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## Chakra's



# Summaries

## **Cancer Sun ☉ ☿ and ♏ ☾ Leo Moon man**

([755] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Ambitious, mannered and reflective;

Negatives: Fanatical, greedy and hedonistic;

Perfect partner: Someone who can appreciate them for who they really are;

Advice: They should be more agile in realizing when it's time for them to stop in certain situations.

## **Sun ☉ in III 3rd House**

([861] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **A spontaneous personality - Summary:**

Strengths: Creative, pragmatic and bold;

Challenges: Agitated, pessimistic and unpredictable;

Advice: They should pay more attention to the needs of their loved ones.

## **Moon ☾ in IV 4th House**

([875] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **A lasting emotional impression - Summary:**

Strengths: Resourceful, funny and caring;

Challenges: Emotional and overly nostalgic;

Advice: Learn to prioritize so you don't feel overwhelmed.

Neutral: Dependent on the ones they love

## **Moon ☾ in 11th Nakshatra: Purva Phalguni**

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

Strength: creative, intelligent dynamic, charismatic, charming, genuine, qualities of leadership, carefree, open minded , sweet speech, active, demands attention and recognition, mystical, aristocratic, refined, talented in the fine arts, youthful, energetic, excited, good in relationships, loyal, great spokesperson, sophisticated, physical healing.

Weakness: impulsive mind, impetuous, indulgent, selfish, reckless, addictive, spiteful, vindictive, unmotivated, immoral, spend thrift, lack of planning, requires too much stimulation.

### **Pada [1]**

## **Moon ☾ in second pada**

(16°40'-20°00' degrees Leo): Virgo navamsa. You have a calming, grounding effect on the world around you. Because of your practical and balanced outlook, you deal well with stressful situations. Hard work doesn't faze you. You have a natural talent for writing.

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

### **Mercury ♿ in ♉ Taurus man**

([886] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A disciplined and resilient man - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Ingenious and loving;

Negatives: Mean and nervous;

Soulmate: Someone who is lively and dynamic;

Life lesson: To focus more on the end-goal and less on the fine details.

### **Mercury ♿ in I 1st House**

([908] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Great public speakers - Summary:**

Strengths: Communicative, driven and spontaneous;

Challenges: Intriguing, disrespectful and speculative;

Advice: Their uninhibited confidence might also give them the wrong image.

### **Venus ♀ in ♎ Libra man**

([933] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Elegant and straightforward;

Negatives: Superficial and flirty;

Soulmate: Someone who is sensual and charming;

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

### **Venus ♀ in VI 6th House**

([950] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Very talented at anything visual - Summary:**

Strengths: Affectionate, practical and dependable;

Challenges: Demanding and prone to worrying;

Advice: Sometimes, in life, you just need to give it time.

Neutral: Obsessed with perfection

### **Mars ♂ in ♑ Capricorn man**

([975] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Living in harmony with the surrounding - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Competitive and reliable;

Negatives: Rigid and boastful;

Soulmate: Someone who has a healthy lifestyle;  
Life lesson: Material success is not everything in life.  
Neutral: A dominant lover

### **Mars ♂ in IX 9th House**

([989] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Strengths: Open-minded, enthusiastic and funny;  
Challenges: Blunt and stubborn;  
Advice: Avoid becoming too self-righteous.

### **Jupiter ♃ in ♈ Aries man**

([993] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **The fiery aspects behind their reactions - In a nutshell:**

Style: Fast-paced and empowering;  
Top qualities: Innovative, assertive and fortunate;  
Weaknesses: Lack of patience and mood alterations;  
Advice: Allow yourself some time to relax.

### **Jupiter ♃ in XII 12th House**

([1016] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

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

### **Saturn ♄ in ♋ Cancer man**

([1020] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Style: Domestic and comfortable;  
Top qualities: Generous, acceptant and calm;  
Challenges: Pessimistic and impatient;  
Advice: Don't allow your inhibitions rule over you.

### **Saturn ♄ in III 3rd House**

([1031] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A dislike for superficiality - Summary:**

Strengths: Knowledgeable, dependable and kind;  
Challenges: Insecure, shy and distant;  
Advice: They should be braver about their opinions.

### **Uranus ♅ in ♍ Virgo man**

([1046] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Sensual and sympathetic;  
Top qualities: Observant, reliable and modest;  
Challenges: Fussy and easily offended;  
Advice: Physical exercise is really good for you.

***Uranus ☿ in ♊ 5th House***

([1057] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Keen to experiment - Summary:**

Strengths: Ingenious, thoughtful and warm-hearted;  
Challenges: Restless and procrastinating;  
Advice: They should learn how to cope with boredom too.

***Neptune ♆ in ♉ Taurus man***

([1066] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Patient and understanding;  
Top qualities: Romantic, dreamy, reliable;  
Challenges: Possessive and materialistic;  
Advice: Physical exercise could help you get out away from monotony.

***Neptune ♆ in ♈ 1st House***

([1077] i.thehoroscope.co)

**They seem to absorb the way people feel, Idealistic without limits - Summary:**

Strengths: Subtle, mysterious and relaxed;  
Challenges: Suspicious, insisting and negative;  
Advice: They should refrain from trying to control everyone around them.

***Pluto ♇ in ♋ Cancer man***

([1092] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Instinctual and protective;  
Top qualities: Stable, generous and caring;  
Challenges: Pessimistic and worrisome;  
Advice: Transformation only comes when abandoning comfort zone.

***Pluto ♇ in ♊ 3rd House***

([1103] i.thehoroscope.co)

**People of great intellectual depth - Summary:**

Strengths: Witty, curious and enthusiastic;  
Challenges: Impulsive, stubborn and indecisive;

Advice: They need to be careful with the risks they are taking.

**North Node ♋ in ♎ Libra**

([1119] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Friendly, charming and diplomatic;

Challenges: Selfish and impulsive

Taking good care of themselves, Impulsive and focused on themselves

**South Node ♏ in ♈ Aries**

([1125] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Ambitious, talented, adventurous and loyal;

Challenges: Individualistic, unpredictable and procrastinating;

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

**North Node ♋ in VI 6th House (Virgo)**

([1118] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Observant, talented and insightful;

Challenges: Secretive and dismissive

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

**South Node ♏ in XII 12th House (Pisces)**

([1136] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Idealistic, ambitious, gentle and caring;

Challenges: Disorganized and overly-emotional;

Lots of challenges in their way, Purpose in life

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♌ Leo**

([1141] elsaelsa.com)

**Resilient Bloom**

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in IV 4th House**

([1152] elsaelsa.com)

**Deep Roots**

► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♁ Lilith - (1°38')** ♌4 | ♌4

([632] astromatrix.org:)

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

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

► **Ascendant ASC Conjunction ☿ Mercury** - (10°47' A) ♃1 | ♃1

([35] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org).)

