the plight of the underdog and 'the people', and may be something of a social reformer. However, your interest is purely theoretical and abstract; regardless of what you say about equality for all, you really think that you are just a bit superior and more knowledgeable than everyone else.

You love to rebel against the system; to support causes and ideas that are controversial, revolutionary, unpopular or simply ahead of their time. However, you are an idealist and often forget to take into account the real-life complexities and underlying dynamics that surround the structures and attitudes you are attacking. Outspoken, irreverent and undiplomatic, you might find yourself frequently in trouble with authorities. You hold strongly and stubbornly to your beliefs, regardless of what others think, and will argue your point endlessly. Nothing pleases you more than a good debate. Something of an evangelist for your ideas, you want to convert everyone else to your way of thinking. Your technique is rarely subtle, though; and your abrasive, haughty attitude can put off as many people as it attracts.

Insatiable in your thirst for knowledge, you learn eagerly, and like to impress people with what you know. At times, you come off as a know-it-all. Because you grasp concepts so quickly, you can be impatient with others who need more time to absorb and process information. Your interest in anything new and different, unconventional or controversial might cause you to pursue such fields as computer science, electronics, aerospace, astrology and metaphysics.

Talkative and gregarious, you enjoy sharing ideas with others and probably have numerous friends and / or associates. Although you are quite sociable, you can be rather aloof and cerebral. You like to talk with others, but tend to keep conversation focused on generalities, abstractions and impersonal topics, never revealing much about yourself other than your ideals.

A dynamic and colorful speaker, you have the ability to inspire others and to organize groups of people. Often strongly political, you are eager to spread your ideas to the public, and might put your intellectual and verbal abilities to work making speeches about soci-political issues such as nuclear disarmament, environmental consciousness and human rights. You are the type who writes to your Congressional representatives and your local newspaper; and you never miss an opportunity to express your views.

Saturn aspects to your Mercury will help focus your thinking and make your ideas more practical. Venus aspects can soften your abrasiveness and increase your diplomacy.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Aquarius indicates a mind that is open to new experience. The ability to see things in the light of impersonal truth gives a mind that is truthful, unbiased, and objective. To people with this position, the truth must come first; they have little concern for traditional or socially acceptable ideas if these conflict with facts or first-hand experience. Here is the secret of their originality. Because of their impersonal objectivity, these people are not easily surprised by anything they may see or experience. Thus they can accept things others would find unnerving or incomprehensible.

Mercury in Aquarius is in its exaltation; consequently, these individuals have the ability to know that reason exists as a patterning of the Universal Mind, of which the individual mind is but a submechanism. Thus, Mercury in Aquarius manifests its highest intuitive faculties through communication with the larger Universal Mind, transcending the individual ego. The ability of the natives to experience extends beyond the five physical senses. Because Aquarius is a fixed sign, the mental energy is stabilized and concentrated, so that it is capable of receiving ideas from the archetypal realms of consciousness. Some have the ability to perceive the mind itself as an energy field and its contents as energy patterns. People with Mercury in Aquarius are likely to be telepathic.

The direct experience of higher states of energy also gives scientific insight into the workings of material manifestations. Natives see reality as it is on the microcosmic level - a pattern of energy pulses in motion. Because Saturn co-rules Aquarius, there is good mental organization and concentration, often leading to mathematical ability, which is one reason why this position produces scientists.

The ability to see things in broad terms promotes humanitarianism and concern with the spiritual unfolding of humanity. This is an excellent position for astrology and all forms of occult study.

People with this position of Mercury like to function in conjunction with others; hence they become involved with group and organizational work. They seek mental stimulation through friendship.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The mind is quick, and the individual usually has considerable originality, especially in opinions and ideas. There will be an intellectual approach to problems, and dynamism, most apparent when communicating with others. However, he or she can be stubborn and perverse, and perhaps slightly hysterical under stress. Nervous tension can cause problems, and it may be hard to unwind (either or both are likely if Mercury is negatively aspected by Mars or Uranus). Consistency of effort must be developed. The subject is usually very friendly and helpful, with the quick mind necessary to assess problems succinctly and speedily. Unusual studies or hobbies often fascinate, and there may be an attraction to the deep past or distant future. The Aquarian humanitarian traits are

present, and the subject may do well when raising money or bringing injustice to light. Creative ability can also be increased if shown elsewhere in the chart.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, then in the blending of originality of thought with Capricorn conventionality, a burning need to be an individualist (where ideas are concerned) may clash with love of tradition and the Capricorn need to do the 'right and proper thing'. It is to be hoped that such problems will be resolved when the individual comes to terms with his or her personality. The ambitious Capricorn will use an original approach to achieve objectives, but progress may be erratic - as is the case when the subject is studying. This placing adds a lively spark to the sometimes rather serious Capricorn. There is considerable objectivity, with the ability to detach the self from personal problems.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, then while considerable originality is likely, stubbornness and often perversity are present; and under extreme circumstances it can be hard for the subject to accept that he or she is being difficult. This group is usually at the forefront of its generation; but as individuals get older they can be reluctant to reassess opinions, so tend to fall behind the times. There is great objectivity, personal detachment, friendliness and helpfulness; but Aquarian unpredictability will be spiced with unexpected statements and opinions. Flexibility of mind must be developed.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, then Piscean emotions will be countered by the ability to think objectively. The subject can be detached from his or her feelings, so is not usually overwhelmed by them. Natural intuition is also controlled by more logical thinking processes. Piscean sympathy and kindness blends well with the humanitarian element of Mercury in Aquarius - help is given because it is seen to be needed, as well as because the individual is moved by a surge of emotion. The imagination is good and can be used originally and creatively, but Piscean selfconfidence needs boosting if the most is to be made of this potential. Again, Mercury will help, since it enables Pisces to think positively.

(Grant Lewi)

All your senses are keen, alert, strong and sensitive. There is a robustness about your contemplation of the real world that is not injured by a very keen sense of beauty. Your great ability is to see beauty in things without finding it necessary to deny their reality. Conversely, you make all useful things as beautiful as possible; and thus believe in the utility of art and the art of utility. Nothing real is likely to be offensive to you if it has a use; you will smell the odors of a pigsty less than others because you are thinking of bacon rather than of filth. But on the other hand, the beauty of an army will leave you cold because you will shudder at the slaughter. Your sense reactions are conditioned by a rugged and realistic approach to experience that causes you to regard everything you see, hear and touch in the light of your appraisal of its utilitarian and artistic merits; and little reaches you through the senses without passing through this nicely balanced court of values.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have an original, though potentially scatty, mind.

You see life in terms of truth and knowledge, and so are able to make Other aware of issues and factors that are powerfully influential but not obvious. You also see life in terms of both progressive and sentimental thinking; and in terms of an unusual, freethinking and non-judgemental way that allows Other to express him- / herself openly, thereby creating understanding almost magically.

You tend not to see what Other is actually feeling, because you are too busy with some theory of how things ought to be, or even how Other ought to be feeling. You also tend not to see that Other is not so far-seeing as you are, or when you are being hare-brained; and that Other cannot easily appreciate your apparently contradictory thought processes.

(John Townley)

Contemplating sexual experimentation may be quite stimulating to you, but the experience itself may be less exciting than thinking about it. But don't hold back because of that fact - all your experiments will be pleasurable and enlightening, and you will treasure the knowledge and understanding that you gain thereby.

You may be quite curious, particularly about the more unusual forms of sexual expression; but you are also cautious, and you won't jump into a situation without first doing some background research.

This may entail reading about the subject beforehand, or even watchign others so that you know what you're getting into. Puritan mores to the contrary, this can be a particularly pleasant way of enjoying sexuality, for it leaves your mind free to savor each detail without having to think about every move. This is particularly true with unusual forms of sex, which may indeed be difficult to accomplish and are better enjoyed visually, perhaps followed by easier and more natural lovemaking.

You can be quite varied in your approach to loving, because you understand so many different aspects of sexuality. Thus you can be an excellent lover for any partner you choose, whatever the style or preference.

(Robert Hand)

You think the way you want, and it is very difficult for anyone to change your mind. Once an idea or opinion is fixed in your mind, you hold on to it stubbornly. However, you look at the world with few already set beliefs, so you can see aspects of it that others

overlook. This makes your mind highly original. Also you are attracted to unusual, even fantastic, points of view about the world. You enjoy being unconventional and shocking people with your offbeat opinions. No ordinary standards of what is proper will prevent you from thinking a certain way. You demand lots of mental excitement, so old or traditional ideas are not interesting to you.

Many people with Mercury in Aquarius are very good at science and mathematics, because these subjects require thinking that is quick and original as well as accurate. Your mind is objective and clear; and you do not let your emotions influence you to do something that isn't logical. In fact, you may find it very unpleasant to be around people who get carried away by their feelings. But don't let yourself believe that you have all the correct opinions. You may cling stubbornly to your own viewpoints. But try to see the merit in other people's beliefs as well.

(Freda Edis)

Mercury in Aquarius inclines the mind to give importance to humanitarian values, and encourages a detached and objective, if sometimes impersonal, mental expression. Again, both the archetype and the shadow are apparent here. People with this combination can be original thinkers with unconventional minds, though perhaps rather rebellious and eccentric at times, like Prometheus himself. This tendency could put them at odds with more conservative types. If they feel misunderstood, they can become annoyed and excessively determined, bringing in some Uranian tyranny to prove a point. This often works against their best interests, particularly because they also seek co-operation and friendship with others at a mental and intellectual level.

If prevented from expressing themselves intellectually, or otherwise being unable to do so, these people can be badly wounded in the area of creative thought. As a result, they could become biased in speech, nervously tense and apprehensive, or, in their frustration, disruptive of others' thought processes. Like Prometheus, they need some freedom of thought to pursue their own truths, the beneficial and original results of which they can then offer to humanity; but this needs to be balanced by a concern for other people's feelings. Tranquillity and emotional warmth are qualities they could learn to develop to help them offset an overemphasis on intellectual capacities.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Ideas circulate through space-transcending media.

Symbol: A youth talks by radio to people in foreign lands.

Some astrologers believe that Mercury is exalted in Aquarius rather than in Virgo. Other accounts for the affinity between planet and sign by calling Uranus a 'higher octave' of Mercury. In any event, the sign of invention encourages the operations of the planet of intellect. Aquarian electricity provides a basis for Mercurial communications, and makes

possible the worldwide connections which are serving to usher in the Aquarian Age of brotherhood and scientific enlightenment.

People conditioned by this Uranus-ruled sign are not only versatile but also able to put their thoughts to work in practical ways. Saturn, as co-ruler of Aquarius, disciplines the mind and prepares it to hold up under the galvanic impact of Uranus. Saturn also stiffens the spine so that these individuals pay scant heed to what others may think of them. Critics may regard them as abrupt, eccentric, or rebellious. Yet they follow their own convictions and, by resisting pressure to conform to conventional opinions, often succeed in unexpected ways.

Mercurial Aquarians should circulate freely and expose themselves to new and stimulating ideas. They are at their best working with like-minded associates on a friendly but impersonal basis. It may be difficult for them to establish profound emotional relationships, but they can be at ease in groups, and are able to express their ideas lucidly and rationally. They gravitate toward the communications industries, and enjoy work connected with books, magazines, and broadcasting. Many have a talent for electronics and for handling complex scientific apparatus.

If the Sun is in Capricorn and Mercury is in Aquarius, the personality is sufficiently well-grounded to translate ideas into effective action. The temperament will be more scientific than artistic; and lucidity of expression will be preferred to the cultivation of a distinctly personal style. Such people are capable of presenting age-old truths in an up-to-date manner, rendering them more applicable to the contemporary scene. If the Sun and Mercury are both in Aquarius, the mind seeks new, more effective channels of expression. These people are thinkers, inventors, and innovators. Often they are drawn to aviation or to the theoretical sciences. Their intellects are bright and unclouded by emotion (unless other aspects interfere), and they can think rationally about controversial issues.

When the Sun is in Pisces and Mercury is in Aquarius, the temperament is more artistically than scientifically inclined. This is a fine position for a performer who communicates to a large audience via radio or television. These sensitive souls are convinced that they are different from others, and are prone to feel misunderstood. They are acutely responsive to the ideas and impressions that assail their minds.

Mercury in Aquarius has a clear-sighted and forward-looking quality, but the resultant ideas may be too progressive to gain widespread popularity. Nevertheless, time (Saturn) works on the side of the native of this sign, and in many cases he needs only to wait for the times to catch up with him. He is not likely to change his opinion; but the winds of change blow in his favor and he may be surprised to find former adversaries swinging around to his point of view.

(Isabel Hickey)

This is a good position for Mercury. The combination of Saturn and Uranus helps to steady the mind, making it resourceful, intuitive, and a good judge of human character. Keen wit. Not earthbound, but when afflicted it can be extremely stubborn. Excellent for balance and good sense. Writing and speaking comes easily to one with the mind in this sign. Usually involved with groups or organizations.

## Mercury ♀ in 10th House

(Freda Edis)

When Mercury is in the tenth house it may cause people to try to actualize their beliefs through a contribution to worldly responsibility. Those people with this placement may then choose a profession which exercises their intellectual faculties and brings them recognition. If Mercury is conjunct the MC then these people may well use their mental capacities to project on to the world an idealized image of themselves. They may want to be seen as intelligent, lively-minded and well-educated, and to place themselves in the type of work where others might appreciate and admire these qualities. Sometimes they may experience their mothers or the dominant parent as intellectually curious, mentally flexible, perhaps overly rational, somewhat elusive and not so much concerned with their emotional well-being as with their education, sense of duty and sense of community. They may also display the same qualities themselves.

The effect of Mercury in the saturnian house is shown well in the alchemical text 'The Book of Lambspring'. Here there is an illustration of the old king devouring his young son, much as Cronos did his children. For sprightly and immature Mercury to take on the responsibilities and duties of governing, he must first understand and accept those principles from the authority figure who enacts them. All early learning takes place by mimicry or identification; and the old king has a way of ensuring that his son identifies with his values. The old king then brings forth a new son, one who is capable of reigning with him. So the meaning of Saturn devouring his son is to ensure, positively, that responsibility is understood. But there is also a danger, as with any alchemical work, that Mercury is ingested for the wrong reasons - a fear of relinquishing what has already been gained, which is a negative development of the saturnian principle. In this case, the Great Work may be spoiled, and future progress halted.

The positive and negative effects of the tenth house operation of Mercury can be judged by the aspects to the planet and by the sign ruling it. People with Leo on the cusp, or on the MC, may take some time to make up their minds about executing plans in a professional capacity; but once they do, they are likely to carry them through with considerable will-power and dramatic flair. Where Libra is on the cusp, these people may view their mothers, or themselves, as capable of seeing all sides of an argument.

Perhaps they may also see them as indecisive and unable to find points of harmony between conflicting ideas.

Planetary aspects to Mercury in this placement may incline people to express their modes of thinking with difficulty or ease, depending on whether the aspects are hard or soft.

Where this placement is strong, people may have a tendency to idealize the capable, intellectual image they adopt in business and professional life. They may unconsciously take on the mercurial qualities of the mother, or the more dominant parent, not seeing how they can use their own considerable intellect to help decide on the most satisfying way of achieving some status or professional standing for themselves. There may be, also, an emphasis on gathering any kind of knowledge other than the type of self-knowledge which would lead to a sound recognition of their intellectual status and professional attainments.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position gives an extremely intense personality, particularly if Mercury is within five degrees of the Midheaven. These people are eager for the limelight, for recognition and praise. There is a great deal of pride in the self and the intellect, a great deal of ambition for mental achievement, to know a lot, to be able to speak well, always to know the right word, to express themselves accurately and with style. If Mercury is under pressure from hard aspects, there may be too much selfjudgement; no achievement is great enough. They measure themselves against others they admire, and often feel themselves lacking.

These people usually were encouraged to develop themselves early, and were taken seriously during childhood by their parents (particularly their mothers), whose standards they may still use to judge themselves and others.

This is a good position for writers or actors. If Mercury is under pressure, there may be too much nerve activity for comfort. They may exhibit nervous habits, facial tics, etc.. They may resort to drink or drugs to relieve the pressure on their nerves. They are 'wired', tending naturally to be always on the updraft. Coffee or other stimulants are not good for them because they tend to be over-stimulated anyway.

They can get on talking jags that drive companions nuts, talking about themselves until everyone is exhausted, including themselves. They should be encouraged early to translate this self-awareness and communicativeness into acting or writing. This is hard for them unless they have a good, strong Saturn, because they tend to lack discipline. They respond so intensely to the stimulation of the passing moment that they are exhausted later and cannot harness their mental energies for long-term projects.



They are witty and clever with words, able to turn a phrase to amuse companions. They don't like to be alone, and would much prefer to be surrounded at all times by exciting people. Nevertheless, it may be necessary for them to be alone from time to time for their mental and physical health, because company is so stimulating to them that they need the quiet of solitude to recharge their batteries.

They should be forewarned that their dreams of glory in youth must be exchanged for a more sober and down-to-earth view of reality, or they will awake in middle-age to a life left in ruins by their pursuit of glory and excitement, at which point they may simply give up and die young of disillusionment.

(Bill Herbst)

Collective responsibility: You may or may not be responsible, since you're changeable in your nervous orientations, but you're certainly aware of the issue. In every situation, no matter how mundane, you see the spiritual handwriting on the wall, the signature of larger purpose; and you try to figure out all the factors that must be taken into consideration. The pitfall, of course, involves spending so much time and energy in any situation calculating the greatest good for the greatest number that you inadvertently forget to act. Remember, you only need so much information before you take a stand. Your challenge is to talk to everyone about responsibility. You needn't push people, but you have a flair for delegation, for discerning each person's perfect niche in any situation. In many ways, it's your role to help others define what their responsibilities are.

Professional ambition: You think about your career constantly. However, you're often sufficiently caught up in the short-run factors involved in your career that you may overlook longer-term concerns. So in spite of your strategizing, your career moves of its own accord. You may have more than one career simultaneously, or a single career that requires knowledge from many diverse areas. In any case, the basis of your social status is mental. Any profession requires mastery of a specialized language; but your style tends to focus on the importance of information management. In a basic way, communication is your product, and translation is your service.

Missions and messages: Your thought processes are especially visible to others. When you speak or write, we are reminded of the importance of communication in human life. Your perceptions are often not your own, but come from a universal well; and what you see we all need to understand. So give voice to whatever wishes to come through your mind - give it the best voice you know how. Learn to express your thoughts, and your message will have positive effect on your life.

'Outer-link' parent: It's not that you necessarily think just like your father, but there is definitely a connection between your mind and his. What he did was stimulating to the development of your own thought-patterns. Certainly this occurs with everyone; but in your case the effect is significantly more sweeping. Your father was on the go much of the

time, moving from the home out into the world and back again. Where did he go? What did he do when he was gone? What he thought about was fascinating to you, like a foreign language of strange and compelling syntax.

Authority: Your own authority emerges most effectively through the patterns of your thinking, writing, and speaking. When you use your mind, people pay attention. It's not that you're always right, nor that you necessarily have a unique perspective, but more that the resonance of your thoughts and the way you express them has a commanding quality. The challenge is to use your mind authoritatively. Our nervous systems are sensitive to the peculiar rhythms of semantics, and it is not lost on you that words carry their own magnetic impact on people. However, in your case, the power does not finally reside in the words themselves; rather, it is you who invests them with their impact.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are very concerned with making the most of your creative potentials to achieve status before the public. You will probably choose a career that involves serving the public, for your ability to solve your own and other people's problems is your greatest asset. Because you enjoy your work, you extend yourself and obtain better results than others do in the same capacity. It's no secret that you enjoy the attention you get when you do a good job. People trust your judgement because you demonstrate high ethical standards in your dealings, and they know you won't deliberately let them down. You have a deep respect for the value of money, but you also understand the importance of basic human values in winning the public's admiration and respect. You know that you must maintain an untarnished public image, or else your progress and your material gains won't have much meaning in the long run.

Your success is based partly on the fact that you aren't afraid to ask people how you can serve their needs. You are a good listener, and they love you for giving them such attention. Because you show that you are able and willing to help them with their problems, they are happy to pay what you ask for your services. You are concerned about living up to the public's expectations, and you want to always be helpful to people who are unable to help themselves. You are not above accepting favors from friends to get established, but you must remember to reciprocate when they need help in the future.

Because of your parents' training, you understand that it is important to succeed on your own according to your own potentials. If your parents chose a career for you, you certainly resisted. You want to know that you have successfully met the challenge of your career by using your talents effectively. If you occasionally fail, you have only yourself to blame. You aren't afraid of competition because you know that it will sharpen your abilities. Your partner stimulates you to look for new opportunities and makes you realize that you must be aggressive in going after the position you want. Your progress is assured as long as your work makes new demands on your skill. You know that you

can expect little from life unless you assert yourself forcefully.

You are reasonably efficient in capitalizing on your creative potentials, and you hope that your children will take their example from you and succeed according to their own needs. Any sacrifices you make will repay you many times over later on. You know that making sacrifices is an investment that you can't afford to neglect, as your future security will attest. You are rich in ideas concerning your career, and you usually know the right time to promote them.

The worst thing you could do is lose faith in your ability to realize your goals and objectives. At the same time, don't forget those who have helped you in the past. A job without growth potential would greatly dampen your enthusiasm. Take advantage of every opportunity to demonstrate your competence, even if by doing so you reveal your superiors' inadequacies. They will respect your ability to compensate for the areas in which they are weak. You owe it to yourself and to the public to prove the value of your training by providing useful services.

(Howard Sasportas)

The qualities and principles associated with Mercury are usually reflected in the choice of career when it is in the 10th house. The work may involve writing, teaching printing, lecturing, selling, the media, telecommunications, administrative or secretarial skills, forms of manual dexterity, and the transport of goods or people from one place to another. While pursuing career and professional ambitions, they can learn about themselves and the environment. Those with this placement like to be seen as bright, intelligent and capable, and will want to be remembered by others for these qualities.

If the 10th is taken to mean the mother, then Mercury will colour the image of her. If she was seen as clever and articulate, then the child emulates those traits and tries to develop them. The mother might have emphasized the importance of a good education and the need to be intelligent and expressive in life. She also could have been experienced as fickle and changeable - not always present - as if her body was there but her mind was somewhere else. I have seen difficult aspects to Mercury in the 10th in the charts of some people whose mothers were mentally unstable. If besieged by hard aspects, this placement could indicate communication problems between parent and child and a difficulty in understanding or appreciating one another.

**Venus ♀ in ♊ Sagittarius 13° 50'**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

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

### Dynamic

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

If you have artistic ability, you probably express it in a way that shows your sense of fantasy and humor. Though you may be as serious as anyone about your art and selfexpression, you seem to have more fun with it. Whether you're writing an adventure story or designing a skyscraper, you don't hesitate to depart a bit from stark reality, to exaggerate and include a touch of whimsicality. You have a vivid imagination, and a special talent for keeping your audience entertained. You enjoy art that is bigger than life and not so harsh; in your opinion, art should take us beyond the mundane and broaden our perspective by introducing us to all sorts of possibilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Although considerable enthusiasm and lively emotions will be warmly expressed towards partners, the Sagittarian need for independence may make the individual loath to be

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

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

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this Venus influence lightens the steamy, rather heavy Scorpio attitude to love and sex, adding a need for intellectual rapport. Much will be expected of partners, but much will be contributed. Scorpio jealousy can clash with the Sagittarian independence; and a resolution of this conflict is importance. Here is a friend who needs to share interests and challenges. Investments will be enjoyed, but a gambling spirit should be controlled.

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)



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

(Syndey Omarr)

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

You are attracted to Others who are emotionally sophisticated and / or mentally informed; to Others who have an enterprising and expansive approach to life, or have exotic

connections, or are of foreign origin; and to Others who have a playful streak but have principles as well.

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

You try to be very fair and just with all of your friends, because you want everything

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

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

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

(Donna van Toen)

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

## Venus ♀ in 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 Aries 22° 44'

(Donna Van Toen)

Your energy levels are all high. Your energy type is primarily physical, raw and spontaneous. Your energy is often channeled into leading, starting things, and pioneering. You are courageous, independent and enterprising. You lack humility, patience and self-control.

This is a powerful Mars in that it provides a great deal of energy, but unfortunately there's often a lack of stick-to-it-iveness. You're inclined to leap before you look, with the result that you often find you've got too many irons in the fire to successfully control. There's a hot temper here, although normally there's no tendency to violence. However, if Mars is under heavy stress - in a Grand Cross for example - you could be a heavy drinker or a brawler. This Mars gives a slight tendency to attract cuts and burns, which of course would be more likely if Mars is under stress.

You have a healthy ego and a strong but rather hair-triggered sex drive. You are spontaneous and easily aroused as a rule. Men with this placement are often incorrigible woman-watchers regardless of their romantic status and their happiness (or lack of happiness) with same. They find the female body a turn-on. Alas, they sometimes at close range forget that love is not a ninety-yard dash, but rather a cooperative event, and there is generally no applause for coming in first! Women with this placement generally enjoy and are active participants in sex. They are also relatively creative sexually.

You want to be the dominant partner in the relationship, and you want enough challenge to keep the relationship interesting. You want a courageous but not too headstrong mate / lover. You're a spontaneous lover, eager to be involved. If your love life isn't satisfactory to you, and if relationships start well only to fizzle shortly thereafter, it could

be that you're coming on a bit too strong. Some men and women will tend to be overwhelmed by your ardor or even suspicious of it; they may mistake it for plain old lust or even desperation.

You'd probably be happiest with a mate with Venus in a Fire sign, Venus in the 1st house, or a Venus / Mars conjunction. A mate whose Venus conjoins your Ascendant might also be able to provide the kind of love you want.

You have initiative and a high energy level, although to be at your best you must enjoy what you're doing. You also have executive ability, although at times you can be a trifle domineering, which can hold you back. You fall down on repetitive jobs - when the challenge goes, so does your motivation! Some good career choices for you would be: construction in general, mechanical engineering, highway planning, sheep farming, wool processing, politics, or psychology.

You're highly motivated in the intellectual area - particularly in the field of psychology. Electronics and home computers also intrigue you, although in these fields a lot depends on your available funds. Being curious, you tend to be an avid reader; and at times books you read simply because nothing else is handy later come to your aid by providing you with knowledge you need in order to take advantage of some lucky break. Conversations and meetings - both planned and spontaneous - tend to alert you to opportunities that excite you. Speculative topics such as religion, politics, and astrology are particularly apt to motivate you to pursue them. You may get lucky breaks as a result of writing to newspapers or magazines; in fact, the field of publishing in general can be a source of good opportunities.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

## Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by aggressively refusing to accept demands placed upon you. By acting on the Aries premise that 'everyone looks out for himself', your behavior may appear rash, abrasive in exaggerated independence, and inconsiderate to others. You can lose energy and acceptance by fiercely maintaining your right to absolute independence.

## Dynamic

You can constructively interact by using independence in ways that inspire others to take the initiative. As you view your impact on them objectively, you can naturally assert your courage and initiative in ways that lead to freedom for all concerned. You can gain physical energy by considering the other person and giving that person confidence in his or her ability to follow destiny.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Mars at home in its own sign is very sure about its desires. Its passions burn brightly, and it knows exactly who and what it wants. Being cardinal, Mars in Aries likes to take the initiative, and does tend to rush at people in a way that can be quite intimidating to those who like to make decisions more slowly. The person with Mars in Aries is excited by the pursuit, however, so rejections and evasions only serve to fuel the fire. Finding it hard to admit defeat, they cannot believe that they won't get what they want, and will see the slightest ambiguity as grounds for optimism. The Mars in Aries does have a tendency to enjoy the chase more than the end result, so that they often lose interest in people once they have caught them. They are then likely to run away just as fast as they were pursuing before! Someone who wants to retain the interest of this person will need to remain always a little elusive.

People with Mars in Aries feel energized by sexual desire - even if it is not fulfilled, it will make them feel more vital and alive. Very intuitive and trusting to instinct and gut reactions, they know exactly what is right for them, and will not compromise. They either desire people or not, the second they meet them: there is no uncertainty or doubt with Mars in Aries.

The person with Mars in Aries often appears much more confident than he / she feels, and may tend to look for an identity through his / her lovers, and try to prove him- / herself through sex. These people may go to great lengths to prove how independent they are, when they are really trying to define themselves through sex. Sex, therefore, to these people can assume huge symbolic significance; and they may invest the object of their desire with almost mystical status. They are searching for a hero to fire and inspire them, to help them discover the hero within. To this end, they may have to go on a long and lonely journey, facing many difficulties and rejections before they become the truly independent individual they need to be. Life holds many hard lessons for people with Mars in Aries. They step into each new sexual involvement with careless impulsiveness, naively believing that this one will be much easier than the last, and forgetting that Aries must pit itself against adversity in order to develop strength and self-reliance.

Mars in Aries people are attracted to sharply defined individuals of strong character. They enjoy a certain amount of combativeness and competition with their sexual partners, and are often quite sharp and argumentative with those they find attractive. Sexual desire stirs up anger for them; and they often feel safer expressing anger to lovers than to anyone else. It is important to them that the other person is strong enough to handle this, and can give as good as he / she gets. There is a need for the lover to be of equal strength, and they will feel irritated by someone who gives in to them all the time, and will soon lose interest in such a person. They cannot be pushed into things themselves, and tend to despise those who can. Although they may be critical of their lovers themselves, they will fight ferociously to defend them against anyone else who dares to attack them.

Honest, open and direct, the Mars in Aries person likes to let his / her potential lovers know exactly how he / she feels. It is important to Mars in Aries people that things are straight-forward and that there is no confusion. They in turn like to know exactly where they stand, and cannot bear any form of deception. They have romantic ideals about sex, and need to be true to themselves, so that the pretence involved in having sex with someone that they do not really want or when they do not want it can be very undermining to them.

Mars in Aries is not really looking for physical sensation, but rather for some kind of spiritual fulfillment through sex. These people seek spiritually unity, a fusing and oneness with their lover which transcends the physical act. Through it, they hope to experience a moment of bliss in which separateness has been abandoned and they have become one with their lover.

(Skye Alexander)

You are energetic, aggressive and highly competitive, a combination that strongly suggests athletic potential. However, you also have a 'short fuse' and may tend to let your temper get in your way. You also might have difficulty disciplining yourself and focusing your abundant energy and desire, unless you also have some stabilizing factor (such as a prominent Saturn) in your chart.

Impulsive and overly confident, you usually leap before you look. Action is your middle name, and you rarely think about the consequences of your actions before you do something. You never let an obstacle stand in your way. You charge ahead, undaunted by risks; in fact, the more dangerous a venture is, the more eagerly you tackle it - whether you're speculating in the stock market or sailing single-handed across the Atlantic. Sometimes you accomplish tremendous feats of daring and courage; other times, you are simply reckless and foolhardy. You love challenges, even conflict, and want to keep things stirred up; peace and harmony bore you.

You have a strong sense of self, but little understanding of others. Assertive to the point of being pushy, you don't know how to go easy or be patient. Your impetuosity can cause you to be accident-prone. At times, you seem rather like an exuberant, roughneck kid, unaware of your own strength or of your effect on others. Subtlety and tact are unknown to you. Blustering and blunt, you have a way of saying the wrong thing at the wrong time, and can offend others with your coarseness or brute force.

The ultimate individualist, you can't bear to have anyone else tell you what to do or how to do it. The word 'compromise' isn't in your vocabulary; and since you rarely value others' opinions you are likely to have trouble in situations that require teamwork. If you can't do it on your own, you are at a loss. Fortunately, you have the drive and vitality to accomplish more than a dozen people, and usually function best when you can do

everything yourself. Once you get going, it's hard to keep up with you; but your attention span is short, and you tend to run out of steam and interest rather quickly. You are better at starting things than completing them; and your life may be littered with half-finished projects.

Your sex drive is strong, but you lack true sensuality. Sex, to you, is a contest and a form of physical release - sort of an intimate boxing match - and your romantic quotient is zero. You also tend to be a bit rough, pushy and concerned only with your own satisfaction. Unless Libra or Taurus is prominent in your chart, you are probably more interested in adding notches to your bedpost than with having a meaningful relationship.

Men with this position can be the ultimate 'macho men'. A 'man's man', you love hanging around the gym with the other guys, hunting, and going out drinking with your buddies. You'll stand up to anyone about anything, and never walk away from a fight. In fact, you are often the instigator. You particularly enjoy provoking authorities; and there is a rebellious, individualistic spirit in you that won't bend to the powers that be. The feistiness and violence inherent in this planetary position can indicate lack of feeling and compassion; and you can be cruel at times.

Some women with this position are just as assertive and competitive as their male counterparts; others project this part of themselves onto the men in their lives. You may be attracted mostly to strong, aggressive men, athletes, 'muscle men' or 'macho men'.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mars in Aries is characterized by uncontainable energy that must find an outlet. This is the basic position of the initial impulse to action and self-expression leading to evolutionary experience. Mars in this sign indicates energy, initiative, courage, and impulsiveness. The drive to get things accomplished leads to creativity and the starting of many new projects. There is leadership ability in the sense that people with Mars in Aries can take the initiative and spark enthusiasm in others. They have a great desire to be first. However, they may lack the organizational ability of Capricorn and the staying power of Leo; hence they may not sustain their interest and enthusiasm long enough to see a project through to its conclusion. Children with this position should be taught to finish useful tasks.

This Mars position makes people headstrong and independent. They will not tolerate opposition or interference. The position can lead to success if the natives can learn to think before they act; otherwise, blind action may lead to danger and mistakes.

People with this position are highly competitive; they enjoy sports and physical games in which they can pit their strength and courage against those of their opponents. The star football player or racer, for instance, is likely to have Mars in Aries. They also have an ability or liking for work involving machinery. Many sports car and hot rod enthusiasts

have Mars in this sign.

These people often receive injuries to their heads. When they are ill, they run high fevers, but they are also capable of surviving fevers that would kill others.

If Mars is afflicted in Aries, there can be egotism, aggressiveness, and anger. Although these people can have violent tempers, their anger is short-lived, unlike that of those with Mars in Scorpio. They need to learn to express more love and patience.

Dane Rudhyar points out that the aggressiveness of Mars in Aries is a psychological reaction against the muddle and confusion of Pisces, which was the previous evolutionary experience of the soul. Consequently, these people have a great need to reassure themselves of their own worth through overt expressions of strength and courage.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Aries is the sign that Mars rules; and when in this sign, the planet becomes a strong focal point of a chart. As a result, when interpreting this placing, Mars should be considered second in importance to the influence of the ruling planet. It will bestow a powerful physical energy level which must be positively expressed. If there is not outlet through sports or another physically demanding activity, the system will stagnate, with the individual becoming restless and unfulfilled. The need to win, to be first, will be very important; and there should be no lack of drive. However, if Mars makes any aspect to Saturn or negative aspects to Uranus or Pluto, these should be studied with particular care, since they will inhibit the flow of energy.

These possibilities aside, the influence of Mars from its own sign is very pure, and will powerfully invigorate the individual, making him or her very much a 'get up and go' type who will encourage loved ones also to take bold, assertive action. If they do not respond, the subject is likely to take the upper hand and force issues. There will, however, be a strong tendency to lack consideration for others' feelings and needs, forcing others (and especially the partner, if he or she lacks confidence and assertiveness) to take what is believed to be the right action. If tact, diplomacy and sensitivity to the needs of others are present elsewhere in the chart, they will help counter the overzealous pushiness of this placing. If not, there can be problems, sometimes causing considerable embarrassment to others. So, encouragement is needed to be tactful and thoughtful.

The sex drive is powerfully increased by this placing, which also adds a strong emotional passion - but one that is simple and straightforward rather than seething, smoldering, intense or distorted by psychological twists and turns. The desire for motherhood can also be increased. The individual is usually uncomplicated, reducing apparently complex problems to a few simple components.



When the energy from Mars in Aries is flowing, and the individual is happily occupied with plenty of varied interests, all will be well; but the stagnating effect mentioned above will provoke health problems if it is allowed to persist. Usually, however, the subject will not allow this to happen.