Opportunities: 1. Being Productive 2. Excelling in Communication

Challenges: 1. Listening as Much as Speaking 2. Remaining Empathetic

► **Midheaven MC Sextile ☉ Sun** - (2°51' A) ♃1 | ☿3

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

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

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

► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♀ Venus** - (2°53' A) ♃4 | ♀6

([233] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org).) Popularity

Opportunities: 1. Helping Children 2. Keeping Family Close

Challenges: 1. Finding the Right Partner 2. Taking Financial Risks

► **Midheaven MC Square ☾ Moon** - (2°30' S) ♃1 | ♃4

([397] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org).) Emotionally Tense

Opportunities: 1. Finding Your Direction in Life 2. Getting a Friend's Advice

Challenges: 1. Growing Up 2. Balancing Reason and Emotion

► **Moon ☾ Square ☿ Mercury** - (2°07' S) ♃4 | ♃1

([388] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org).) Where To Go And Why

Opportunities: 1. Healing Yourself Through Communication 2. Projecting Your Focus Externally

Challenges: 1. Overcoming Your Inner Conflicts 2. Get Past Your Defensiveness

► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♂ Mars** - (0°04' A) ♃1 | ♃9

([346] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org).) The Challenger

Opportunities: 1. Setting Creative Goals 2. Finding Your Direction Forward

Challenges: 1. Taking Other's Feelings into Account 2. Learning to Compromise

► **Mars ♂ Trine ♀ Lilith** - (4°16' A) ♃9 | ♃4

([649] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org).) Speaking your truths

Opportunities: 1. Stronger sense of empowerment 2. Channeling inner wild through creativity

Challenges: 1. Conforming to traditional rules 2. Overcoming Insecurities of society

# 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) ► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ⚎ **Uranus** - (1°53')    ♎4 | ♏5
- 2) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♎ **North-Node** - (0°08')    ♍1 | ♎6
- 3) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♏ **South-Node** - (1°36')    ♎6 | ♏12
- 3) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♓ **Neptune** - (0°07')    ♄3 | ♓1
- 4) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Conjunct** ☿ **Mercury** - (10°47' A)    ♍1 | ♍1
- 5) ► **Midheaven** MC **Conjunct** ♓ **Neptune** - (5°40' S)    ♍1 | ♍1
- 6) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (10°05' S)    ♄3 | ♄3
- 7) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°48' S)    ♄3 | ♄3
- 8) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♓ **Neptune** - (1°03' A)    ♍1 | ♍1
- 9) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♎ **North-Node** - (1°23' S)    ♎6 | ♎6
- 10) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♏ **South-Node** - (4°13' A)    ♏12 | ♏12
- 11) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♇ **Pluto** - (7°17' S)    ♄3 | ♄3
- 12) ► **Venus** ♀ **Opposition** ♃ **Jupiter** - (5°36' S)    ♎6 | ♏12
- 13) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (8°14' A)    ♏9 | ♄3
- 14) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°03' A)    ♍1 | ♄3
- 15) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (2°53' A)    ♎4 | ♎6
- 16) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♎ **North-Node** - (1°30' A)    ♎4 | ♎6
- 17) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°40' S)    ♍1 | ♄3
- 18) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ⚎ **Uranus** - (4°58' S)    ♄3 | ♏5
- 19) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♓ **Neptune** - (1°34' S)    ♄3 | ♓1
- 20) ► **Uranus** ⚎ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°19' A)    ♏5 | ♄3
- 21) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♎ **North-Node** - (3°51' S)    ♄3 | ♎6
- 22) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ☿ **Mercury** - (2°07' S)    ♎4 | ♍1
- 23) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♓ **Neptune** - (3°10' S)    ♎4 | ♓1
- 24) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°20' S)    ♎6 | ♄3
- 25) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°01' S)    ♏12 | ♄3
- 26) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♇ **Pluto** - (5°16' A)    ♏12 | ♄3



- 27) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♁ **North-Node** - (6°14' S)    ♄3 | ♁6
- 28) ► **Pluto** ♇ **Square** ♁ **North-Node** - (1°03' A)    ♄3 | ♁6
- 29) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (0°04' A)    ♄1 | ♁9
- 30) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♄ **Uranus** - (2°16' S)    ♄1 | ♁5
- 31) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°43' S)    ♄4 | ♁12
- 32) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♄ **Uranus** - (2°21' S)    ♄1 | ♁5
- 33) ► **Uranus** ♄ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (3°24' S)    ♁5 | ♄1
- 34) ► **Midheaven** MC **Quincunx** ♀ **Venus** - (0°23' A)    ♄1 | ♁6

## Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

### Sun ☉ in ♋ Cancer 22° 29'

(Betty Lundsted)

Cancer is the most personal of the water signs. Because Cancerian children respond to their environment so intensely, they are among the most sensitive in the universe. The ruling planet of this sign is the Moon; and the Moon rules the tides and symbolizes the 'great mood-changer'. This sign is not an easy one to live out, for the emotional tensions and sensitivities create great inner turmoil in these individuals. It is for this reason that many people don't recognize the power of the Cancerian types. This is a cardinal sign, full of energy and possessing a great ambition to do something in the world. Yet, this driving ambition is difficult to see because of the emotional tensions.

It has been said that Cancerians are the orphans of the zodiac; that more Cancerian children than any other sign have lost a father or mother. (This also happens when the Moon is in Cancer or when Cancer is the Ascendant.) It has also been said that when Cancerians are lucky enough to have kept both parents, they nevertheless feel emotionally orphaned or emotionally deprived.

Cancer arrives in a mother-dominated world. The mother rules the marriage at the time of the child's birth. Sometimes it seems to Cancer that mother rules the universe because the father is missing. The father can be absent for many good reasons: he may be in the military, he may be travelling, etc.. The child doesn't know why he's absent, or even that he exists - Cancer only knows that mothers do everything. And the mother seems to be a particular type of person: she's highly manipulative; she controls the people around her by never showing her personality as woman; she handles people by

acting the role of mother surrogate or by acting the role of helpless little girl. The child sees this kind of behavior, and grows up to act just like Mom. The Cancerian girl plays Big Momma or Helpless Little Girl; the Cancerian boy plays Big Daddy or Helpless (and cute) Little Boy. Everyone plays roles at one time or another, but Cancerian types have little experience in how to play the role of adult men and women. They control their relationships by being a parent or child; and sometimes this behavior causes difficulties in the career and relationships.

The Cancerian female presents herself as a helpless little thing who needs protection. She marries a man who will save her from her environment. But, she develops into a very strong woman, for she is mother-dominated. And since she is female, it's easy for her to imitate her mother. She usually has no idea of her strength until she reaches thirty. She felt left out when she was an infant; her mother's love was not apparent. Consequently, she wants security as an adult. So, when she feels uncomfortable in a relationship, she'll use her wiles to regain control: either by playing helpless so that her partner will have to take care of her, or by being insecure, which usually manifest in wonderful jealousies. When there is insecurity, there is a tendency to over-compensate, so she may be jealous of her husband's friends or even of his business. She may be the type who calls him at his office twenty times a day; or she may pull scenes if he arrives home late from the office because he stopped to talk with someone after work. She may become a parasite, looking for constant reassurance of his love and affection. The irony here is that although she needs love and affection, she may have difficulty giving it in return because she never saw her mother give it. She learned through observing her mom that one must control men, manipulate them gently, in order to get what one wants. She learns what her mom teaches so well that she tends to have a lot of 'gimme' in her personality until she matures out of it. If she wants a role-playing relationship, these traits are fine. But if she's looking for a meaningful adult relationship with another person, these traits will stand in the way of its development.

Because her mother was so competent, the Cancerian female becomes quite aggressive in the career areas. She wants to make money so she can spend it. She wants to have a nice home to return to when she gets tired of the world. The Cancerian type is not the homebody we hear about; she prefers to have a nice home available to her, but she has to be out in the world exploring and feeling with the masses of people. (The Moon rules the general public.) She does well in her career once she settles into something that interests her. Many Cancerian women have jobs that include travel. She looks for executive power, for that is one way to use the Great Mother energy in a constructive sense.

The Cancerian male has more trouble getting free of his early childhood environment. He's raised in a mother-dominated atmosphere. He realizes that women are strong and powerful, and adopts his mother's mannerisms and attitudes. He may either be too emotionally close to his mother - a momma's boy - or really dislike her and later make the women in his life pay the dues for his mother hatred. In any event, he usually prefers

the company of women; they are easier for him to talk with, they are more familiar. He enters relationships playing the role of Big Daddy or Little Boy. Whichever role he begins with, once the relationship is established, it is not surprising to see the Cancerian male playing Little Boy, for he thinks this will get him what he wants. He, too, is looking for emotional fulfillment and affection, but usually something akin to 'mother love' is more important than a sexual relationship. Sometimes he establishes sexual relationships outside his marriage; he doesn't want one with his wife since she's playing the role of mother for him.

He needs lots of attention; and when he can't get it, he tries to make his wife angry. This is usually the time the Cancerian male starts playing around. But, he plays around to get caught. Getting caught arouses his wife's ire, and this signifies to him that she still cares. However, this is a dangerous way to secure his wife's attention. It may be the beginning of the end of the relationship! He is looking for a love that he is seldom able to return. His mother was not a giver; he didn't learn how to give as a child, so giving becomes something that is learned in his adult life. The Cancerian type holds on to what he has and keeps asking for more, all the while giving little in return.

The Cancerian man may not be quite as interested in a career as the Cancerian woman. He may have ambition or not - usually the motivation for accomplishment comes from impetus elsewhere in the chart. He can do well in a job situation if he so desires, for he can play father surrogate and be Big Daddy to all the people in his office, or he can play Little Boy and sell products better than anyone else in the zodiac. A Cancerian salesman makes lots of sales because he adopts the Little Boy role, which doesn't threaten the security of his customers. Cancer walks home with nice commissions over the years! If he has problems holding a job, it's usually because he's too much of a rebel. Motherdominated signs (with Cancer at the top of the list) have little respect for male authority figures. They are emotional and moody, and don't often care about father-approval, so they can be controversial and rebellious in the traditional business setting. They need freedom on the job, and they need to be interested in what they are doing or they won't fit into the business atmosphere.

Cancer is the sign that indicates nurturing and growth. Both the males and the females have the capacity to teach and train; to encourage and help others. This is a good indication that they will do well in the helping professions; that they make good teachers and that they can be helpful to people in general. They can also use this nurturing ability to develop a business that plays on the 'fad' consciousness of the public. There's no better horse trader in the zodiac.

Cancerians are moody and intuitive. They function much better when they listen to their intuition rather than their intellect. Because no-one paid attention to what Cancerian children said at home, it sometimes becomes very important for them to get a college education, for the 'grades' prove to the world that they really are as smart as everyone else. They are often put down as children since they have emotional reactions to what

goes on around them as opposed to 'rational' reactions. However, the emotional reaction is the start of the intuitive process, and the rest of the signs have to take courses to reopen the channels of the intuitive process! Cancerians respond better to feelings than to words. If you want them to respond to you or to a situation, ask them how they feel about it rather than what they think. When Cancerians reject their intuitive energy, they become very stiff and overrational. It's usually a cover for a wonderful intuitive self they haven't learned to value. It needs to come out.

(Haydn Paul)

The Cancer personality is predominantly involved with emotions, feelings and sensitivity to life, which often stimulates changeable moods and fluctuating emotions. This can create situations where you often feel hurt by others - intentionally or not - and you feel extremely vulnerable and defensive. You will have a strong concern for family well-being, and will be very emotional and sentimental towards them, with a very private attachment to your mother. You often look back towards your childhood, feeling that it holds an important set of memories for you. You can be fearful of what the future holds, and usually you will avoid looking too hard in that direction.

You may tend to be quite talkative at times, despite tendencies towards a more retiring and reserved nature; and this can sometimes be a 'defence' from confronting yourself by joining in with others, rather than retreating into your own private world. You are a sympathetic listener, unless it coincides with a period in which there are problems with your own sensitivity, in which case you are too preoccupied with your needs to be much use to others.

You have an active imagination - perhaps too active sometimes, as it can lead to brooding and worrying; and you tend to feel first and think last. This means that you can emotionally react quickly to situations, excessively so at times, whereas a more thoughtful response may have been more appropriate to avoid exacerbating any problems. You can tend to resist confronting problems, preferring to run away from pressures whenever possible. While you may give an impression of self-confidence and an ability to cope, you are only able to do so for a limited period, and then you need to retire into privacy and isolation to get yourself together again.

There can be a tendency to exaggerate personal problems - especially health - and this can cause illness through excessive worry. It is likely that you will become interested in health-giving foods and dietary concerns.

Home will be extremely important to you, both as a retreat from the world (your 'shell') and as your 'centre point' in life. You will try to maintain harmony and peace, hating any signs of discord. You prefer to live in style, and can become a knowledgeable collector of some type, enjoying the display of these interests in your home. You are fond of material possessions, and these often form your sense of material security. You enjoy

and appreciate beauty in any form, and try to surround yourself with a pleasing environment, which can be enjoyed even more by opening your psychic sensitivity while at home. You need to feel that your family appreciates and thinks well of you, and will feel most uncomfortable if you think that you are being criticised or ridiculed.

You prefer traditional attitudes and values, despite any superficial appearance of contemporary style; and can sometimes find it hard to understand the complexity of the modern world. There may be an artistic talent present - perhaps a craftsperson in some way - but any artistic originality can be blocked by tendencies towards emotional repression, which is one of the major Cancer challenges to resolve. When you are feeling emotionally upset and imbalanced, your food intake will be affected, by way of your either eating to excess as 'compensation' or reducing food until the mood has passed.

You consider marriage is important, although you need to ensure a wise choice. Your emotional needs for love and nurturing may make you dependent on a strong partner, or attract a weaker personality to you, depending on whether your dominant pattern is for giving or receiving love. You can be highly supportive in helping a partner achieve his or her aims. You may become a day-dreamer, indulging in regrets or wishful thinking. Your inner life has an ebb-and-flow action like a rhythmic motion, emphasising your indrawn nature and then your instinctive outgoing social urge, leading often to moodiness and contradictions. The phases of the Moon may affect you more than you realise.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Cancer individuals feel they have the right to be emotionally self-centred; to be pampered by others; to be motherly to a fault; and to demand that others respect their sensitivity.

### Static

When your attention is on yourself, you might expect others to react in such a way that your sensitivities are never injured. This leads you to appear as hypersensitive, moody, and self-protective. When you yearn to be recognized for your sensitivity, you may demand that others respond by being constantly perceptive to every mood. You may require that any intimacy centre around your feelings. This leads to others feeling alienated since they cannot share themselves for fear of a potential defensive reaction. You might be so dedicated to protecting your sense of vulnerability that the slightest input can cause you to withdraw into your shell.

### Dynamic

When your attention is directed toward sharing your talents for emotional perception with others, you can care for and assist them. This results in your becoming more objective

and contented with your feelings. You can use your natural sensitivity to recognize the hidden emotional pains of others. This recognition enables you to inspire them and also yourself through your sympathetic understanding of their distress. You can give others center stage in the expression of their feelings and vulnerabilities. As you empathize with their suffering, your vitality increases, and others can appreciate you for your intuitive and loving nature. In the process of expressing your gifts for emotional participation in a way that serves others, you come to realize that your best security rests in caring for those outside yourself.