Headaches will occur all too often, as will outbursts of Martian anger - a rapid loss of temper and a sudden raging storm that is over as quickly as it began. Resentfulness is not usual.

(Grant Lewi)

Your usually abundant energies are directed primarily along lines of ego assertion. You feel best and act best when you are not limited or restricted by elders, superiors or authority of any kind. You are swift to anger at any intrusion on your personal rights; you are quick on the trigger - the adrenal gland, controlling fight or flight, is sensitive, reacting sharply and generally on the aggressive side. You are a formidable adversary, for all your vitality is brought at once to bear on anyone who challenges your preminence. Even in the chart of an otherwise timid soul, this will lend scrappiness to the nature. If your life aim is more detached, and if you are ambitious for worldly success, popularity, or any of the things that require self-control, your Mars will periodically trip you by directing your energies toward self-assertion at times when you ought to be thinking of something else. The abrupt, aggressive speech, the sharp retort when your independence is assailed (or when you imagine it to be), can stand between you and the rewards of self-control. To serve the deeper ends of life that frequently require forgetfulness of self, you must continuously stand guard over the tendency of your energies to flow through the millrace of the ego into strife and disharmony.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aries, Mars makes the native restless, dynamic; it is indicative of originality, daring, a healthy ego, but one which, if permitted full play, could indicate a native who feels that only his thoughts, feelings and comforts are of any importance. He is independent and enterprising, and has a keen appreciation for his own best interests.

He must learn to control his temper and impulses. Though inventive, he is sometimes in so much of a hurry that he neglects details, leaves himself open to ridicule, and can be prone to accidents. The astrologer's job is to help him gain a broader scope, envision new horizons, channel his energy and be more patient.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a bold, though potentially impetuous, suitor. Energy is created and maintained through honest and direct means that breed quick results, rather than through complex strategies and convoluted agendas. Decisions are best made impulsively; and if proved

wrong, swiftly proceed with whatever's next, without looking back. Although lack of forethought can create problems, it is best to use these manners of assertion, or energy can remain as, or devolve into, anger.

You attract with a self-assured and energetic manner that comes right to the point and gets things started; with a direct sexual approach that excites because it leaves no room for mistaking your desires; and by a fearless, independent streak that puts you way out in front of competition.

You repel with an arrogance and pushiness that completely overlooks finer points and feelings; with a coarse and unsubtle, even violent, way which sets out to make sexual conquests; and with an inability to share and co-operate.

You are attracted to heroic types, or situations where the competition is stiff and you therefore stand to make the most heroic impression; to sexual objectives that can be swiftly achieved, or those who can swiftly achieve sexual objectives; and to athletic, adventurous, leader types.

You are repelled by faintheartedness and low-key situations where there is no competition or prize worth fighting for; by being treated as a sexual object - or not being treated as one, depending on your mood or gender; and by limp types with no get-up-and-go.

When you are alone, it can be for reasons which are as complex as you usually like to keep or have things straightforward. In other words, your direct, even pushy, sexual nature can be a problem in that it turns people off; or if you do not recognize this go-for-it side of your personality, then you can be consistently put off by it in others to the point of there being no corners, or at least none that you find attractive. This second point is far more likely to be the case if you are female. And so the remedy here is to be a bit more softly-softly if you are the former, and to swallow your finer feelings and be more to the point and honest with yourself if you are the latter. Your problem could of course be a combination of the two, in which case be more circumspect, but not so much that the object of your desires is not clear about your feelings or intentions.

(John Townley)

Although you are not particularly forward in your social manner, when it comes to physical affection you are usually the initiator and in some ways the aggressor. Therefore you are happiest with a partner who lets you play that role most of the time and who will not conflict or compete with you.

You are spontaneous and eager; and you like to participate actively in lovemaking. But in your eagerness, take care not to get carried away and leave your lover emotionally behind in an earlier stage of lovemaking. The lessons you must learn are those of

restraint and staying power. You will get more sustained pleasure out of love if you bank your fires a bit, even letting your lover carry the load so you can relax.

Because you become physically intense within a rather short period, you can gain more satisfaction from a brief affair than most people. You can pack a full relationship into a lightning affair that would leave others unfulfilled.

Do not let your impulsiveness lead you to make premature commitments or act rashly from either love or anger. You may take the opposite view just as intensely a short time later, so always leave yourself plenty of room to manoeuvre.

(Robert Hand)

You are a very independent and self-assertive person. Since you have a great deal of physical energy, you should try to get outdoors and let off steam in some active sport fairly often. You get very restless and fidgety if you are cooped up for any length of time.

You prefer to act on your own and set your own pace without waiting for people who work more slowly. Also, you like to be the first to take up a new activity. Although you are not at all a follower, you are perfectly willing to let others go their own way. You have no desire to impose your will on your friends, as long as they don't try to force their ways on you. However, you enjoy competition when someone offers a challenge. If pressed, you will fight for your beliefs. You get angry quite quickly, but you also cool off quickly and don't hold a grudge.

Obviously your greatest problem is learning to co-operate with others. It isn't that you want to create a fuss; but if the people you are with won't do something your way, you do it alone. But that is not always the most efficient way to attack a problem. You must learn how to give in now and then. Don't worry about having to compromise on anything important, for it isn't in your nature to do so.

You are also inclined to be rash and impulsive and to act without thinking, which can get you into trouble or even accidents. Accidents don't just happen; you create them through being careless. If you take time to be careful, you will have little difficulty.

## Mars in 12th House

(Donna van Toen)

A deep, secretive person, you tend to be more or less clueless about how you affect others. You have a strong impulsive streak and, generally, a tendency to buck authority and go against tradition. This brings a danger of slander into your life, as it makes you quite a controversial person. If Mars is in a Grand Cross or otherwise under severe

stress, you can be extremely disruptive.

With Mars here, you want a certain amount of time to yourself. This is a placing that tends to give a fear of rejection; therefore, you want to take things slowly and carefully.

Your motivational level is erratic. You tend to give up if you think people aren't handling your ideas properly or aren't appreciative of your efforts. Because you don't like surprises, you often feel irritable rather than pleased when lucky breaks present themselves. You want to succeed all by yourself; you tend to alternately resent offers of help (seeing them as interference) and complain about how much you have to do. In terms of opportunities, they tend to be the best - and best appreciated - if you work alone. If possible choose a creative field.

The 12th house is called the house of sorrows or the house of self-undoing. It can fit that description - but it doesn't have to. This is the house of your subconscious. And if you descend to the depths of your subconscious and try to understand what you find there, you'll transcend your sorrows and discover your soul. Actually, the gloom and doom connotations of this house are, if not total misconceptions, at least highly overrated. Planets here symbolize those things that separate you from the mainstream of life. These things may be traumas, physical limitations, inferiority feelings, or any other gristly thing you care to imagine. They may be self-inflicted or acts of God. Either way, you're responsible for them in the sense that it's you - and nobody else - who allows them to make you unhappy instead of letting go of them or learning to work around them or turning them into strengths rather than weaknesses. Which brings me to another point: amidst all that psychic garbage, there are other things that separate you from the mainstream of life. These are your inner strengths, the results of lessons learned, knowledge gained, and obstacles overcome in your past lives. They may be talents such as writing, creating, or a special ability to understand others. They may be character strengths such as courage, practicality or self-awareness. They may be guardian angels, either in the sense of intuitive or psychic abilities, or in the sense of people to whom you've given help in the past, people who will now help you if you open yourself to their caring. In any case, these things exist. For everyone. The more planets you have in the 12th, the more strengths you've developed. But to tap these inner resources, you first have to wade through all sorts of soggy flotsam and jetsam and get rid of your 'poor mes' and 'life's unfair' to find and understand the real you. If Mars is here, temptations are the theme. With the Equal House position, the temptations tend to be tangible or material. With the Koch house position, they tend more towards self-deception or self-defeating behavior. There's a tendency to repress your feelings and become quite passive unless Mars is conjunct the Ascendant. This must be watched, as it's the prime cause of self-undoing with this position. Your actions will involve developing confidence, acting on your convictions, and overcoming resentments.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

With Mars hidden away in the twelfth, sex is going to be a subtle and complicated issue. These people are not going to be very conscious of their Mars energy, and may be unaware of the sexual image they are projecting; and this can lead to a lot of sexual confusion. They may get very angry when people make sexual advances because of the unconscious messages of desire that they have put out. There may be fears of violation and rape, accompanied by tremendous hostility which is not owned or recognized. Because of all this unexpressed aggression, these people can be like sponges, attracting other people's negative emotions to them. Or they may subtly provoke those around them into acting out their own anger.

With so much going on under the surface, those with Mars in the twelfth can be subject to disturbing fantasies and nightmares - living out their Mars energy in their dreams. Because it is difficult for them to get in touch with what they really want, there may be an underlying sense of frustration and dissatisfaction, with a tendency for them to play the role of martyr. Sometimes they do this by sublimating their own sexual needs and living out other people's sexual fantasies. Or they may sacrifice their sexual needs altogether to live a more spiritual life or to put their energy into looking after others.

People with Mars in this house may long for sex to be a spiritual experience. For them, sex is something mysterious and ethereal, which can make actual physical sex seem crude and primitive. They will feel uncomfortable with any direct and obvious sexual behaviour. Their own sexuality may be hidden and diffuse, so that they come over as 'safe' and asexual; and because they tend to express their desires in subtle, indirect ways, there can be a lot of confusion and misunderstanding around sex.

With Mars in the twelfth, people can be their own worst enemy, acting against their own real needs. Sometimes sexual desire brings out their buried anger, causing them to drive away the people they want most.

If Mars is close to the Ascendant, the energy will be much more accessible, and the people with this placement will be much more aware of their own sexual needs and able to pursue their fulfillment. None the less, all people with Mars in the twelfth will be looking for something much more than a physical experience from sex, and will yearn to lose themselves in a mystical union with the other person.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Mars is very strong at this angle; those with this position are capable of intense effort. They will have an early experience that teaches them restraint (if it doesn't do them in), although it may take many lessons before they learn to hold back when necessary. They are capable of miraculous feats of effort and will. Types of effort will range from the spiritual - lives dedicated to high spiritual goals - to the lowest levels of self-gratification; but the power is present to do what they will.

The Mars energy is so primal and strong at this angle that it is hard for these people to be rational and objective about their inner desires and cravings. In youth, they may be troublesome to those near and dear because of the scrapes they get into. They are capable of rising high in life and achieving much, but are always susceptible to having their cart overturned, usually due to their own recklessness (physical in Earth and Fire, verbal in Air, emotional in Water).

If Mars is close to the Ascendant, there is more persistence; more power to hold on, to learn from adversity and go on to win, and to try over and over in spite of difficulties. Mars in the middle of the twelfth house inclines toward giving in to defeat, or to a loss of control so great that the recuperative powers have no chance to act.

If aspects to Mars are not good, there may be trouble with the law, time spent in jail, or serious accidents and time spent in hospitals.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Your fantasies have primitive urgency. Heat fills your dreams. They are a repository for vital images of maleness in our species's evolution. While it would be absurd to suggest that all your fantasies involve aggression or conquest, there is a tendency toward these, so even benign dreams may invoke the maleness in your psyche. Crisis, confrontation, conflict, danger, and desire are all relevant symbols in your imagination. The challenge is to identify and connect with this imagery, promoting more effective action in real life. The transition from dream states to ordinary consciousness is especially relevant here.

Unfocused intuition: You want intuition, and you want it now. But you're like an athlete with a special function on the team. Much of the time you languish on the sidelines, waiting to get into the intuitive game, pacing back and forth along the bench like a placekicker, never knowing when he'll be called on to boot the winning field goal, but understanding that he must be ready to perform when the crisis comes. Curiously, you're at your best in crisis when you surrender to intuitive guidance. Attempt to maintain ego-control, and you are lost. The challenge is to let yourself go wherever demons must be slain.

Withdrawal or isolation: You may experience difficulty dealing with anger, both your own and that of others. The directness of such urgent emotions can be upsetting, so they tend to build up inside. Often, you feel them most strongly when alone. This quality can work against you in situations requiring conscious action, but it may also work for you in a crisis, providing an extra boost of energy. Physical activity can be mysterious, almost meditative. You work well on your own, behind the scenes; but schedules and deadlines are not conducive to your best performance. However, you can be brilliant at creating success from the rubble of 'best laid plans'. The challenge is to use alone time to contact your heat source. Get in touch with it, then carry it back into your real life.

Selfless giving: You are repeatedly drawn to situations where energy is bubbling away beneath the surface. You may find yourself in confrontations that are not of your own making, for you're a lightning rod for the release of buried, blocked, or superconscious forces. Your own desires are often sublimated beyond the control of conscious will. This can result in floundering without direction, or equally it may lead to extraordinary commitment, like being a commando who volunteers for a secret mission. The lead sled dog on your team listens to a higher master, and thus may take off at any moment, in any direction, and at other times might just lie down and go to sleep in spite of your yelling, 'Mush!' The challenge is to deal with assertive energies when they come, however they come, allowing expression while remembering that the ultimate goal is peace of mind.

'Past lives': Your experience of maleness in past lives is unassimilated. You may have been male, or had relationships with men in such a way as to leave unfinished business that is now cutting into this life. Assertion, anger, heat, action, and desire are not fully understood or accepted; and the old patterns need to be revealed before you can become whole. Precisely what rhythms are held over from past lives is not clear from the house placement alone; but the sign, the ruling house, and the interplanetary aspects of Mars will help solve that riddle. The challenge is to befriend these stored energies, then to release them in situations requiring intense but controlled explosions.

(Robert Pelletier)

Before you can take up any purposeful activity, you must have a reasonably firm foundation. Your childhood environment may have taught you the importance of having your own roots, just as your parents needed theirs so they could accomplish their objectives. When you feel secure, you should be less apprehensive about doing the right thing in striving to reach your goals. You will be more successful in your life's endeavors if you start from a reasonably stable position so that your goals are more sharply defined. If your objectives include serving others as well as satisfying your personal needs, so much the better. Occasionally you may be so preoccupied with satisfying your physical desires that you neglect giving your more significant objectives the attention they deserve.

Plans and noble intentions mean nothing unless you act on them. You will be fulfilled only if you invest the time and energy to achieve your dreams with devotion and selfdiscipline. In addition to satisfying your needs, you will get the recognition your skills and accomplishments deserve. There is no other way you can gain financial security and independence so that you can come and go as you want.

You may have many useful ideas, but you must carry them out deliberately if you want any rewards from them. By accepting this kind of personal responsibility, you can make a valuable contribution to society. Your progress will be greatly simplified if you get an

education that will teach you how to develop your skills. With skills, you can meet the challenge of rising to your highest level of achievement. Without some formal training, you might have to resign yourself to mediocrity or relative obscurity in the world. You can do so much to help relieve social problems that it would be a significant loss to society and yourself if you neglected this task.

Probably you will always attract people with problems who feel that you can help them. You can be highly effective in helping people learn how to help themselves; and doing this will lessen your feeling that you aren't really useful to the world. Your partner may be the first to show you how qualified you are to render assistance to others. He or she may work to help you think more positively about yourself. You have enormous potential; but you must be willing to make whatever sacrifice is required to develop and apply it. Your family may be the stimulus you need to motivate you to act. The results will prove that you are qualified for many endeavors.

You must avoid negative thinking, for that will make you more uncertain of your ability to take the right action at the right time. You can get rid of your feelings of inadequacy by getting the training you need and acting decisively. Take advantage of any opportunity to participate in group activities, for you can be effective in improving the quality of life for others.

## **Jupiter ♃ in ♓ Pisces 28° 22'**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### **Static**

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

### **Dynamic**

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



of life as a personal foundation.

(Marilyn Waram)

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

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

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

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

There are also some commonalities between Jupiter and Pisces. Before the discovery of Neptune, Jupiter was considered to be the co-ruler of Pisces because both are connected to a search which often turns spiritual in nature. Both are connected to values and faith, although their methods of operation differ. Because of that, Jupiter in Pisces could indicate a profoundly spiritual person, someone who approaches religion with a gentle sense of yearning and awe. She may have a strong sense of compassion, an ardent faith in the goodness of God and the universe, and a flowing sense of being a

significant being in a meaningful world. She may feel completely confident that the power which is behind the universe is always right and can be trusted without reserve. She could temper the Jupiter principles and logic with sensitivity; the tendency to rationalize behavior with a sense of deep acceptance; and the propensity to judge and patronize with a profound sense of at-one-ness and altruism.

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

However, unless your chart contains other factors that provide some discipline and perseverance, you might spend more time dreaming about the symphonies you'll write or the paintings you'll paint than actually doing it. On its own, this combination indicates laziness and lack of focus. You want things to come easily and may give up too quickly, rather than working diligently toward a goal. You are also a perfectionist; and if you can't be the best at something you won't even try.

Your wonderful imagination enables you to see and hear things others don't - a valuable gift when used artistically. However, you have a tendency to let your imagination run away with you sometimes, and you could experience hallucinations, paranoia, or simply

trouble separating fact from fantasy. At times, your dream world and fantasy life might be more real to you than the physical realm.

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

Mystical tendencies and emotional religious convictions go with this position. If Jupiter aspects Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto, there can be psychic ability and intuitive perception of the spiritual realm of being. These people may have a direct, intuitive experience of the realities beyond physical manifestation. Their spiritual understanding can be more universal than the orthodox Jupiter in Sagittarius person. However, their intuitive perception is not necessarily free of astral illusion, egotism, or desire for glamour.

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

If Jupiter is afflicted in Pisces, there can be guru worship and cultism because of the

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

(Stephen Arroyo)

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

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

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

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

The tendency just mentioned by Mayo toward possible extravagance can indeed manifest in a minority of cases as an over-inflated ego, sometimes leading to quite destructive consequences. Keeping one's feet on the ground may be the hardest challenge for those with this position. They can float away into dreams of personal glory; they can become lost in self-aggrandizement posing as big-heartedness; or they can indulge themselves in exaggerated, mythologized versions of their lives. In some cases of more ordinary mortals, they can 'go to pieces' if their lifestyle, marriage, or job to which they have been devoted disintegrates, resulting in disorientation, escapism, and difficulty coping with reality.

Self-esteem and confidence for most of these people, however, slowly develops over

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Syndey Omarr)

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

When you are alone, it is because you have over-emphasized or under-emphasized the expression of the above traits. If you have over-emphasized, you have been misguidedly wearing your heart on your sleeve at the same time as not being aware of the weaknesses and shortcomings of human nature. Consequently, you have been let down and hurt, leaving you to retreat into your own grotto of self-protection. But the best

protection for the heart is that it be strong in the faith that all is for the best, and to eliminate selfimportance. If you have under-emphasized the above-described qualities (quite possibly as a result of over-emphasizing them), you have therefore limited your possibilities to the point of being emotionally unavailable. This would be a case of your not being prepared to take the highs with the lows and settling for the safe and mediocre - which amounts to being alone or stuck with an oppressive or boring Other. Jupiter in Pisces is very much a case of 'Take away my demons and you take away my angels' as Dante so exquisitely put it.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

This is a sign that you should serve others and in some way put others' interests before your own. However, there are some difficulties in finding the proper balance, because at the same time you should not deny your own satisfaction and gratification. What you give to others must be given willingly. If it is given in a spirit of martyrdom and self-sacrifice, it will not be much help to those who receive it. When you can honestly give of yourself and what you have, you feel good and you enjoy doing it. This is what you must try to attain.

An idealist, you are easily disappointed when reality does not live up to your



expectations. You must learn that you can't assume that the universe will live up to your ideals. You will have to create these ideals in your own life by making them real for yourself and others.

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

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

## Jupiter ♃ in 11th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Social and intellectual security.

Those with this placement tend to be idealists, dreamers, and vast schemers, often with a strongly optimistic motivation. With future-oriented Jupiter in the future-oriented eleventh house, this person is often overflowing with plans, goals, and a multitude of vast objectives. (Note that traditionally the eleventh is the house of hopes and wishes, and that Jupiter here is usually considered a benefic influence for attaining one's objectives.) A planet of considerable social involvement, Jupiter naturally functions freely and enthusiastically in the house that represents the larger human community; there is often an emphasis on dealing with society at large or with social or international issues. Quite often there is a need to be involved with social change or social improvement schemes, and so these people are often found in politics, organizations, foundations, and professional associations that share a common - usually a humanitarian or progressive - goal.

The keywords point to the fact that these individuals seek security in merging their energies with a large group or movement, which gives them a feeling of prosperity and well-being. With a generous planet in a generous house, they are usually liberal with the time and resources that they will devote to a greater cause. Moore and Douglas state that these folks are natural planners and organizers of group activities.

The other facet of the above keywords reveals how these people also seek intellectual security and thus are attracted to vast systems of thought. They often want to be with people who share their concepts and world view; sometimes they create entirely original

mental worlds.

(Marilyn Waram)

With Jupiter in the eleventh house, the person connects values, morals, ethics, social mores, and the search for truth to friends, associates, humanitarian concepts, and individualism. This is another very restless combination, very cerebral, which requires and may well demand constant intellectual stimulation. The person's mind is usually very good. He is bright and quick to learn. However, he may be too fidgety to do well in school; his mind roams far and wide, and he can be impatient if he always has to wait for others. He can react to this with frustration and disrespect, or with taking matters into his own hands and skipping out.

This is a position which is not only doubly restless and doubly intellectual, but also doubly humanitarian, interested in bettering the world for the common person. Paradoxically, it tends to be something of a harsh placement, not strong in compassion for, or decency toward, an individual. The values tend to relate to the mind, new age ideas and beliefs, technology, individualism, and friends.

The person with Jupiter in the eleventh may make an ultimate value out of individualism, out of the rights of each person to do his or her own thing. This may be in balance; but if it is not, this person may consider that chaos is preferable to control. He may fight all kinds of structure as a way to eliminate restrictions on personal freedoms.

Naturally, he will sooner or later threaten the larger social institutions which both support and confine the people they serve. He will, at the very least, have a strong natural resistance to being pushed around. This person really has to do things his own way. That does not mean he cannot co-operate, but means that he will tend only to do so when he chooses, on his terms. He will not do it in the service of someone else's values or needs unless other factors in his chart indicate this. Even then, he will strongly oppose any attempts to make him go along with a crowd, or to give up any of his personal freedoms for some other sake. It is sacrilege to him.

This goes for marriage as well - he will not suffer being held down. He values his freedom so much that he may never get married at all; but if he does, he needs to have a mate who understands his need for freedom, for constant stimulation, and for a relationship which does not restrict him too much. For his part, he needs to remember that people have emotional needs, and if those are starved, they will eventually drive him mad with their demands or go elsewhere. If he is a person who values his marriage as well as his freedom, he will have to make sure he looks after each, in appropriate ways.

With Jupiter in the eleventh house, friends can also be made into ultimate values. This can lead to exciting friendships with fascinating, brilliant people who are always into some new interest. It may lead to friendships in which discussion of philosophy, learning,

and debate of opinions is the focus. The individual may have many acquaintances from foreign countries and cultures, and learn much from them. He may place his friends up on a pedestal and idolize them, think they are the ones with all the brain and wit, and feel inadequate next to them. He may think they ought to be perfect, and drop them as soon as the human flaws become evident. Or he could expect himself to always play the great guru with his friends, to be the one with all the answers.

His friends may set him up in this role. He could have high or totally unrealistic expectations for his friends, or they for him. In real extremes, he may take his friends for granted, demand anything he wants from them, and expect their unqualified support about his rightness. Or he may find his friends all tend to fit this pattern, that they manifest the harsh side of Jupiter.

Usually this placement indicates a very strong interest in new-age ideas, the New Thought churches or something similar, and quite probably in very up-to-date technology. He can be as fascinated by the newest computers as by the teachings from Science of Mind-type churches. He is not interested in conventional anything, but particularly not in his religion. He may even have fundamentalist beliefs, although that is extremely rare with this placement, but he will not associate himself too deeply with any church; his expectation of freedom, intellectual as well as physical, is too strong.

Ideally, a person with this placement values his friends, technology, new-age thought and individuality, without expecting complete fulfillment from any. He respects the rights of individuals in balance with respect for his own rights. He is a ground breaker, but does not feel any compulsion to destroy valuable structures, conventional establishments, or old-fashioned values in order to make room for the new. He takes an eclectic approach, able to glean the best from the old and integrate it with the most promising of the new.

(Eve Jackson)

The eleventh house reflects our attitudes towards and experience of any group to which we belong, from society at large to the social microcosm of, say, a club, business organization, or even, in the first place, our family. Planets here tend to manifest in the group context, and are often experienced via other group members, and also figure in our ideas about how a group should be organized - in other words, our political notions.

In the more casual context, those with this placement like to spread themselves among different circles and keep as many social options open as possible. They are usually good at facilitating group participation. It is a popular placement on charts of politicians, and inclines towards political theories of a fairly idealistic nature, with an emphasis on freedom. Though there is often considerable political vision and enthusiasm, those with Jupiter in the eleventh make poor party members, as strict adherence to a line laid down is not their style; they prefer to make the rules rather than keep them.

(Bill Herbst)

Group participation: You have such a spontaneous social sensibility that groups want you around. They often come to you rather than your going to them. These opportunities are not to be taken lightly, since they offer you the challenge of recognition and the chance to expand your social horizons. In fact, a real pitfall involves presuming that since you've been asked to join in the past, you will be in the future. Don't overlook these real resources.

Appropriate behavior: Appropriate behavior is very natural for you, almost like a sixth sense. You seem to instinctively know how to act in almost any social setting. You're interested in what other people think, but probably not overly concerned. At your best, criticism slides off you like water off a duck's back; but be careful of the pitfall of selfrighteousness. Everyone screws up occasionally, including you, so have patience in bearing the gracelessness or inconsideration you sometimes have to suffer. The challenge is to use your relaxed social sense to make others more comfortable, thus increasing your acceptance.

Friendship, social circle: Friendship requires little effort. You understand and accept people, which makes you a good friend to have; and you expect others to treat you with the same understanding and acceptance. You're willing to be friendly, even in trying circumstances; and this is communicated to others, who respond in kind. It's only when they don't that you reveal your righteous side. Your social circle is a barometer. If it's large and vibrant, it means you're addressing Saturn's placement in your natal chart. If it's unfulfilling, or if you're isolated, it indicates that you're trapped. Either you're ignoring your Saturn, which means you're not investing enough to warrant a return in friendship, or you're striving to solve those Saturnian riddles too intensely, working so hard that you have no energy left to enjoy yourself. Relax and enjoy the bounty of your friendships.

Shared creativity: You repeatedly find yourself linked with organizations whose purpose is creative. Through the ability to oversee the direction of the group's thinking, you influence the creative results, while at the same time becoming recognized as an invaluable source of insight for the group. Cheerleading the whole process is not only enjoyable, but something you revel in. Your creative role is to provide enthusiasm and perspective, to give the group renewed life.

Receiving love: Being loved is based on the positive vision of yourself reflected in another's eyes. Primary among these is wisdom. When your wisdom is recognized by others, you feel loved. If you're treated as ordinary, however, you do not recognize the presence of love, even if it exists. You like your ego to be stroked. When your lover delights in your spontaneous self-expression, you feel that he or she truly loves you. If constrained or put upon to limit yourself, you back away. When a relationship increases social contacts in your life, you experience being loved. If there is too much possessiveness, the feeling of ingrown isolation destroys the love for you. When your

honesty is unquestioned, you are in the flow of love. However, any mistrust or accusation surrounding the purity of your motives or actions is offensive. You don't like being tested. The challenge is to find a person who shares your vision of optimism and free expression, and, having found that acknowledgement, to honor your beloved with fidelity.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of Jupiter adds luck to the life. Without serious bad aspects, these people will have influential friends who assist them greatly. Even with bad aspects, this Jupiter acts as a cushion, preventing difficulties from going to too great an extreme. No matter how lonely or unsatisfactory the personal life may be, in front of groups they appear vital, relaxed and in control. It is a good position for a teacher, politician, bandleader, manager, or anyone dealing with groups. They love to party and hang out with as large a crowd as possible.

Whatever group these people lead will feel tremendous loyalty towards them, and they in turn will feel loyalty to the group. In fact, they cannot work with or for any group they don't love or believe in, which may cause difficulties when it comes to earning a living, because they hate to compromise their principles. This can dull a career effort, because they will work with great enthusiasm for a while, only to lose interest when they discover faults in individuals in the group, or that the group's goals are not totally altruistic. Another difficulty is that when they do find a group they can believe in, they have a hard time leaving it for bigger and better things. Although they are so group-oriented, it is always the individuals within the group who are important to them, rather than the group itself; thus, a career soldier may hate the army but love his unit.

These people are believers, first and foremost. They need to show enthusiasm and to belong to something noble and worthy that they can be enthusiastic about. If they show cynicism, it is only a thin layer, and they will throw it aside as soon as possible. It is good for them to develop some kind of special skill or area of expertise that sets them above the common herd, at least in their own mind. Otherwise, they will suffer from a vague feeling that they deserve nothing better than their lot. If they play an instrument, they will belong with the greats of music and be one with Mozart and Beethoven - at least while they are practising.

Anything that enhances their membership in a group, that enables them to enlighten or entertain others, is good for them. They are usually good joke- and story-tellers, and like to be the life of the party.

The closer Jupiter is to the twelfth house cusp, the less they will be oriented towards profit-making, and the more towards helping those less fortunate than themselves.

(Howard Sasportas)

The God Zeus had the task of looking after the well-being of the populace. Similarly, the planet Jupiter, extending our awareness beyond the self-centred concerns of Mars, reminds us of the larger social context in which we exist and have a part to play. In this respect, Jupiter is quite at home in the 11th house.

The people prayed to Zeus for help, guidance and protection against harm; and those with this placement may be sought by friends and groups to provide the same sort of inspiration and support. Conversely, their own horizons and understanding of the meaning of life are broadened and expanded through social interaction. They may assume the role of a guru, hero or heroine in the eyes of friends or groups, or find themselves looking to a friend or group to be their protection and salvation.

Jupiter in the 11th will normally join clubs or organizations which promote humanitarian and egalitarian causes, or which promise growth and expansion for everyone involved. Usually they are in tune with new currents and progressive social trends. Difficult aspects to Jupiter may indicate high expectations and ideals, and disappointment when the group fails to solve all their problems or doesn't succeed soon enough in eliminating the woes of the world. Undismayed, however, they will move on to the next cause or organization in the hopes that a new-found formula will be the key.

Jupiter in this house suggests an ever-expanding circle of friends, often of varied cultures and nationalities. For some, life's significance only comes to fruition if their diaries are fully booked and they are having to choose between Mick Jagger's birthday party and an invitation to St. Moritz for the weekend. Sometimes, an over-involvement in social activities or too great an entanglement in the lives of their friends may dissipate their energy and detract from their applying themselves in other areas of life.

Both Jupiter and the 11th house are concerned with becoming more than we already are - therefore, these people are usually not short of goals and objectives in life, and can almost always be seen looking ahead. As soon as one objective is attained, another one appears in its place. A narrowing down of goals or more discrimination in choosing which ones are worth following may be necessary if they are not to spread themselves too thinly. If they shoot their arrows too high, these may come back down on them; if they aim in too many different directions at once, they don't know where to shoot first. It's dizzying just watching them. However, because there is usually such a strong faith that they will and should achieve what they want, life can't help but support them accordingly. Often, friends or groups share this faith in them and their goals, and will be helpful in their realization.

(Robert Pelletier)

You hope that later in life you will have the financial resources necessary for a bountiful lifestyle. If you really want to guarantee that this will happen, you must devise a program

with that goal in mind. You don't doubt your ability to succeed in achieving your expectations, although you are often distracted from the necessary course of action. Still, you are optimistic that you will eventually realize your objectives. People often turn to you for guidance because you show that you are sensitive to their needs. Your benign influence will help you succeed if you decide to enter a professional service field.

Your ability to grow and expand your field of influence is nearly unlimited. You have the capacity to acquire new information, which will certainly increase your value to yourself and to the world. You are always ready to assume a more responsible position; and you don't have to resort to chicanery to achieve what is expected of you. As your level of accomplishment rises, the burden of responsibility increases, so you may wonder how you will cope with it. If you are concerned about this problem, aim for less until you feel confident that you can fulfill your responsibilities.

You question whether you will always have opportunities to fully demonstrate your creative talents. But you must keep looking for opportunities, because it is urgent that you exploit and promote your potentials so that you will attract the attention of people in important positions. Your abilities are not questioned by those who benefit from them. Be cautious about overindulging your children, for they may not make the effort to exploit their own potentials. Do your homework and learn to curb your spending habits. If you can't seem to get organized, get help from a qualified person. You can accomplish much with your resources and get a substantial yield that will assure your future security.

You must accept full responsibility for your own losses as well as your gains in your work. Although you might not enjoy the arduous tasks required by your career, doing them will improve your competence until you are ready for a more important position. You are qualified to render services that people need, so you must find time to accommodate them. You are grateful for the benefits that your parents provided; but along with fulfilling your obligations by them, you have to establish your own roots.

You will be greatly enriched if you set aside your fears and anxieties and work to help those who cannot help themselves. Not wanting to be unknown, you may refuse to work behind the scenes, but that is precisely where you will reap the greatest spiritual rewards. It would be heartwarming, of course, to have the public remember and appreciate you for your accomplishments.

## Saturn ♄ in ♉ Taurus 4° 17'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

#### Dynamic

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

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

#### General

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

#### (Zipporah Dobyns)

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

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



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

(Skye Alexander)

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

Probably you will have to work for whatever you get, rather than being born to wealth or winning a fortune in the lottery. If money does come to you as a result of something other than your own efforts, it may turn out to be a burden in some way, so that you don't really enjoy your wealth. Perhaps your freedoms are limited by material responsibilities and you feel trapped by your possessions. Or, you might find that your financial position isolates you from other people.

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

loyal - yet not boringly predictable.

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

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

You commit to an Other who is materially stable, or is at least practical and has the potential to be so; to an Other who is not at all well off materially, thereby calling upon you to organize or alleviate such matters; and to an Other who is aware of your true worth and loves you solely for that, and will pass any tests that set out to prove this point.

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

## Saturn ♄ in 1st House

(Liz Greene)

The first house is usually considered to describe the physical body of the individual, the personality with which he relates to his external environment, and on perhaps a deeper level the kinds of experiences which he is likely to attract during his life and which help

him to shape and develop a certain set of conscious tools with which to govern his life. There is a two-way flow of energy through the first house of the chart because it is - as has often been suggested - a kind of lens through which the experiences of the environment pass to reach the individual and through which his own qualities must pass to reach the environment. Whatever factors are present within the individual birth chart, they must pass through the conditioning qualities of the first house and in particular the Ascendant before they can be recognized by others or expressed in a tangible fashion. All four angles of the chart are related to this inward and outward flow of the reality of the inner person into the outside world, but the most personal and most obvious of these four points of release is the Ascendant. The entire first house relates to the physical presentation of the individual in a conscious and deliberate manner. Whatever a man innately is, he must express it through a body and according to a body type - which gives the term 'body' a larger framework. The Ascendant and the first house are often equated with the Jungian idea of the 'persona' which, if it is to be a positive and effective medium through which a man may present himself to the world, must be in reasonable accord with the more hidden, unconscious aspects of his psyche.

The idea of the 'persona' offers a considerable amount of insight into the function of the Ascendant, which is often maligned by being considered merely a superficial mask which has little relation to the inner reality of the person. Like the masks of the ancient Greek tragedy, the persona is the person's statement of himself to the world; through this cultivated component of the psyche, he declares his role according to the manner in which he has developed over the years. The persona, like the Ascendant, does not come into full conscious flowering until a certain level of maturity has been reached. Ideally, this role should be a synthesis of what is best in him, and most useful, and should be worn lightly so that the man does not make the mistake of identifying with his presentation. It is very much what he would ideally like to be, or what he is developing into, rather than what he automatically is at any given time. The first house is the most unformed part of the birth chart, for it, even more than the rest of the chart, is in a process of becoming.