(Sydney Omarr)

#### Cancer females

Cancer women are lovely and often lonely; they reach out for love and affection. Often, when their desires for security are not fulfilled, they stray. They seek and experiment. However, if you can give this woman love, if you are willing to make a home for her, she will usually prove faithful, loyal, warm and exciting. Besides, she is a good cook! This woman likes to aid loved ones. Here is a good hint: ask her for advice! Don't always follow it - but ask, anyway. Include her 'in'. To shut a Cancer woman out is to invite trouble.

If you are interested in keeping your Cancer woman - pay attention to the home. Domesticity becomes a key word, along with bigger and better household furnishings. But don't think she is satisfied merely to be kept busy around and in the house. She wants to share your life, not merely wait on you.

She is highly emotional, being of the Water element. Her intuition is highly developed. She can usually perceive when something of importance is about to occur. She has a tendency to brood and worry; she requires constant assurance and reassurance in love, and is not satisfied with a peck on the cheek. She wants sincerity and plenty of affection.

Don't try to fool this woman. Place your cards face up and then let her make up her own mind. If she loves you, she will fight in your corner. This is true no matter what the odds. She is a valuable ally. She can make life worth living as long as you are loyal. Once you are not, you begin a chain of events that could boomerang.

If you are looking for a waoman who can make a home for you, she is for you. But never take her for granted!

#### Cancer males

Be sympathetic with the Cancer man - but don't spoil him! He is more emotional than the average man; he is sensitive to his surroundings and to your moods. And he has plenty of moods of his own, too. It is said that most Cancer men love the home and good food.

but the truth of the matter, most likely, is that he appreciates homemaking efforts, including the talents that make up a skillful chef. He does not require a palace or a queen, but he insists upon undivided loyalty. With this insistence, there is a lurking suspicion that all could not be as good as it looks; he feels someone, somewhere, is doing something he or she should not be doing. This makes him unhappy!

This is not the easiest man to love. He is an idealist; he expects to make mistakes himself but he is astonished when a loved one slips in any manner. His standards are high; he is patriotic, loyal; he doesn't mind fighting with members of his own family. he enjoys a good family quarrel: it clears the air! But let an outsider say something about a person he loves - then he fights.

He is a moody man and the best hint is this: recognize that his moods are expressions, nuances of his feelings, character, hopes, dreams. Don't try to pull him out of his thoughts. His ambitions are based on ideas. He realizes that fulfillment of dreams depends upon his ability to outmanoeuvre or outthink competitors. once this man declares his love for you, he is apt to be pretty serious about it.

Avoid sniping at him. Keep your head - give and take - don't ask for special favors or privileges. This man appreciates honesty and frankness; he cannot tolerate whining. Remember, he is the one who seeks sympathy - to ask him to give you too much is to make him think that maybe he's with the wrong woman!

This man appreciates women and the finer things in life. The better he has it, the more discriminating he becomes. He fears ridicule, and the quickest way to lose him is to laugh at him.

(Skye Alexander)

People who have the Sun in Cancer are highly sensitive and emotional. Because you are emotionally tuned into the moods and feelings of others, you are quite intuitive and sometimes seem to be psychic. You may choose to express your sensitivity by being caring and compassionate toward others, or through some artistic medium. If, however, you believe that sensitivity is a sign of weakness, you might try instead to hide behind a mask of bravado; and some men who have their Suns in Cancer affect a macho attitude as an overcompensation.

You place great importance on the home and family. Your family is at the centre of your life; and whether or not your experiences with family members are positive, your ties to them are strong. Your family provides you with a sense of security and belonging. It is hard for you to see yourself as an independent entity, for your role within the family structure is integral to your self-image and usually overshadows your sense of individuality. Even as an adult, you may have difficulty breaking away from your parents and their expectations, or living a lifestyle which is different from theirs.

The sign Cancer also is associated with mother and motherhood; and both men and women with this Sun sign are strongly attached to their mothers. At their best, men tend to be caring, respectful, protective and devoted to their mothers; at worst, they are neurotically dependent 'mama's boys', who never untie the apron strings and expect all women to be substitute mothers. Women see their roles as mothers as all-important, and often think of themselves as mothers first, people second. Whether your feelings toward your own mother are fond and loving, or hostile and resentful, you probably have trouble severing the umbilical cord.

You love children, and if you don't have any offspring of your own, you are probably an adoring aunt / uncle, godparent, or teacher, or are working with children in some way. You respect the image of the traditional, nuclear family, and see it as a microcosm of society. You consider your friends, co-workers, neighbors and fellow-citizens as part of your extended family.

Alternative lifestyles and attitudes are threatening to you. You believe that someone is either with you or against you. To those whom you define as being 'in your camp', you are protective and supportive. However, anyone who is too 'difficult' is potentially dangerous and must be cast out of the group. Differences might destroy the structures and securities you've established so carefully.

You are affectionate and generous toward those you love, and enjoy doing things for them. You especially like cooking for your family and friends, and are fond of having people come to your home for dinner, particularly on holidays. The 'Jewish Mother' cliché fits you perfectly. A warm and gracious host, you make guests feel welcome, and no-one goes away from your home hungry. You might choose to use your talent for cooking professionally, as a chef, baker or restaurateur, or in another area of food service. Your hospitality also could make you the ideal innkeeper.

Hard-working and ambitious, you are the perfect employee, for you are loyal, dedicated and respectful of authority, and you rarely question company policy. As a boss, you are supportive and protective, almost maternal, toward employees who agree with you, but intolerant of anyone you view as contradictory. You tend to surround yourself with 'yesmen' who reinforce your delusions. Always a bit unsure of yourself, you try to insulate yourself from those who question your actions or motives.

The caring professions attract, including teaching, particularly of young children. Nursing and gynecology are also popular. It is also good for them to develop and express their vivid imaginations. Any work involving the past - such as the antiques business or museum work - will appeal to them. Cancerians are also natural cooks. Fulfillment is more important to them than ambition, but they are keen to make money; and sometimes the Cancerian hoarding instinct can mean they are reluctant to part with it.



Changes of mood are very much part of the Cancerian make-up, but these people are much less ready to change their lifestyles - usually because of the disruption involved. Nevertheless, when faced with the prospect of retirement they will consider moving to another area, but should think carefully about this: they may be parted from their family, and if they buy a smaller property it may not be large enough for everyone to come and stay. Retirement will allow them to enjoy a new rhythm of life, and they will enjoy following their many spare-time interests, which may include a specialized collection of some kind.

Losing a job is hard to accept; a Cancerian's determination to find a new job should be supported to the hilt, so that the effort eclipses the worry of being out of work (which may demolish the self-confidence).

Keeping the sensitive Cancerian system in good order requires regular, rhythmical exercise. Swimming (from as early an age as possible) is strongly recommended, as is dancing.

The digestion will almost certainly suffer from time to time - especially when the individual is at all worried. A diet rich in fish and dairy produce (provided the cholesterol level is not too high) is usually beneficial, and will help stabilize the system. The sign Cancer, it must be emphasized, has nothing to do with the disease of the same name. However, because Cancer rules the breasts, women of this sign should ensure they regularly examine them and have periodic check-ups with their doctors. Cancerian men should not ignore any minor ailment, if only to prevent undue worry.

(Robert Hand)

You are an emotional person who is sensitive to the subtle ways that people communicate with each other. If there are bad feelings in the air, you know it.

You very much need to have emotional support and to know that your loved ones love you, especially your mother. It is important to know that you will be taken care of and that no matter what happens, you will always have a secure place to come home to. When these needs are fulfilled, you are a very generous and giving person. You like to take care of people and give them the love and comfort that you need so much. You like to know that others feel free to come to you for help and reassurance at any time.