According to the strength or weakness of this presentation, and according to whether or not it is crystallised and rigid or flexible and lightly worn, the man is able to stand at a precarious balance point between his outer environment and the world of his unconscious motivations. If he pulls too much toward one, the other reacts; he is required by the tension of the pull to stand at the centre. If he begins to identify with the role which he has chosen, he crystallizes into it and is then at the mercy of the hidden and more treacherous aspects of his own psyche. If he ignores the outer world and attempts to withdraw into his own darkness, he is at the mercy of the environment and is dominated by it. From this viewpoint, the importance of the Ascendant may be inferred, for it would appear that its development needs always to be in delicate balance with the direction of the chart internally for man to be in balance with himself.

Some idea of the effects of Saturn in the first house of the natal chart may be seen if this

psychological adjunct to the traditional astrological interpretation is considered. Saturn's traditional associations with crystallisation and identification with mundane values suggests that one of the most frequent psychic effects of this position, if left unconscious, is a crystallisation of and identification with one's mask, with a consequent inner vulnerability to moods and effects and a great difficulty in expressing the inner person to the outer world. The mask becomes a prison and cannot be torn away; and behind it, the man slowly suffocates.

One of the main qualities which appears to accompany Saturn in the first house is a lack of self-assertion of a positive kind. There is often a need to enforce one's will and to control the immediate environment; but rather than being the spontaneous and selfconfident assertion of the individual, this is more of a defensive manoeuvre which sometimes attempts to attack first because it is fearful of attack. Sometimes the need for control is expressed in a subtle and indirect way so that situations are manipulated without any real evidence of aggressiveness. This is the characteristic coupling of need and fear which is so often found with Saturn. The natural shyness and stiff awkwardness of Saturn is expressed more obviously with this placement than with any other, although the individual often learns during life to cultivate a smooth, cool and polished surface.

Saturn conjuncting the ascendant is frequently concurrent with a difficult birth, usually physically but sometimes psychologically as well; and this curious coincidence occurs too often to be a real coincidence. It is, moreover, reasonable to assume that the natural reluctance of the person with Saturn in the first house to expose himself to the outside world might even extend to birth. It is common with a first house Saturn for the individual to learn from childhood that it is costly to get too involved with life; and there is a basic weakness in the persona which causes him to identify both too much and too little with the outward shell of his personality. He is therefore vulnerable to attack and control from the outside, and generally knows it; and much of his life may be spent in devising ways of protecting himself so that the extent of his vulnerability is not discovered. The person with Saturn in the first house is often high in suspicion and low in self-confidence; and he looks out at others from behind an intangible but often very powerful barrier that effectively isolates him from the real impact of life. He may sometimes be burdened with chronic ill-health, particularly as a child when he has not yet learned other means of successful withdrawal from the arena. He often has little faith in himself; but the self with which he identifies is the mask rather than the total psyche. From the deliberate withdrawal from the roots of his own psychic life stems the curious lifelessness and dryness which is so often observable in the person with this placement of Saturn.

Saturn may overcompensate with this placement as much as with any other. Consequently there are usually two distinct kinds of reaction to the struggle between the desire to challenge and experience life to the fullest and the fear of being hurt, dominated, and crushed by the forces of a hostile environment. The man who perpetually effaces himself to avoid a struggle and who backs away from those situations which might call for strength, aggressiveness, or direct confrontation

expresses one kind of unconscious Saturnian reaction. He often has no 'temper', and rarely displays anger; but this can be very hard on the physical body because the natural tendency toward irritability is turned inward against oneself. This position is often connected with symptoms of a psychosomatic kind such as migraine headaches, which are often linked with unexpressed anger and frustration. The self-effacement of this expression of Saturn is not truly humility, but it is rather a fear of entering the fight because of the inner certainty of losing it. There is often great emphasis on being 'unselfish', a favourite keyword of Saturn in the first house. But to be unselfish one must first have a self to give away; and the difficulty with this placement is that, in the beginning, until the individual comes to terms with his fear, there is no real acceptance of or expression of the self in the first place.

Saturn in the first house often feels that he is never able to have what he wants, that life is forever thwarting his desires. This is largely because he does not ask for what he wants; or, if he does ask, then it is with the concurrent feeling that he does not actually deserve a reply. The will and the use of the will are often frightening to this kind of individual because he is afraid of his own will and consequently projects what he terms wilfulness or selfishness onto others. As he comes to terms with this shadowy and powerful feature of his own personality - for the person with Saturn placed here has a powerful and controlled will if he chooses to recognise and utilise it - he generally finds that along with his frustration, he has also learned control over the desire nature and has shaped his personality into a disciplined tool. The controlled and directed will, coupled with a sense of purpose, is one of the more positive qualities offered by Saturn in the first house.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, the more aggressive manifestation of Saturn in the first house often appears, and this individual may be at first glance rarely distinguishable from the truly fiery type of temperament. No-one is more outgoing than he is; no-one more prepared to take charge or seize control of a situation through sheer force or more subtle calculation. His philosophy is that the best defence is offence, because it has not yet occurred to him that it is possible to control oneself without the necessity of controlling everybody else as well. On closer expression, this kind of individual is often found to be as shy and awkward as his more self-effacing brother. He may find it as difficult to participate fully in life and to experience the sense of richness and fullness which is so characteristic of the fiery personality.

The use of the will is something available to every human being, but it grows in proportion to one's self-knowledge and self-mastery. The natural fear that the majority of people feel about the unpredictability of life is connected largely with the unconsciousness of the majority of people about the resources and richness of the human psyche. Most men feel inadequate when confronted with their own powerlessness. The man who has achieved a degree of psychic integration is far better equipped to cope with life, because he is generally aware of the purpose of his own life in a broad sense, and also more aware of the energies which he can utilise from within



himself to carve out a piece of life for himself. Saturn in the first house tends first to emphasise the fear of powerlessness because it suggests a clinging to the more superficial features of the personality and a consequent loss of contact with the richer inner person. Eventually this fear can prod the individual into a deeper exploration of what he considers to be his identity. Saturn in the house of the identity is closely connected with this search, which can help to yield greater knowledge, greater integration, and the greater and more productive use of the will.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the first house is less intense than Saturn conjunct Mars, but it represents the same issue. Personal will must be integrated with the limits of personal will. There is an inherent potential for conflict between our first house sense of our own identity, our right and power to do what we please, and the Saturn principle which represents the 'rules of the game'. The 'rules' include 'natural law', cultural regulations, authority figures, and the conscience. We may resist any limits on our will and fight the world, trying to make our own will into law. Or we may doubt our own power and rights and give up, convinced that if we tried to do what we wanted we would just fail or be put down by the world. To integrate the conflict, we need to compromise so that there is a place in our lives for each of these sides of life. We need to find some things which we want to do and can do which are not in conflict with the rules, so that we have our share of the power in the world.

Saturn is a key to authority figures; and our first exposure is usually a father-figure, which could be a grandfather, stepfather, etc.. In the first house, the parent is a personal role model for the child, who may want to be like the father, or may want to do the opposite. I have seen both extremes - individuals with brutal fathers they feared, and individuals who adored their fathers. Endless variations are possible.

One example of a first house Saturn was a woman whose self-esteem was damaged because her father obviously preferred her sister. Years after the death of her father, this woman was still having recurrent dreams. She would hear her father calling 'Wait. I'm trying to catch up to you'. She would turn in the dream, thinking 'at last, my father wants to be with me'. Her father would see her face, say 'Oh, I thought you were your sister', and disappear.

If we doubt our own worth and power and feel that all the power is outside our control, we may not attempt many things we could otherwise do. In extreme self-blocking, we can shut down our immune system and become ill. No-one can do everything he or she wants; but we had better do something.

Saturn in the first house also shows an identification with a career. Once we have learned the rules which let us survive in this physical world, our skills permit us to cope with the world. They define our role in the society, our status, our share of the power if

we develop practical skills. When something is part of our identity, we have to do it or feel wiped out, so people with Saturn in the first house people have to feel powerful through some sort of accomplishment. But at the same time, the first house is demanding that our work be active, independent, varied, and under our own control. This can produce an entrepreneur, a self-employed professional or business-person, etc.. Mechanical skills are possible, which can lead to work with machines or tools, including modern technology, military, or medical fields, etc..

The identification with power and accomplishment may cause problems if such people retire. But a recent client who had been a highly successful business executive has managed it successfully by substituting control over his investments for his former job managing employees.

Part of the Saturn principle is a critical attitude, since to work effectively we have to look for the flaws and correct them. It is possible to so identify with this attitude that we are critical about everything in our lives, or we may just be too self-critical. In trying to handle any combination of two or more of the basic life desires, compromise is almost always the best solution. We have to learn to be ourselves, defend ourselves, and assert ourselves in the first house, but Saturn always reminds us to live within the limits.

(Bil Tierney)

The closer Saturn is to the ASC, the more it suggests we may start off in life with an uncomfortable self-image. An unchildlike uptightness is suggested. We have learned at a very tender age to hold back from taking spontaneous action due to basic insecurities about ourselves. Our instinct is to hesitate rather than self-assuredly mobilize our energies. Cautiousness and an air of reserve are often evident in our youth, reflecting an apparent degree of maturity in at least some of us. But because we naturally consider the consequences of our actions before initiating them, we readily keep most impulses in check. We at least are able to wait until we can calculate a better sense of timing before attempting to fulfill our urges. We seldom assertively or boldly move out into our environment. Patient restraint and a wait-and-see attitude are typical ways we face life.

Some astrologers suggest our circumspect disposition was linked to a difficult birth. Maybe some of us with Saturn in the First House were indeed reluctant to be born, thus making the birth process laborious. Perhaps our soul somehow felt it was not ready to incarnate - a stage fright of sorts. While astrologers cannot easily explain why any soul would think it was not ready to emerge into the world, the sign Saturn inhabits may give us a few clues.

Karmic astrologers would perhaps speculate that our reluctance to be born could be in direct reaction to past life body trauma, severe abuse, or even torture. Imagine if you were burned at the stake for whatever sick reason by a jeering mob of half-wits; would you willingly want to make another *début* into this potentially threatening, cruel world? At

the least, Saturn near the ASC suggests we might have been personally subjugated to physical restraint or confinement of some sort. For some reason, we probably suffered in the hands of authority by trying to simply be ourselves and follow our impassioned impulses.

Those interested in exploring former incarnations by analyzing Saturn's natal position should read Jeanne Avery's *Astrology and your Past Lives*. Granter, many were confined in the past for a wide range of reasons. Such past life experiences related to Saturn in the First House could now manifest as an obstacle to the development of a secure sense of identity and self-will in action. Our uncertainty about re-entering this world results in a ponderous, guarded nature. We observe our surroundings from a safe psychological distance. We may even tend to frown a lot. Since the First House deals with our body language, we may hold a lot of tightness in our physical frame, making us look stiff.

Our physical appearance is usually a sensitive issue. We don't seem to feel at home with our shape, size, or overall structure. Saturn traditionally symbolizes that which is slim, slender, thin, reed-like, under-abundant, or downright skinny. Those of us who fit this description have unconsciously been bought into the Saturn archetype quite literally. Yet there also are some of us here who struggle with chronic obesity: the dilemma implied here is quite complex.

Self-loathing may actually have nothing to do with why we are overweight. Most likely is that a heavy individual with a First House Saturn is psychologically using excess weight as a way to create symbolic insulation from a potentially harmful, unkind world. The extra fat in this instance becomes a ready defence against pain and rejection. Ironically, we are further judged negatively for such a physique. Society assumes we have gotten so heavy because we really don't care about ourselves: otherwise, why have we allowed ourselves to balloon to such a degree? As the social environment continues to dump on us, we put on more pounds, and the vicious cycle continues.

Whether too fat or too skinny, our outward disposition is rarely vibrant or brimming with liveliness. We may rarely be physically animated, since Saturn can impose a body heaviness (not to be confused with weight) as if we were very much operating under the laws of gravity. Some of us may attempt to resist the pull of gravity by training our body to go beyond average physical limits and restrictions, perhaps by participating in ballet or weightlifting. Graceful lightness or imposing strength thus become physical ideals toward which to aspire. Realize that planet Saturn in the sky is gaseous and that it could float upon water if the Earth had a large enough ocean. Sadly enough, it is human ignorance that creates undue Saturnian weightiness in our psyche. We often make Saturn heavier in temperament than need be.

Due to Saturn's expert talent for self-inhibiting, some of us do appear to be light, vivacious, and even superficial on the personality level - so much so that astrologers are

tempted to immediately rectify our natal chart (I'm half-joking here). We can act chipper, as if we do not have a care in the world. Maybe those of us here who express ourselves with an uncommon sense of flair and pizzazz are really trying to distract critical observers from detecting just how much we inwardly feel instead like unlovable loners. It's just that we do not want people to realize we can actually be too easily hurt and made to feel lonely. To avoid public judgement, we try very hard to appeal to and gain approval from anybody and everybody. This becomes our best defence against personal attack. We normally think of Neptune as having chameleon-like qualities. But apparently so does Saturn when under an intense pressure to fit in and be accepted. Remember this when you meet someone with a First House Saturn who instead behaves like a person with Venus or Jupiter rising in a Fire or Air sign.

Because we often perceive the harshness of life's uncompromising realities very personally and directly, we tend to feel it's all a big struggle to even exist. We may also make things harder for ourselves by going down more difficult paths to begin with. Yet maybe in the process we discover we have a keenly ambitious drive to handle adversity and eventually achieve more than was ever expected of us. We have had to continually meet up against many forms of authoritative backlash - from father to boss to our own rigid sense of inner authority. This can be a hardy placement for Saturn, once thinskin hypersensitivity has been replaced with unflinching determination and confident self-clarity. Although our actions appear level-headed, we seem to want to prove our inner strength by putting ourselves in situations where we have a chance to mow down obstacles and overcome hurdles.

Our childhood years were seldom free from inhibiting factors. We are most likely to have attracted at least one parent who presented authority to us in a fear-provoking manner. Feelings of personal inadequacy were typically due to some early deprivation. Economics may or may not play a role here (Saturn has traditionally been associated with poverty and physical want); but a greater sense of lack can revolve around the matter of not receiving sufficient personal attention. We may have been ignored too much and not held or comforted enough.

We might grow up much too sensitive to criticism, rejection, or neglect from others (whether real or imagined). We probably also were affected by adult power and its abuse. At least one of our parents (daddy?) was apparently good at showing us all about wielding power at the social level. Authoritarian control, or at least a general strictness, was probably applied to us at too young an age. Whatever the scenario, we eventually learned to become vulnerable to coldness, indifference, or a lack of sympathy from others - especially from those who became our replacement authority figures during our adult years. Such surrogate parental types can be our coach, our doctor, our therapist, our business mentor, our employer, even our judge should we have our day in court.

Perhaps we have been made to feel like ugly ducklings while growing up. We could have a lot going for us, but still can get hung up on our appearance. Self-criticism regarding

our looks can become a huge roadblock. Our assumption that we are basically unattractive can leave us feeling awkward and undesirable when making physical / sexual contact with others. Some of us may even downplay our physical attributes and shun direct attention from admirers. Lavish praise and enthused compliments can make us feel uneasy. Do we really want to endure an entire life span looking frumpy or even unkempt? Saturn in the First House means our outer packaging can, although functional, be much too plain, like the dull label on a generic product in the supermarket. Maybe we need to hang out with a few Neptunians, who know an imaginative thing or two about make-over magic.

Should our self-concept remain weak and unclear, we may exhibit self-doubt concerning our ability to both give and receive warmth, closeness, intimacy, and basic human connection. Our fear of disapproval may force us to assume a guarded appearance. We become skillful at covering up our wounded inner nature. On the surface, we may appear aloof and independent. This is a guise that can often work well in the professional zone, where we appear to have it all together as a self-made person. But we also need to review ourselves and determine whether or not we physically give off the(mis)impression that we are cool, composed, and a tad too unfriendly to get to know well. Maybe some of us really are indeed this way all the time. But the rest of us can be someone quite different deep inside. It is our self-uncertainty that makes us mistrust the intentions of others. We must learn that we live in a world that is not seeking to put us down or demean us, and that there are supportive people out there who can bolster our identity in life-affirming ways.

Getting to know us will probably take time. Once people attempt to go beyond our sometimes chilly façade - which can be intimidating at first encounter - they might just discover that we have a lot of depth. We give thoughtful consideration to others, and want the same in return. However, we do seem to have a hard time allowing people to penetrate our personality. Those barricades we psychologically construct around us work against us by further increasing our sense of isolation. They will need to be broken down by the power of intimate relationships. One good thing astrologers love to say about Saturn, because it rings true, is that 'Saturn gets better with age'. All is not lost. We simply need those vital lessons only maturity can provide. We with Saturn in the First House need to keep this in mind.

One of the attributes of Saturn in the First House is the ability through sustained effort to convert a frustrated sense of self-will into a more effective sense of self-mastery. We have the strength to transform ourselves into very capable, very adept individuals who can control and manage life quite well. Our inborn sense of orderliness and purposefulness enables us to keep our life active yet stable and productive. When well-managed, this Saturn denotes we can begin new projects with more sure-footedness and singlemindedness than most. We are inclined to evaluate all realistic limits involved and make necessary adjustments before or after we've started our project. Our ASC's sign takes on more power with Saturn placed in the First House, even if that sign is not

the same as Saturn's. The ASC sign has the responsibility of channelling Saturn's energy out into external experiences, and tends to mature and deepen in its expression as a result.

We are likely to feel more competent regarding worldly matters as we get older. We can become quite solid and grounded as we unfold ourselves and trust spontaneity. We learn to deal with the consequences of our actions courageously. Inner fortification can become well-developed in our old age. The key to much of this is learning not to become so crystallized and brittle that making changes becomes a painful ordeal for us. Keeping flexible attitudes and assumptions about life is the key. We need to continuously moisturize our consciousness with a sense of hope and faith, believing that our rut-bound patterns can always be modified, and that it's never too late to inaugurate new beginnings. The reward of a well-handled Saturn in the First House is a well-defined, workable sense of individuality. We can resiliently cope with whatever life presents to us. We can have a lasting feeling of inner security and the satisfying sense that our life is truly significant.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with Saturn in the 1st house are reluctant about approaching life at all. They cautiously venture out expecting the worst, and are invariably worried that they won't meet the mark. And yet they have to challenge themselves. It's like having a little man on their shoulders who repeatedly reprimands: 'I'm sorry, that's just not good enough - you know you can do better'. They imagine that others are constantly judging and assessing them, when in actual fact it is their own self-criticism which gives the greatest problem.

Saturn in the 1st may experience the physical body itself as awkward, gross and uncomfortable. Or they feel that their personalities are inadequate and lacking in social graces. Because of their difficulty in feeling easy and relaxed, they may present themselves in an austere or withdrawn manner. Or fearing that unless they are careful they might look silly, they develop a most dignified stance and posture in all they do. Even if they appear frothy and superficial on the outside, they are likely to be masking something insecure and problematical. Others may interpret their lack of confidence and reticence as cold and unfriendly.

Usually they have (or can develop) a good sense of responsibility and a willingness to work hard in life. This may stem from a need to prove their worth to the world - a desire to receive some sort of collective validation of their 'okay-ness'. For these reasons, they may be ambitious, exhibiting a steely determination to make something of themselves.

Very often, the early life has been experienced as difficult or restricting. They may have felt the childhood environment as unsafe or unsupportive of their free expression and personal creativity, as if they were squashed every time they stepped out of line. Others may have been lumbered with worries and responsibilities inappropriate to their young

age. Later on in life, they can usually make up for the fun and spontaneity they missed as a child.

Physically, those with Saturn rising are sometimes on the lean side, and often have a distinguishing facial bone structure. If Saturn is within a few degrees of the Ascendant, the birth may have been a difficult one as if the person was actually resisting incarnation. All new phases in the life may be met with the same degree of caution, trauma and fearful expectation. And yet, if they set their goals sensibly and realistically, they usually manage to achieve their objectives in life.

## Uranus ♅ in ♈ Aries 20° 8'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Uranus in Aries have the ability to intuitively receive from the planetary mind a new direction for mankind. They will have individualistic ideas of how to pioneer new ways. Disruption occurs only when a path of leadership that is not in accord with the good of society as a whole is sought.

(Joan Negus)

Uranus and Aries is direct and overt. The keyword for this placement is 'action'; and little thought may be given to the consequences thereof. Sudden changes are made, or revolutions precipitated, not because God says you should nor because society demands it, not for reasons of fairness, equality and justice, but rather because 'I' say it's right. There is the attitude of 'what's in it for me?' or 'if it's right for me, it's right for everyone'.

The optimistic, risk-taking quality ascribed to this combination, especially in the sign of Aries, can help to explain the attitude and conditions that led to the depression. You need look no further for astrological reasons or excuses for the marginal buying that contributed to the Stock Market crash in 1929.

We can add to our definition of Uranus in Aries the adventurous, pioneering spirit that those who have this placement can exhibit in their revolutionary activities and their search for freedom and individuality.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Aries last century from April to October 1927, again from January 1928 until May 1934, and from October 1934 to March 1935. Aries is the sign of individuality and the self as separate from society; therefore, those of you who have Uranus in this

sign in your birth charts will experience and be involved with changes that affect the individual's role in society. Aries also is associated with war, the military, and all forms of conflict and competition, including sports, so your Uranus group might be responsible for bringing about changes in these areas, too.

Much of the world was in turmoil during Uranus's most recent trip through Aries. The United States and Europe were in the midst of economic chaos. In China, the warlords who had held control since the end of the Empire were overthrown, and the country was embroiled in civil war. Militaristic régimes were increasing their power in Germany, Italy and Japan. Japan and China were at war; and conflicts and unrest that would lead to World War II were building up around the globe.

Those of you who were born during this explosive time are yourselves explosive, assertive, impulsive, antagonistic, reckless, outspoken, even violent. You also are daring, courageous and adventurous, and eager to confront challenges and danger - on the battlefield, in the sports arena or in the boardroom. Not easily intimidated, you have the singlemindedness and strength of character to go after what you want aggressively, no matter what the odds against you are, and may see yourself as a modern-day David fighting Goliath. This is the stuff of which heroes and heroines are made. This fearlessness, aggressiveness and love of adventure can lead some Uranus-in-Aries people to endanger others or even to engage in lives of crime.

Issues of individual rights and expression versus society's rules and conventions often arise for people with this Uranus placement. Those of you with Uranus in Aries insist on complete freedom to do as you please, and see the individual as being more important than society. Perhaps you believe society interferes too much with personal freedoms, and you might embrace a civil libertarian viewpoint or work to do away with government regulations and restrictions. In the pursuit of your own desires, however, you can be reckless and irresponsible, and sometimes show total disregard for others.

During the mid-nineteenth century, when Uranus was also in Aries, many of the great industrialists, interested only in their own purposes, exhibited a lack of concern for the health and safety of their workers as well as for the environment. This same 'rugged individualism' and willingness to push ahead without considering the consequences, however, was what made the Industrial Revolution possible in the United States and Europe. Uranus in Aries signifies the self-made men and women whose pioneering spirit, energy, independence and vision result in major breakthroughs in science, technology and industry.

Those of you born while Uranus was in Aries in the twentieth century have been responsible for the development of computers, aerospace technology, sophisticated military hardware, medical techniques and equipment, and many other scientific advances. You are interested in discovering new things and new ways to accomplish your aims, and are inventive and original in your thinking and methodology.



(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Aries indicates people whose mission it is to blaze new trails in science and social reform. Freedom to act in their own way is of paramount importance to them. They have courage, daring, initiative and resourcefulness. When Uranus is afflicted in Aries, however, they can be explosively impulsive, politically fanatic, violent, and indiscriminate in their rejection of the past.

This sign position makes its natives blunt and outspoken. As a generation, they demand change and refuse to live in the style of their parents or preceding generations. Their spirit of adventure is strong, and they need constant new experiences in order to remain happy.

Impulsiveness and temper are the pitfalls of this sign position. Natives must learn to develop more consideration for others and a greater ability to co-operate. When individualism is carried to extremes, it blinds people to the social structure upon which large endeavors depend.

Many people who were born in the late 1920s or early 1930s have Uranus in Aries square Pluto in Cancer. Their lives and destinies were torn apart by World War II.

(Grant Lewi)

If your Jupiter is also in Aries, read that paragraph carefully and link it with this one. Uranus in Aries causes you to express your genius directly and openly to the world. You have around you a cheerful forthrightness that can make for great honesty, simplicity and charm. You are protected from sensitiveness by having a good, solid sense of your own worth and a willingness to believe that other people accept you for what you are. You can be blunt and tactless, and you have to look out that independence of spirit does not make you a lone wolf. Mentally, you are quick, apt, facile, able to grasp mechanical details readily and to apply them practically. You are aggressive and are rarely afraid to think your own thoughts or to express them. You care a great deal about 'being understood' and will go out of your way to explain yourself if you think you are being misinterpreted. You love action, both physical and mental, and are rarely found idle. Laziness is not for you; your mind at least is always working, no matter what your body may be doing. Concentration is the thing you have to learn in order to put your pioneering intellect to best use.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is a powerful and positive placing, with the energy and assertiveness of Aries complementing the forthright, nervous energy of Uranus. Unless negatively aspected, Uranus should endow plenty of originality and the motivation to use it in positive ways.

There will be erratic tendencies, however, and patience is not enhanced; look elsewhere in the chart to see if this and more cautionary qualities are present.

In a chart showing creative potential, the influence will strengthen originality and often gives a lively color sense. The pioneering spirit of Aries also complements the search for what is new, out-of-the-ordinary and different - all-powerful Uranian traits. The placing also heightens self-confidence and reinforces the individual's powers of leadership. However, possible fool-hardiness must be checked, since it can surface in an extremely eccentric way with the individual becoming involved in silly and daredevil feats (if often with good intentions, such as raising money for charity). As always with this placing, caution must be developed. If Uranus is negatively aspected, especially by Mars, these daring tendencies will be increased. If Uranus is generally negatively aspected, its characteristic nervous and emotional tension will be particularly noticeable.

(John Townley)

Along with others in your age group, you are inclined toward sexual discovery through active commitment and involvement. Instead of just letting events take their own course, you prefer to shape them, finding special personal enrichment in relationships that you instigate yourself.

This attitude results in part from a belief, shared by your peers, in taking fate into your own hands and shaping it by the force of your will. You have an inner drive to be self-sufficient or willfully self-reliant.

It would be wise to question this generational attitude, particularly if you find that it does not suit your own personality. Any attempts to aggressively change or control your environment, especially a love relationship, should be done cautiously with special concern for adverse effects on your partner.

If you find that change comes easily to you in affairs of the heart, your relationships may become stepping stones to growth. Though these liaisons are often fairly simple and well-defined, they represent an increasingly complex pattern of personal growth that is the result of continually taking matters into your own hands.

You may find that your style and philosophy change radically over the years. You will retain your sincerity and commitment while becoming increasingly aware and respectful of other people's differences.

(Robert Hand)

This position will be repeated in the 21st century, beginning about 2011. It seems to indicate a generation of individuals who have an unusually strong drive for selfexpression and who may have quite a bit of trouble conforming to society's norms.

Certainly, for this generation, intense personal concern with individual freedom is stronger than concern with freedom as an abstract social issue. In other words, these people prefer to seek freedom for themselves on a day-to-day practical level rather than fight for freedom as a social principle. In fact, they might be rather apolitical except about issues that affect them personally.

## Uranus ♅ in 12th House

(Joan Negus)

If you have Uranus in the twelfth house and, as a child, your independence and creativity were encouraged, you will undoubtedly be able to easily express these qualities as an adult. You should have little difficulty exhibiting your individuality and you will probably easily combine imagination with your creativity.

If on the other hand the independent side of your nature was frequently suppressed, you might have become timid and too conforming. If you are overly cautious and never allow yourself to exhibit the maverick in you, you could stunt your emotional growth. You might spend your life being unhappy about your circumstances, wishing that somehow you could be freer.

If, however, you become extremely restless or dissatisfied, your self-control could disappear and then your behaviour might become erratic. This extreme will not be satisfying either. You want to express your individuality and independence, but you have to determine acceptable limits in so doing. Although you do not want to be totally conforming, nor do you want to be a pariah. Therefore, you have to decide how different you can be without being considered very strange or even crazy by others; but it is most important that you approve of yourself.

Another way you might choose to quell the restlessness is to become a 'closet rebel', nourishing your differentness without fanfare. You could do it quietly, or perhaps deviously. Being covert, however, might give you feelings of guilt. This, in turn, could interfere with the personal gratification you should get from expressing your individuality.

If you have Uranus in the twelfth house and tend to have problems with such issues, you might try the following procedure to get your energies moving. First, probe deeply (twelfth house) into why you feel inhibited. Stir up old memories of how your individuality was thwarted and what occurred when you tried to express your independence. This could unlock fears that have been stored up over the years, and allow you to take small steps toward becoming freer and more creative.

You also can consider acceptable outlets for expressing your uniqueness through the

twelfth house. You might choose to become involved with mystical pursuits. The particular mystical path you select is unimportant because any form of mysticism is considered unusual and sometimes strange by the materialistic society which sets our standards. Delving into metaphysics could enrich your life; and you may begin to feel that freedom you have been missing.

Another possibility is to become involved in the arts, particularly music. This will trigger the creative element associated with Uranus that you may not even know you have. Your creativity may be unusual and come in spurts, but demonstrating your uniqueness in this manner can alleviate your restlessness or feelings of suppression. This may seem like an indirect approach to expressing your individuality, but you may find that it is far more satisfying than inciting an insurrection, or being covert about your nonconformity.

As mentioned in the beginning of this section, if your creativity and individuality were encouraged when you were a child, you probably grew up with the ability to openly display your uniqueness confidently, without concern for rejection or repercussions. Your creativity, too, will flow quite easily. Keep this in mind when you are intimately involved with children who have Uranus in the twelfth house. Work on helping to cultivate Uranian themes in their lives.

No matter which house in your horoscope holds your natal Uranus, remember that this is the area in which you are supposed to break with tradition and also directly display your individuality. With all the planets, but especially Uranus, the planet of change, you will need to find different ways of expressing the themes in the course of your lifetime. You will know it is time to make changes in terms of Uranus when you feel oppressed or restless. If you recognise these symptoms as soon as they appear, you can immediately define your parameters in the house in which Uranus is placed so that you can begin to break out of the mold quickly. Then you can make the necessary changes with a minimum of effort and a maximum of spontaneity and success.

(Haydn Paul)

Uranus in this house involves the concepts of endings, transitions, the results of the past, and an affinity with the unconscious mind. In several ways, this can be a challenging placement, which will oblige you to confront powerful hidden habit patterns or 'karmic residues' which are affecting your life, options and choices.

There is a parallel between your psychological health and that of society, through the connections of the collective and individual unconscious mind. Often you will be pulled back towards the past, both because of the influence that it has on your current life, and as an escape from the present moment. Emotionally, you probably have 'unfinished business' with the past, and perhaps with parental relationships. There will be a need to free yourself from this preoccupation, and to resolve the stresses and splits that make you look back; such an integration could become essential for your psychological well-

being, and if problems develop related to your mental interpretation of human 'reality', you may need psychotherapy (even self-directed) to enable you to release the unconscious pressures, and to shine a liberating light clarifying and making the unconscious conscious. Forms of self-evasion and deception may work at covering up inner splits and problems for a time, but eventually they will stand revealed, as the personality-structure fragments under the strain of living an illusion.

In discovering self-healing, one participates and contributes to the healing of the collective. The higher aspect of this placement includes the potential to become an inspirational channel and voice of the collective mind, the natural inner receptivity being expressed in forms of insight, revelation, and artistic creativity. This may emerge after a period of self-exploration, through which a more inclusive centre of identity and consciousness is discovered as previously unconscious aspects of the self are exposed to the light.

You will certainly have to face the consequences of the dominating patterns which are operating through your life. Wherever these derive from, or from whichever experiences they have been formed, you will initially have to acknowledge their existence and impact on you; accepting them as part of you is the next step in integration, and will begin to resolve their more negative influences. A serious evaluation of these restrictions and limitations may reveal their potential transcending too, indicating the right way forward. Confronting 'fate' is not inevitably a negative encounter; it can equally be the opening of the doors of opportunity and success, and a sowing of fruitful seeds for the commencement of the next cycle of experience and expression.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetypes that the 12th House correlates to in human consciousness are based on the impulse to transcend and unite with the ultimate causal factor that has set in motion the phenomenon of creation through time and space.

Individually, the reaction to Uranus in the 12th house is to overly identify with a singular dimension or aspect of the total nature. An undefined fear of losing control, of egocentric dissolution, of being consumed by thoughts or images that arise apparently of themselves within the consciousness, and of going 'nuts', produces this overidentification. Again, the primary archetype in the 12th House is to rise above duality, of cause and effect, of conditional, temporal, sensual reality in order to unite with that which created everything - to transcend. Uranus here requires a liberation from the egocentric structure of consciousness that is only identified with itself as a singular, separate entity that is distinct from the total Creation.

Anatomically, Uranus here increases the amount of electrical energy impacting on the pineal gland within the brain. Increasing the amount of melatonin produced from this gland promotes the weakening of the non-material barrier separating the interface

between the conscious and unconscious. It is the conscious merging of conscious and unconscious that allows for the transference in the centre of gravity within the total consciousness to take place: from the ego of the personality, which is subjective and is perceived as singular and separate from the Creation, to the soul, which has its own conscious centre. The conscious centre of the soul can only be made consciously available to the egocentric structure of personality by dissolving the barrier separating the unconscious from the subjective consciousness reflected as personality in each life.

The unconscious has two dimensions within us all: the individuated and the collective, as we discussed earlier. In effect, it is by making the unconscious conscious that we shift the centre of gravity in our consciousness from the subjective ego of personality to the conscious centre within the soul. By being centred in the soul, we thus transcend and unite with the ultimate causal factor of Creation. It is this archetype within all human consciousness that has given rise to the various spiritual traditions throughout time.

And yet it is this very impulse that is resisted and feared by many who have Uranus in the 12th House. This is because of the disassociation or disorientation from separateness, from accepted and normal reality as defined by the existing social conditions that one is living in, that Uranus in the 12th House can produce. Thus the common reaction within this group is to overly identify with a singular aspect of the total nature, to blindly accept the existing reality conditions, focuses, beliefs, and immediate social group that they find themselves living within. When suppression of the total nature occurs, consciousness reacts by producing fantasies, dreams, escape behaviours, or imaginary thoughts that most of these people live out quite passively through daydreams, regular dreams, the modern media of movies or TV, or reading, in which vicarious fulfilment can take place. The high rate of alcoholism in this group of people reflects escape behavior based on denial of the total nature. It is no coincidence that the first astronauts in space had Uranus in Pisces. This physical event symbolises the need for a global consciousness, of a detached view of Earth that induces a universal vision that naturally makes us aware of how small and seemingly insignificant we are in the total scheme of things (humility), of inducing an absolute wonderment at the nature of Creation in which the laws and structures of Creation as understood and experienced on Earth are uniformly experienced in the space beyond Earth. It is no coincidence that for many in the generation with Uranus in Pisces, the generational icons are individuals who are larger than mundane life, individuals whose personae are produced through the illusion of movies or created through the myths of fiction.

Liberation and freedom from the known occur when these individuals allow themselves to actualise their total natures, to step outside the times they are living within. It occurs by their examining, in some way, the causes or bases of their fear of losing control, of the fear of being overwhelmed by undefined forces. It occurs by their examining the nature of their dreams, the nature of their illusions or delusions as projected possible realities, the nature of their personal ideals that remain as unfulfilled expectations. Liberation and freedom occur in many by their accepting the individual lifestyles of those who are

perceived to be so very different from themselves. Liberation and freedom occur when these individuals can design strategies that will allow them to expand their sense of reality. It will occur when many of these people learn to act upon the ideas that seem to be pulling them away from the immediacy of their existing reality and all the commitments that this reality induces.