However, if your own basic needs are not provided for, you will withdraw into yourself and act very insecure, as if there were only a limited quantity of love and attention in the world and you were afraid of losing your share. An insecure Cancer can be very selfish, just as a secure one can be very generous.

You are attached to the old, familiar things that you have had since earliest childhood. You may keep an old toy long after you have stopped playing with such things. You

probably have a secret, quiet place that is all your own, where you can go and be alone with your thoughts. Wherever you go in life, one of your first objectives in new surroundings will be to find such a place for yourself.

Your home and family will always be important to you, both the home you are growing up in and the one you will have later on. It is important to you that both of these be secure.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Cancers were born under the sign of emotional security. The key phrase for Cancers is 'I feel'. This is the strongest of the water signs, favoring women more than men, since Cancer, of all the signs of the zodiac, is most strongly linked to domesticity and homemaking.

Cancers possess highly-developed protective and defensive instincts, which are aimed at material and domestic security. They are extraordinarily sensitive and fearful of ridicule. The crab shell, Cancer's symbol, represents the crust of armor which hides extreme sensitivity and shyness, as well as physical and psychological vulnerability. Cancers protect themselves from the possibility of emotional hurt by withdrawing and finding their security in solitude. This tendency is unfortunate because of their powerful need for home and children. Completion is not a reality for them until they are able to lavish their protectiveness on the family.

Because of their strong need for security, they will do whatever is needed to establish and serve that security. They seldom gamble unless they have safely put away their 'rainy day money'. Even then, gambling is rarely a means of livelihood, since they are reluctant to jeopardize their security. However, if their future stability depends upon taking a risk, they will take the risk - if possible, with someone else's money. But in that case Cancers would take great care to watch over the investment; they pay their debts, and expect others to do the same.

These people are very complex; at certain times, they appear to have the strength of a giant, and at other times they display the weakness of a child. This variability is due to the reversal of the Sun's direction in this sign: it stops in the northern skies and starts its trek southward.

As a rule, Cancers are well-intentioned, but because of their inconstant Moon they are at one moment sweet and charmingly outgoing (especially when they have some objective in mind) and at the next melancholic, introverted, and distant.

They are noted for their diplomacy, and seldom fail to achieve their goals. However, when they are hurt, they may behave in a nonsensical manner, being unable to collaborate with others. At times, they can behave extremely childish and stubbornly -

and this is one of the major flaws they must work to overcome.

Although they appear gentle and tranquil, their inner thoughts are difficult to fathom. Since few people ever really comprehend how Cancers feel, they rarely get the necessary understanding from others.

Cancer children are by nature very tender, sweet and loving, willing to be helpful. Cancer mothers and fathers warm those who are lucky enough to be in their proximity. A word of caution: all Cancers should guard against bearing a smothering love.

Cancers desire the absolute possession of their beloved. It can be said of people under this sign that once a love is begun, it is never stopped. Resentment may make them cruel enemies, but they never stop loving. Theirs is the maternal love which brings out some of the complexities of this zodiacal sign. It is that of a mother who continues to love her sons even though she receives ill-treatment at their hands, so great is the maternal and paternal instinct of the sign. Cancers tend to be very much aware of their family trees. They are patriotic and have good memories for historical events.

They seek to avoid at all costs any mental or physical discomfort. Since neatness and cleanliness are conspicuous with this sign, it follows that they also dislike activities which prevent absolute cleanliness. They prefer a refined atmosphere.

Because of their powerful imaginations, it is imperative for Cancers to avoid all thoughts of illness. They must also cultivate the courage to say 'yes' or 'no' at the appropriate moment. They need to control their tendencies to moodiness, intolerance, timidity, and excessive emotionality.

Cancers will not joke about themselves. They are inclined toward self-satisfaction, and can be quite egotistical. On the other hand, they can be equally helpless in their determined, silent way. They have a great deal of personal vanity and like clothing and frivolities, which they use as tools to keep up appearances.

Cancers are masters of the art of passive resistance. This is a powerful weapon which, when wielded, makes the individual unapproachable. With kindness, Cancers can be directed easily, since they are basically understanding. If they are forced, they become immovable.

They are averse to being told how to do things; they must complete tasks on their own, since the ideas of others confuse them. At times, they shun responsibility. However, if they work on an enterprise that promotes or requires it, they are punctual, exact, and efficient, willing to guide things through to a successful conclusion.

## Sun ☉ in 3rd House

(Haydn Paul)

Your path to unfold life potential will lie in the cultivation of your mind, intellect and communicative abilities. This is an especially important area of experience for you, and will help to shape your identity and life direction, and be the channel for your specific type of self-expression.

You will enjoy learning; and a spirit of curiosity encourages the examination and exploration of many varied and fascinating avenues of human knowledge. In such a rich world as ours, there is no real excuse ever to feel bored with life, as even the most active of individuals can only touch a miniscule fraction of its treasures. This curiosity may be strongest in those areas of life symbolised by your Sun-sign.

Your mind may be biased towards the external reality, exhibiting a more scientific attitude towards exploration, although the stimulus for this is often a less recognised need to understand the nature of the universal life process. As your mind tends to display an analytical tendency and intellectual clarity, life appreciation is often found in matters of mental interest; and it is important to continue simulating this as it vitalises you. However, if you elevate the accumulation of information and knowledge into a reason for life, then you may be making a mistake; it is understanding and synthesis that is the real key to applying knowledge. Intelligence is displayed through your whole life, not just in the reflection of a specialised area of knowledge, and also involves adaptation to your environment and the creation of a fulfilling lifestyle.

One of your major assets is that enquiring nature; and this can be directed towards an intellectual search in either the outer or the inner worlds. You may find that a redirection of questioning inwards to explore yourself proves to be highly rewarding and illuminating. It is important to follow your light, having faith and trust in the validity of your beliefs, values, attitudes and feelings, rather than needing to rely on others to provide you with your worldview. Obviously, social conditioning imposes its perspective on everybody while maturing towards adulthood - and many continue to reflect the mass mind all of their lives - but this is not inevitable, and you can break free to discover your own perspective if you are willing to make the effort to build a truly unique and personal view. If you can achieve this, then greater energy and vitality will begin to flow through your intellect, making deeper insights and revelations possible, as well as enhancing your sense of identity and self-esteem. Passive absorption of social attitudes, values, beliefs and traditions effectively diminishes individual identity, reducing it back into the mass mind and so restricting opportunities and freedom.

You will derive considerable enjoyment and stimulation from communicating with others, and the exchange of ideas and personal perspectives will prove to be highly valuable. This opens you to the multifaceted ways of looking at life and the world, pointing towards different areas of interest of which you had previously been unaware. A tolerance of

other points of view can develop; but you may tend at times to become intellectually arrogant and too self-assured in the rightness of your views.

In relationships, you may need to open to the variety of others' individual expressions, and to share whatever you feel might be of some use to them, such as your information, knowledge or understanding. This can minimise any tendency to force your worldview on people, or those projections of power and authority that can distort your relationships if mishandled, and which derive from those needs to be assertive within your sphere of influence. Be wary of adopting an intellectually dilettantish approach, that of the 'accumulatory magpie', where information and knowledge is expressed in a style designed to gain admiration and social approval, and yet is inherently superficial and unintegrated. If aspects to your Sun are challenging (square, opposition), then you may have experienced some difficulty in absorbing information properly, perhaps an interrupted school life or an inability to know what to do with your knowledge or a struggle to convey this to others. More application on gaining intellectual clarity and articulacy may be necessary prior to your potential progress. The prospect is that your identity becomes defined and assured through deepened communication with others, and that by living from your light you are able to help others to develop their unique perception of the varied world in which we live.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

The Sun at this communicative angle is an excellent position for teachers, writers, actors, performers of any kind, or for any position in television, film, advertising, publishing, or communications. They have a facility for transmitting information, ideas, and new ways of looking at things.