A natural stress can occur in the endocrine system, thymus gland, and immune system. The various problems, conditions, or diseases associated with these areas can result because of this stress. The body can require a constant and above normal amount of vitamin C, fluids, and 'sweats' in order to maintain the integrity of these systems, and the thymus gland. A natural stress can occur within the pineal gland that promotes the accelerated secretion of melatonin, a hormone that increases the sensitivity of not only the anatomy and physiology but also the consciousness of the living organism itself. The increased sensitivity of the anatomy and physiology produces abnormal reactions to extremes of anything that goes into the body or interfaces with the skin or biosphere (etheric) of the body. There can be an abnormal sensitivity to sunlight, as an example, that leads to discoloration of the skin through the rapid production of melanin. This, of course, can progress into skin cancers such as melanoma. Internal stress can produce melanemia, or an unnaturally dark colour of blood. There can be a heightened reaction to impurities or chemical additives in foods, as well as to synthetic drugs and their side effects. Because of the natural polarity between the coccyx chakra and the crown chakra (pineal), a certain percentage of these individuals can experience puberty quite early in their lives.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Difficulties in childhood are apt to make those with a twelfth house Uranus into mavericks; often bright, even brilliant, but frequently out of the current mainstream of human experience. They are apt to be psychological or spiritual exiles, sometimes political exiles as well, either through choice or through the activity of enemies. They have strong activities and opinions, which they have a hard time keeping to themselves. They see the faults in everything, including themselves, and work hard to put them right. They have great sympathy for the underdog, and, given aspects of power, can do much to bring about more just and sensible ways of doing things.

Uranus, with its clinical attitude at this angle of moral sensibility, can give them a moral blind spot so that the ramifications of their actions are not always clear to them at the beginning, through with good planets and aspects, though, they may ultimately become very sensitive to moral issues. They run the moral gamut from cold-blooded killers to the greatest humanitarians.

With Uranus in the twelfth house, there is always a moral crisis of some sort. Circumstances will force these people to study issues of right and wrong and to take a stand. If they don't, and they just allow things to take their natural course, life is going to

batter them pretty badly. Some choose early, some late, but all must choose. Once they have chosen right over wrong, they are able to ride out the storm.

Their critical faculty is so strong that it can hinder their progress. They do best working for the good of some alienated or misunderstood group as their criticisms will then be of use in defence of something other than themselves; although, without several planets or angles in water signs, their approach may be overly clinical. They have trouble early in life in discriminating properly between those companions, lovers, business associates, etc., who are good for them and those who are not, and the process of finding out which is which may take a long time and bring a few shocks and sorrows along the way.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 12th house represents the collective sea out of which we all emerge. Those with Uranus in the 12th need to take a deep breath and jump in, not forgetting to bring along their best diving equipment and research apparatus. Through exploring the unconscious it is possible for them to regain a sense of continuity with evolutionary and historic processes and glimpse the guiding patterns on which their lives are based. It's not everyone's cup of tea, but in whatever house Uranus is placed, we have to take risks and be different.

People with Uranus in the 12th can approach the whole unconscious realm in an inventive, original and intuitive way. They have access to the mind's storehouse of ancestral wisdom - experiences accrued in the past and inherited through previous generations. Some find the key to unlocking this treasure through drugs, others through meditation or any form of artistic expression which allows them to 'tune into' these ancient records of experience.

Uranus in the 12th can also give a close attunement to movements within the collective, often before these actually manifest (the 12th house contains the seeds of the future as well as the remnants from the past). In a collection of her essays on the outer planets and their cycles, Liz Greene points out that Uranus in this house often has 'a very strong interest in political movements and ideologies, but in a rather compulsive as opposed to reflective way'. Uranus gets the rumblings of something even before it happens.

From what I have observed, if Uranus is well-aspected in the 12th, these people have a wealth of good advice to offer others - as if insight and knowledge are there on tap. However, if Uranus has many hard aspects, then their vision is sometimes impaired by their own personal neuroses and complexes. These will have to be 'cleaned up' before the positive benefits of this placement are felt. They are also more likely to be thrown off course by negative feelings in the atmosphere. Regardless of how Uranus is aspected, there is often an interest in parapsychology and spiritualism.

A deep-seated reluctance to relinquish their independence can make it difficult for them



to settle down or take root. One part of them might desperately want closeness and security but somehow they manage to thwart this happening. Exploring their own unconscious motivations can free them from this conundrum and help alleviate a lingering sense of loneliness and isolation.

Some join secret societies or engage in 'behind-the-scenes' work for groups. They may align themselves with institutions of a progressive or unusual nature. Acting as a channel through which new ideas and trends are established, they could revolutionise or disrupt the workings of any institution with which they are involved.

Periods of confinement or incarceration may produce surprising effects. In a few cases I have seen, they have not acknowledged a need to temporarily retreat from life, and consequently attracted 'accidents' or illnesses which forced them to do so. Sudden reversals of fortune are possible: something which seems ominous and threatening may turn out to be completely different from what they expect, and vice versa.

It could be fruitful to enquire about anything unusual which might have occurred to the mother during the gestation period - in some way, this may have impressed itself on the psyche of the developing embryo.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your parents indulged you and gave you plenty of opportunities to prove what you could do with your creative imagination. You owe it to yourself to develop your talents so that you can make your own way successfully. At first you may have to accept the limitations that society imposes on you, but this will pass as you make your own contribution to its needs. When you see others enjoying greater freedom because of your efforts, your anxiety about restricted mobility will pass. Knowing that someone needs your skills gives you the enthusiasm to put forth your best effort. You can motivate people to utilise their resources more effectively, but you should not expect any sexual favors as a condition of your help. You can satisfy your physical needs in a different setting.

Although your freedom is very precious, you put up with the limitations of your career because you realise that after you've achieved your goals you will have a more lasting freedom, with financial security. Surely you must know that sharing your talents is part of your destiny, and the enrichment you give others will be returned when you review your life efforts later.

Until you focus on providing a unique service, your progress will be slow. To learn the necessary skills, you must get a good education. You can't hope to succeed on your intuitive gifts alone; and formal training will help you find the best way to apply yourself. Your insight gives you an advantage over your competition and enables you to solve many problems that baffle others. You are keyed to the social problems in your immediate surroundings; and your finger is on the pulse of the major problems of the

larger society. You should have little difficulty attracting patrons for your service, and as your reputation grows so will your patronage. It will be to your advantage to seek a career that allows you self-determination and opportunities to grow and develop to your maximum potential.

A career in science, medicine or social work might be appealing to you. These fields would give you the opportunity to deal with their inherent special problems, and recognition will surely follow your achievements. However, you will have to sacrifice some of your personal pleasures to invest the time and energy in exploiting your creative potential. Your partner and children will make any sacrifice seem a worthwhile investment.

You carry a heavy burden of social responsibility, because you are so aware of society's problems, and you have the talent to help solve them. This responsibility you cannot ignore. The freedom you enjoy depends on your willingness to share your skills with those who do not have such freedom. You have the resources people need to lead them out of the darkness of their ignorance. Later you will feel very proud when you reflect on how much your efforts meant to those who benefitted from them.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Your dreams glisten with the promise of the unusual, the abnormal, the miraculous. There are no limits; anything is possible. In fantasy, you express freely, with no concern for acceptance. The judgements of others are irrelevant; and even your own judgements about yourself fall away. The pitfall occurs when fantasies become real. In dreams you leap beyond the pull of gravity, but in real experience you're subject to the density of earthly existence. It's like the difference between stopping on a dime and running into a brick wall at eighty miles an hour. Be careful about what you transfer from one realm to another. The challenge is to realise through your dreams that nothing is as it seems, that the expected norms of life are mere illusions. Everything in existence is absolutely unique and incomparable.

Unfocused intuition: You're fascinated with psychic development (or research in general, for that matter). Intuition is a visit from outer space, a non-sequitur leaping in to disrupt the ordinary process of logic, a neon sign flashing suddenly in the night. It's either on or off, hot or cold, but never lukewarm. The challenge is to awaken your superconscious, however revolutionary it may prove to be. Channelship reports you, ripping you up by the roots so you can find new, more fertile soil in which to grow.

Withdrawal or isolation: Others see you as unique, even odd, but you struggle to identify what makes you different. You withdraw from life to find the 'real' you. Privately, you're interested in arcane and unusual pursuits, especially mental explorations. The more in touch you are with your secret self, the more tension you feel about revealing it to others. The challenge is to take selected individuals into your private world. As your trust

increases so you're safe to be yourself with them, gradually move your private world towards the public realm. The goal is to merge the 'outlaw' self with the 'normal' self, so that there is finally only one self, acceptable but special.

Selfless giving: When you give of yourself freely, with no conditions, something special happens. Selflessness is your chance to step out of the mundane. The precise nature of what and how you give cannot be foreseen; it is unpredictable both in form and in content. In fact, the more radical your gifts are, the fuller is the release of new perspective. The pitfall is stubbornness. You become like the zealous minister who is going to save souls whether or not they want (or need) to be saved. Remember that pure giving is correctly a response to need. The challenge is to awaken to a will higher than that of the ego.

'Past Lives': Independence has come up in life after life. You may have been such a non-conformist that you alienated others. There were broken commitments, sudden separations, both personal and cultural. Or you may have been someone so concerned with acceptance by others that you sacrificed your individuality, stuffing it into your unconscious. In either case, the issue of freedom has reached a point where patterns from past incarnations are carrying over into this life. Whenever you experience unpredictable breaks in relationships, urges to shock others, or compulsive desires to overthrow the status quo, you're in the flow of karmic rhythms. The challenge is to integrate personal freedom without totally upsetting your own and others' lives. Study what independence means; learn the difference between productive reform and unconscious iconoclasm.

## Neptune ♆ in ♓ Pisces 22° 41'

No interpretation.

## Neptune ♆ in 11th House

No interpretation.

## Pluto ♇ in ♒ Aquarius 1° 18'

No interpretation.

# Pluto ♅ in 10th House

(Ginger Chalford)

With Pluto in the house of the more obviously dominant parent (usually the mother in childhood), the early patterns involve extremes in the parent-child relationship. This Pluto child sees his / her mother as overbearing, possibly impatient, smouldering with anger at him / her; an exceptionally special person who inspires extremes of love and hate. To be included in the special grace of her magnetic energy is what this child desires most, and therefore the child is willing to follow the mother's dictums and do whatever is necessary to receive that powerful blessing. Of course, as these Pluto tenth house individuals grow into middle and late childhood, the inner psychic touch and intense love-hate bond with the mother will prove to be a threat to the growth of personal independence. A crisis occurs in which these children must choose between the security of getting along with her by obedience to her social training and expectations, and the insecurity of rebellion, knowing nothing of what might come next. Most children will opt for the security, for they fear that if they are rebellious then mother will get angry, and the relationship will end. And this particular relationship is a powerful one, for these Pluto children will never at any time be able to ignore their mother. The connection is just too magnetic and intense! The only way to get out of the aura of such a strong parent is to be physically separated from her over great distances. Even though there may be no communication between the adult Pluto tenth house people and their mothers, the impact of this parent lives with them, creating profound attitudes about personal 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 mother-child 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 become 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.

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An example of an individual who refused to accept this gender switch is Christine Jorgensen. Jorgensen was born a man, yet had a sex change operation to become the woman she once was. Jorgensen has Pluto in Cancer in the Tenth House conjunct the North Node in the Eleventh House. The South Node is in Capricorn in the Fifth House, conjunct a Capricorn Moon in the Fourth House. Neptune in Leo inconjuncts the South Node and Moon, and Mars in Pisces is sextile the South Node and trine the North Node. In addition, Venus in Aries in the Eighth House squares the Nodal axis, Pluto and the Moon. Her determination to have this gender switched reversed served as an inspiration and example for others who feel the same need. These astrological symbols suggest confusion within her Soul as to what gender through which to express itself. The square from Venus to the Nodal axis, Pluto and the Moon correlates to “skipped steps.”

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.

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(Jeff Green) (contd.)

Some individuals who have had such prior-life experiences will go through cycles of pessimism, depression, bitterness, spitefulness and jealousy of those who are in positions of authority in this life. They may be unable to define or accept the limits of their social capacity and be unable to follow the prescribed ways and means of actualising what capacity they do have. Guilt can occur through the inner awareness of their failure to utilise their potential; or guilt can be projected outward if they blame the stifled conditions of their lives on society or on others in general.

In truth, the responsibility for such conditions is their own. Often, the parents reinforce their guilt because they judge their children's shortcomings against their own standards of conduct. On a more positive level, those who have mastered the lessons of self-determination, self-discipline and the ways and means that a society prescribes to realise ambition, capacity and social function have held meaningful social positions in other lives. Because they have learned these lessons before, these individuals can actualise the social function for which they are evolutionarily and karmically destined with little effort. The roles that they have played and can play, large or small, commonly have a positive and transformative impact either within their specific area of work or within society as a whole. Those who have learned to conduct themselves in relation to transcultural and timeless standards of conduct, or have at least determined to attempt to conduct themselves in this way, can play roles that inspire others to improve their own lives. This impact can be small or large depending on the evolutionary and karmic signature of the individual. In certain cases, this impact has transcended the borders of the individual's native country and touched others in other lands.

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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) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Pluto** - (1°55') ♄1 | ♄10
- 2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°29') ♀7 | ♄8
- 3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°20') ♀7 | ♄12
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°02') ♄8 | ♄8
- 5) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°09') ♄8 | ♄12
- 6) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°19') ♄11 | ♄1
- 7) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (1°45') ♄11 | ♄11
- 8) ► **Saturn ♄ Contra-Parallel ♄ Neptune** - (1°26') ♄1 | ♄11
- 9) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (2°00') ♄1 | ♄1
- 10) ► **Neptune ♄ Parallel ☾ North-Node** - (0°34') ♄11 | ♄7
- 11) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (0°42' A) ♄1 | ♄1
- 12) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (6°22' A) ♄12 | ♄11
- 13) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (3°00' A) ♄8 | ♄8
- 14) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♄ Pluto** - (2°08' A) ♄10 | ♄10
- 15) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♄ Uranus** - (2°36' S) ♄12 | ♄12
- 16) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ☾ South-Node** - (10°24' A) ♄12 | ♄1
- 17) ► **Jupiter ♃ Conjunct ♄ Neptune** - (5°41' S) ♄11 | ♄11
- 18) ► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct ☾ South-Node** - (1°09' S) ♄1 | ♄1
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ☿ Mercury** - (5°42' A) ☾3 | ♄10
- 20) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♄ Pluto** - (3°34' A) ☾3 | ♄10
- 21) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile ♄ Pluto** - (2°56' A) ♄11 | ♄10
- 22) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (5°51' S) ♄1 | ☾3
- 23) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♄ Pluto** - (2°17' A) ♄1 | ♄10
- 24) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♄ Neptune** - (5°51' A) ♄8 | ♄11
- 25) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♂ Mars** - (5°00' S) ☾3 | ♄12
- 26) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♄ Saturn** - (6°33' A) ☾3 | ♄1
- 27) ► **Moon ☾ Square ☾ North-Node** - (5°24' A) ☾3 | ♄7
- 28) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♄ Saturn** - (0°51' S) ♄10 | ♄1
- 29) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ☾ North-Node** - (0°18' A) ♄10 | ♄7
- 30) ► **Saturn ♄ Square ♄ Pluto** - (2°59' A) ♄1 | ♄10
- 31) ► **Pluto ♄ Square ☾ North-Node** - (1°50' S) ♄10 | ♄7
- 32) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♄ Pluto** - (3°26' S) ♄6 | ♄10
- 33) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♂ Mars** - (5°54' A) ♄8 | ♄12
- 34) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♄ Uranus** - (3°18' A) ♄8 | ♄12

- 35) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°38' A) ☾3 | 0011  
 36) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°03' A) ☾3 | 0011  
 37) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (6°18' A) ♀8 | ♀12  
 38) ► **Sun** ☉ **Octile** ♁ **North-Node** - (1°18' A) ♀8 | ♀7

- 1) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°55') ♀1 | ♁10

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Pluto to the Ascendant means that you have the power to determine the kind of world that can be constructed from its available resources. You know how difficult it is to function and develop under environmental conditions and economic pressures that frustrate you at every turn, but it is in your grasp to arouse the people to make public officials yield to their demands. You can play an important role in urging the public to eliminate the parasites who cause decaying social conditions and the depraved human qualities that lead to them. Because you speak and conduct yourself with authority, no-one dares dismiss you as a troublesome critic. You are not easily aroused to taking action unless the situation is serious. If it is, you will use every trick you can devise to compel those responsible to take the actions that are necessary to restore order from chaos. You won't be satisfied until a system is working effectively.

You don't tolerate abuse in your personal affairs either. In general you know what you want out of life, and are ready to make any investment in talent and effort to realize your goals. You defend those entrusted to your care, and the people you love know that you will protect their interests at all costs. You must guard against driving yourself or others to excess. Choose your adversaries with care, or you could antagonize someone who would deal violently with you. You tend to bring out the worst qualities in people.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Pluto, the compulsive and powerful urge to achieve power and recognition, and the mechanism in us that drives us to get to the bottom of everything, will, when conjunct the Ascendant, impart an air of fierceness and forcefulness. Pluto is not a relaxed planet, and we radiate a certain intensity that some of our acquaintances may even find fascinating. With Pluto on the Ascendant, we have 'somehting': there is something unfathomably powerful in our look that can be very intriguing.

Because Pluto gives a longing for power, we are not averse to being manipulative. With this planet at such a main outlet, we desperately need to play an important part, to gain control of our circumstances - and thus of our immediate surroundings. But we are unable to hold Pluto's influence in check, and can express ourselves much more forcefully than we suppose. If we fail to have our own way by direct methods, we employ

indirect methods, since we are determined to have it at all costs. Therefore people with Pluto on the Ascendant are often to be found engaged in a sharp struggle for superiority with those around them. However, the hostilities are not necessarily open. Many people are afraid of a head-on clash with such strength, and have an uneasy feeling that the person possessing it might go to extremes; therefore they attempt an outflanking manoeuvre. But someone with Pluto on the Ascendant is also a master tactician, knowing to perfection how and when to launch a surreptitious counterattack, and never relenting until the initiative has been regained.

Therefore we are not able to pass through life unnoticed, even though seldom revealing our inner thoughts. We make stringent demands of ourselves and others - who have to pass muster before they are allowed proper access to us. They must be able to match our strength.

The taboo-breaking character of Pluto means that, with the planet on the Ascendant, we can try really hard to bring about all sorts of improvements and changes. However, there is a danger that we might go to excess, which could be very destructive to ourselves and to our environment. This danger exists because Pluto stands for an all-or-nothing attitude. The community will have a hard fight on its hands if it tries to block our pet schemes.

The characteristics represented by Pluto the transformer are not easily governed by the conscious will; however, it is possible to learn to integrate them better. As the personality matures, the initially unmanageable desire for power can be redirected to control the factors causing inner uncertainty and outer insecurity. Given this improved handling of Pluto's influence, we should acquire the ability to uncover material repressed and buried in the unconscious minds of ourselves and others. Digging and rooting in other psyches is one of the many possible forms of expression of this aspect, and can lead to a great knowledge of people. In holding our own, we are inclined to use such knowledge as leverage. here is a further illustration of the power needs of this combination, and a warning of its danger in certain respects.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Pluto conjuncts the Ascendant, the qualities of unconscious motivation are added to every new beginning. Either the energy of the archetypal or mythic images can be added to each new endeavor, or the need to control each new event in life will take place. The controlled personality, the person who approaches life very carefully, can be indicated by this conjunction, as can the person who has great healing abilities, or one who has wonderful ideas that can benefit society.

(Sue Tompkins)

I think anyone with Pluto conjunct any of the angles has a strong urge to power, but also

tends to insist upon privacy. Pluto rising people usually approach the world being very concerned with survival. Rather like Saturn rising, those with Pluto conjunct the Ascendant do not seem to expect the world to be a particularly safe place; they expect the world 'out there' to be something of a minefield, a place where the mines are not only hidden but potentially fatal. Intensely self-aware, the individual also seems especially aware of and sensitive to the murkier sides of life and the uglier aspects of human nature.

Pluto rising people seem to go out into the world wanting to hide. This is particularly noticeable with the Ascendant in Leo. We are used to thinking of Leo as being rather attention-seeking, but Pluto rising in Leo people seem to feel as if they are the centre of attention, as if everyone is watching them. The person often wears dark glasses and blushes when spoken to. In early life they may have had a great deal of attention but found that level of attention, that level of being 'watched', crippling to the development of their own personal identity. Thus there is a feeling that they want to hide.

Sometimes, Pluto contacting the Ascendant axis describes a very early life which involved the child in a family secret, something that the youngster would be unable to understand, process and even perhaps remember in later life. The 'secret' might involve almost any family skeleton; but issues around sex, death, madness and rage are all implied. I have known cases where the 'secret' was merely that the person was adopted. In any event, for whatever reason, those with Pluto rising often cultivate what might be described as a 'concealing persona', an outer face that gives little away and often tightly controls each and every situation so that others, too, do not reveal too much.

Sometimes, the birth itself involved trauma, perhaps the near-death of mother or child. And sometimes there is a brush with the possibility of death to self or others in childhood, which explains the subsequent fearfulness. In any event, there often lingers a feeling that one might be violated in some way if appropriate steps are not taken.

I have long felt that Pluto may be significator of the grandmother, and largely came to this conclusion after noticing how frequently she was a dominant figure in the early lives of those with Pluto rising or in the first house. People with this placement often have lived with a grandmother in the family and often established a stronger bond with her than with other family members - and this in a culture where the extended family is increasingly a thing of the past. I have also seen cases where Granny herself was not present but another strong female, such as a nanny in the professional sense, was. What this might mean is not clear to me. However, those with Pluto rising where Grandmother was dominant usually have nothing negative to say about her, but it is usually the case that she was a very powerful matriarchal figure who sometimes controlled the entire household with her sickness, money or the sheer force of her personality. Not infrequently she acted as an 'agent provocateur' between the parents; but again, the results of this on the individual with Pluto rising are not clear to me, although there can be a great fear of intimacy with this placement, almost as if forming a

real relationship was prevented when the child was young. Possibly the child unconsciously picked up and absorbed from the rest of the family some of the negative emotions intended for Granny; and perhaps on some level the family may have wished the older woman dead. The young child has then stood between these negative energies and the grandparent.

In any event, those with Pluto contacting either side of the Ascendant axis by conjunction or hard aspect often find it difficult to achieve intimacy; difficult to let others in. This is more likely to be the case if the axis is also receiving hard aspects from other planets, especially Saturn.

Classically, those with Pluto rising approach the world wanting to control and manipulate it and bend others to the hidden but nevertheless iron will that lurks beneath their exterior. If the Ascendant is descriptive of one's 'vehicle' then Pluto rising, especially when found in fixed signs, is rather like a tank - massively protected and defended; impenetrable and unyielding.

Pluto rising people themselves often live out some sort of taboo in their lives; and by taboo I mean something that society en masse might consider to be deviant in some way. It is as if one must get past the person's secret before one is allowed to relate to the rest of the person.

2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♀ Venus** - (1°29') ♀7 | ♀8

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus opposition the Ascendant indicates that you are drawn to refined and sophisticated people. You are well-mannered, and generally people have a good opinion of you. You make concessions if it seems necessary to maintain harmonious relations, and you refuse to judge someone whose conduct does not come up to your expectations. Too frequently you give people the benefit of the doubt and see in them qualities they don't possess. Wanting to believe that you choose to associate only with persons of the highest character, you are disappointed if they don't really measure up.

Although you appear self-confident and assured, the fact is that you are not comfortable unless you have someone around to give you the support you need. There is no deception in your claim that you are happy to meet people, because you truly enjoy their company and conversation. You work hard, although subtly, to make sure that people are warmly disposed toward you, and you try to emphasize your better qualities to prove you are worthy of their friendship. To put others at ease, you play the innocent role and make it clear that you won't threaten them. You hope no-one perceives your negative qualities and discovers how insecure you really are.

Your best publicity agents are your friends, who freely extol your virtues when anyone



asks them. In the company of your superiors or anyone you admire, you tend to be shy.

Always on the lookout for ways to improve your social status, you prefer the company of successful people or those who are obviously on their way up. You have no qualms about forming close relationships with people who are financially secure if this will increase your chances of a permanent association. On the surface you are docile, gentle, and charming, but underneath you conspire and connive to make a better life for yourself through the people you deal with.

#### Venus square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In practice, Venus / Ascendant conflicts do not seem to be too much of a disadvantage. There is a good chance that their tension will make us more interesting to others. Therefore, even with these aspects, we can expect easy social intercourse and a genuine desire for a peaceful, harmonious environment. Not that we always succeed in obtaining the latter - we tend to overdo things, and may fail to read some situations properly. Certainly we need to learn how to direct our energies.

Although, in principle, these aspects can encourage laziness, not to mention self-indulgence and luxury, their tension guarantees a fairly energetic approach. Artistic and other aesthetic forms of expression are therefore more likely to find an outlet. Sometimes, however, the outlet is simply a matter of trying to impose one's own tastes.

(Betty Lundsted)

People with a square or opposition may find their 'wants', their ability to receive love, thwarted or frustrated in some way. The attributes of both signs will manifest in attitudes presented to others.

The square is most often an indication that its owner will live one end and suppress the other, finding it difficult to attain the compromise necessary so that both energies can function at the same time. If the 'best foot forward' battles with the concept of love, all relationships will encompass a strain, and permanent relationships will be difficult to build.

When the opposition takes place between Venus and the Ascendant, some kind of compromise must take place between the 'persona' and the desires. The career drive may be confused, or the personal relationships may be difficult. These individuals will appear to be looking for a different kind of relationship from what their Venus sign wants.

(Sue Tompkins)

Venus on the Descendant sometimes reveals itself as a concern with others' appearance. This may manifest in the field of work. For example, hairdressers can work on the issue of their own appearance through working on how others look. Success in such a field would also confer great personal popularity. Some with this placement project their Venus onto others by seeing them as 'nice', beautiful, good or even wealthy, but in so doing can find these principles within themselves. Many with this placement feel more valuable when in a partnership, and I have seen this work on a literal level, as in the case where an individual becomes involved with someone who, relative to his or her own income, is very wealthy.

Venus on either end of this axis inevitably gives rise to a strong concern with relationship. The need for partnership may be quite overwhelming. Some with Venus conjunct Descendant particularly also want a relationship that looks good to others. Depending on the overall condition of Venus and the 7th house, there may be a difficulty in accepting the more difficult, complicated and sordid aspects of one's relationships, since one always wants to keep everything 'nice'.

Venus making hard aspect to this axis sometimes suggests that the individual dresses inappropriately for the outer image that he or she is trying to convey.

3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°20') ♀7 | ♀12

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars opposition the Ascendant shows that you attract people who threaten you, as though you had a chip on your shoulder and dared everyone to know it off. You don't really have that much self-confidence; your aggressive actions are an attempt to convince yourself that you do. You need constant encounters to improve your skill in dealing with people who would otherwise take advantage of you. Meeting others in competition is how you learn how to assert yourself constructively, with greater selfcontrol and discipline. Naturally argumentative, you are not the easiest person to get along with. You must learn to be more compromising if you want peace and harmony. Making concessions shows strength of character, not weakness; and if you realize this, you will be respected for your maturity.

In personal relationships, your offensive tactics force you to raise your defences when the going gets rough. While it is necessary to fight for your independence, you must show some restraint so you don't incur everyone's displeasure. You want to be recognized for your ability to succeed in spite of challenging competition. But an attitude of superiority often masks feelings of inferiority or inadequacy.

You have a lot of creative energy you should express. Remember, it's what you do

rather than what you say you can do that is important. Knowing that your future success and happiness depend on you alone, you must realize that you will have to make some contribution to ensure them. Take advantage of your closest friends, who can offer worthwhile suggestions; and when their ideals help you, show your appreciation.

You may have some difficulty in getting your superiors to give you a more important position, because of your inclination to flare up under pressure. You tend to speak out of turn, which arouses suspicion that you cannot handle the authority delegated to you. Develop more self-control, or you will run into many troublesome situations that could be extremely difficult to resolve.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the Descendant, or making hard aspect to the axis, may be more combative than Mars rising. Those with Mars on the Descendant may see others as aggressive, or look to others to help them find their own retaliatory impulses. This is a splendid combination for lawyers or others who have to fight on behalf of another's point of view. Often those with this placement have to put a great deal of energy and sometimes real 'push' into achieving a position of co-operation. A key phrase for this combination may be 'fighting for co-operation'; fighting too for justice and fairness as they see it.

Like Venus-Mars contacts, the Mars setting person may be impulsive about relationship, jumping into liaisons with a real spirit of adventure but not a great deal of forethought. This is a good combination for competitive relationships -partnerships that involve a bit of rough and tumble and don't rely on everything appearing to be sweet and nice. Thus, relationships with people with Mars along this axis may feel either very alive and stimulating or as if World War III had just broken out.

Mars square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

It is hard to regulate energy with these aspects. At one instant we are rushing matters; at another, we are frittering energy away on futilities; and generally speaking we are pretty inconsistent.

We flare up easily, and are always ready to take a poke at someone, but soon calm down. Also we sometimes react angrily to the (often well-meant) advice of others, which we regard as meddling in our affairs. We are quite capable of managing on our own, and make a point of doing so. Even when we know we will be rebuffed, we prefer going our own way to following someone's lead. As in the other Mars / Ascendant aspects, there is

energy, daring, courage and enterprise - but we do need to be careful that impetuosity does not lead to ruptures with others. And we must not be surprised if we get some rather adverse reactions now and then from those around us. No-one could call us docile; and we never let anything go by default.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars squares or opposes the Ascendant, it is not easy to energize the creative potential in the personality in an appropriate manner. When the square appears, the action taken doesn't complement the persona. The action taken may not express the career interests, for career moves may not be perceived appropriately. Goals may be confused. Since Mars also rules sexuality, the sexual expression may not make sense either, for the career may be affected by the choice of sexual partners, or the career life-style may not connect in with the love life.

When the opposition occurs, a compromise is indicated, for the persona, the public attitudes claimed while we put 'our best foot forward', may not agree with the action taken in life, or with the sexual needs. When these people understand the various possibilities regarding manifestation of this energy, they can make conscious decisions regarding how they wish to use it.

4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°02')    ♅8 | ♅8

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun conjunct Venus represents a strongly developed love nature. Although it may not be apparent to a casual observer, you are extremely eager for people to like you. In fact, you make subtle adjustments in your urge for recognition so that they will be warmly disposed toward you. But you may not always compromise, simply because you don't want to give an impression of being weak in character. In more intimate contacts with persons you know well, you are not afraid they will misjudge you this way, so you behave more naturally.

You especially want people to recognize you as a substantial individual who offers many important values to those who are willing to share them. You are open to communication with others and will listen enthusiastically in conversation with them. You enjoy people and are generally cheerful and sociable in large or small gatherings. On the chance of meeting someone who can be useful at another time, you take care to circulate freely and 'touch base' with everyone. You know how to make lasting impressions by dramatizing yourself, for you don't want to be overlooked merely because you didn't take the time to make your presence known.

Your greatest problem is that you assume people will think well of you even if you do nothing to deserve it. You can become pompously presumptuous that your presence

alone is enough to merit everyone's attention. You are a romanticist at heart and can be swayed by a display of affection. Appreciative of the finer things in life, you get a sense of fulfillment when you indulge in them, in addition to the comfort and pleasure they give you.

(Haydn Paul)

Only the conjunction, semi=sextile and semi-square aspects are astronomically possible between the Sun and Venus, as the maximum distance between these planets is 48 degrees.

This conjunction conveys an optimistic and cheerful spirit, where you will greatly enjoy social company and the pleasures of life, so that easthetic and hedonistic activities are indulged to stimulate your sensual nature. Love and social relationships are highlighted, and you will be attracted to participate in the social whirl, circulating around your collection of friends, family and acquaintances.

You feel it important to be liked by others, and this need may make you act in certain ways which gain the approval of people, so care may be required to ensure that you do not overly compromise your own feelings and thoughts in order to remain socially acceptable. There can be a dramatic quality to your style of self-presentation, perhaps emerging out of an artistic and creative sensitivity, and this will be employed to gain the attention of people; you prefer to leave your mark and need to feel recognised.

While some may see you in a superficial light, this is not how you desire to be socially acknowledged. The recognition you are looking for is of your whole personality, your talents and qualities, and as you grow older you will prefer to enjoy the company of those who can appreciate you more fully. This may be through mutual interests in art, culture or the beauty of nature, because lying beneath any socialite veneer is your real appreciation of the harmony of life and nature which evokes that romantic and poetic spirit that inspires your perception of life and infuses a hidden desire for inner peace and integration. You enjoy quality in life, and will try to create a pleasing home environment which allows relaxation into domestic comforts and pleasures.

You will attract others to your potent magnetic personality, and you are likely to experience a variety of relationships as a consequence of your romantic attitudes. You open easily to demonstrations of love and affection, and your heart can quickly melt. As a lover of life, a certain intensity will be present, as will the tides of love's joys and pains, but never attempt to turn off your developed love nature, or you may find that life rapidly loses its lustre and becomes grey, mundane and lifeless. Part of your role is to spread life-appreciation, enlivening others so that they too can become sincere lovers of life, and isn't that a task well worth pursuing?

Some may find you 'too alive' or narcissistic, so you may need to be aware of others'

reactions, and if they are correct in their evaluation of your self-centredness then some modification may be advised, so that you equally acknowledge their natures, qualities and personalities too. In conversations, the art of listening is as important as the art of communication, and your enthusiasms may require occasional toning down.

You can bring positive benefits to those who become intimately close, through sharing your vitality, love and affections, and even if your relationships do not persist, you hope that those involved with you do not regret the time that has been shared. Changes will come through the expression of your heart and life enjoyment, and these may reshape your conscious identity and self-image over time, so that more depth and insight begins to be unfolded. Others may turn to you for support and advice, wanting your flame to relight their own. Your path of solar development is through the unifying love energies of Venus, so let these radiate outwards into the world, touching and igniting the hearts of others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When conscious behavior (Sun) is attended by the need for emotional and material safety and comfort and the desire for beauty and harmony (Venus), the behavior is generally friendly and accommodating. Friends are easily made and the native also finds it easy to move in society. The feeling for harmony in relationships gives diplomatic ability.

On the other hand, the native finds it difficult to air problems or to talk them through, since he or she loves to be surrounded by a pleasant atmosphere. The danger is that this attitude will result in a false bonhomie and in superficiality. And so the conjunction will deny depth to the personality if the native is content to smooth things over on the surface.

Yet, as we have seen, this conjunction does have its good side. Generally, the native is very agreeable and has no difficulty in being friendly and sympathetic to others. There is also a need for shared experiences, preferably with the life partner. Showing affection is an essential mode of expression for the native and he or she is extremely romantic.

The feeling for art is often well developed, although the background of the signs will have a say in this. The individual with the Sun conjunct Venus is fond of pleasure and the good things of life, and may sometimes overindulge in them. By and large, the aspect is an enjoyable one to have, even though it may make the native a trifle lazy.

(Betty Lundsted)

Venus is similar to Mercury in that it is never far from the Sun. Venus is usually in the same sign as the sun or one behind or ahead of it. Venus represents what we want in life: the finer pleasures, the things we want around us, the person we want to be, the

way we appreciate art, the way we appreciate love. It helps to define how we receive loving as well as our intellectual concept of what we think love is. The Venus position in relation to the Sun sign give a clue to what people are (Sun) and how this relates to what they want to be (Venus). When people talk about what they want to be, it is usually Venus talking.

People with Venus in the same sign as the Sun usually are quite satisfied to be themselves, whatever that is. They have the potential to like themselves if the conjunction is not afflicted by another planet. It can make them very smug and selfsatisfied, for they like being the person they are. When we try to work out our ties to our parents, or when we try to understand our life, Venus conjunct the Sun can be difficult; for, we tend to stay in our rut rather than try to get out of it. Venus in the same sign as the Sun may indicate that a conscious decision has to be made before we can look at the motivation for what we do in some serious manner.

When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the father either overaffects the child or the child subconsciously plays the role of the mother in order to gain Daddy's approval (Venus indicates a tie to the mother; Sun indicates the physical father.) This closeness to the father may be difficult to understand or to become conscious of, and the only time it becomes important is when the person is in the process of self-examination regarding relationships. A woman with Venus conjunct the Sun is tied to her father from a subconscious psychological point. She may marry a man who has the same attributes as her father. If she has Venus conjunct the Sun and no other emotional blocks (by aspect) in her chart, this problem is relatively easy to work with if she wants to be free of the influence. But if her Moon, Venus and the Sun are afflicted her chart becomes more obscure to work through; the struggle for consciousness becomes more complex. If she is interested in developing relationships that do not include the father image, she must find a way to understand the conflict.

A man with Venus conjunct his Sun is emotionally close to his father, and the aspects to the Sun-Venus conjunction will indicate how this closeness will take place. When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the psychological influence of the mother (Venus) is very close to the father image on a physical level (Sun). The child sees the parents' roles jumbled together and this can confuse him. A boy child may use his mother's 'role' games to get close to his Dad.

This aspect depicts a relationship that is not uncommon among parents. The power parent is determined by the Sun sign; yet, when Venus conjuncts the Sun, the mother has a close rapport with the father, which may not be confirmed by the rest of the chart, by the power parent, or by what she says about her husband. In other words, not matter what she says about her husband to the contrary, she really likes the way he is. This confuses the child. In adult relationships it causes the following problems: a mother-dominated male may use his mother's tactics to get on with men as an adult; a father-dominated male feels that there should be some mystical-bond between his lady and

himself, and is disappointed when he doesn't feel it; another dominated female will feel a closeness to her dad that she can't understand, so it's a combination of love and resentment; the father-dominated female may marry a man in her father's image.

The only time it is necessary to do something about this conjunction is when something keeps interfering with the development of meaningful, lasting emotional relationships. When we think our problems happen to us because we only meet 'awful people', we need to look inside ourselves to understand what has been programmed into our subconscious selves - for this program is the one we draw to us. It cures itself when we become conscious of it.

5) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°09')    ♄8 | ♋12

(Donna van Toen)

Your relationship with your parents will determine your attitudes towards the opposite sex and marriage for better or worse. Normally, this gives a harmonious blending of active and passive energies and makes you sensitive and loving unless both planets are under severe stress. Drive is generally expressed constructively. This aspect is an asset when it comes to relating to the public, and is said to give luck in financial matters.

This conjunction can vary dramatically from sign to sign, and tends to give you valuable insights into your earliest dealing with the opposite sex - including dealings with your opposite-sex parent, siblings, and peers.

You have very strong emotions. Because of their intensity, you find it hard to treat relationships lightly; everything, even the smallest gesture, has importance to you. This is true in almost all relationships; it's especially true when it comes to sex and romance. If there are problems in your love life, it could be because you're being too pushy or coming on too strong.

This aspect stimulates affections in a way that causes you to want an all-consuming, 'forever' type of relationship; but, funnily enough, it also gives a flirtatious streak that continues even after you've entered into a satisfying relationship. I think that people with this aspect feel that it's especially important to remain desirable - not just to a mate or lover, but to the opposite sex in general.

As the conjunction is a uniting aspect, and Venus and Mars are the male and female principles, respectively, you might think, as I once did, that it's a portent of a lasting marriage. From my studies, I've learned that this isn't the case. While people with this aspect want a lasting relationship very badly, they suffer their fair share of squabbles and separations. There's a difference between this aspect and the square and opposition though, in that there seems to be greater reluctance to make the first break. Jealousy - sometimes justified, sometimes not - on one side or another seems to be the



primary cause of discord.

If you have Venus and Mars in the same sign but not conjunct, the foregoing may apply to you. However, you'd be less pushy.

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus conjunct Mars shows that you have a strong desire nature which you need to express at all times. You may prefer to satisfy your desires through relationships, but you are willing to satisfy them through other alternatives, so that you don't have to endure frustration. These alternatives include artistic endeavors or social functions that can prove very rewarding to you in themselves and may additionally provide you with opportunities to meet persons with whom you can identify and relate. Your emotional warmth and generous nature attract people to you, but you may not be aware that you communicate physical suggestions both to groups and to individuals. Your intentions may be easily misunderstood because of this, and you will experience some difficulties, which will force you to bring your defences into play.

In your eagerness to make social contact, you tend to be indiscriminate about the kinds of people with whom you associate. Generally the aggressor in relationships with the opposite sex, you may be resented for being 'pushy'. But your aggressiveness increases your chances of success in meeting competition, because you don't give up without making every attempt to demonstrate your abilities. This planetary pairing does not of itself signify a specific professional interest, but you will gain attention for your determination to be given the same opportunities as others. You would probably work best in a job that requires you to meet and deal with the public. Working alone or without contact with the public and co-workers would deprive you of the fulfillment you need and would probably lead to boredom. You are too much of a 'live wire' to be happy away from the busyness and crises of close human encounter.

You are attracted to individuals who are active, aggressive, and amorous, but they must not try to exercise control over you. You consider yourself a free person and will not tolerate anyone who tries to restrict you. You don't make concessions without a lot of thought, although you expect the other person to compromise. You demand a great deal from the person you love, and may make demands that are difficult to comply with. Because of your 'love 'em and leave 'em' attitude, many potential mates will look elsewhere when seeking a binding relationship.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction between Venus and Mars joins together passive and active instincts for self-preservation: that is to say, the desire for the security of harmonious and agreeable contacts goes hand in hand with a need to stand up for ourselves and to make our presence felt. How this will work out in practice depends on the rest of the chart. When

we are deeply attached to someone (Venus) we are prepared to go through fire and water for them (Mars), but at the same time we make heavy demands because Mars has a selfish streak. We are very emotional and very sensual, too.

Mars conjunct Venus can make us inclined to indulge in all sorts of amorous adventures and hedonism. But although infidelity does occur with these aspects, it is not irrefrangible law of the Medes and Persians. We look for a partner with whom we can share our emotions and enjoy sexual fulfillment, and, if we succeed, our intense union is not easily disturbed.

The abrasive side of Mars is softened by Venus; but something of Mars tends to rub off on Venus, too, so that tact is not always a strong point. We are a trifle inconsiderate, a bit too sharp-tongued, and quicker off the mark than the situation requires.

With a Mars/Venus conjunction, the opposite sex always plays an important part, and even in childhood this can reveal itself in a strong attachment to the father or mother as the case may be.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Venus represents the concept of love and Mars represents the way we sex someone, then one may rationally assume that this conjunction is an easy one to live with. However, it has been noted that many people who own it have trouble opening up sexually. There may be difficulty with sexual expression; either it is taken too seriously or there is a need for total commitment before getting involved. It seems that the sex drive is tied up with some subconscious mother influence. Other aspects to this conjunction and the Sun sign needs for expression may give a clue as to how the conjunction is working. The aspect indicates that the individual receives sex with difficulty. As a result, the sex partner becomes apprehensive about the relationship and begins to wonder if he or she is loved. The partner becomes insecure; the person with the Venus-Mars conjunction absorbs that insecurity and becomes insecure too. It can be a difficult aspect to work out because even more tension is caused by any serious discussion of sexuality.

This conjunction is often the mark of individuals who have fantastic crushes on people they admire; and in the midst of a yet untried love affair, they are thinking of marriage and commitment. They fall in love quite often - men sometimes propose before they have even necked with the lady. In some instances, it represents people who are so tied to Mother that they may express love only homosexually or maybe not at all.

At any rate, the two planets influence each other in a difficult manner, for the Mars heats up the Venus and makes it harsh, while the mother's influence softens the Mars expression. Various Sun signs react to this aspect differently, depending on the influence of the dominant parent. In order to relieve the tension caused by the aspect, the mother's effect on the psyche must be explored. A double standard may have been

evoked, for there is sexual confusion. A culture may rule that commitment (or marriage) must be coordinated with sexual involvements, but Mother Nature does not. The individual may have responded to the mother on some forgotten sexual level, therefore creating a subconscious guilt complex that confuses loyalty, mother love and sexuality.

(Charles Carter)

The native is likely to be sensitive and easily angered in a superficial manner; on the other hand, the sympathies are equally active and the annoyance is easily appeased.

The sensuous nature is strong, and there is a love of good living, fun, adventure, and amusement. It has something of a coarse effect, and the native, if a man, is generally lacking in delicacy in his attitude towards women and may be something of a Rabelais; the language and humour are often not of a drawing-room kind.

Nevertheless, if this conjunction takes some of the bloom from Venus it likewise greatly softens Mars, making the action of the planet more gentle and sympathetic at heart, if not in manner. If the conjunction receives good aspects from other bodies, it may be valuable, indicating an harmonious blending of two opposite influences, the charm of Venus and the energy of Mars.

6) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°19')    0011 | ♃1

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Jupiter to Saturn shows that you have enormous potential for success, although it won't come without effort. In spite of overwhelming odds against success, you are eager to explore new means to make a massive assault and assert yourself in the world. You have the fortitude and staying power to mobilize all your resources for this task. Planning every step of the way is absolutely essential, along with knowing when to act and when not to. You have a vivid picture of your future already realized in your dreams, but you are realistic enough to accept the responsibility this entails. You know that even with a driving ambition, striving for significance is not enough unless it satisfies a clearly pictured mental vision. You have the courage to be ostentatious about your belief in yourself, while remaining cautious enough to stay within your limits. Your capacity to achieve goals is in direct proportion to your willingness to accept selfdiscipline and hard work. The glow of success is so sweet that you can accept these facts.

You are hopeful yet realistic, eager yet serious, assertive yet deliberate. Generally you don't take chances, preferring to use proven methods to get what you want. You apply your talents in the most practical way so that little effort is wasted on non-productive projects. You can find rewarding satisfaction and exploit your creative talents in law, education, medicine, accounting, or the ministry. To these fields you would bring a

profound understanding of people and an ability to help solve their problems. You are patient with less gifted people and willing to be of assistance when they need you.

In your moments of relative leisure, you enjoy reading informative books that are useful in your professional interests. In your constant striving to raise your level of competence, you might attend evening sessions at an educational institution. Never satisfied with the extent of your knowledge, you realize that competition requires to to keep abreast of current thought and developments in your field.

You respect the lessons of history, which stimulate your philosophical musings on destiny and the role of each individual in the destiny of man. Your retentive memory is a great help in crises that require an immediate solution; you may even be surprised that the necessary information comes to mind so readily at the right time.

Overdoing is your most persistent problem, for it can cause physical exhaustion. You especially need to get away from your daily concerns and truly unwind. Frequent 'little vacations' are especially effective in restoring vitality and giving you a fresh approach to your goals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When enlarging, widening and augmenting Jupiter goes hand-in-hand with its opposite (i.e., with restricting, narrowing and inhibiting Saturn), inconsistency is the result. On occasions when we would like to be cheerful and enthusiastic, and would like to widen our horizons and throw ourselves heart and soul into some project or other (Jupiter), we fear a loss of security, become inhibited, and behave with extreme caution (Saturn). This leaves little room for spontaneity, and there is a danger that we shall let slip many good opportunities, because when we finally get round to saying 'yes' it will usually be too late. The reason we wait so long is that we want to be fully informed before making a move, or else we need time to overcome a nervousness of anything new. Of course, this aspect has the great advantage that it discourages us from rushing headlong into wild adventures.

However, the limitation, melancholy and general cheerlessness of Saturn are relieved by the underlying brightness of Jupiter; so that Saturn / Jupiter combinations do have a certain amount of joy about them even though this is tempered by seriousness. Also, whenever we are down in the dumps, the optimism of Jupiter can lift our spirits again.

With the conjunction, we are capable of toiling hard and long. We envisage future rewards (Jupiter) for the hard work we must do (Saturn). So the combination is excellent for tasks requiring steady application and considerable self-denial. A vision of the future is accompanied by a willingness to move forward stage by stage; so there is definite organizing ability. However, this will show itself clearly only if the background of the signs concurs, and if the aspect ties in with personal factors in the chart.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is interpreted on many levels of experience. Jupiter symbolizes how we relate to others; Saturn symbolizes restriction in some way. The sign of the conjunction is important, for it lends its qualities to the aspect. Jupiter symbolizes how we open up, and Saturn symbolizes the restrictions placed on us at an early age because of our father's attitude toward us, or our response to his influence. In a mundane sense, the conjunction means that the individual has a tendency to open up (Jupiter) and close up (Saturn) at the same time. He may reach out to share some new experience and be afraid to do it because there is an unconscious memory that authority figure or Fathers don't like him doing that. It may mean that the father is a restrictive influence when this individual is learning how to relate; maybe the father can't relate easily either.

The conjunction will indicate a person who takes relationships seriously, one who may work too hard on developing all the potential in a relationship. It may indicate a person who takes relationships so seriously that he or she is afraid of making a commitment, or even starting a relationship at all. This person may have relationships that are similar to the kind the father created; and the pattern can be determined by exploring memories of the father's friendships over the years. Once the pattern is understood, the father's influence is diminished, and the owner of the conjunction is free to pursue the kinds of relationships he wants to develop for himself - although he will approach the subject seriously.

In order to reach the fullest possible realization of life potential, in order to develop consciousness to its highest point, the individual with this conjunction will have to develop a perspective on how he reaches out to relate, and an understanding of the restrictive influence from his father - and then both aspects of personality will develop at the same time. As he begins to view his cautions, and as he faces his fears and the feelings of limitation and frustration caused by Saturn, his opportunity to open up and to relate to new experience will also be developed. This person will then have an aboveaverage perspective, for he cannot relate fully until he takes responsibility for himself.

The aspect will be further determined by the sign of the conjunction, as well as the house placement. The conjunction taking place in the twelfth house seems to be the most difficult because this house signifies that part of ourselves which can remain the most unconscious.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful but admittedly critical position. It must be regarded as potentially gloomy, for it occurs sometimes in charts of suicide, especially if it falls in Virgo. It distinctly favours a hard life, with privation, struggle, or danger. The native essays difficult though

sometimes glorious feats, and may acquire fame through performances of great arduousness, whether mental, physical or spiritual. It is distinctly a sign of great possibilities to be realised by hard work.

It favours great singleness of purpose and endless patience. The native is generally religious, favouring old and established communions. There is often a rather eccentric tendency as regards the use of money: the native may be generous to the wrong persons and niggardly to the deserving. Jealousy sometimes occurs.

With respect to external conditions, what has been said regarding the harmonious aspects is true also here, but the elements of toil and danger are likely to be more in evidence.

7) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (1°45') 0011 | 0011

(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-anima 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'.

8) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°26') ♄1 | 0011

(Haydn Paul)

What occurs with the opposition is the projection outwards of inner attitudes, so that life reflects that inner state back to you. Usually this includes elements of distortion, which with Saturn and Neptune tends to involve fears of failure, suspicions of motives, cloudy judgements, deceit, caution and wariness. These are the more negative qualities of blocked planetary energies, and yet you often fail to realise that the world you are perceiving is a mirror image of your own attitudes. Take another look. Do the world and

people reflect your own views? Are they pessimistic and perhaps threatening or frightening? Do you feel that you have to be extremely self-protective? These may, of course, be genuine fears, and can depend on the environment in which you live, but equally they may be illusory and self-created.

This fear of failure is inhibitory to some degree, and it is likely that you will withdraw from situations of competition, retreating into feelings of inadequacy, imagining various types of conspiracy being hatched against you in secret. You don't really trust people, and that attitude is communicated intangibly to others, so that a vicious circle is perpetuated. Your relationships can lack depth, human warmth and real contact, often staying unsatisfyingly superficial, in that you are afraid that others may take advantage of you. The problem is that this may well happen (or has in the past), and since then you have been too wary and too aware of your vulnerability to risk deeper relationships. Certainly you are vulnerable emotionally and financially to people, and one lesson that may need learning is that you should look closely at the nature of others before you become committed in any way.

Saturn's barriers are firmly established for self-protection, yet they also block many valid experiences and opportunities for self-development. Neptune remains partially released, but liable to display its presence through experiences of persecution and martyr / victim complexes in your life. The results can be that you isolate yourself, become a solitary loner, immune in your imprisoning cocoon of self-protection, perhaps feeling the repercussions of your choice through depressive emotions or psychosomatic illnesses.

You can look out onto the world and secretly want status and involvement, yet be self-restrictive in actually attempting to achieve those ambitions. Or you may perhaps resort to cunning, subterfuge and devious behaviour, believing that is the way everyone else achieves their desires.

The fact that your world analysis may be incorrect could hold a solution to your frustrated energies. The world holds all shades of behaviour and attitude, and whilst there are many who accurately embody reasons for your cautious perspective, there are others who are not like that at all. You need to find a bridge to contact those people of goodwill, and then you may realise that your interpretation of the world is only partially accurate; the others hold a key to your transformation. If you can find an intimate partner who does not let you down and is supportive, then that frustrated ideal may be reborn, and in accepting another as they are, you discover that this is the way for healing and mutual love to occur. The nature of relationship in your life can be renewed and re-perceived through more optimistic eyes; Neptune has replaced the barriers of Saturn.

Sometimes Neptune plays a stronger role than Saturn, and if this is the case, then the relationship inhibitions and distortions may be less evident. The focus will be transferred towards that of social duty and obligation, where the lesson deals with responsibility. You may experience a feeling of 'social guilt', a personal responsibility to put right social



evils, a personal crusade which you need to follow in order to absolve yourself from this inner feeling of guilt that haunts you. For some reason, you know that this is your duty, and that some form of social service needs to be done in response to an inner compulsion. Some may consider this to be 'a rectification of karma', but whatever, it can be an inner pressure and related to the Neptunian tendency to sacrifice in the social sphere of Saturn. The battleground is seen to be the world, but the source of the battle is within your own nature. Check this out thoroughly before you go tilting against any windmills; try to isolate those conditioning projections and discover what you may be really fighting against. It could be your own unintegrated aspects, Neptunian ideals versus Saturnian realities, and the middle path of wise balance may be the most suitable way to follow.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Saturn to Neptune indicates that you naturally distrust others when you are forced to compete with them. You are given to irrational fears of failure, which cause you to seek refuge from competition. This extreme caution and reserve makes others suspicious of you, and a vicious circle is established.

You may be ambitious for worldly achievements, but you lack the prudent judgement to realize your ambitions. You will continually encounter people who seem deceitful and cunning, so you will feel justified in using similar tactics. Proceed with caution because you may be misinterpreting the behavior of others.

You may attempt to relieve the pressures of a hostile environment on various elements of society. Others may question your motives, but what they don't see is your desire to unburden yourself of guilt for existing conditions. You may be ridiculed for sacrificing yourself to an unappreciative society, but you may still persist. Some people will deny that it is your duty, but with these planets in opposition you can be assured that it is.

You will endure extreme torment in your personal relationships, because you will find it increasingly difficult to distinguish the honest from the insincere. Others will try to take advantage of you. You may make a sincere gesture toward the object of your love and find later that you have been victimized. This could represent severe financial and emotional losses. You must accept people at their potential best and worst, for you will certainly attract both types.

In your search for the ideal person to whom you can relate, you may suffer persecution until you can face reality. You may choose to become a loner as the only way to protect yourself. Beware of depressive moods, for they may make you vulnerable to psychosomatic illness.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Saturn symbolizes what one regards with caution and Neptune indicates what one deludes oneself about, the opposition may be considered to indicate an individual who may delude himself about his fears. He may delude himself about what he regards with caution, or even what tradition is. The effect of the father may keep him from expressing his dreams, his goals, and his creativity, for he may not value his creative ideas. In order to develop creative potential with this aspect, the mundane effects of the opposition must be understood. The father affects the psyche so that exploring the realms of the incredible fantasy world of the inner self is restrained in some way.

Saturn can represent the tradition of the day. Neptune can represent the uplifting of consciousness; the development of universal love. Neptune, as the higher octave of Venus, involves impersonal or universal love. The opposition indicates that after the father image and the delusions or illusions about him are understood, this person can combine tradition with a new dimension of caring for people.

Saturn square or opposition Neptune (

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Saturn and Neptune have very varied modes of expression. Much depends on which of the planets has more dignities. The building up and preservation of form are in conflict here with formlessness and the undermining of form. The result is that we tend to go wrong when setting goals and laying plans: our plans are incomplete or unrealistic; our goals so Utopian they are unattainable. Dreams are all too easily mistaken for realities. Even things that have begun to look settled seem to come unstuck through various elusive factors within ourselves; so concrete achievements do not come at all easily.

If we become interested in what lies beyond the range of normal vision and defies rational explanation, conflicts with Saturn in this area have an inhibiting effect so that we hesitate to commit ourselves and our approach is too rigid, or fear enters in to make us superstitious. Or imagination runs riot with ideas we seem unable to shake off; as seen in its extreme form in paranoia. Naturally, before there can be any question of a persecution complex, personal planets have to be involved and the rest of the horoscope must be in agreement. The core of the matter, however, is that with the conflicts between Saturn and Neptune the world of imagination and of hard reality will put a strain on one another and cause problems.

Powers of perseverance (Saturn) can be undermined by Neptune, but the tension in these aspects can mean that once we have been inspired by a certain ideal we can devote ourselves to it for a long time.

However, the inspiration is not always there: it is stifled by Neptune in such a way that frequently we have difficulty in knowing just what we want. Therefore we are rather susceptible to the (subversive) influence of others.

Our need for the transcendant (Neptune) does seek to express itself; and when these Saturn / Neptune conflicts become too much for us, we just want to get away from it all. Then we seek the peace and quiet in which we feel more comfortable than in the turmoil of daily life. Calm seclusion can inspire us tremendously and help us to regain our strength.

(Charles Carter)

This influence varies from the other-worldly, who lack ambition and do not wish to be troubled with responsibility, to the crafty and designing who wish to win through at all costs and by any means. The two planets are of so different a nature that the character of the native is also divided, presenting very contradictory aspects at different times or in connection with different matters. There is nearly always the power to work hard, and even the opposition may not hinder great success (Henry Ford). On the other hand, the desire for retirement and seclusion may predominate.

There is usually a certain degree of self-will, and sometimes the native nourishes fantastic and impracticable schemes and ambitions.

There is scandal and sometimes even downfall, but nevertheless these aspects do not always appear to be serious, and, being of long duration by reason of the slowness of the two bodies involved, they need not be taken as very important unless they are either very close, or on angles, or involved with other bodies.

Since Saturn rules the 11th house essentially, the friends may be treacherous, unstable, parasitic, or implicated in scandals.

The ambitions are frequently thwarted, and one's good name is liable to be assailed by hidden channels and in ways difficult of detection.

I have known great suspiciousness under this contact. It may even lead to a definite persecution mania.

9) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ☿ **South-Node** - (2°00') ♃1 | ♃1

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect tends to be extremely limiting; the natives' rigid personal habits and ambitions put them out of harmony with prevailing cultural attitudes. In order to overcome the isolation thus created, they must learn to co-operate with the ideas and

the methods of their society. On the positive side, the natives may achieve things which put them in a class by themselves by their individualistic and painstaking approach to work, in which all external influences are disregarded. This is especially the case with experts in obscure fields of endeavor.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the individual confines itself with its own psychologically complex network. They just have to go through worldly and unworldly experiences and learn the significance of patience. Things have a tendency to occur as late as possible. Association with old folks or old ideas becomes a part of life. The native often runs away from his own creation; and this running around in circles is one of the karmic fulfillments of his soul. Depending upon the balance of Karma from the previous life, some of these individuals will experience the highest benefits in life, but only after significant hard work during the most of their life. The Saturnian principle with the South Node with it really makes the combination doubly Saturnian. Thus, hard work, patience and coping with restrictions is a major focus in this combination. On a mundane level, it causes weak bone structure, rheumatism, skin difficulties, etc.. One of the benefits this aspect provides is the ability to cope with disease and confinement.

(Donna van Toen)

Growth may trigger feelings of not fitting in or being out of touch; conformity may lead to stagnation. There's a strong feeling of something missing within the person, leading to dissatisfaction with relationships and circumstances. As with Saturn conjunct the North Node, there may be an illness connected with the nodal polarity. The tendency is to try to repress awareness of the need for growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, Saturn stands at its own point: for, in the classical literature of astrology, the Descending Node is also 'the point of Saturn'. Here it hinders the native's progress considerably, and the latter clings to old habits and fails to see the need for change. The native is liable to regress, and refuses to strike out in a new direction. Many are pessimistic and do not believe that there is a better life for them. They load themselves with needless responsibilities and are hardly free to act. Many take refuge in duty, and imagine they have to do everything and that, without them, 'nothing would ever get done'. With Saturn on the nodal axis, it is hard to break old habits: there is a constant temptation to lapse into familiar reactions and routines.

Saturn square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, great difficulties in cooperating with others, also a feeling of inhibition in the presence of other people. Inhibitions and difficulties in association of partnerships, termination of blood relationships, the death of relatives or of kindred, disadvantages through other persons, co-operative work or team-work which is steadily becoming more difficult.

(Bernice Grebner)

Sacrifice or surrender are the key words here. Saturn's house position may cause neglect of the nodal position's growth; and the balancing of the nodal axis may be much delayed. Success is also harder to achieve where Saturn's position is located by sign and house. Wherever Saturn is located is where we feel a great lack; where a father's influence can be most strict; where ambitions are thwarted. Other aspects taken into consideration, this is not a favorable position for a positive, enthusiastic spirit. Unless well aspected to Jupiter, the Saturn square must be corrected first by strict discipline in accepting responsibility that can't be refused. This position can give great loneliness. The life seems to be fated. Call it fate, karma, or what you will, it is that area which we can do little about but surrender to it in strict discipline. With this aspect, along with a good aspect to Jupiter, Jupiter's influence cannot be felt greatly until the discipline Saturn calls for is accomplished. The person who has this aspect lacked discipline in a former lifetime; hence he is being forced into it in this life. The lessons of Saturn are patience, duty, loyalty, and being in tune and in step with time as it is. Their destiny is to get in step.

10) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Parallel** ♊ **North-Node** - (0°34')    0011 | 117

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction tunes natives to what is socially popular and acceptable. They have an intuitive ability to be in the right place at the right time. On the negative side, there is a tendency to be mindlessly swept along with current social conditions, wherever they may lead. Going along with the crowd can be the easy way out and end ultimately in disaster. For example, a native involved in the cocktail party circuit may overindulge in drink simply because it is the socially acceptable thing to do, and end up as an alcoholic. It is important for these natives to exercise discrimination. Misused, this aspect can be highly seductive. It can sweep the natives along without their being aware of it.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of community-sense or of team spirit. Anti-social behaviour. Sociological correspondence: anti-social elements.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the deeper significance of 'psyche' or the occult is transmuted, extracted and applied to convey the messages to the general consciousness. The idea is to distribute the Neptunian energies, either good or bad, to the surroundings and associates. This often leads to the highest or the lowest form of Karmic function. Bridging the gap between the higher consciousness and the 'commoner' through the Neptunian process is basically achieved by these individuals.

(Donna van Toen)

Sensitivity enhances growth potential. There's a tendency to seek the impossible or the ideal that keeps the person aiming higher and higher. In the over-compensation phase, there can be problems stemming from anti-social behavior. Avoidance of people, escapist tendencies and use of consciousness-altering substances are also common.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction gives full scope in contacts to an all-embracing love of humanity. The native is ready to give up all for love, and believes in universal philanthropy and in spiritual freedom. Many take up social work in the belief that the only way or them to develop is by caring for the sick or for the underprivileged. As a matter of fact, the Neptunian sensitivity frequently leads them to forget their own development as they work and sacrifice themselves for others. Nevertheless, the boundary-removing principle of Neptune can do much to promote spiritual development.

Neptune conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

Here we have a generous, hospitable, sympathetic nature, ready to help all in need. This person is talented in music and the arts, or has a great appreciation of them. His sensitivity and awareness are very keen. It inclines him to metaphysical studies. He seeks the seemingly impossible. Since there is a high spiritual development, he easily gets help from others, either in this world or from the next. This is related to beauty and creativity, and is said to be a gift. This seems to be a favorable karma. The person is favorably inclined to higher spiritual love. Another theory is that this person is from planet Neptune.

11) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♃ Saturn** - (0°42' A) ♃1 | ♃1

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn conjunct to the Ascendant indicates that you are conservative and self-disciplined

in your behavior. You tend to be shy about asserting yourself, so people may assume you are indifferent to them. You have strong doubts about your worth, which makes you cautious when meeting competition. This lack of self-confidence will eventually be replaced by self-assurance as you learn through experience to understand yourself. You do not have the kind of aggressive drive that impresses people on first meeting, but you show reliability, and they learn to depend on you. Others see your good qualities long before you realize them. Self-effacing by nature, you prefer the sidelines rather than the spotlight.

You are efficient in mobilizing your resources and are sure to realize your goals, but you underestimate your abilities. You are a 'slow starter' who needs the reassurance of some successful endeavors before you define your objectives and make careful plans to achieve them. You are prepared to grow one step at a time in achieving the excellence you are capable of. When a decision is required, you tend to hesitate because you want to be sure first. You sometimes miss opportunities for fear you will be ridiculed if you make the wrong decision. Responsible to a fault, you will never let down anyone who depends on you. Learn to love yourself more, so you can feel you deserve the good things in life that you work for so diligently. You can be victimized by people who take advantage of your unwillingness to fight for your rights, but you never forget such incidents. Although not a vindictive person, you bide your time until the moment comes when they need your assistance; then you repay them with cool indifference.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When Saturn colors the way of presenting ourselves to the outside world, we give the impression of being sober, reserved, secretive and serious. Probably we are afraid to let go, and view people and things pessimistically behind a rather cold front.

Saturn is not a planet that leads us to be swayed by enthusiasm. We test the water carefully before we take the plunge. Safety first is our motto. The sense of responsibility that weighs us down is sometimes expressed physically in a stoop, as if we were literally bent beneath a burden - a burden we have taken on ourselves.

We seldom reveal what is going on inside, and people have difficulty in getting to know us. Defensiveness is responsible for the fact that we can be plagued by feelings of loneliness. Yet Saturn can allow us to lose these feelings in the company of a special individual, a person with whom we feel safe. We would go through fire and water for someone like this; even so, it is hard for us to show emotions.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents what we approach with caution, and our feelings of insecurity. The Ascendant indicates how we start new ventures, as well as the persona we project. Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant indicates individuals who are often insecure about

their abilities when they are young, for a self-worth facet in the personality needs development. In early childhood there was a rejection by the father in some way; these people didn't feel accepted or encouraged by him. As young adults they feel apprehensive about being approved of by those in authority; they may deem it necessary to work too hard in order to attain whatever life experience they seek.

The self-worth dilemma will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs. If Saturn is in the first house, then as these people mature and earn a concept of worthiness, a personal strength will emerge, for Saturn in the first house can indicate the ability to persevere.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Saturn rising person will usually approach the world with a certain amount of caution, as if on some level feeling that it is not a very safe place - certainly not safe enough to venture out without wearing at least a little armour-plating. Typically, the individual feels that he or she must be ready to defend him- / herself against possible disaster. I once looked after a boy aged about 11, with Saturn rising. Whenever we went out, he used first to go around the house, checking that the windows and doors were tightly bolted and that the plugs were all pulled out of the electric sockets. Thus his persona was a serious one. The immediate impression he made was of someone older than his years and very responsible. At the same time, being so well defended, it was not easy to see the vulnerable little boy underneath. The oldest in the family, he took on what he saw as the role of father when his parents divorced, and this is quite typical of a 1st house Saturn.

Margaret Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', has Saturn rising in Scorpio. She seems to have a very controlled persona, to have her guard up at all times. She doesn't seem very spontaneous. Satirists often portray her as being something of a heavy schoolteacher type, ready to discipline and control irksome cabinet ministers.

Because people with Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant do not see the world as a particularly safe place, they often take steps to control the environment and those within it. They want to leave nothing to chance, and they want to be seen as being a person who 'never puts a foot wrong'. In fact, this insistence on never putting a foot wrong is a common Saturnian one, whatever the configuration.

The controlled responsible exterior may not necessarily be indicative of a particularly responsible or serious person, but merely indicates that is the impression that the individual initially makes.

Saturn rising is often associated with a difficult or delayed birth, as if the baby is reluctant to come out and enter into the world. Perhaps this infant is controlling the situation from the word 'go', or on some level feels he / she needs to. In any event, the caution about



and fear of greeting the world naked and exposed seems to persist throughout much of life.

The Saturn rising person often goes out into the world ready to be a patriarchal figure, a disciplinarian perhaps, someone older than his or her years, and a responsible, dutiful type.

12) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct Jupiter** - (6°22' A) ♈12 | ♀11

(Robert Hand)

Your home and family are very important to you as a refuge that you can retreat to when the outer world is too harsh. You will always remember your childhood as one of the best times of your life, and you will have great respect for your parents, especially the one who gave you the most emotional support.

As you get older, you will remember what you had when you were younger, and you will love anything that reminds you of home. Wherever you go, you will try to find a community like the one you grew up in. And if you can't find such a community, you will seek one in which people are as close as they were where you grew up. All your life, you will have great respect for traditions and customs, even if they are very different from your own, not because you are narrowly conservative, but because you know they give people positive emotional support. Temperamentally you are quite liberal, and you enjoy the experience of new places and different worlds.

All of your life you will prefer rather large and elegant homes surrounded by lots of open space. You hate to be cramped, physically or emotionally, so you avoid close relationships with people who are very jealous or possessive, because they would restrict your inner freedom.

Normally this aspects signifies a high degree of emotional security, which enables you to withstand any difficult times and even offer help to others when they are in trouble.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Jupiter on the IC inevitably will have come from a background whose chief preoccupation was education, religion (or some other belief system) or travel. The individual will often have come from a 'good' family and often a large home. People with Jupiter on both sides of this axis themselves often want and obtain a mansion-like residence. There is a need for 'space' on the domestic sphere on all levels, and a hope that one can be hospitable to all. Jupiter-IC people are often quite confident individuals; the confidence and faith is less obvious than with Jupiter rising, but it is usually much more solid and underpins everything the person does.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect is favorable for people dealing in real estate or in businesses related to the construction and improvement of homes. It also favors farming or those businesses related to the growing of food.

The natives usually live in large homes with large families, and unless other factors contradict parental relationships are good. The home is often the site of religious and educational activity. In the last half of their lives, natives are prosperous, comfortable, even opulent.

Jupiter square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We must take care not to overdo things when we have tense aspects between Jupiter and the Midheaven. We throw ourselves enthusiastically and impetuously into all kinds of things, seize fresh opportunities, and like to be active. Given our self-image, we tend to overestimate our abilities and possibilities and to underestimate difficulties - hence the repeated deadlocks, from which, with Jupiter's incorrigible enthusiasm (and sometimes ill-founded optimism), we can usually break free either in whole or in part.

With these tense aspects we are not very good listeners (even though we may think we are), but like to speed things up. Therefore others see us as difficult and arrogant; and sometimes, when we sally forth starry-eyed on some perilous adventure, as childishly naive. 'Look before you leap' is a useful motto for people with this combination.

Because we rely largely on our own judgement, we are liable not only to think we know best, but also (given the least excuse) to say so out loud with a wag of a finger. We tend to beat the drum in and out of season, and this usually brings conflict with others. Nevertheless, these aspects also give enthusiasm, cordiality, cheerfulness, hospitality, joviality and warmth; and when we learn to season our optimism with a little caution, we shall have a great deal in our favor.

13) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (3°00' A)    ♄8 | ♄8

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun conjunct Venus represents a strongly developed love nature. Although it may not be apparent to a casual observer, you are extremely eager for people to like you. In fact, you make subtle adjustments in your urge for recognition so that they will be warmly disposed toward you. But you may not always compromise, simply because you don't

want to give an impression of being weak in character. In more intimate contacts with persons you know well, you are not afraid they will misjudge you this way, so you behave more naturally.

You especially want people to recognize you as a substantial individual who offers many important values to those who are willing to share them. You are open to communication with others and will listen enthusiastically in conversation with them. You enjoy people and are generally cheerful and sociable in large or small gatherings. On the chance of meeting someone who can be useful at another time, you take care to circulate freely and 'touch base' with everyone. You know how to make lasting impressions by dramatizing yourself, for you don't want to be overlooked merely because you didn't take the time to make your presence known.