Good companions, they usually have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. They usually have at least one brother who is important to them. If not, establishing a permanent brotherly relationship with a male friend is very necessary. They are good neighbors (unless there are afflictions) and usually work to keep up relationships with friends, family, and neighbors, organizing get-togethers, relaying news, and so on. If they get into politics, it is usually more because some group needs a spokesman than because of their own hunger for power or the spotlight.

They don't like to be stuck in one place, and will go from job to job until they find one that offers a lot of mobility; for instance, where they must drive a lot or can travel. If their job won't let them do this, they will save up for vacations in far-away places.

They usually enjoy school - particularly the social aspect - and continue the study of one thing after another all their lives, though the credit aspect, degrees, etc., is usually of little interest (unless the Sun or its dispositor is in Capricorn). They generally relate well to children and have a way with them. They maintain a youthful, eager approach to life, and rarely get overweight or out of shape.

(Howard Sasportas)

Rather than just absorbing and reflecting attitudes and influences from the environment, these people should develop and honour their own thoughts, views and perspective on things. A sense of value, worth and power comes through strengthening the intellect and communication abilities. Often they feel the most alive when they are learning something, or when they can be sharing and exchanging their ideas and knowledge with others. Those with the Sun in the 3rd need to feel heard and to be noticed in the immediate environment. Consequently, rivalry with siblings and competitiveness among peers could be issues worth investigating. Some may project their own need for power and authority onto a brother or sister. Or knowledge itself is worshipped like the Sun. Difficult aspects to the Sun in the 3rd could indicate problems with early schooling. These will need to be examined if learning is to proceed unfettered. No matter how clever or articulate the 3rd house Sun appears to others, those with this placement normally feel that they could still know more or communicate better.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: With the Sun in the 3rd house, you are fascinated with the stimulus provided by any natural or human environment. Quality is less important than quantity, content less important than form, for in your life it is the sheer kineticism of activity at the surface that provides the essential energy for all other life processes. Depth has less meaning than breadth. Additionally, simple day-to-day activity is crucial. Where there is no kinetic movement, there is no vitality. The central challenge of your life is to discover the infinite variety of that which is not-self, to fuel yourself from that diversity, and to move energetically through the environment.

Concrete mind: This level is the core of 3rd house meaning, and with the Sun it indicates that the essence of your life-purpose is in the evolution of concrete mentality. The development and use of rational intelligence become paramount. Pride is directly tied to the development and expression of your intellect, as is its negative shadow, shame. The view that all experiences in life should be seen as learning experiences is in some ways true for us all, but it is specifically true for 3rd house Sun individuals. For you, learning is at the center of all things; and logic, rationality, and categorization are all ways life-energy is absorbed and transformed for personal use.

Curiosity: Curiosity may or may not be a strong trait in your apparent personality. You could conceivably seem calm and self-absorbed. What is overtly visible to us depends on many other factors. But however you appear, you're likely to experience curiosity as a fundamental source of motivation. It gets you up, gets you going; and even when life is too much, as sometimes it can be, curiosity will renew you, lifting your spirits.

Basic education: Basic education is central to the fulfillment of your life. It is not simply

one of a number of equally important phases of growth, but rather it is the touchstone from which everything else will later blossom. If the experience of primary education is a positive one, then the child's life unfolds with vibrancy. On the other hand, if the experience is stultifying, much of what comes later will be a struggle. In either case, the emphasis usually returns to the fundamental concepts of basic education: reading, writing, and speaking. A significant part of life's essence is education, and with this placement especially, learning is built on the cornerstone of communication.

Communication: You depend more than others on the ability to communicate with words, since development and use of the nervous system's rational capabilities are so strongly indicated as a key to life-purpose. You want to shine through your words. As usual with the Sun, the sign and aspects reveal the tonal quality of communication and speech patterns. But whatever the sign, whatever the interplanetary connections, the issue of communication is central. Anything that can't be understood through thinking or speaking has lowered value in the evolution of self. Communication is a battery change, filling the tank of life-energy.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your affable disposition is the result of having so many interests and wanting to say in the mainstream of social activity. Your ability to express yourself dramatically attracts people's attention. Your views are reasonably well-informed, but you are willing to change them as you gain new information. You are eager to get on with achieving your goals; and your optimism about the future helps you get through difficult situations. You do learn from past mistakes, which helps you plan more carefully for the goals you aspire to reach. If you put your ideas into action you are very likely to get what you want out of life. Luckily, your easy way with words convinces people to give you the necessary co-operation for success in your endeavors. A formal education will enhance your natural talents and give you greater finesse and polish. Public relations, education, writing or a related profession would give you the stage you need to express your creative potentials.

Because you express yourself freely, everyone knows exactly where you stand. Your self-promotion yields significant results, for you realize that your innovative mind is useful only when you apply it and spread your ideas around. You are optimistic that your children will fare as well, and you hope their success will justify the energy and effort you've expended on them. You are a friend to your children, and should enjoy good relations with them throughout your life.

It is urgent that you acquire as much training as possible in order to deal successfully with competitors. With education, your ability to meet challenges will improve so much that no-one will be able to intimidate you with claims of great competence. You must be as determined to find answers as you are to ask questions, or you will be poorly equipped for open competition. Be sure that you don't overstate your abilities, because

making claims about your qualifications that you cannot possibly live up to will certainly ruin your image. You might be tempted to do this because you are repelled by the idea of being forced into an obscure position. But this need never happen if you use your natural talent for learning. If you develop great expertise in your career, your credentials will certainly be recognized.

More important than merely talking about what you hope to achieve is the need to physically apply yourself to that objective. It will mean hard work; but few alternatives will give you the same yield. You will have no difficulty convincing superiors of your capabilities, and your chances for improving your position on the job are better than most other people's. You may have to make some sacrifices on your way up the ladder, but such an investment will pay handsome dividends. Don't be afraid to help someone who is in a similar position, for that can be an investment also. Those you help will reciprocate with favors when you need help in the future.

If you want to derive the utmost benefit from your natural talents, you must establish your independence as early in life as possible. The longer you delay making your own decisions, the more opportunities you will miss. It is especially important that your decisions be based strictly on your own beliefs rather than on your parents' ideas. Thinking for yourself is the first step toward building an identity that is exclusively your own.

## Moon ☾ in ♌ Leo 17° 8'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

If you subconsciously seek to confirm your worth by superiority, you may expect others to come to you, like the king waiting to receive his audience. You may use the pretence of objectivity to ensure that others will admire you on your pedestal. If you unconsciously select associates on the basis of their ability to increase the Leo material status, you can experience the discomfort of relating without inner affinity. Thus, in needing others as tools to further your own values and goals, you close the door to receiving rewards that are beyond your expectations or defined objectives.

Needing to be entertained, you can go on 'automatic' and unconsciously use your charm to increase your material position. This is borne of an inner attitude of 'what can you do for me?' and costs you your self-confidence in expressing truly spontaneous feelings. You may hoard resources, begrudgingly sharing them with those who are close. Concealing assets causes you to lose status in their eyes, and, consequently, in your own. Confidence in others is eroded when you seek to take advantage to enhance your



material position and feel superior in comparison.