Your greatest problem is that you assume people will think well of you even if you do nothing to deserve it. You can become pompously presumptuous that your presence alone is enough to merit everyone's attention. You are a romanticist at heart and can be swayed by a display of affection. Appreciative of the finer things in life, you get a sense of fulfillment when you indulge in them, in addition to the comfort and pleasure they give you.

(Haydn Paul)

Only the conjunction, semi-sextile and semi-square aspects are astronomically possible between the Sun and Venus, as the maximum distance between these planets is 48 degrees.

This conjunction conveys an optimistic and cheerful spirit, where you will greatly enjoy social company and the pleasures of life, so that esthetic and hedonistic activities are indulged to stimulate your sensual nature. Love and social relationships are highlighted, and you will be attracted to participate in the social whirl, circulating around your collection of friends, family and acquaintances.

You feel it important to be liked by others, and this need may make you act in certain ways which gain the approval of people, so care may be required to ensure that you do not overly compromise your own feelings and thoughts in order to remain socially acceptable. There can be a dramatic quality to your style of self-presentation, perhaps emerging out of an artistic and creative sensitivity, and this will be employed to gain the attention of people; you prefer to leave your mark and need to feel recognised.

While some may see you in a superficial light, this is not how you desire to be socially acknowledged. The recognition you are looking for is of your whole personality, your talents and qualities, and as you grow older you will prefer to enjoy the company of those who can appreciate you more fully. This may be through mutual interests in art, culture or the beauty of nature, because lying beneath any socialite veneer is your real

appreciation of the harmony of life and nature which evokes that romantic and poetic spirit that inspires your perception of life and infuses a hidden desire for inner peace and integration. You enjoy quality in life, and will try to create a pleasing home environment which allows relaxation into domestic comforts and pleasures.

You will attract others to your potent magnetic personality, and you are likely to experience a variety of relationships as a consequence of your romantic attitudes. You open easily to demonstrations of love and affection, and your heart can quickly melt. As a lover of life, a certain intensity will be present, as will the tides of love's joys and pains, but never attempt to turn off your developed love nature, or you may find that life rapidly loses its lustre and becomes grey, mundane and lifeless. Part of your role is to spread life-appreciation, enlivening others so that they too can become sincere lovers of life, and isn't that a task well worth pursuing?

Some may find you 'too alive' or narcissistic, so you may need to be aware of others' reactions, and if they are correct in their evaluation of your self-centredness then some modification may be advised, so that you equally acknowledge their natures, qualities and personalities too. In conversations, the art of listening is as important as the art of communication, and your enthusiasms may require occasional toning down.

You can bring positive benefits to those who become intimately close, through sharing your vitality, love and affections, and even if your relationships do not persist, you hope that those involved with you do not regret the time that has been shared. Changes will come through the expression of your heart and life enjoyment, and these may reshape your conscious identity and self-image over time, so that more depth and insight begins to be unfolded. Others may turn to you for support and advice, wanting your flame to relight their own. Your path of solar development is through the unifying love energies of Venus, so let these radiate outwards into the world, touching and igniting the hearts of others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When conscious behavior (Sun) is attended by the need for emotional and material safety and comfort and the desire for beauty and harmony (Venus), the behavior is generally friendly and accommodating. Friends are easily made and the native also finds it easy to move in society. The feeling for harmony in relationships gives diplomatic ability.

On the other hand, the native finds it difficult to air problems or to talk them through, since he or she loves to be surrounded by a pleasant atmosphere. The danger is that this attitude will result in a false bonhomie and in superficiality. And so the conjunction will deny depth to the personality if the native is content to smooth things over on the surface.

Yet, as we have seen, this conjunction does have its good side. Generally, the native is very agreeable and has no difficulty in being friendly and sympathetic to others. There is also a need for shared experiences, preferably with the life partner. Showing affection is an essential mode of expression for the native and he or she is extremely romantic.

The feeling for art is often well developed, although the background of the signs will have a say in this. The individual with the Sun conjunct Venus is fond of pleasure and the good things of life, and may sometimes overindulge in them. By and large, the aspect is an enjoyable one to have, even though it may make the native a trifle lazy.

(Betty Lundsted)

Venus is similar to Mercury in that it is never far from the Sun. Venus is usually in the same sign as the sun or one behind or ahead of it. Venus represents what we want in life: the finer pleasures, the things we want around us, the person we want to be, the way we appreciate art, the way we appreciate love. It helps to define how we receive loving as well as our intellectual concept of what we think love is. The Venus position in relation to the Sun sign give a clue to what people are (Sun) and how this relates to what they want to be (Venus). When people talk about what they want to be, it is usually Venus talking.

People with Venus in the same sign as the Sun usually are quite satisfied to be themselves, whatever that is. They have the potential to like themselves if the conjunction is not afflicted by another planet. It can make them very smug and selfsatisfied, for they like being the person they are. When we try to work out our ties to our parents, or when we try to understand our life, Venus conjunct the Sun can be difficult; for, we tend to stay in our rut rather than try to get out of it. Venus in the same sign as the Sun may indicate that a conscious decision has to be made before we can look at the motivation for what we do in some serious manner.

When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the father either overaffects the child or the child subconsciously plays the role of the mother in order to gain Daddy's approval (Venus indicates a tie to the mother; Sun indicates the physical father.) This closeness to the father may be difficult to understand or to become conscious of, and the only time it becomes important is when the person is in the process of self-examination regarding relationships. A woman with Venus conjunct the Sun is tied to her father from a subconscious psychological point. She may marry a man who has the same attributes as her father. If she has Venus conjunct the Sun and no other emotional blocks (by aspect) in her chart, this problem is relatively easy to work with if she wants to be free of the influence. But if her Moon, Venus and the Sun are afflicted her chart becomes more obscure to work through; the struggle for consciousness becomes more complex. If she is interested in developing relationships that do not include the father image, she must find a way to understand the conflict.

A man with Venus conjunct his Sun is emotionally close to his father, and the aspects to the Sun-Venus conjunction will indicate how this closeness will take place. When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the psychological influence of the mother (Venus) is very close to the father image on a physical level (Sun). The child sees the parents' roles jumbled together and this can confuse him. A boy child may use his mother's 'role' games to get close to his Dad.

This aspect depicts a relationship that is not uncommon among parents. The power parent is determined by the Sun sign; yet, when Venus conjuncts the Sun, the mother has a close rapport with the father, which may not be confirmed by the rest of the chart, by the power parent, or by what she says about her husband. In other words, not matter what she says about her husband to the contrary, she really likes the way he is. This confuses the child. In adult relationships it causes the following problems: a mother-dominated male may use his mother's tactics to get on with men as an adult; a father-dominated male feels that there should be some mystical-bond between his lady and himself, and is disappointed when he doesn't feel it; anotherdominateed female will feel a closeness to her dad that she can't understand, so it's a combination of love and resentment; the father-dominated female may marry a man in her father's image.

The only time it is necessary to do something about this conjunction is when something keeps interfering with the development of meaningful, lasting emotional relationships. When we think our problems happen to us because we only meet 'awful people', we need to look inside ourselves to understand what has been programmed into our subconscious selves - for this program is the one we draw to us. It cures itself when we become conscious of it.

14) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♅ Pluto** - (2°08' A)    ≈10 | ≈10

(Haydn Paul)

You should have a powerful, penetrating and incisive mind, which is attracted towards delving deeply behind appearances. Whether these are social facades or intellectual theories or philosophies, your innate curiosity will enable you to look beneath the surface. As you tend to see your mind as a resource which you can utilise, you often collect many fragments of information on your searches, which you attempt to collate together into a workable source.

You feel 'at home' in your mind, enjoying applying it to a multitude of challenges and problems, confident in your ability to resolve them or make some kind of sense out of them. Following your natural investigative ability, you have an inner process occurring whereby you attempt to extract meaning from your studies and experience, hidden meanings that are mostly relevant only to yourself, although some may be of value to a wider audience too. There is a purist streak in your mind which prompts you to take quite an impersonal attitude to people and events, especially attaching a high value to 'truth'

over the social games that people play; your directness is likely to stimulate reactions from others.

As usual with the Pluto energy, there will be an unknowable depth and dimension to your mind, with a tendency towards powerfully expressed extremism and assertiveness as you proceed to manifest your objectives. Your ability to concentrate your willpower and sustain it for as long as necessary will aid you in achieving your dreams. Your beliefs and opinions will tend to be fixed; and you will be difficult to shake from any position that you have decided to take, preferring a vigorous expression of your standpoint against any opponents. As you hate to be seen to have a weaker or fallacious argument, you tend to be well-prepared and confident upon any theme that you may be challenged upon; otherwise you have already prepared some way to evade a confrontation if you feel that you could be defeated. There may be a tendency to hold a grudge against any who have opposed you, or who stand in your way; and you will remember them, waiting for a suitable time to settle the scores.

Unnecessary social problems and suffering for people will draw out a sense of aggrieved anger in you, as will social and political hypocrisy. You will tend to respond to these feelings by becoming more involved in reorientating your energies into channels which directly oppose those who appear to be creating or amplifying such problems. You feel that you can contribute towards changing things for the better; and this can lead you towards involvement with radical politics. The nature of your political views will depend on your personal analysis of causes; but in extreme cases may tend towards anarchism. Any tactics of subversion will appeal to the Pluto energy, as will the emphasis upon change and transformation. If the social emphasis of Pluto dominates, then much of your life will be directed by the theme of transformation, social and political.

You will tend to be demanding in your personal relationships, expecting a high quality and strength from any partner. But even though you may attempt to force him or her to submit to you psychologically, it will be much better for you if you fail, for a good relationship needs equality and mutual respect. You often tend to use your persuasive power to influence others to agree with you; but you have to learn more tolerance and a broader understanding of the freedom and rights of others to hold their own views. Ideally your long-term partner should be similar to you in outlook, motivation and interests, because you may tend to turn the relationship into a form of intellectual power struggle, which would probably turn it sour before long if you did not have these in common. The obsessive tone of Pluto may cause some difficulties, both in your mental preoccupations, and in your relationship, especially if you are unaware of this aspect to yourself, which can easily turn you towards being excessively self-centred if unmoderated. The positive side of a relationship is that it can break down such tendencies, and open up the awareness of 'the other'; certainly you should learn to appreciate any relationship as bringing a more expansive quality into your life.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury and Pluto shows that your mind is deep, penetrating, and inclined to extremes. You interpret your experiences like a detective reconstructing a crime, looking for hidden meaning in obscure detail. You evaluate matters subjectively, and your psychic sense often reveals clues that are hidden from less sensitive observers. Curious almost to a fault, you go to extremes in gathering the information you need to solve your problems.

You have a genius for asserting yourself persuasively whenever it seems the only way to accomplish something. You are fearless in pursuing your objective, and others admire your determination and persistence. Once your mind is made up, you don't change it unless the evidence is overwhelming. But because you defend your views so vehemently, people may find your attitude offensive.

You are fascinated by the mysterious and the occult. With your quick observation of details and understanding of their value, you could succeed as an analyst or investigator. Such fields as crime detection, chemistry, research, pathology, or surgery would enable you to apply your skills and potentials constructively. You could become an explorer or a financial analyst and advisor.

You should moderate your anarchistic inclination. Even when you are not actively vindictive toward those who defy you, you nevertheless think revenge. Social injustices are a particular irritant to you, and you could vent your hidden anger by directing your talents toward correcting them. You know how to dramatize situations to gain the attention of people in power so that changes can be made. You could easily become the spokesman for those who lack the courage to speak for themselves. Perhaps politics would give you the leverage to accomplish many worthwhile objectives for yourself and others.

In personal relationships, you are demanding and sometimes extremely intolerant of weaknesses. Although you seek out those who will submit to you, then you are contemptuous of them for doing so. This is the paradox of this planetary combination, and accounts for the difficulty others have in relating to you. The fact is, you admire strength and respect authority, so you challenge others to demonstrate these qualities. Ideally, your mate should be strong and be able to take a position with you so that you could contribute to each other's development and objectives. Sharing goals and motivation would produce a permanent bond between you.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A need to make contacts, to communicate, to reflect and analyze, and an ability to give factual descriptions (Mercury) is greatly intensified by Pluto. Not only do these people have a compulsive need to get in touch with people, but they may be dogmatic when talking to them. The unconscious power of Pluto builds up such a charge that they



impress others as being forcible, and the effect of words is often greater than they can foresee and may create problems within the circle of acquaintances.

Thinking is concentrated too. If they want to know something, they set themselves to research it thoroughly. The same intensity is seen in the way they regard and analyze facts, although here the unconscious power of Pluto may have a distorting effect. Once they make some discovery or form some opinion, they fail to examine it further in the light of reality. It forms their reality, and any facts and figures they gather are intended to support it. They present ideas trenchantly, and can be obstinate and inclined to use their reasoning to 'disprove' every counter-argument.

The forcefulness and intensity of this conjunction can lead to quarrels and differences of opinion. These people hold their ground against all-comers, and actually meet with a great deal of opposition. A sharp tongue is dreaded: they never shrink from confrontations or their consequences. Because of great powers of penetration (Pluto), they often put their finger on an opponent's weak point.

This is an outstanding combination for research work, especially in unexplored fields or in fields which have long been taboo; all Pluto's aspects have something defiant about them. These natives cannot tolerate being balked, and will not stop until they have bulldozed a road to any matter in which they are interested. With Pluto aspecting Mercury, they persevere until they completely understand (or completely demolish) some topic.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Pluto can be called the symbol of the collective unconscious in the chart - Jung's definition of the intuitive history of the species since time began; that part of ourselves which transmits knowledge over generations; that part of ourselves which combines instincts with conscious development - then this aspect can understandably be a powerful one.

In everyday activities, the person with this aspects doesn't always know what he is talking about, for the words come out before he knows what he is saying. If he uses this energy constructively, he has the beginnings of a great writer, a great social commentator. The childhood experience with the family may be an overwhelming one in terms of communication; words are controlled, or words are used to control others. the power parent is the most controlling influence, unless the aspects indicate otherwise.

For example, when a child is born into a mother-dominated household and Mercury conjuncts Pluto, it can indicate that the father attempts to stay in control, but from a passive controlling point. Passive control can be called the tyranny of the weak, and, if this is the case, the conjunction will have strong or hard aspects to the Sun or Saturn. If so, the child will attempt to control from a passive point as well. The child with this

conjunction is controlled and manipulated by his parents, and his investigation of new ideas may be suppressed. When the child becomes an adult, this energy will place limits on relationships because his conversation may not be spontaneous. Manipulation via words can be used in career; copy editors often have this aspect.

15) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♄ **Uranus** - (2°36' S) ♋12 | ♋12

(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).

16) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♀ **South-Node** - (10°24' A) ♃12 | ♎1

(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.

17) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°41' S)    0011 | 0011

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction occurs approximately every thirteen years, and tends to create characteristics that are often similar to the Pisces temperament, where both the positive and the negative qualities of both planets are present and highly active.

Tendencies towards excess, idealism, creativity and naivety will be evident. The Jupiter impulse of expansion may encourage you to reach beyond your actual capabilities. Whilst this can aid in stretching you - and in some cases you will succeed to a greater degree - the likelihood is that when it is combined with a Neptunian distorted perception of your abilities you will fail more regularly than triumph. Over time this can become a repetitive and inhibitory pattern which powers your self-confidence.

The sphere of relationships is likely to be a source of many lessons for you, and to reflect back several of your own tendencies towards those less realistic qualities of Jupiter and Neptune that are present in an unintegrated personality. Whilst faith and trust are potentially positive qualities to possess, life experience often demonstrates that placing our confidence in everyone will unfortunately and inevitably lead to disillusionment. In the ideal world this would be possible, but in our current reality there are many who will self-centredly take advantage of others' naivety and innocence (and ignorance too). A more realistic appraisal of the motivations and nature of others is necessary; an unconscious automatic offering of your trust and faith in the goodwill and fine nature of others will lead to your abuse. Discrimination is always required, so that you can recognise those in whom such fragile qualities will be rightly respected. Blind faith is an innocence waiting to be ruined; and many will be queuing up to take their pickings.

Yet this ideal of relationships will still persist, often despite many disappointing experiences over the years. It is probably wiser to be more careful in your more personal and intimate relationships, because unless you are aware of what is occurring, your love life could be painful. As you have a natural impulse to care and serve others, you could be exploited by less scrupulous individuals, taking advantage of those tendencies of sacrifice and martyrdom that hide within the Neptune influence. This also leads you towards illusions related to the feelings of others for you, where you convince yourself that they are a strong and true love, and then allow yourself to become deeply committed to the relationship; you may be correct in your assessment, but it is an area in which you are very vulnerable to self-deception, and perhaps more caution and less haste should be advised. Time taken in establishing others' motivations and deeper nature is often time well spent; resorting back to a blind faith, trust and assumptions founded on satisfying your own needs can be a recipe for future problems. A careful evaluation of the other is necessary; otherwise, under the pressure of actual marriage or living together, other aspects of the other's nature will emerge which may not suit you (or vice versa). Many relationships flounder today due to mutual self-ignorance, where inner projections of illusions and the anima-animus patterns overlay the real nature of the participants, until

time dissolves them and each partner wakes up to realise that they are living with a stranger.

It is not suggested that you become overly sceptical or cynical, but that a deeper and discriminatory look is made, into both your own nature and that of any proposed partner. It may be that those tendencies of faith and trust should be applied in a more impersonal sphere, where instead of having to believe in individuals (who are always capable of letting you down) it becomes more abstracted into a belief in the essential goodness of humanity that is slowly evolving and being anchored in the world. Certainly your experience of relationships will be a testing ground, and one where many lessons can be realised; and, it is to be hoped, where your evaluations will become more acute and realistic.

When disappointment strikes you, there is a tendency to retreat into a private fantasy world. This can be positively used as a self-healing technique, but you must avoid any temptation to use this purely as an escape, for if you do so you risk losing contact with reality. A place to consider the implicit lessons and meanings for you, yes, but not one where you elevate withdrawal as a means to remain ignorant and persist in any illusions.

You may have desires to experience 'sublime feelings and emotions', an intensity that is not commonly found in everyday life, and an expansion beyond your normal boundaries of existence. This can be a latent mystical proclivity, which you search for in love affairs. You may be similarly attracted towards involvement with drugs, alcohol or spiritual cults. Certainly the addictive attractions should be avoided, and if you do look towards the spiritual scene, be careful of illusions related to gurus, cults and the like. Discrimination is vitally necessary in these realms too.

Throughout your life, there should be a fertile imagination at work, which may find means of expression in art, music or literature, or by absorption in religion and philosophy. Suitable channels for this imagination need to be established, or else it will just amplify your inner dreams and distorting illusions.

Idealism will remain strong, although there can be a lack of real practicality and common sense, where through a lack of persistent self-discipline you often fail to deliver what you are capable of doing. As a result of your high emotional sensitivity, you may be attracted towards work related to a feeling of social obligation, where social welfare and aid for others becomes dominant. Such spheres as medicine, nursing, mental health, teaching, community welfare or voluntary service could satisfy this need. You may have to guard against becoming too personally involved when you offer sympathy and support, or else your own ability to serve will be weighed down by the weight of the world on your shoulders. That type of martyrdom which turns you into a victim is often an unnecessary sacrifice, and can be avoided by a different inner perspective.

(Robert Pelletier)



With Jupiter conjunct Neptune, you are inclined to do things to excess. You may talk about subjects you don't really understand or try to accomplish tasks beyond your capabilities. You trust others to maintain the confidences you share with them, carelessly assuming they deserve your trust. When you give others the benefit of the doubt, you may be sadly disillusioned, for they often seem to deceive you. Your faith in people is deep, but you assign it blindly.

You are philosophical about people, and hopeful that you will find someone in whom you can confidently believe. From your experiences with others, you learn many lessons that help to refine your judgement. You have a spiritual understanding of your social obligations, which you fulfill by offering your talents, inspiration, and imagination whenever you can. You would work with particular effectiveness in the broad area of human welfare. Such professional activities as teaching or working in a Sunday school, orphanage, mental health program, medical relief agency, or the Peace Corps, are suited to your temperament and disposition. You can easily become totally immersed in providing sympathetic understanding to those who most desperately need it.

There is always a danger of abuse from people who may try to capitalize on your willingness to serve others. Unless you are alert, this can also happen in your personal relationships. You want to believe that your lover's feelings are those of true love, and you may encourage the relationship to develop, hoping it will lead to marriage. Unless you learn to question everyone's motives in relating to you, you will certainly be disappointed.

You must develop respect for the harsh realities of your surroundings. In your desire to experience the highest emotions and most exquisite sensations, you risk aligning yourself with escapist fanaticism. Avoid drugs, cults, and irresponsible charlatans.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The impact of a need for expansion and for widening horizons upon a basic need to refine and disassociate things (which is felt most strongly in the areas of religion and philosophy) produces a state of affairs that is rather hard to define. The combination could lead to dreamy and impractical idealism.

Fantasy is usually well-developed, and we have a Utopian vision of the future; perhaps seeing opportunities and improvements (Jupiter) where none exists, or, if they do exist, failing to recognize their drawbacks (Neptune) and nursing vain hopes about them. Because, with this combination, we do not have a very good grip on everyday practicalities, we need to proceed with caution. We take risks we would never accept if we were not wearing rose-colored glasses, and can end up with a fiasco. The conjunction and the hard aspects (if linked with the personal planets) commonly indicate inveterate gamblers.

If we have any Neptunian aspect, we are not easily moved to take positive action. But as soon as the unseen world, or the world of art or of emotional union with a greater whole, enters in, Neptune offers every imaginable help. And when, as here, Jupiter forms part of the aspect, we possess an added insight into the religious or the mystical. Jupiter gives a natural love of spiritual things, and the conjunction with Neptune intensifies devotional feelings. Ideals (Jupiter) are fostered by these feelings and especially by the need for the sense of oneness given by Neptune. Not only do we have social sympathies, but we are also keen on social action; for example, by engaging in relief work in deprived inner city areas or in the Third World and in general by standing up for the underdogs (including literal underdogs, such as stray animals). Idealism is great and it is deeply rooted, which is why we can serve others for a long time, or alternatively, can devote ourselves to artistic or spiritual activities. In other areas, where there is not sense of underlying unity, we find it hard to summon up much enthusiasm but spend a lot of time dreaming of better things.

(Betty Lundsted)

The conjunction between Neptune and Jupiter is not a personal aspect, for it will be present in all the charts of people born when Jupiter is transiting the same sign that Neptune is during a given year. The aspect indicates a group of people who will view relating from a more spiritual point than those born in the same year.

Neptune clouds the Jupiter position, causing many different kinds of personality traits. These traits can range from an overly spiritual or cosmic-love approach to all relationships down to the mundane set-up for too much sugar intake. Neptune symbolizes the creative dream as well as universal and impersonal love. When a person reaches out to relate (Jupiter) and his relationships are colored by too much 'universal love', the individual with this aspect is more prone to be hurt when the relationship doesn't stay in the lofty spiritual heights that he expects it should - thus a withdrawal into the personal universe full of love that can be made more sweet by the addition of candy, starchy foods, or even alcohol.

On the other hand, when this individual realizes that he tends to see relationships through rose-colored glasses, that he may project too much Neptunian dream-world spirituality onto his relationships, he can begin to reconstruct the way in which he approaches other people. When the reaching out or relating principle (symbolized by Jupiter) gains perspective, he can then use his Neptunian energy to uplift the kinds of relationships he forms, but from a conscious point. He can recognize the qualities he brings into his life, or the qualities he needs in order to feel complete when he looks for companionship. The energy is thereby transformed, and he can proceed to develop very special ways to share his personality with his fellow man. The aspect implies that a spiritual awareness, or a need for discovery of the man-universe relationship, is important.

(Charles Carter)

Among natives with this aspect are to be found a wide variety of effects, some of a purely external character and some showing its psychological side. Among the former we have several cases where there has been a seafaring strain in the family, the case of the daughter of the murderer of Whiteley, born whilst her father was awaiting trial, the case of a child born in a penitentiary, and children of preachers, sailors, and others with Neptunian-Jovian characteristics. The conjunction of two planets both possessing, through the sign Pisces, much in common, saturates the birth chart, so to speak, with its influence, which will show forth in many directions, though often in a somewhat subtle and not very obvious manner. It tends to religion and idealism, though often not of a conventional kind; it is extremely humane, and is fond of animals.

The sensitivity of the contact may cause a certain degree of 'astralism'. In one case (in Cancer, with Pisces asc.), the native 'saw fairies' from early childhood in circumstances which almost precluded the possibility of suggestion. James Coates, mesmerist, had the conjunction in Aquarius; and Algernon Blackwood, the writer of occult fiction, had it in Aries. It is musical and artistic.

18) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♋ **South-Node** - (1°09' S) ♎1 | ♎1

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect tends to be extremely limiting; the natives' rigid personal habits and ambitions put them out of harmony with prevailing cultural attitudes. In order to overcome the isolation thus created, they must learn to co-operate with the ideas and the methods of their society. On the positive side, the natives may achieve things which put them in a class by themselves by their individualistic and painstaking approach to work, in which all external influences are disregarded. This is especially the case with experts in obscure fields of endeavor.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the individual confines itself with its own psychologically complex network. They just have to go through worldly and unworldly experiences and learn the significance of patience. Things have a tendency to occur as late as possible. Association with old folks or old ideas becomes a part of life. The native often runs away from his own creation; and this running around in circles is one of the karmic fulfillments of his soul. Depending upon the balance of Karma from the previous life, some of these individuals will experience the highest benefits in life, but only after significant hard work during the most of their life. The Saturnian principle with the South Node with it really makes the combination doubly Saturnian. Thus, hard work, patience and coping with restrictions is a major focus in this combination. On a mundane level, it causes weak

bone structure, rheumatism, skin difficulties, etc.. One of the benefits this aspect provides is the ability to cope with disease and confinement.

(Donna van Toen)

Growth may trigger feelings of not fitting in or being out of touch; conformity may lead to stagnation. There's a strong feeling of something missing within the person, leading to dissatisfaction with relationships and circumstances. As with Saturn conjunct the North Node, there may be an illness connected with the nodal polarity. The tendency is to try to repress awareness of the need for growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, Saturn stands at its own point: for, in the classical literature of astrology, the Descending Node is also 'the point of Saturn'. Here it hinders the native's progress considerably, and the latter clings to old habits and fails to see the need for change. The native is liable to regress, and refuses to strike out in a new direction. Many are pessimistic and do not believe that there is a better life for them. They load themselves with needless responsibilities and are hardly free to act. Many take refuge in duty, and imagine they have to do everything and that, without them, 'nothing would ever get done'. With Saturn on the nodal axis, it is hard to break old habits: there is a constant temptation to lapse into familiar reactions and routines.

Saturn square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, great difficulties in cooperating with others, also a feeling of inhibition in the presence of other people. Inhibitions and difficulties in association of partnerships, termination of blood relationships, the death of relatives or of kindred, disadvantages through other persons, co-operative work or team-work which is steadily becoming more difficult.

(Bernice Grebner)

Sacrifice or surrender are the key words here. Saturn's house position may cause neglect of the nodal position's growth; and the balancing of the nodal axis may be much delayed. Success is also harder to achieve where Saturn's position is located by sign and house. Wherever Saturn is located is where we feel a great lack; where a father's influence can be most strict; where ambitions are thwarted. Other aspects taken into consideration, this is not a favorable position for a positive, enthusiastic spirit. Unless well aspected to Jupiter, the Saturn square must be corrected first by strict discipline in

accepting responsibility that can't be refused. This position can give great loneliness. The life seems to be fated. Call it fate, karma, or what you will, it is that area which we can do little about but surrender to it in strict discipline. With this aspect, along with a good aspect to Jupiter, Jupiter's influence cannot be felt greatly until the discipline Saturn calls for is accomplished. The person who has this aspect lacked discipline in a former lifetime; hence he is being forced into it in this life. The lessons of Saturn are patience, duty, loyalty, and being in tune and in step with time as it is. Their destiny is to get in step.

19) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ☿ **Mercury** - (5°42' A) ♁3 | ♊10

(Haydn Paul)

With the opposition, friction between Moon and Mercury results in emotions, instincts, and feelings pulling in one direction, and rationality, logic, and conscious mind moving in an opposite direction. This inner disharmony is then reflected through projection onto the external world, influencing your relationships. While this inner division remains unresolved, relationship conflicts will persist. Decision-making can prove difficult, and you may rely on others deciding for you, as you cannot determine which path to follow, whether to choose instincts, emotions, or rationality. Inner unity, when both messages coincide, is a rare experience for you.

This situation can stultify actions and choices, distorting perceptions and judgement. Confusion often results, with regular changes of mind or heart which disturb and disrupt relationships. Sometimes attempting to break through an impasse may force you to act impulsively and instinctively with variable results. Equally, responses can be emotionally biased, devoid of rational evaluation or common sense. Alternatively, Mercury can dominate, with an extremely cold perception which succeeds mainly in temporarily denying any emotional feeling at all; choices from that perspective can fail once feelings wake up again and decide to react against the current situation which Mercury has brought about!

As a consequence of private confusion, you are often irritated by social life; and inner friction evokes external friction by provoking arguments. You can be insensitive and offensive to others, unaware of a lack of tact, sensitivity, and diplomacy, although you are quick to rise to others who criticize you personally. Like everyone else, there are times (many, many times) when you will be 'wrong' in life, as no-one is infallible. You may need to learn how to admit mistakes, however.

Intimate relationships and partnerships need greater awareness, concessions, and compromises for them to continue satisfactorily. Otherwise, emotional friction and damage are likely as conflicts intensify through clashes of attitude and values. Family life can generate considerable agitation and worry, exacerbating inner confusion, unless you can resolve innate conflicts. Nervous emotional excitement can be activated; and this

can have negative health consequences. Compulsive talking can occur as a compensation for effective relationship, although what is often noticeable is that this lacks depth and content. Increasingly imbalanced, unconscious emotional patterns can distort inner messages and life perceptions, diminishing your ability for clear thinking and clear communication.

What is required is self-understanding and integration between your emotional and rational nature. Clarity and awareness is needed regarding these lunar patterns of emotional need, dependency, and the reliance of security and stability. With the Mercury influence, rationality and objectivity are required to help rebalance inner disharmony. The challenge is to integrate these two opposing messages. Until some progress is made, self-expression can be restricted and distorted. Favouring either planet creates conflict; honouring each planet is the route to wholeness, and the key to resolving this psychological imbalance.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition Mercury shows that you have difficulty bringing your emotions into balance with your reasoning; there is distortion between your feelings and your intellectual processes. You react to personal and social situations in a confused way, which produces problems in your relationships. Your responses are sometimes so emotional that it is impossible for people to make adequate compromises with you. At other times, you evaluate a situation involving others with such cold logic that they doubt you have any feeling for them at all. You offend without knowing it, and then wonder why people seem to be alienated from you. This lack of integration between feeling and thinking can be corrected if you will make it a point not to make any decisions until the other persons involved can express their opinions. If you truly care, you will examine the facts they present and try to meet them halfway. This is a more tactful way to act, and will result in more mature judgement. You tend to jump to conclusions impulsively, but if you can make concessions when this urge erupts, you will like yourself more. Also, the people you deal with will be far more comfortable in your company.

You can see from the foregoing that it is extremely important for you to work out this imbalance. If you can learn to be more compromising, your professional endeavors will be much more pleasant, whether you work with individuals or with the public at large. By admitting it when you are wrong, you will earn the close fellowship of those you work with. Try not to take criticism too personally. When people challenge you or question your opinion, take it as an opportunity to correct any misunderstanding of what you mean. As Alexander Pope said, 'to err is human; to forgive, divine'.

Differences of opinion with your mate may cause you some distress in your domestic affairs. You are easily irritated and argue at the slightest provocation. Perhaps you are an impulse buyer who runs up bills for useless items. You worry excessively about family matters that don't deserve so much attention. Stifle the inclination to tell others the

details of your private and domestic affairs. Most people have an adequate share of their own troubles. If you want to report the news, get a job with your local newspaper. Don't jeopardize your standing in the neighborhood by circulating stories, even if they are true.

20) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♅ **Pluto** - (3°34' A) ♄3 | ♁10

(Haydn Paul)

You may experience emotional blockages which inhibit sharing feelings. Emotional energies which cannot find suitable release may accumulate. You maintain tight inner controls which influence relationships, as others may sense an atmosphere of repressed violence and passion. At times, you can be like a coiled snake waiting to strike a target, just so you can unload excess emotional energy.

This tension and pressure can make it difficult for others to relax in your company. Relationships are uneasy, and are not helped by your suspicion of others. You rarely allow access into the sanctum of your personal life, so this distancing suits you. Domestically, you dislike intrusion, and take offence whenever anyone is patronising or attempts to dictate to you; if anyone is going to dominate, it has to be you! You prefer to control your family and anyone else you can, yet dislike having to acknowledge others in positions of authority. You may just barely accept them if they truly deserve such positions, but otherwise show little respect and may even actively undermine their influence. It follows that you are never the ideal employee!

You can find consistency difficult in intimate relationships; not in the sense of loving, but more in how you express feelings. This is due to emotional blockages and control needs; you may appear to 'blow hot and cold' to your partner; yet this simply reflects how your emotional world is at any given time, rather than indicating the depth of love you feel for your partner.

You will be emotionally sensitive, and feel really hurt when another does not respond to your advances; you have a low threshold for emotional pain, which amplifies mood swings. You tend to store pain; and this increases inner pressure over time, which in turn affects domestic relations, and so on, in a vicious circle. Frustration occurs from your high expectations of intimacy and life; and yet this is often caused by your inner state that inhibits receiving and enjoying as much as you should. Contact with the outer world is through feelings; and as the primary impact is emotional, this colours your perception of life.

There may be disputes concerning finances or family inheritance, and certainly over the question of family authority, and those you intend to win. You do not often welcome others' advice, seeing this as interference or attempted domination; and you intend to make independent decisions and choose your own way. Even if this appears to take you in the wrong direction, the path is still your decision and choice, and, in that fact

alone, it is 'right'.

You need to acknowledge others' rights, and their importance in your life. Again, compromise is a necessary virtue to acquire or, through sheer obstinacy, you could lose more than you gain through lack of moderation. Learn to value your partner, become less insistent upon your will and desires, and listen to others more. Inner changes could allow considerable benefits to emerge, ones which cost far less than you imagine and which do not really change you except positively. These can also help redirect emotional energy which otherwise may cause problems if unreleased.

Instead of trying to remake your family and close friends, turn this impulse inward and use it to change yourself for more social harmony, as this is the Plutonic transformation which awaits.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon opposition Pluto shows you are very demonstrative in your affections and easily hurt if your love is not returned. You may try to get even by using daring methods to dramatize your pain. Your tolerance for emotional pain is very low, and you never seem to get what you want without much hardship. Perhaps you have a memory of some punishment associated with your parents that has left unhealed scars. This could produce bitterness and resentment toward anyone who attempts to control you. You are suspicious of anyone who tries to get too close to you and resent intrusion into your private life.

You are naturally defiant of authority and may have difficulty in dealing with the general public, although your job may require such contact. Try to have consideration for the feelings of those you serve. If you aren't careful you may become cranky and hard to get along with, although you won't realize it.

Because of your strong physical needs, you tend to be somewhat careless in seeking satisfaction. Examine every lover's credentials carefully, or you may find yourself involved with dubious characters who could cause serious trouble and embarrassment to your job, your home, and your reputation. It isn't easy for you to accept advice, but at least try.

In a romantic partnership you tend to be argumentative over money, joint resources, and positions of authority in the home. You are aggressive in love and can alienate a partner whose identity you have challenged. You must learn to be more passive.

You demand a great deal of life and the permanent relationship you seek. It is imperative that you compromise in your expectations, or you will search far and wide to no avail. Don't assume that others only want to use you; you attract all kinds of individuals - good, bad, and indifferent. It is up to you to choose wisely.



(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon symbolizes the physical mother, how she reacts to life when the native is forming his or her emotional self. The mother is not comfortable with her environment when this child is very young, for the Pluto opposition indicates that the mother feels she has to control everyone. A lack of spontaneity, feelings being manipulated, outsmarting the rest of the family in order to maintain control - these are the symptoms of the opposition.

This child learns manipulation and control because it is done to him - so it must be 'normal'. The mother may feel that raising a child is an overwhelming responsibility. She may be in the throes of an unstable marriage, not knowing where she stands. Whatever the cause, she smothers those around her. The child becomes an adult who 'smother-likes', who obsesses over people and feelings, who falls apart emotionally when he feels the reins of control slipping away. One can't truly resent a person with this aspect, for the actions taken on an emotional basis are seldom conscious, and the person who smother-likes doesn't know any other way to behave. He must consciously learn new behavior patterns, for he doesn't know how to respond emotionally without the Pluto controls.

Pluto also represents the mass consciousness and it usually remains in the psyche on an unconscious level. As the opposition energy develops, it can result in disassociation from the peer group for it hears 'a different drummer'. This person may avoid groups or crowds because he doesn't feel in control of himself in a crowd. A fear of crowds, a fear of being trampled by the masses, pertain to all the hard aspects (conjunction, square and opposition) of Pluto to the Moon.

Before one can use the creative energy of the Pluto-Moon opposition, the control and obsessive needs must become conscious and released. It's important to learn to love people without helping them so much that they become helpless. Obsessive love patterns need to change. If other aspects in the chart warrant it, this individual may draw a partner who is also controlling and who drains him. The battle of the two strong individuals is interesting to watch.

When we give up, when we let go, the creative self can emerge, and we no longer have to live our lives guarding the 'Boulder Dam' of our emotional selves. When we realize this, the Pluto energy brings wonderful blessings.

Moon square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard Moon / Pluto aspects have very intense and forceful forms of expression.

Whenever we look for security, we have a painful sense of insecurity. All kinds of unconscious and repressed contents obtrude themselves or, at any rate, affect the emotional health, and this is very unsettling.

More strongly than we would with the harmonious aspects, we feel impelled to ferret out whatever is hidden, to discover the source of things; and often we run up against very deep problems in ourselves and others. Since the hard aspects activate us, we feel impelled to do something. We may want to be maternal, but without having to expose our feelings - like a kind of Mother Superior. In everyday life, this aspect can express itself, for example, in the desire to accept, help and emotionally support everyone, while perhaps being very stoical and self-denying.

There is also a penchant for breaking taboos of every kind. Taboos always restrict freedom of action, or so we believe. Transforming Pluto makes us want to do away with limitations in order to rule the situation ourselves. Like the aspects of Uranus, these aspects have something provocative about them, but in a more subtle way. We oscillate between inferiority and superiority feelings, and this turns us into restless seekers. We are not very easy to get along with in our emotional contacts: although we may be utterly devoted to someone, we can be equally demanding. Pluto is never satisfied. Probably the search will extend to the impersonal realm of mystery, the esoteric, the veiled and the invisible. It is possible for us to travel very far in this realm.

We can get people's backs up with our endless demands, and sometimes with our over-direct (even brazen) interest. Folk feel spied on and manipulated; yet we can benefit from our hassles with them, which give us insight into our own behavior as well as that of others, and also teach us about how we interact.

21) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°56' A)    ☾11 | ♋10

(Haydn Paul)

The sextile aspect gives a 'higher turn of the spiral' to the energy which is released; and this will enhance your mental and intuitional faculties. You will have an optimistic and positive outlook on life; and the way in which you and others will benefit is through the exploration of higher ideals, elevated ideas and philosophies or religions. This is the direction to travel towards, both as a form of self-discovery and unfoldment, and as a medium through which you can eventually express your insights and understanding back into the world for the use of others.

The potential is there for you to serve as a spiritual channel and transmitter, provided you ensure that you truly work for the good of humanity. Pluto will support any efforts you make to communicate a unified vision to the world, greatly enhancing the effectiveness of your influence. This real effectiveness will be determined by your ability to serve selflessly, either as an enunciator of a vision, or by a lifetime of support and co-

operation with others who also seek to promote a positive direction for humanity to aim towards. There is no real glamour in such a task.

You have a penetrative mind and intuition, enabling you to discern the reality behind social, cultural and personal appearances; and there is a motivating curiosity that seems to require satisfying in whatever direction it turns. Your ideals are high, perhaps unrealistic to some degree, but still something to aspire towards in yourself and in the world. You are self-motivated and inspired, attempting to live to a high moral code (albeit your own), and tend to expect high ethical behaviour from those in positions of social responsibility; you strongly object to hypocrisy and injustice. You will give your support to those whom you feel are being treated harshly and unfairly by society, and may often associate yourself with social and world movements to initiate change. Your sense of responsibility is highly developed, and you experience a strong inner impulse to share in the work of world regeneration and rebirth. Any close partnership should ideally involve someone who has a similar way of perceiving and experiencing the world; and it is quite possible that you could work together on projects, sharing a common idea.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from Jupiter to Pluto enables you to perceive truths that are hidden by appearances. Your curiosity often leads you to make a penetrating examination in order to discover the facts. Because of your high ethical standards, you align yourself with enterprises that act to improve social conditions in your environment.

You are concerned with injustices and will communicate your observations to the proper authorities, so that legal pressures can be brought to bear. Law and the administration of law are particularly suited to your basic character and integrity. You can be a champion to those who are unable to defend themselves or whose values need support.

You are also qualified to manage corporate financial enterprises successfully or to serve as liaison in arbitrating disputes. Business administration could provide you with an excellent avenue of expression, regardless of your specific field. Medicine or psychology would also be satisfactory expressions of your personality, and you would enrich those you serve. Literally dozens of occupations could give you much fulfillment. You are a benefactor to those you contact through your profession. You enjoy giving your talents, because you respond to your fellow man with a sense of spiritual responsibility.

Your partner must share your enthusiasm for social responsibility, for serving whenever and wherever you are needed. Your mate will also have a mission to fulfill, and the two of you can be a powerful force to relieve society's burdens. You are especially responsive to anyone who is concerned with elevating people's sights for the future. Your optimism generates in others a desire to share your excitement as you philosophically 'reach for the stars'.

Your religious attitude requires you to actively participate in stimulating others to accept a spiritual obligation to mankind. Thus you will redeem the gift of your vast capabilities.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is common to a fairly large group of people born in the same year. It indicates the potential for relating to large groups of people; it indicates a person who may work well with groups or for the furthering of group interests. Relationships formed will be similar to those of the contemporary generation, and relationship ideals will vary with the generation's standards. The mass interests will interest this individual, so the problems of the generation will affect his personal life.

Because Pluto can indicate the collective unconscious and all the mythic images contained therein, this individual may be either creative in the kinds of relationships he forms, or affected by those images in some way. Any problems that can be related to universal or mythic images may be solved by pursuing the studies of that subject and relating the information into the personal life.

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 progree - 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.

22) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☽ Moon** - (5°51' S) ♉1 | ♊3

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square the Ascendant shows that you are emotionally biased in your reaction to events and experiences with people. An impressionable person, you have difficulty in realistically evaluating the conditions you react to. Perhaps you are aware of this tendency and are annoyed with yourself for not being more objective. You are a victim of habits that have become so deeply ingrained that they are difficult to change. Emotionally vulnerable to strong character types who try to mould you to their liking, you are often powerless to do anything but submit. Your difficulty in facing reality increases your problems in relationships, because people are never sure how you will react to them. You are a sentimentalist with strong ties to family and home. It is not easy to transfer those ties to other people with whom you can associate in a personal, emotional relationship. But it is important for you to break away from the past and the limits it imposes on your freedom. You will then be able to develop on your own without feeling that you must get someone else's approval.

The abrasive conditions of open competition will always be painful unless you can insulate yourself by learning to cope with people and circumstances intellectually. You will thus learn that everyone has certain feelings of apprehension about meeting challenges and that you are not alone with this problem. If you talk with your friends about this, you will see that they too have similar anxieties. Knowing this might comfort you. Don't take on more burdens than you need to, especially in your career. Get an education, if you don't already have one, for it will help you succeed in

meeting competition. Be wary of associates who may try to get you to compensate for their lack of ability and then leave you holding the bag if things don't turn out as expected.

Above all, keep your personal affairs to yourself. Don't give adversaries the opportunity to learn your weaknesses. And stop feeling sorry for yourself.

Moon square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

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

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

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

(Betty Lundsted)

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

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

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

23) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♅ Pluto** - (2°17' A) ♃1 | ≈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.

24) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°51' A)    ♄8 | 0011

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates tendencies of psychologically based inhibitions, restrictions and frustrations which pose considerable challenges that need overcoming before the more positive characteristics of Neptune and the Sun emerge.

You tend to lack confidence in your identity and ability to achieve your ambitions. Part of this may have been derived from your parental relationships, especially with the father, as your developing nature may have experienced conflict through lack of understanding or of perceived love; it may have been that by asserting your own individuality you clashed with the stronger parental will. The results are that your self-confidence has fragmented, and that your application of will is less focused and effective, and consequently you have developed psychological defences against others and from facing personal failure.

This is displayed in escapism, and avoidance of responsibilities and of the need for self-discipline, unless a powerful Saturn in your chart can rebalance this tendency. Preferring to run away from confronting reality leads to distorted perceptions, which make careful evaluation of options difficult as well as generating fears of making decisions which may prove to be unwise. At its worst, this can create inertia through fear of taking deliberate action. These inner images of failure tend to create external failures, and so emphasise a repetitive vicious circle. Yet by linking this pattern of failure within aims and ambitions that are probably beyond your current capabilities to achieve, you also succeed in evading the realisation that you are creating most failures in your life. This is exacerbated by the dreams of the unintegrated and unfulfilled Neptune, who may be noticed as a thread of guilt related to your lack of achievement, and as an ongoing sensation of discontent. Your solar power is being diverted and dissolved by the activity of an unintegrated Neptune, and, unless you can begin to reassert this solar centre and face your Neptunian challenges, this unsatisfactory condition may continue.

These challenges can be mitigated by a decision to make sufficient effort to connect to your hidden solar centre, to move beyond those superimposed images of guilt, failure and inferiority that have developed as a defensive response to emotional pain. Such a reorientation may not be easy to make, as you will be opposing established patterns of

behaviour, yet the gains that can be made are likely to transform your life.

The first step is self-acceptance, to cease any self-judgement and condemnation. Then, if you really want it to happen, feel confident that any change can occur. You have sufficient inner creativity, imagination and potential waiting to be released from imprisonment, although finding appropriate channels of expression may still take a little longer. However, you need to define any ambitions within a more realistic perspective than previously. Possibly some form of counselling may be effective in helping you gain more clarity regarding your self-potential, or workshops in selfassertion and decision-making / goal-setting. In effect, you are being asked to see yourself as a young child, ready to enter adulthood, and you are expected to recreate yourself into a new and more suitable identity. Take smaller and easily achievable steps in this process of recreation; acknowledge that occasional failures are inevitable, but try not to turn them into traumatic dramas, and realise that success will not happen without the parallel risk of failure side by side. Everybody is a failure at something, and that isn't an excuse to condemn yourself again.

As your self-confidence grows, your life will begin to take a more positive shape. It will not happen overnight, as transforming long-established behaviour patterns cannot be achieved that quickly; but persevere, and changes can happen. Perhaps using techniques like creative visualisation and affirmations, or subliminal programming encoded on self-development cassette tapes, could strengthen this process. The essential realisation is that change is possible, and that you can achieve this in your own way; in hope lies the fountainhead of the waters of potential and transformation. Such improvements can benefit your intimate relationships too, as well as enhance your self-image, confidence and decision-making abilities.

Generally you are emotionally vulnerable, possibly exploited or abused by others, deceived or manipulated in various ways; but if these tendencies exist, they are reflections of those dominating patterns within you. There can be unusual emotional needs and desires linked with romantic idealism that are expressed in physical sexuality; these may require healing and cleansing in some way. But the proposed transformation and refinement that is implied by resolving the conflict of the Sun and Neptune would simultaneously deal with that level too.

There can be an attraction towards occultism and mysticism, which, if followed in the pre-transformation stage, can lead to self-exaltation (in contrast to an inferiority complex), and to becoming self-deluded as a voice of God or the Masters; although, if the transformation has been made, you could actually function in such a way as a purer channel. But some degree of caution and restraint may need making if you do explore such dimensions of life, as there can be an unconscious desire for selfaggrandisement operating through and motivating your actions. As the imagination aspect of Neptune is so strong, this can create inflated egotism and self-delusion where instead of finding the light you become lost in the dazzle of glamour and illusion.

25) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (5°00' S) ☾3 | ♀12

(Haydn Paul)

The square indicates inner tensions and frustrations related to expressing feelings and taking actions. Conflict may occur when you attempt to direct your will when instincts and emotions are not supportive or are giving contrary signals. These internal stresses may often prevent relationships or career from being fully satisfying or successful. Emotional volatility is likely; and you display periodic temper outbursts when inner pressure overflows in provocative situations.

Your inability to fully control pent-up emotions, and your tendency to interpret all experiences and comments as personally directed, keeps emotions in a state of underlying turmoil, which can later manifest as arguments and confrontation. Sometimes you seem to relish arguments as an excuse for self-assertion, although they are often more a means to release inhibited energy than a real exchange of different viewpoints. In fact, you tend to dismiss others' beliefs and opinions without respectful consideration. This, coupled with a dismissive style which can seem like a verbal attack, succeeds mainly in alienating people. Eventually there is reduced support and help from others.

If contentious temperamental displays become increasingly dominant, then psychosomatic health disorders may be one consequence, stimulated by stress through interpersonal conflict, or through repressed anger. Such symptoms of ill-health are often emotionally caused, tending to affect the intestine and stomach areas, perhaps stimulating the formation of ulcers. You need to discover how to release these agitated feelings and direct them into constructive channels, perhaps by exploring methods of relaxation or meditation, and by gradually understanding your emotional complexity through self-help techniques.

You can be self-centered, intent on pursuing your way irrespective of the impact it has on others. Sometimes you use Martian energies aggressively to gain your way, refusing adjustments and compromises with others, demanding that they appease your will and needs while denying any validity to theirs. You need to realize that 'give and take' establishes a more appropriate balance and movement of energies within relationships; you might have expectations of what you need from others, but, equally, they will demand some exchange from you.

Often instincts and emotional needs clash with your will for action, and you may feel confused regarding which to choose. This inability to know which way to turn increases frustration; and anyone offering help is likely to be rejected as interfering; you prefer to tread an independent path, even if it is a solitary one.

Fear of possible threats from others often stimulates protective instincts. This unease is

likely to persist as an undercurrent through life, even though it is mainly an imaginary fear. It is often your contentious and belligerent nature which arouses the ire of others and makes social relationships complex and unsatisfactory. You need to develop self-esteem based on appreciating your nature rather than on how you make others submit to you; this type of aggressive tactic, designed to achieve a sense of superiority, gains more enemies than friends. This is especially true in a career environment, which is likely to be unfulfilling, and where pressures and self-imposed tensions have a direct influence on the rest of your life and relationships.

Despite your emotional vulnerability and sensitivity, attitudes may still remain immature and unintegrated; as a consequence, awareness and sensitivity to others is diminished. Others should be seen as enriching your life rather than posing hidden threats. You should concentrate more on co-operation and less on divisive competition. Compromise and trust will need developing, as well as a new perception extended to include the reality of others.

Acknowledge these inner stresses, and find constructive channels for energies to move outward, instead of allowing them to contaminate your life and relationships by negative frustrations. Self-discipline may be required to achieve this; you must refuse to indulge in unnecessary argumentative behavior. Attractions toward drugs and alcohol should be avoided, as they may further agitate emotions into greater volatility.

Domestic and intimate relationship problems are likely unless greater understanding and maturity is gained. Men may try to be too forceful and aggressive with women, playing a 'macho' role without much understanding and sensitivity to the female temperament, oppressing through asserting raw power without sympathy, and overidentifying with the Mars energy and denying the Moon. Women may passively respond to a more dominant partner, and, in the process, deny personal instincts and emotions. These may become consigned to the unconscious, where they fester and gain hidden power, waiting for the right time to be unleashed to destroy an imprisoning life-style.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Mars indicates that there are great obstacles in the way of successful interhuman relationships. You resist making any adjustments to other people for fear they will take advantage of you if you seem to compromise. Your feelings are vulnerable because you are so sensitive; you are always defending yourself against threats that never materialize. To justify your uncalled-for emotional outbursts, you assert your right to use any necessary tactics to protect yourself. Your lack of control creates problems where none exist, and complicates those that do. There are times when you are simply contrary in your dealings with people. You are satisfied only when others give in to your lack of maturity and indulge your need to feel you've won when you've been challenged.

Eventually you will have to grow up, or you will always suffer from the problems that

arise from your lack of moderation in dealing with people. If you understand this problem, you can learn to be more compromising and derive benefits from meeting others halfway. Until you do, you will have a hard time achieving your goals because you will waste so much effort in endless arguments with your competitors. You consider an opinion that is different from yours an affront to your intelligence and competence; those who voice such opinions are assailed with your arrogant and abusive displays of temper. If you are competent, what do you have to fear? Do you need constant reassurances to bolster your sagging opinion of your own worth? If you are not competent, get the training that will enable you to stand your ground with your competitors. Your greatest drawback is your lack of self-discipline.

Your professional distress tends to cross over into your domestic life and cause painful situations to develop between you and your partner. Unless you take steps to relieve these pressures, the scars may heal with great difficulty. It is important to maintain complete separation between your domestic and professional lives to avoid contaminating both of them.

You are forceful in making demands of others, but you are not equally prepared to fulfill what is expected of you. This double standard irks the people who have to work closely with you.

The constant strain of argument and the resulting distress cannot fail to have an effect on your physical constitution. Stomach and intestinal disorders could easily develop from the keyed-up tensions and anxieties of your daily affairs.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here the influence of the mother was not particularly helpful to the child in the development of healthy emotional reactions. The child will have to learn to develop these as an adult. The Moon represents the emotions, Mars represents action, and the square aspect represents excessive or unconstructive use of energy. In keyword language, it reads 'I act (Mars) against (square) my emotional needs (Moon)'. Sexual relations may not be emotionally fulfilling.

This person has similar traits to those of the Moon-Mars conjunction or opposition, for the action taken often stems from an overly emotional response to a situation. It may be that the person with this square is exposed to physical violence or to violent explosions of temper in the childhood years. The mother may be emotionally distraught for reasons known only to her. She may be living a life that is either uncomfortable or unhappy. The child emulates this emotional response for he knows no other.

Because Mars indicates anger, the person with this aspect is easily angered. He can react with anger and violence to unpleasant situations he encounters; or he may suppress his anger and implode, causing much internal stress and tension. Implosive

energy causes weight problems and other delicate health problems to manifest. The emotional patterns need to be examined, for this person is apt to pick partners who are emotionally ungratifying, or he may even become involved with violent types of people. (It seems that when there are hard aspects between the moon and Mars, and the individual is not physically violent himself, he chooses a partner who is.) A woman may express the Moon-Mars square by choosing to live with a man who beats her; a man with the same aspect might beat his wife and children. Both the male and the female may choose a partner who doesn't satisfy thier emotional needs. The excess of this aspect tends to make one angry, and the anger is eventually vented on the loved one.

#### Moon square or opposition Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Hard aspects between the Moon and Mars give a sizable dose of unrest. The influence of the Moon, which we so desperately need to make us feel comfortable, is rendered less reassuring by the Martian rashness, dynamism and unrest. It is difficult to use energy evenly, and we are liable to act on impulse. Therefore this is counted as one of the accident-prone aspects. We can harm ourselves through lack of forethought. The harm need not be physical, although this is certainly a possibility. We can also spoil relationships with other people. That is to say, due to the tension we are far too eager to make our presence felt. Self-control is definitely not our strongest point because our energy is sporadic and is therefore hard to manage.

Feelings of insecurity can make us very pugnacious; so that, whenever the emotional temperature rises, we sometimes react too angrily, aggressively or sarcastically.

In athletics, we are inclined to overdo things and are probably best suited to sports like fencing, boxing and judo or to sports which test our endurance.

There can be a certain amount of friction between the sexes: a woman with such an aspect is likely (often without quite realizing what she is doing) to become unusually dominant over her husband, by giving him regular tongue-lashings or (if the rest of the chart points in that direction) by flying at him in a rage every now and then. A man with one of these aspects is liable to arouse the interest of a fierce, aggressive woman, or to have an independent-minded partner who insists on going her own way.

(Charles Carter)

The most usual effect of these aspects in the horoscopes of 'nice' people is ill-health - it is rare to find accidents under the Luni-Martian aspects than it is under those in which

the Sun is implicated. Often the health is not robust, there are many illnesses of greater or lesser severity, and life is not likely to run its full measure, though one may point to such a case as that of Lord Balfour, who after a very delicate infancy lived to an advanced age. Alan Leo is a case wherein, after a healthy life, death came suddenly and unexpectedly. In another class we find the combative and pugnacious side of the contacts in full play.

The tendency to deep thought is common in the bad contacts, but the native is apt to be influenced too much by his emotions, and there is a rebellious and intolerant element which refuses to see any good in its opponents.

A more disagreeable type is the self-indulgent prodigal, with tendencies to drink and promiscuity. There seems always to be a certain degree of kindheartedness, of a rough and selfish kind - the sort that is kind with other people's money, or when no personal sacrifice is involved. Otherwise this contact may go with a pretty considerable blackguard, the native having little self-respect, self-control or refinement. Thus we have the cases of 'Defalcating Bank Clerk', 'Drunkard', 'Adventuress', 'Young Prodigal' and 'Opium and Alcohol'.

Sometimes there is obstinacy and self-will, and probably in all examples there is a liability to hot temper or sullenness, but it is certain that in many cases this is not very prominent.

The effects of this influence on the vocation are to incline the native very strongly to seek his own career and make himself independent of others. It points to one who strikes out his own course, and it is probably that in some of the criminal examples this course of life was adopted to avoid drudgery, routine, and control by others.

It is unfavourable for the parents, either or both of whom may die young or suffer misfortunes which will affect the whole family. Sometimes this influence seems only to extend so far as to make the parent Martian in character or occupation, and sometimes the native is brought into danger by the example of the father, or when following him. It generally denotes that the family history is not altogether a happy or prosperous one.

It is distinctly unfavourable for marriage in the case of males. The wife may be an invalid, meet with accidents, or be of a domineering disposition; or there may be mutual incompatibility.

In the case of women, I think it is unfavourable because of the independence which it signifies; if there is marriage, then I believe that the husband chosen will usually be of the meeker kind, for this contact is intolerant of restraint.

26) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♅ **Saturn** - (6°33' A)    ☿3 | ♃1

(Haydn Paul)

Limitations and restrictions may occur on opportunities and experiences, often created by unresolved emotional patterns. The source of these may be sentimental attachments to the past, to memories, to experiences, and to earlier relationships. You find it difficult to break free from the past; and previous experiences will influence present choices and attitudes.

You may have grown up with a negative self-image, one which lessens self-confidence and also shapes restrictive worldviews. This may come from unsettling and disturbing childhood experiences. Perhaps you put up protective barriers to defend vulnerable feelings from damage; you may have believed you were not loved by your parents, or you were left with just one parent through separation, divorce, or death. Issues of emotional dependency may have grown, and a mother- or father-complex formed, making it difficult to cut the parental umbilical cord when you became an adult. Taking time and investigating any childhood roots of your inhibitions may shed considerable light on your adult psyche.

You tend toward pessimistic attitudes, linked to a reduced physical vitality, emotional moodiness, melancholic dissatisfaction, and depression. Lacking self-confidence and perhaps seeing the world as a harsh, loveless place, you may feel bitter and cynical, preferring isolation from relationship intimacy. A 'barrier' may be felt between you and others, making contact and communication difficult to achieve.

Family ties bind you. This could suggest that you are older than most when you leave home to become independent; or you could have the onerous duty of caring for an elderly parent. Your family life may turn into an imprisoning environment in some way, perhaps through children, economic hardship, or social isolation. You are very sensitive to the complexities of family relationships, and, despite your emotional difficulties, will hate to cause anyone else emotional distress. Yet these ties limit your life, and will continue to tighten until you take responsibility to create a more satisfying life.

You may feel uneasy with intimacy, and try to avoid involvement, afraid of not coping, or imagining that your 'inadequacies' would be exposed; feeling unloved, how could anyone feel love for you? Such an attitude turns into a vicious, self-defeating circle; and you may become socially awkward and excessively shy. Dissolving such inner barriers and protective emotional mechanisms is essential, both to liberate yourself from negative conditioning patterns and to free repressed emotional energies to revitalize a hidden emotional wasteland that you have created.

You maintain tensions and frustrations by refusing to release behaviour patterns formed during childhood and within your parental relationship. It is your choice, if you wish, to continue limiting your life, but it is not inevitable; limitations are only imaginary parameters which we draw around ourselves as a barrier; they can be erased or



expanded. Your creativity is blocked by emotional repression. If you dissolve the barrier and redirect the energies toward positive and constructive channels, then much could be achieved. Finding additional interests and stimulation would be beneficial, showing that the world has much to offer if you open to its riches. Becoming involved with children could reveal new ways to see things; their enthusiasms and sense of wonder could be transmitted to you. With contemporary self-help techniques, visualization, meditation, affirmation, and the availability of numerous ways to release blocked energies, you can transform your life to face the future with positivity and optimism. Once freed from past restrictions, you can uncover your latent potential.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square between your Moon and Saturn indicates that you find it difficult to let go of the past and anyone associated with it. Because of your early conditioning, you are overwhelmed with guilt when you express disloyalty toward someone you have known for a long time. Family matters are therefore very important to you, and you forget few birthdays or other commemorative events. These tendencies show that you are emotionally trapped; it is difficult for you to establish your independence outside the confining circumstances of the home and family.

Your parents were especially responsible for your feeling of dependence and your inability to stand alone. Unfortunately, parents sometimes don't realize how damaging it is for their children to be dependent on them. Your creative expression will be deeply limited by your emotional restrictions.

The most likely fields of work for you are those that serve the needs of the elderly. Such fields as nursing, physical therapy, housing, geriatrics, food, and public assistance programs are some possible avenues of expression. These areas of endeavor emphasize domestic circumstances or identification with individuals who bring to mind your parents. You could perform excellent work and be amply rewarded for your efforts, and at the same time know that you are filling an important need.

Your own romantic satisfaction may not occur until you have fully realized how meagre is the scope of your own life. Only when you become aware that time is passing, and that fewer partners are available to you, will you scramble to find a mate.

Try to become interested in some avocational activity. Your normal inclination to melancholy and depression will be reduced as you become involved in creative functions. Children could also be a source of great joy to you and relieve the lonely hours by their frivolity and endless curiosity. You might join an organization that helps youngsters who need a big brother or sister or someone who can substitute for their parents.

Eat wholesome food and avoid eating on the run in the fast food service places that

today's hasty social structure offers. Try not to eat cold food, and, if you can, make it a point to eat with others.

Moon square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects draw attention more strongly to vulnerable aspects of a personality. When people have the hard aspects, each time they look for comfort and safety (Moon), they are inevitably confronted with their weaknesses, fears, and uncertainties (Saturn). Emotional inhibitions and difficulties with emotional expression are quite common under these aspects. These people struggle with a sense of loneliness and often with an inferiority complex as well.

Anxiety and possibly mistrust will affect behavior. They take a rather gloomy view of everything, preferring to expect the worst because then the unexpected will always be an improvement; and, in fact, are particularly prone to do so where the emotional world (Moon) and the need for security are concerned.

For women, these are difficult aspects. Their femininity is not easy for them to handle. Even though many can create the impression of being superwomen, they lack inner composure. Another mode of expression is very mannish behavior. Saturn's hard aspects can lead to extremes.

Self-control is considerable with these aspects, also the capacity for hard work, selfdiscipline and level-headedness. People with conflicts between the Moon and Saturn can be very creative in fashioning things. Their inferiority feelings, and their fears that what they make will never be perfect, are likely to haunt them to some extent; but they can produce first-class work once they set their minds to it. Although these are active aspects (which the tense aspects always are), Saturn can be so inhibitive that either the natives' activities are paralysed at the very beginning or they avoid spreading their interests. Given their sensitivity, they cannot afford to risk making too many mistakes. Shyness is common in these aspects, while the persistent search for some ideal form in which to express themselves makes them initially impractical and inefficient: owing to uncertainty they try their hand at all sorts of things when they are young, being unable to settle down anywhere. Dread of the unknown can keep them static and clinging to pet ideas; therefore they strike others as hard and unbending.

However, once these people have made the effort to break out of their hard shells they will be all the tougher for the experience, well equipped to patiently withstand the adversities life may bring, and they will work successfully under the most trying circumstances. For durability and staying power are Saturn's good side, which falls within their reach once we have come to terms with it.

(Charles Carter)

The inner side of these contacts is usually inefficiency, the native being a bad leader and organiser, without set purpose or policy, often not intelligent and confused in his methods, giving himself and others unnecessary trouble. He is careless and imprudent, weak and obstinate, cunning and silly; astute in details, but blind in main issues. Sometimes it causes laziness; sometimes energy without persistence. Depression and discontent are common. Shyness is common also.

With depression there is often a lack of real self-reliance, and the native may be a prey to fear and foreboding, and a feeling of general inadequacy in respect of his obligations and duties. He is apt sometimes to rely on the material supports of life rather than on character.

The entire feminine side of the nature is limited by this contact, and unless other aspects come to the assistance of the Moon, much unhappiness and emotional inhibition may occur. Even the good aspects of the Moon and Saturn sometimes tend to dourness and rigidity, and a dislike of, or inability to partake in, pleasures, particularly if Venus be weak.

On the circumstantial side, which will be the more evident in many cases, there is a dislike of hardship, particularly in early and in late life. The native may easily be misunderstood, and have to endure harshness, severity, and lack of emotional satisfaction.

The relations with the mother are rarely happy; she may be unfortunate, or may die young, be unhealthy, or be a burden to the native; or she may be dominating and stern in her attitude. The home is selfom imbued with a genial atmosphere such as a child needs.

In marriage these aspects tend to unions between persons of diverse ages; sometimes there are social differences and the parents either prevent marriage or urge unsatisfactory alliances based on Saturnian considerations of duty, advantage, and so forth. There are rarely many children.

A correspondent writes from personal experience: 'The main effect is frustration, or victory without pleasure, or unrewarded efforts, probably to teach the native selfless application to duty. The good side of this aspect seems to lie in helping to build inner strength, an ability to sense adversity before it comes, and patience to endure it when it arrives.'

The native may come into contact with violence and ill-health. The opposition seems very potent in this respect. Sometimes there is unpopularity, especially with women and with the masses; sometimes there is a rather senseless popularity that does not last.

27) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ☐ **North-Node** - (5°24' A) ☾3 | ♀7

(Betty Lundsted)

This square tends to make the natives emotionally out of harmony with the trends of their society. Very often the flow of events creates petty problems and sometimes domestic problems. There is difficulty in gaining social recognition or fulfilling ambitions if women play a part in this. The natives are likely to incur their disfavor or dislike in some way.

(Bernice Grebner)

This can give problems with health most of the person's life. There is much emotional influence concerning the nodal area. There can be a passive intolerance of others' opinions. This aspect can cause some drastic change in the personality. It can exaggerate greatly the femininity of a woman, or can make the woman extremely coarse and rough unless well aspected by Venus. In a man it seems to make him less tender, less refined. Relations with the mother may be poor due to personality clashes. This person's personality can be misunderstood by others in first contact. For a man it may mean marriage or unions with women of diverse age or social background; or marriage may be prevented or delayed. The action and stress seem to come out at the Moon's position and through problems with women. It causes inhibitions in expression and feelings which do not work to the best advantage of nodal balancing and growth. It is best to release the feelings some way.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect produces a peculiar emotional imbalance in these individuals. At one point, they need to express emotionally; but all of a sudden, they have strong circumstantial restrictions in doing so. Thus, the soul gets confused as to the signals from the higher consciousness projected through the deeper subconscious that are very unclear. As a result of this, one just has to learn to keep their emotional flow instantaneously ready for any action. In their life, certain difficulties from mother and / or from 'women' are very significant but unavoidable. These people also have negative feelings regarding working for the general public. This feeling is not out of any valid difficulties, but arises from some severe experiences from past incarnations. Their domestic activities are quite fragmented or full of outside interference.

(Donna van Toen)

The tension caused by nodal imbalance can 'paralyze' the lunar potential, leaving in its place a fear of being made a fool of. Both growth and stagnation become threatening options.

Moon square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, sensitiveness, an inclination towards estrangements.  
Estrangements, separations.

28) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°51' S)    ≈10 | ♃1

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mercury to Saturn indicates that your early conditioning has inhibited you from using your imagination in exploiting your potentials. Somewhat traditional in your thinking, you find it difficult to stay in the mainstream of current ideas or develop new ideas. You may be narrow-minded in your opinions because you fear change and the insecurity it represents to you.

In school, you were slow to learn because it required so much effort. You felt you were being punished because you were expected to maintain your grades. It's not that you are incapable, but rather indolent and mentally lazy. When you don't succeed with a minimum of effort, you quickly become depressed. The result is a lack of enthusiasm in developing your creative potentials. Your conservative attitude is a liability, because today's society demands personal assertion in order to succeed. Your fear of competition means you cannot prove to yourself that you are capable of meeting challenges. Unless you adjust your thinking to the rapid changes taking place in the world, you will greatly limit your progress.

Once you get over feeling negative about everything, you can make plans to see that your ideas are acted on. This planetary combination gives many advantages. Instead of fear, have courage to accept the obvious. Replace negative thinking with plans which allow you to face your obligations with optimism. Look to the past, of which you are so fond, for the lessons you need to adequately cope with problems of the present and future. You don't really have any alternative if you want to achieve your objectives in life.

You could achieve success in education, science, politics, conservation of natural resources, government science, industrial management, or architecture. As you can see, some of these fields, especially science and education, require that you be willing to accept change. You need only the determination to succeed and the ability to capitalize on your creative potentials in order to rise to prominence in any of these occupations.

Be careful not to sign legal documents without reading the fine print, and avail yourself of legal counsel. You can be vindictive if someone tries to take advantage of you. In your job, you are resentful of authority and complain bitterly when someone else gets the

promotion you feel you deserve. You must demonstrate your superiority in order to attract attention. You may just have to try harder than others to succeed or gain recognition.

Try to look at the bright side of life and admit that, if you are having difficulty, perhaps you haven't made as much of a contribution as you could have.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is similar to the conjunction, but with the square the quality of excessiveness is added. The psychological influence of the father (Saturn) impedes the ability to communicate and, therefore, produces adults who find words difficult. They have problems communicating what they want to those around them. During childhood, somehow the father created some block or fear that the child responded to. It brings apprehension regarding self-expression. In order to overcome the aspect, this person will have to work through the block set up years ago because of the relationship with the father. Once that has been accomplished, this person can teach himself to communicate in a sturdy and diplomatic manner. Until the aspect is understood, however, the words may come harshly, or in some authoritarian manner that seems designed to offend the very people he wants to talk with.

This aspect can restrict relationships, for the core of any relationship is the sharing of one's thoughts and feelings. Mercury rules the mind, the thoughts, the ability to express one's thoughts to others, the ability to hear what is being said. When a father feels that a child should be seen and not heard, he may have no idea of the limitations to creative expression that he places on the child born with this aspect. He may have other children whom he raises the same way, but, without this aspect, the other children will not react in the same manner.

Along with turning this energy into constructive expression, this person will have to develop a sense of self-worth. If other aspects in the chart also indicate self-worth problems, he may need to seek therapy in order to transform the energy. Before one can confront authority figures in life, the inner self has to decide it is worth something.