### Dynamic

You can create the self-worth you need as you notice that old methods for achieving admiration from others do not result in success. The values projected may not be what others want or need. You must first relinquish the position of director, producer, and main character in your life drama. This enables you to get in touch with the audience and find out which of your many talents and resources are appropriate to the situation.

When you approach relationships thinking, 'It's not what you can do for me, it's what I can do for you', you experience an unshakable sense of your own worth. When you open yourself to the desires and needs of others, you gain insight into the role you can play. By inspiring others, you not only are entertained, but also gain a sense of self-worth in the process.

Choosing to focus on others' needs frees you to express the flamboyant, generous Leo nature in a way that supports the worth of others. In the process, your worth is validated. As a by-product of contributing your talents to uplift others, you find enjoyment and happiness. The loyalty and love of your family are earned when you support their values and needs in establishing their worth. Stepping out of your drama and realizing how much fun you're having in your dramatics lightens your whole outlook on life.

### General

You have a need for recognition, approval, and praise. You take naturally to applause; and insecurity results when you feel ignored or not treated as someone special.

This insecurity can result in feeling that you must perform according to other people's standards and to further other people's goals in order to gain applause. You can be almost childlike in your need for approval, totally dependent on being with people who will flatter you and pamper your ego. Your need for constant reassurance can tax the energies of those who love you, and rob you of your freedom and selfconfidence.

During your life, you are learning to dedicate yourself to more universal causes that allow you to do your part in furthering the evolution of the race. When you focus on the larger drama and allow yourself to be a vehicle for an energy that furthers the goals of humankind, your powerful ego assumes a lovely balanced role. Seeing yourself as a channel for helping your brothers and sisters allows you to accept your childlike qualities and be more tolerant of your mistakes because you know your motive was of the highest.

Regarding those you are close to as friends, rather than subjects or your private audience, allows you to support their special life force, which will naturally result in their

freely acknowledging you.

Clarity about the ideals of humanity that you support allows you to offer approval and vital support to others without expectations of loyalty. This opens the gateway to a flood of unexpected appreciation of your generosity of spirit when you least expect it.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Leo Moons particularly need to feel loved and appreciated, to be treated specially, to play, and to express ourselves spontaneously and creatively. We need warmth and devotion, and are able to give abundantly from our hearts as long as we are also being fed with love. Otherwise, our lunar nature may become distorted and compulsive in its insistence upon attention and / or power. Negatively, we may be unable to relinquish centre stage, may overdramatize in order to impact others, or may become dominating or bossy in our attempts to maintain command over ourselves and others.

A Leo Moon suggests that we had loving parental figures who prized us highly, became enthusiastically involved in our activities and triumphs, and were capable of encouraging and sharing our playful spirit. However, an afflicted Moon may indicate parents who either overindulged or deprived us. At one extreme are the mothers who spoiled us with too much attention and too many special treats, preparing us to live our adult lives only as princes or princesses. At the other extreme are the narcissistic parents, the tyrant queens or kings who sought only that we become obedient subjects, or who overly identified with us, urging us to live their dreams and adamantly discouraging our individuality.

As a result of our childhood upbringing, we may have internalized messages which support attention-seeking, childish, demanding and / or dominating behavior patterns. We may act as if we deserve to be the centre of everyone's universe and not just our own. We may, because of past unmet needs, become compulsive in our desire to prove our value and gain acclaim.

A Leo Moon has much to give provided it is able to bask in the sunlight of warmth and affection. Those of us who have Leo Moons may need to feed ourselves emotionally rather than always expect others to provide for us. We need at times to give ourselves our full attention and appreciation, to be our own audience, and to encourage and delight in the spontaneity and zest of our inner child. If we are to experience emotional satisfaction, we need to keep our hearts open to pain as well as joy, and to become capable of loving others not only because they love us in turn, but also because we truly love ourselves.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Leo makes the native want to give the impression of nobility. In his desiring

to present such a picture, his very actions and thoughts often do become noble. This native has drive and ambition; he wants to better himself. Security in itself does not satisfy him. Ambition is a key word here. Like the Moon in Taurus, he loves luxury. But there is more 'fire' to his make-up - he is dashing, and popular with the opposite sex, and tends toward extravagant gestures. He is prone to 'emotional hangovers'.

The Moon in Leo tends to sit in an 'ivory tower'. He tells himself that he is merely an interested spectator. But very often he becomes more involved in situations than the actual participants.

The astrologer must know that the native has an inner feeling of strength. He doesn't call on it because he feels it is there whenever he needs it. This could create the kind of situation which is hopeless - something like this: the writer who begins to hang out in 'dives'. He tells himself he is there to gather material. But soon he is one of the local characters - providing instead of gathering stories. The Moon in Leo requires discipline; otherwise, he slips into the easiest path, never really living up to his potential. The tendency here is toward 'snobbery'. The rules are fine, he is apt to feel, but they don't necessarily apply to him. He will associate with anyone but keep a part of himself to himself. On the positive side, he holds something in reserve. On the negative side, he thinks he is holding something in reserve. A fine point, but it could create disillusion, dissipation and unhappiness.

Generally, the native is honorable, and generous with time and money. He needs to feel he is special. In dealing with members of the opposite sex, he seeks one who finds him charming, irresistible. He shows appreciation of and ability in artistic, creative fields, including music, painting, poetry. He loves to explain, display and criticize the arts. He is never satisfied with burying his 'light' in a bushel.

(Haydn Paul)

There is a strong sense of individuality within this position, often indicating a more self-contained emotional nature, which nevertheless is attracted toward the emotional gratification of the spotlight of approval and applause. Attention is an emotional fuel, and you may display childish petulance if this need is denied, perhaps through emotional displays whenever your demands for attention are ignored by family, friends, or colleagues. Your ego and vanity are easily wounded, especially through sensitivity to criticism; and you become moody and brood in response to negative comments.

Compulsive needs exist for success and public attention, which may have roots within childhood and your relationship with parents. You need to be self-assertive, although to some you may appear too confident, too self-assured or forceful. This is an expression of inner strength, and you are often guided by this feeling of integrity, responsibility, and sense of purposeful direction. Leo as a fixed sign implies an ability to concentrate your will once a direction is determined. You can be single-minded, bending only when

absolutely necessary, instead of being intrinsically flexible.

You want close, loving, and intimate relationships; you need to love and to be loved. In a loving relationship, there is the opportunity to express and receive admiration and appreciation. Your emotional self-determination, linked with personal magnetic charm, can make you attractive to others, especially to those looking for a stronger partner, or to others equally independent in nature. Your stubbornness may cause friction and conflict when wills clash, particularly if you try to dominate a partner or family member; and at times like this, your emotional immaturity is often revealed. Once the moment has passed and tempers have cooled down, you can objectively see the overreaction or emotional button that has been pressed, and resolve that 'next time, I won't rise to that bait again'. Time will tell.

If the Moon nature has been denied, signs of compulsive activity may occur, especially tendencies of self-adulation, hogging the center stage, ego-inflation, and attempts to dominate any who are unable to resist; the 'superiority complex' is one which is often seen in social / employment hierarchies. This is when insecurity hides beneath the surface, and self-esteem needs to be derived from positions of status or from the attention of others. There can be a susceptibility to flattery and a need for social approbation.

Your potential is to develop a constructive, optimistic approach to life's experiences and to fulfill personality needs. You may have to create or discover appropriate ways to satisfy your needs, rather than relying on others. Your nature requires acceptance, so that you can appreciate, value, and exploit innate talents and qualities. Pay attention to satisfying emotional needs and feelings; succeeding in this will reduce your compensatory need to play center stage and make you less vulnerable to audience reaction.