Mercury square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects between these two planets give a fairly gloomy cast to the mind. When we start considering anything (mercury), we come into conflict with the need to qualify, limit and define. In the worst case, this can mean narrow-mindedness, and mistrust of everything we meet. But there are other possibilities. Anxiety, caution, careful

verification and even timidity are almost bound to play a part in ordinary contacts and also in our thinking. Once thing is certain: we are never going to rush things. We are serious, prudent, calm and collected, and will often reflect on what others say - not to be guided by it, but in order to work out what lies behind it. We want to know every detail so that we do not have to reveal how uncertain we are over relationships and contacts. Others do not find us easy to get on with. We are not spontaneous but rather inhibited and, sometimes by way of overcompensation, argumentative and domineering in our talk. Sometimes we seem like an immovable block of concrete and seem determined to look on the dark side of everything.

Although these two planets are at cross-purposes here, the confrontations they cause can be instructive to us. The energy of the square or opposition helps us to come to terms with them, and, even though the aspects are hard, we can develop many valuable characteristics associated with the combination of Mercury and Saturn: willingness to work hard, a serious and studious nature, practicality, economy, sobriety, and good powers of concentration.

29) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°18' A)    ≈ 10 | ♀ 7

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square creates a situation in which the prevailing attitudes of the society conflict with the natives' mental expression and communication. They cannot project their ideas as they would like, and therefore tend to be misunderstood. Often they meet with social disapproval because they speak out at the wrong time or place. They may be in disagreement with surrounding social patterns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, general intellect and communicativeness is often controlled by a remote switch. They need to communicate in order to feel good; but they are frequently unable to do so for no specific reason. Hidden tensions with brothers / sisters are often seen. These tensions create a psychological problem since early childhood. Their mental brightness is very fluctuating. Depending upon the position of Mercury in the house and sign, one may be brilliant or dumb. Intellectual balance will be achieved in this life by way of controlling the learning intensity. Thus, if the soul has come from a stronger intellectuality from the previous life, this life will slow him down to the normal pace and he will be able to go at a common rate of intellectual growth. On the other hand, if the previous life has been an intellectual chaos, then this will provide substantial self-confidence in the learning and communicative processes and their internalization to that soul.

(Donna van Toen)

Nodal imbalance can contribute to craftiness or a tendency to use people. Often there's a tendency to chatter away about trivia to distract from the nodal imbalance. In other cases, the square operates much like the Mercury conjunct South Node.

#### Mercury square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

An unsociable disposition, the calculated use of contact and relationship with other people for one's own personal benefit, the inclination to chatter or to gossip. The tendency to make oneself disliked by other people, the disturbance of relationships.

(Bernice Grebner)

This may make the person suspicious, outspoken, and somewhat tyrannical. It may make the person seem aloof. Basically though, it gives shyness. This may be a clue to serious nervous problems if not handled properly. It is meant to increase the mental energies toward the balancing of the Nodes. There is a tendency to find fault and to exaggerate. Judgement can be poor, so the person may not be good at giving advice. This gives a fluctuation-type mind. When carried to its fullest and best, this exaggerated imagination can give success in the literary field.

30) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (2°59' A) ♄1 | ♅10

(Haydn Paul)

With this aspect, it is likely that you will feel quite restricted by social and environmental constraints, and that the influence of the society in which you live will have considerable impact upon your life, often appearing to be a negative one.

Frustration appears to be inevitable; and you may feel that you are having to carry 'a burden for society', where you are involved in some way with a personal responsibility for some of society's troubles. This could be a form of work which takes you into problem areas, or even a sense of inner attunement to the suffering of the world. There is a form of linking between your personal unfoldment and growth and the struggles of mass humanity, one which you may experience or interpret in a peculiarly masochistic manner, or use as an excuse for personal failings.

Some of this tendency could arise from earlier life and parental relationships and conditioning, possibly from environmental deprivation of lack of fulfilling and meaningful contact with your parents and family. This can lead to a pattern of personal disappointments and lack of essential trust in life and the world, leaving you emotionally



marked and feeling insecure in your own abilities and talents. You may feel 'hard done by', and feel envious of others who appear to be enjoying life and succeeding; there can be a 'chip on your shoulder' and a corrosive inner bitterness affecting your basic attitude.

When you do make extra efforts to make progress towards your aims, you often feel that you are being strangely hindered by events, people and circumstances which arise to frustrate, divert and block your attempts. Even though it may not appear so, this is likely to be the result in the outer world of inner projections, where through your own attitudes of defeatism and fear of success you trigger a reaction in the world to oppose you. You can create your own failure without consciously realising it.

You tend to be searching for status, power and the opportunity to influence people's lives, much in the same way that you feel your own life has been affected by nameless unknown others who make socially influential decisions. There is an element of wanting to dominate within you, possibly to 'get your own back' through blaming others for any problems that you have had.

To transform this oppressive pattern of limitation, you will need to radically alter your outlook on life and your self. The Pluto energy will help you to achieve this; and the first step is to draw back all the projections that you are overlaying on the world, and to recognise those that place the reason for failure 'out there'. You need to accept responsibility for your own life, decisions and choices, and begin to take control instead of being a frustrated, passive reactor.

Many have transcended difficult environmental barriers through assertiveness and effort of will, succeeding in breaking limitations and creating a life that satisfies them; and you need not be the exception to this possibility: the solution lies in your own psyche. Choose to change, observe the repetitive patterns of excuses and lack of commitment to succeed, and then override them through discipline and concentrated will. You are that 'mysterious barrier' opposing your own efforts; release the negativity that you cling to, and it will seem that a new world will open up for you, where you can begin to make progress, a world where more light can penetrate and illuminate the darkness. Remember, it is your own choice to remake your own life.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Saturn to Pluto shows that early in life you became a 'sore loser'. If you thought you couldn't win at a game, you just wouldn't play. Later, you associated with kids who were either weaker or younger in order to guarantee your supremacy over them. You lacked the generosity to admit that others might be more qualified than you. This attitude, in time, has become unacceptable in your relationships with others. You are emotionally insecure, and your value-judgements are unrealistic.

You are inclined to defensively avoid social responsibility, viewing it as an obstacle

rather than an opportunity. You overdramatize the loss of personal freedom in fulfilling your duties. If forced to submit to them, you may become bitter and resort to extremes to get out of your obligation.

Your professional life will be full of difficulties until you change your attitude. Your superiors will not tolerate your attempts to grasp control. If you are willing to serve until you can demonstrate your readiness to handle authority, you may be accepted. But you are impatient and resent the time-consuming effort required to reach the top by the usual methods.

You need advisors to assess your capabilities and help you determine what your goals should be. Your desires are unrealistic in the light of the resources you have to satisfy them. Status and its accompanying security have a high priority in your life. But resisting the demands of your superiors will only complicate getting what you want.

You are envious of those in powerful positions who have wealth and social status. You project this resentment, and others feel threatened by you. Correct this by developing skills through education. In this way you will meet and associate with co-workers on a mutual level. Also you will clarify your goals and be able to work out a methodical plan for success.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father's influence on the psyche may remain subconscious. There may be attempts to rationalize fears or to avoid facing them. When personal security patterns are threatened, the subconscious drive to control life events may become apparent.

If there are not ties to personal planets, this aspect indicates people who were raised in a manipulative atmosphere, but they didn't feel it personally. When personal planets are involved, these people may unconsciously attack traditional authority figures, starting with the father. There may be little respect for the family traditions or for those within the community, or little respect for accepted standards.

Saturn in Gemini / Cancer square Pluto in Libra (June 1973 - May 1975) indicates the following pattern: Saturn (if in Cancer) says 'I regard emotions with caution, I take emotional situations seriously, I fear that I lack emotion or emotional response in my life.' Pluto in Libra is unconsciously motivated to be a part of an elite group. The elite group (or special group) will be chosen by each of these individuals and formed by the personal environment. The father may have encouraged them to forego emotional contacts in favor of public acceptance. As adults, the aspect indicates a need to handle the conflict between personal emotional needs and the attitudes of peers. If they were born in an environment of 'free love' they will curb their emotional fears and try not to be possessive, but underneath they really will be. If the world moves into a spiritual phase and emphasizes the depersonalization of emotional values, these people will have

another conflict to work out - for they need love and emotional security in the personal sense.

The father was manipulative in some way; the secret of understanding the kind of manipulation or control involved will be shown by the other aspects to the Sun and Saturn, as well as by the houses involved. If one is to free oneself from the power of the father image, the aspect need to be understood. Often these people will imitate the father's pattern in adult life, attempting to control those around them in a similar manner.

#### Saturn square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The presence of ambition, tenacity and the desire to prove oneself (not to mention an aptitude for getting on in life) are even more marked here than in the harmonious aspects. Hard aspects strengthen, and sometimes exaggerate, these characteristics. A need to define and limit, to mould and preserve form, is intensified more than usual by Pluto, because the aspect made by Pluto is hard. Thus a person can seize the objective so fiercely that he or she arouses negative reactions in others. But, besides intensifying, Pluto transforms; it often leads one to demolish a huge chunk of the past in one iconoclastic outburst. Therefore, with Saturn / Pluto conflicts this person shall alter lifestyle and goals more than once; also, in the environment, he or she will play a taboo-breaking, form-breaking role. Contests with those in authority are not excluded; especially as the desire to prove oneself is so strong in the tense aspects that one is determined to be one's own person. Being insecure, he or she wants to hold the reins in his or her own hands, to gain overall control, and to leave nothing to chance. As far as possible this person tries to get a grip on everything, and is rather demanding. If the native should lose the grip, however, he or she falls prey to uncertainty and the search for power becomes tinged with desperation. It goes without saying that this produces a fair crop of problems.

The aspect indicates strife, but because of the energy and tenacity it bestows and because it impels the native to get to the bottom of things, it frequently indicates victory, too, although at the cost of sweat and tears. Spiritual growth and radical changes often occur by this means, in spite of Saturn's anxious efforts to hold Pluto back - efforts that repeatedly come to nothing in the on-going conflict.

With the tense aspects, too, we can toil hard and long, performing heavy work. Generally speaking, this person likes to push himself: not for him the path of least resistance. Experiences are liable to make him harsh and calculating in dealing with his fellow men and women. Therefore Saturn / Pluto conflicts can have a very isolating effect - provided, of course, there are links with personal planets. Nevertheless, through being

hard on himself in these conflicts he can go a long way in science, society, or in anything to which he sets his mind. The aspect cuts this person out to be a loner, but on his own he functions outstandingly.

31) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (1°50' S)    ≈10 | ♎7

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a tendency to want to reform social and cultural philosophies and institutions. Thus, the natives will be at odds with the established order and will incur its disfavor. Depending on other factors in the horoscope, this can be either mild disapproval or a matter of life and death, in which the natives are regarded as dangerous revolutionaries by their society.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, strong destructive and disruptive tendencies quiet down as the individual grows older. A lot of unused energy or stored energy causes intermittent explosions within the framework of that individual. This is in the form of wild ideas or strong initiative plans. This energy forces the person to do something, no matter what the consequences can be. In this aspect, the life is full of action and suppression of action without any significant events. Deep inside, the motives are very much bubbling, but they have no real outlets. Thus, the large-scale ideas get crushed in, building up a considerable inferiority complex or a complex of inaction in that individual. If preplanned, and properly executed, ideas of these people have a substantially great influence over mankind.

(Donna van Toen)

Depending on how this is being used, it takes on the nature of one of the Pluto-Node conjunctions. The person often complains that relationships are a burden or feels that individuals or society as a whole are cramping his or her style. Tensions caused by the nodal imbalance can contribute to fanaticism or lead to pursuit of unwise goals. In extreme cases, there may be a compulsion to exploit others or rid them of some attitudes that the individual sees as unhealthy or abnormal. A craving for power may lead to problems or feelings of frustration.

Pluto square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The state of feeling one's association with other people as a burden, the feeling of being cramped in one's style through the influence of others, with subsequent suffering from

this. A common and tragic destiny shared with other persons.

32) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♅ **Pluto** - (3°26' S)    ♄6 | ♁10

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates that you will always want to use your resources and talents to the best of your ability in order to get ahead in life. Even while you are young, long before most people are considering a career, you will begin to learn the best ways of using your talents to get where you want to go. However, some problems may arise in the course of your development that you should be aware of.

For example, although later you will be concerned with resources, in youth you may simply be interested in owning things, which may result in your having a lot of useless clutter. Also, you should not be so possessive that you are unwilling to share at all.

On another level, this aspect can signify that you get very involved in learning various skills. This can be very useful if you concentrate on useful skills and if you do not get so wrapped up in them that you lose track of relationships with others. Do not become too self-involved. Any situation in which you feel compelled to act by some inner compulsion can be bad for you because you are not aware of yourself and what you are doing at the time. As a result, your activities might have totally unexpected consequences. Make sure you understand your reasons for doing whatever you do.

Nevertheless, you have a strong drive to get ahead and to succeed, which should be very advantageous in competition with others. Your objectives in life may change several times, and as an adult you may change careers, but your work and your outside interests should be enormously satisfying to you.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates driving ambition toward professional success and leadership status. The natives keep improving their work techniques. They understand power and know how to deal with people in positions of power. To executives, this configuration gives strength, farsightedness and initiative. There is, in short, the will to succeed.

The professional success gained makes possible a regeneration of domestic conditions. The home and profession may be a base for occult or scientific endeavor. The configuration favors those who work in science, politics and metaphysics.

Pluto trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With one of the easy aspects of Pluto to the Midheaven, we shall strike others as forceful or even ambitious. It is obvious that we are not going to let anybody get the better of us if we can help it; and we try in whatever way possible to acquire a certain amount of authority. In situations that are important, either we take charge or else we look for an opportunity to throw our weight about. The desire for recognition, perseverance and a strong will, not to mention a desire for power, figure largely in social relationships. We can be very patient in pursuing the goals we set for ourselves.

Even in these more mellow aspects, we are liable to suffer from an inflated self-image - in fact, because the aspects rouse relatively little opposition, there is plenty of room for the self-image to expand. We know how to present claims in such a way that the world will accept them as quite natural or, at least, will not openly contest them. And so our aspirations are confirmed, and there is a risk of gradually becoming so addicted to attention and applause that we always try to push ourselves to the front and elbow everybody else out of the way.

Pluto / Midheaven aspects give a deeply penetrating mind, which does not desist until it has discovered the core of things; a mind that leaves no stone unturned, and investigates all that is hidden, suppressed, veiled, mysterious, magical or otherwise strange and obscure. We are notably fascinated by the human psyche, with all its mechanisms and motivations, and sooner or later become excellent judges of character. Therefore the aspects are good for psychiatrists, (para)psychologists and similar specialists.

With these aspects, we often attract individuals who, on seeing us, think they have found a strong shoulder to cry on - even though we ourselves may be feeling weak. It is not surprising perhaps that they should see strength rather than weakness, because weakness is something that the person with a Pluto / Midheaven aspect never admits. We are very good at advising people and at helping anyone in need. Yet, when we ourselves are in need, nobody knows about it to help, since we are stupid enough not to tell them. We always want to control the situation. Therefore, even those with so-called 'harmonious' aspects between Pluto and the Midheaven can become involved in confrontations; and sometimes they are assailed by feelings of loneliness.

33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (5°54' A)    ♄8 | ♏12

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from the Sun to Mars shows that you have leadership ability and the selfconfidence to use it creatively and fairly. Your courage and endurance enable you to accomplish very demanding tasks. You have faith that you will always be able to succeed without resorting to deception or dishonorable practices. Not only are you

honest in your dealings, you pride yourself on competing successfully with those who aren't so honest. Although you may behave impulsively at times, on the whole you plan your actions efficiently and purposefully. You can always express your creative abilities in such a way that you benefit from it. If anyone dares to question your ethics, you rise in anger, generally with the support of those who know you well.

With an abundance of energy to sustain you as you seek your goals, you won't be greatly restricted in expressing your talents in the life work you choose. In performing your duties you don't challenge or threaten people, and you get along well with most of them. You like everyone, and other people think well of you too. When someone needs assistance you will provide it, since you are secure in your own destiny and no one can seriously deter you from it. You mind your own business and maintain privacy in your affairs.

It is possible for you to gain prominence in the fields of law, managements, or sports, in creative activities such as acting and the communications media, or in working with young people as a teacher or guidance counselor. Guidance counseling is especially suitable to your capabilities. You easily win the approval and admiration of youngsters because you accept them at their own level of development, not expecting them to behave as adults.

Your emotional interests are average, so you will be able to adjust your desires in order to encourage a partnership with someone who fulfills all your expectations for a mate. You accept people for what they are and expect the same treatment.

Your life is apparently untroubled, and you take care of any problems without fanfare or publicity. You are content to let those with driving ambitions have all the rope they need, but you don't need that kind of anxiety to spoil an otherwise tranquil existence. Not that your life is uneventful, for you work diligently and play enthusiastically. But because you don't have high expectations, your investment is less burdensome.

(Haydn Paul)

The trine enables you to turn theory into practical application, and this reconciling quality could become a source of your life direction, as your ability to apply your energy positively can generate ways to resolve problem situations. This may be one approach that utilises your energy in a creative and beneficial manner, and which poses challenges that you intend to overcome.

You will be self-confident and believe in your own abilities, setting goals and pursuing ambitions, emerging from your unique aims directed towards creating a suitable lifestyle, which may not always correspond to traditional paths and signs of success. You do not appreciate a volatile living or working environment, preferring a more tranquil atmosphere where you are free to follow your interests. While you enjoy new challenges,

the cut and thrust of competition seems less appealing, and you see little value in exalting yourself if it requires another's detrimental fall.

Fairness, integrity and honesty are qualities that you respect and expect in your dealings with others, and ethical or moral considerations are taken into account in your life. These form your code of relationships, and you try to stay as true to these as possible, even if at times this may require you to forgo some success or progress, as you are not usually willing to compromise for the sake of any advancement. You can adopt an individual chivalry and style of conduct. While you have leadership ability, you try to ensure that you deal correctly with others from any position of responsibility, and are willing to help others on their way, provided they do not attempt less scrupulous tactics to progress.

Organisational and managerial qualities are likely to be present, and you can take the strain of highly demanding tasks, proving to be a reliable, efficient and conscientious worker who can purposefully carry out and design successful plans of action.

Spheres that may attract include law, business management, education, media, personal creativity and physical endeavours. Opportunities may steer you towards deeper interpersonal contacts, and working in areas of counselling and guidance may be highlighted. One asset that you may possess for this work is a genuine tolerance for others, allowing each to hold their unique view of life, and having respect for their free nature. Many inwardly condemn people for failing to be like themselves, taking an attitude that everyone should conform to a picture that they have developed. Fortunately, the life process disagrees with that attitude, and displays an incredible abundance of variety.

You tend to form a realistic perception of life, so that your expectations are not too excessive and unreal, and you appreciate the gains that you do make through expressing your creative talents and powerful energies. A need for disciplined focus may be required at times, as you may be faced with various options and lack a clarity of purpose which diffuses your will power. Be wary against occasional acts of impulse; they may not always work to your advantage, and a careful and steady progression can prove more beneficial. Working in harmony with this trine energy can serve to open doors throughout your life; be alert to recognise when opportunities are being presented, so that you can take full advantage of the gifts of life.

34) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ⚙ **Uranus** - (3°18' A)    ♄8 | ♈12

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from the Sun to Uranus indicates leadership ability, creativity, and the inspiration to use them effectively. You have a quality of personal magnetism that delights others with the joy of being in your company. Your liberal outlook on life and your understanding of people bring you much satisfaction. You are talented at finding



ways to exploit your considerable creative abilities. Luckily, you are not too impressed with your own accomplishments, so you should never be accused of being an egotist. You understand both your capabilities and your liabilities, but you have learned to accentuate the productive qualities.

There is little you can't accomplish if you set your mind to it. You have an endless fund of ideas that can be promoted and developed successfully. Success comes easily to you, unless there are barriers elsewhere in your chart to frustrate it. Human service enterprises such as education, group encounter therapy, and social functions with a spiritual motivation, would give you the inner satisfaction you want. Knowing that you have made an important contribution to others is sometimes all the reward you need.

People are attracted to you simply because you are more interested in them than in yourself. You give others an enthusiasm they often need, injecting a kind of life-force without realising it. When others need you, you are intuitively aware of it, and you generously give of yourself. You are never superficial, and you don't assume that anyone else's problems are trite.

To the object of your affection, you bring much enthusiasm and optimism. You continually keep your lover's interest alive and exciting with your meaningful contributions to the relationship. Your openness in expressing your feelings is warmly welcomed and makes the relationship easy.

(Haydn Paul)

Similar to the sextile, the energy emanating from the trine aspect is harmonious in direction and able to be positively assimilated. Most of the characteristics of the sextile are repeated with the trine.

The natural attunement with the 'Universal Mind' should help you to receive valid insights and intuitions, especially at times when the trine is reactivated by transit or progression movements, which offer opportunities for greater creativity and usable ideas. Such periods may also stimulate a heightened awareness of your solar path and purpose, and should be carefully noted so that you can hold your mind in a meditative and receptive mode of operation, in order for insights and promptings to be consciously registered and then acted upon.

The future orientation preferred by Uranus will be present, but it is likely that with the trine such ideas are founded on a more immediately practical basis, possibly as a result of an attitude which is more rooted within a scientific, logical and objective perspective.

You should find it relatively easy to exploit your creativity, as this aspect releases a large quantity of potentially productive ideas into those areas of life for which you require inspiration. Study the house positions and signs of both Sun and Uranus for areas that

may be specifically influenced by this trine. Aided by perseverance and the application of a focused will, you should have no real obstacles confronting your efforts to manifest creative ideas. These can take a myriad of forms, from experimentations aimed at developing new projects, to more adequate modifications of existing products.

There is likely to be an inner detachment to your searches and creativity, a perpetual quest of enquiry and fascination, with a form of creativity which works through the creator, and is never perceived in any egotistical perspective. This can help you to become quite productive and varied in your chosen sphere, as you look around to find ways which are suitable to stretch your wings and explore new horizons.

Your reformist, idealistic and humanitarian tendencies can find success through communication and sharing with others, and this can be important to your sense of well-being, as you do need to feel that you are of some use to others. Your sense of commitment, enthusiasm and positivity can be most helpful in supporting others, or through transmitting these energies to help motivate group endeavours. Your relationships can also benefit from this outpouring of optimism, positivity and sense of mutual sharing, helping to develop those strands of intrinsic meaning and purpose in both your and others' lives.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here the personality chose to evolve in a positive way during this lifetime. The child arrives in an atmosphere that gives it a chance for growth. The parents enjoy being unusual, or unconventional, and the child is exposed to new ideas. If the person chooses to grow in a happy, productive direction, the attitudes of the generation that he is born into will help direct his ideas as an adult.

However, the trine aspect will bring this person into whatever behavior patterns exist at that time within the attitude of the masses. This can mean that he can offer productive ideas to the community, or he can flow with the tide and become a part of the generation problems that exist, for instance the drug culture.

Obviously the creativity and inventiveness of this aspect will only show if the energy is used. Old programs can be modernized, tradition can be restructured when this aspect is directed into a career. On a personal level, the owner of this energy is innovative and interesting, for the mind is capable of walking many paths.

Sun sextile Uranus (Betty Lundsted)

This child comes into a constructive but 'different' type of atmosphere. The personality can be quite creative and innovative as an adult. He understands the changing ethics, morals and needs of the masses, and can help bring these changes about. The energy needs to be developed, but he seems to be karmically here to help carry out the best of

the ideas brought here by people born with the conjunction.

#### Sun trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Like the conjunction, the harmonious aspects between Uranus and the Sun indicate an individual who wants to live his or her own life without any restrictions. He or she will be alert, restless, highly strung, and full of scintillating insights. We should realize, however, that remarkably brilliant as some of these ideas and insights may be, there is no guarantee that they will be usable or true.

Sun / Uranus aspects promise new and stimulating ideas which just keep popping up every so often. With the easy aspects, the native is able to integrate such ideas into his or her daily life in a less traumatic fashion than we would do with the hard aspects. To be sure, the easy aspects also produce dissatisfaction with the status quo, but they enable the native to build the new on the foundation of the old, and this willingness to preserve some links with the past often brings the support he or she needs from others.

In many instances, people with Sun / Uranus aspects take an interest in all things technical. They are fascinated by whatever breaks new ground, such as aeronautics (including aeromodeling), radar, radiotechnology, electrotechnology, or indeed anything requiring insight, intuition and skill. The resourcefulness bestowed by the harmonious Sun / Uranus aspects is great.

Because they are so intent on personal development, these people are unlikely to tolerate having someone over them to tell them what to do, but they are not averse to good advice. They need a partner who is an equal, neither above nor below them. However, in many cases, they act as a kind of informal leader by setting the tone and direction of the partnership and by acting in an inspiring manner, all the while making sure that their own freedom and that of their partner is preserved.

However, they should be on their guard against losing touch with reality, because they are apt to venture down strange, impassable byways and to end up going nowhere.

(Charles Carter)

This is pre-eminently a contact of leadership, for the will, in all Sun-Uranus aspects, is strong and independent, and the native will, either naturally or by his own conscious efforts, obtain a position of some authority and independence. Moreover, it is a very popular configuration, and the native is readily liked and obeyed, sometimes by reason of his mental or other powers, but more often by his personality, which appears to

emanate some kind of magnetism that attracts and holds. It is not always tactful; but there is breadth of vision and stability of purpose; the native is often identified with some cause or movement; he does not waver or fluctuate in his aims and opinions; there is nothing in him of the opportunist (unless other aspects bestow this), and as a result people feel that he stands for something definite, and can be depended on. But, while not of a time-serving temper, the Sun-Uranus man has a keen and true sense of the dramatic, and may often be a most convincing and powerful orator, there being great reserves of nervous and emotional strength, and a burning zeal.

As a ruler it makes the native efficient, scientific, despotic, but not unbending or automatic; he has feeling, and can be appealed to on the emotional side, especially if the cause that is pleaded has a dramatic aspect.

So far as feeling goes, Uranus tends to a rough-and-ready, careless good-nature. Uranus rising is usually kind but rather casual and off-hand. It differs diametrically from Sun-Neptune in its love of power, responsibility, and publicity.

This aspect occurs constantly in the nativities of statesmen, generals, municipal officials, civil servants, and, to a lesser extent and in combination with other planets, in those of eminent thinkers. In the nativities of girls it often indicates a 'good' marriage to one in authority.

35) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°38' A) ☾ 3 | 0011

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine Jupiter gives you a glowing personality, ease in relating to people, and generosity. You have a vivid imagination and much creative potential. Even when circumstances seem dismal, you always look on the bright side. Your hopeful outlook brings optimism into the lives of everyone you contact, especially in your own family. Your infectious enthusiasm generates a feeling of well-being among the people you are with. You are very sensitive to outside influences, but you always attempt to understand their real significance. You work out solutions to your problems as quickly as possible because you don't tolerate complications in your life for very long. Confident that you can cope with any situation as it arises, you don't try to cross a bridge before you come into it.

Because you are well informed on many subjects, you can hold your own in just about any conversation. Civic affairs hold an interest for you, and you may hold some elective position in your community. You would support programs for solving social problems, because such projects are especially interesting to you. However, you might not become personally involved in their administration, because your day is already filled with matters that need your attention. Knowing how to determine priorities, you become totally absorbed by whatever heads the list.

You enjoy the many avocational interests that fill your life with purpose and accomplishment. Your activities enrich those close to you by stimulating their continued development. The spiritual fortitude that you radiate is comforting to them. Because of this, you might find that you are the advisor whom everyone seeks when they have problems. You apparently have a capacity to take on these burdens without laboring under them. Your opinion is highly regarded because of your vast experience and good advice.

Such fields as public relations, civic functions, travel, or physical therapy could serve as a platform for your creative talents. Working in these or similar areas would benefit others and give you a sense of accomplishment. You are inclined to be selfindulgent, though, and you should limit your activities to a selected number of interests. It would seem imprudent to sap your physical reserves by taking on more tasks than you can handle easily.

You are romantically interested in persons of good moral character who are sincere, honest, and spiritually motivated. A peace-loving person, you enjoy being with people who are untroubled by tension and pressure in their personal affairs. You are greatly devoted to the one you love, and your relationship will deepen with each passing year.

36) ► **Moon** ☽ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°03' A)    ☾3 | 0011

(Haydn Paul)

Both the sextile and trine aspects of Neptune to the Moon are often found in the charts of artistic and creative people, especially those with a personal interest in increasing the amount of beauty and goodness in the environment of social life. This can manifest itself in a variety of ways, from improving someone's living conditions, through more aesthetic cultural apprecitions, to enjoying a well-made film or admiring an evocative painting of hamony and beauty.

The trine indicates the potential for a successful resolution of these two planetary energies, so that inner imaginative and sensitive life is intergrated with a suitable form of outer expression. As there is a tendency towards environmental hypersensitivity, you need to discover a way of response that allows you to use this perception in creative ways, through revealing to others this more subtle amd perhaps hidden invisible dimension of life, so that they too can appreciate and contact the vitalising, uplifting and inspirational quality of the inner realms. This is why this aspect can often be found in those who are dedicated to film, dance and the arts as revealers of enriched perceptions of life, and where the Neptunican muse works through into the world.

You are likely to possess such innate talent, and, provided that you make the effort to manifest your inner imaginative dreams - perhaps associated with your Venus - then you

can be productive. If, however, you have a weak or badly aspected Mercury, Saturn or Mars, then you may have certain obstacles to overcome before your dreams can turn into reality. Otherwise, you may be able to offer rich dramatic artistic creations for the stimulation and enjoyment of others.

Generally, you are a beneficent spirit, warm and compassionate to others and aware of the social dimension to life. Yet you may be more attuned to applying your energies in a distinctly creative manner than to being preoccupied with more direct social action, believing that creativity is the best way for you to contribute towards the advancement of society. Your interest is usually in the unfolding of individual potential, and you can place much effort into encouraging this in others, especially your family and younger people. Sometimes, though, you may be a little self-centred in attitude - especially when under the influence of an artistic muse - and prefer to be free from social or family obligations in order to concentrate on releasing your creative spirit.

In relationships, you prefer a partner to have independent interests and the ability to be more self-reliant and not excessively dependent on you. Partners should have a corresponding artistic appreciation and sensitivity, culturally developed so that mutual understanding is present.

It may be that your creative spirit is fully satisfied by the creation of projects which can have a direct benefit for others, which contribute to improving social conditions in some way. From these you too would benefit as the quality of the social environment improves, and so diminishes the level of negative impact that it can make on you.

There can be a prophetic element in your creativity; intuition, related to people and directions, can play a vital role in your life, and art can give direction or voice to underlying social needs too. This is the psychic dimension operating; it requires attention.

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon trine Neptune you sometimes express your creativity in a prophetic way. Your inner and outer selves are well integrated. In other words, you react to outside stimuli imaginatively and creatively. You are inventive in the artistic sense and can dramatically communicate your aesthetic experiences. You are deeply appreciative of the finer things in life, for they enrich you in many ways every day.

In your professional activities, you generate warmth and genuineness. You radiate affection and appreciation for creative efforts. Spiritually you are 'in tune', although you are not necessarily a religious fanatic. You are dutiful and aware of social obligations in your church, social club, civic affairs, or programs that serve worthwhile causes. However, you do not necessarily feel within yourself the need to help those who won't help themselves. Apathy is your singular liability.

On the domestic scene, you would particularly enjoy observing and nurturing your family's creative potentials. However, you may choose not to have a family, merely to keep your present mobility and freedom. Young people are sensitive to you and can gain much from your participation in their affairs. They feel comfortable in your company and will co-operate with your efforts to assist their developing talents.

In personal relationships, you usually require that others have a variety of interests. You offer much to those who interest you, and you are willing to serve their desires if your efforts are appreciated. You are drawn especially to educated and refined individuals. Although you find the negative elements of your environment distasteful, your activities are not inhibited by them. You may even cultivate programs to bring about more acceptable social conditions. Your best development lies in actively contributing your vast resources for the benefit of others.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates a child born into a home where spiritual development is important to the mother. The mother needs to relate to something in a spiritual sense, and the child sometimes avoids developing spiritually because he thinks that he must walk the same spiritual path Mom did. This person needs to learn that we each find our own paths and determine our own values.

The trine aspect fosters energy for spiritual insight. The individual needs to be creative, needs to learn to meditate, needs a chance to grow spiritually. Out of a meditative mind comes new ideas, inspirations that are received on a feeling-intuitive level. However, creativity is limited as long as the body will not permit emotional relationships. Since the body is the 'temple of the soul', it need to be nourished and loved as much as the soul it houses. This aspect can cause a person to be so involved with spiritual or universal love that he forgets to live in this world.

The mother was a productive influence in the childhood and both males and females with this aspect are looking for a spiritual type of personal relationship. However, they may not be prepared for a close relationship, one that involves caring and sharing both mentally and physically, because love may have been reserved for an ethereal plane.

Moon trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even when the Moon and Neptune are in harmony, they still give sensitivity, great fantasy, and introversion. For the effect of Neptune is to make it hard to see where

anything begins or ends. The sole difference between the easy aspects and the conjunction is that with the former there seems to be more stability, self-expression is easier, and the native is more readily understood by others.

Not seldom, he manages (quite unintentionally) to make use of his sensitivity to undercurrents in the environment and in society. Deep down, he will detect that 'something is going on' even if he is not overtly aware of it. What he decides and does will be modified accordingly: he will go where he gets plenty of co-operation and will instinctively follow the latest trends. Therefore, although in principle Neptune has little to do with the material world, the aspects can be advantageous and can promote social and business success. Yet when he is enjoying prosperity the native is unable to say how it has come about.

Spiritual and religious interests are commonly present in the harmonious aspects, too, and the open-endedness of Neptune can give an insatiable hunger for these things. The person can be extremely idealistic and religious, but is in danger of overenthusiasm and failure to preserve a sense of proportion.

As with the other Moon / Neptune aspects, the native can do a great deal of creative work, or can develop a fine insight into the creations of others. He senses references and atmospheres, and has a greater appreciation of the emotional world enshrined in, say, a painting than would be gained by analyzing each brush stroke.

As I have already said, the harmonious Moon / Neptune aspects impart a great need for a personal dream world. Now, because the person with these aspects finds little to distract him externally, he must be careful to avoid absorption by this inner world.

The moon sign indicates how the child will respond emotionally; the Neptune sign indicates the child's creative bent. The house placements of the sextile will indicate the area of creative response.

(Charles Carter)

The contacts of these two bodies are not easy to interpret, for they operate in many seemingly diverse ways. Both the Moon and Neptune affect the emotional nature, and the action of the latter is greatly to sensitise it and as it were enlarge its scope. Perhaps the dominant feature is the desire to do something great and unusual. In the more ordinary types we find chiefly a desire to do comparatively usual things in an unusual manner or on a grandiose scale. In more exceptional horoscopes, the desire takes all sorts of strange forms.

The contacts are undoubtedly beneficial in a worldly sense, tending to bestow wealth and ease, and very often there are more of the good things of life than the native seems to merit; he may benefit considerably by others' brains and toil, and may be a conscious



or unconscious parasite.

It is specially good for the numerous Neptunian features of modern business, such as hire-purchase.

In some cases there is much spiritual ambition, inclining, if the rest of the chart shows afflictions, to great unbalance. The aspects have a mediumistic and spiritist side, for Neptune has particularly intimate relations with the so-called 'astral plane'; but this tendency has been exaggerated, and is more commonly found under other aspects to Neptune.

It is a rather unsatisfying configuration, for there is no boundary to the aspirations of Neptune, and we often find an overweening desire to push further and further ahead, without due acceptance of the limitations which mundane conditions necessarily impose upon all of us. (This difficulty of adjusting spiritual longings to earthly conditions is at the root of most, and perhaps of all, Neptunian ordinations.)

37) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ⚎ **Uranus** - (6°18' A)    ♄8 | ♊12

(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.

38) ► **Sun** ☉ **Octile** ♄ **North-Node** - (1°18' A)    ♄8 | ♀7

Sun semisquare or sesquisquare or square North Node

(Donna van Toen)

Literal or figurative seclusion or imprisonment may encourage stagnation; these may be either self-imposed or environmental. Often nervousness of some sort makes growth difficult.

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