(Skye Alexander)

Self-confident, cheerful and optimistic, your outlook on life (at least your own life) is generally sunny; and not much dampens your spirits for long. You always assume that things will work out for the best, and usually they do. You have a knack for attracting into your life people and circumstances that will benefit you. You are a natural leader, and others follow you because you project an aura of knowing what you are doing.

For you, love certainly makes the world go 'round; and in relationships, you are romantic, affectionate, generous and enthusiastic. You love the idea of being in love. Being the centre of a lover's attention feeds your sizeable ego, and you like nothing better. Flattery will win you over every time, and you are rather naive when it comes to affairs of the heart. A wily partner could separate you from everything you own, simply by doting on you and keeping you entertained.

Self-centred and rather vain, you believe everyone is as fond of you as you are of yourself. You probably flirt with everyone you meet, but it's because you thrive on constant attention, not because you are inherently fickle. Once committed to a relationship, you are generally a loyal and devoted partner. You desperately need to be loved and approved of; and nothing hurts you more than being unappreciated - unless it's being humiliated in public. The one offence you can't forgive is someone stepping on your pride.

You have an innate sense of the dramatic, and always do things with a flair. A natural showman, you can be quite entertaining and are often the life of the party. Perhaps you dress in an exotic, flamboyant manner, or in the height of style. Perhaps you are a talented actor or entertainer, always ready to perform for an audience. However, you need to be careful of being loud or showy simply to get attention.

Your natural abilities probably include some sort of artistic talent, and you are quite creative. In addition, your self-confidence allows you to keep on believing in yourself, regardless of what others think - a necessity in fields like art or the theatre.

It is quite likely that you use your creativity to make your home a showplace. You may have a gift for interior design, and are good with color, though your taste is never subtle and can tend toward garishness. Your home is your castle, and you want to live like a king / queen. As a result, you are inclined to overextend yourself financially to impress others with your house and lifestyle. You enjoy entertaining at home, and are a generous and gracious host / hostess.

When you were young, your mother (or nurturing parent) probably showered you with attention and reinforced your efforts so that you grew up believing you could do anything. If you displayed talent early, she / he may have enrolled you in acting or dance classes, or arranged for you to take art lessons. Though you were a bit spoiled, you were nonetheless a loving and good-natured child and perhaps the family favorite. You learned quickly that you could get almost anything you wanted without much effort. As an adult, you expect things to continue being easy and can be quite lazy.

You adore children, and especially playing with them and entertaining them with your antics and theatrics. A loving, devoted and affectionate parent, you are inclined to spoil your children. However, they never doubt that you love them, and you aren't the type to put a business trip ahead of your son or daughter's Little League game. The one thing you demand, however, is respect; and you won't tolerate insubordination or disobedience. Consequently, you might earn yourself a reputation in the family as a benevolent dictator.

Women with this Moon position are usually affectionate, strong-willed, self-centred and excessively concerned with their appearances. Men sometimes project this side of themselves onto the women in their lives, and may be attracted to women who are

dramatic, creative, vivacious, glamorous, even a bit gaudy.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

Self-sufficient and self-reliant, you will leave things alone unless you are personally concerned. Once you have decided to act, you are resentful of interference and criticism. You are emotionally attached to anything that belongs to you or reflects on your ego personally.

Your sense impressions are well-developed, and you are able to make quick, accurate evaluations of other people and their motives. You have a fiery temperament, and you can quickly cut other people down to size.

Self-centred and somewhat pompous, you may lack objectivity and have a blind spot in your emotional perspective. For you to truly enjoy any relationship, your heart must be involved.

You usually lack curiosity; but when you are motivated, you learn quickly and accurately, although all your learning is colored by your feelings. Leo lends a nobility to the emotions, but this placement also makes it difficult to back down or to compromise. You are hard to convince; but when you do open your mind and heart, you learn the quickest of all.

You have a need to be admired and applauded. Despite your basic loyalty, if you feel unappreciated you will seek appreciation and satisfaction elsewhere.

People with the Moon in Leo are sexually magnetic and charming, but may also be overbearing and arrogant. In a man's chart, it makes him romantic, fun and sexy, or he may tend to conceit, arrogance and an overbearing ego. Both men and women with this placement are attractive and attracted to the opposite sex. The man will seek a woman with flair, enthusiasm and good taste.

The Moon in Leo brings positions of authority and leadership, which you accept seriously and easily. You are ambitious and status-conscious; you want prominence and acclaim. Your straightforward honesty is apparent, and your organizing ability is prominent, but take care that it doesn't become bossiness.

You love music, the arts, luxury and children; and you usually have a sunny and selfconfident disposition. Your emotions are powerful, your affection is given generously, and you usually favor sophisticated pleasures.

You see your mother as a strong personality who dominated you in your youth. She tried to give you good moral and religious values.

The sign of Leo is masculine, positive, fiery and fixed, while the Moon, through its associations with the sign of Cancer, is feminine, negative, watery and cardinal. At first sight it doesn't look as if the moon would be very comfortable in Leo, but in many ways it is.

The power of the Sun seems to dominate the Moon, permeating the deepest layers of the personality with Leonine characteristics which then bubble their way up to the surface. If you have this Moon placement you are basically kind, generous and honorable, with an instinctive need to encourage others. There is a real touch of Leo nobility deep down inside you. Being naturally dignified, honest and trustworthy, you would find it hard to behave in a callous or crafty manner, and you are far too proud to scrounge off others. Your need to appear honest and honourable may not reflect reality; but if you are caught out in a cowardly or underhanded act or if it becomes obvious that you harbour jealous feelings, you can react in an angry and aggressive manner. You can get on your high horse if your dignity is pricked.

The fixity of the sign gives you the determination to see things through and to finish everything you start. It is possible that you may dig your heels in too much and try to lay the law down to others. You could be stubborn and unbending at times.

You sometimes appear to behave in a distant and superior manner; this is your shield for those times when you are in unfamiliar situations. When hurt, you retreat into something which you see as dignified silence and others see as the sulks; however, under normal circumstances you are cheerful, friendly and open. You occasionally have doubts about your own self-worth; also occasional feelings of intense superiority. The emotions are always held under control when the Moon is in a fixed sign, and therefore they may break out strongly from time to time. You could become quite aggressive if pushed, or if you are on the receiving end of aggression from others. If hurt enough, you would become jealous, full of hate, and revengeful.

Lunar Leos can be surprisingly self-sacrificing towards loved ones, but heaven help them if the loved ones don't appreciate the sacrifices. You place the objects of your love on a pedestal and feel hurt when you discover that they are only human. Your intense feelings give you a longing for excitement, drama, romance and passion; with a bit of luck, you will find this within a steady relationship; if not, then you will look for romance, passion etc. outside marriage. You may even create tension within a relationship to keep it alive. For the same reason, you must have an exciting career; you can put up with an insecure one but not a boring one. Too much contentment bores you.

Your mind is broad, and you are unlikely to follow any of the more fanatical religious or political beliefs. You may have a religious and philosophical outlook which is different from that of your parents; but this should not be a big problem in your life. Although not in any way bigoted, you may find it hard to change your mind once it is made up, and you can have rather entrenched views.

The Moon is associated with the home; therefore, yours will be attractive with an interesting sort of décor. You are very fussy about your own appearance, and may even be vain. (Men with this Moon placement are actually worse than women.) The one thing which is the bane of your life is your hair. You may consider this to be too thick, thin, wiry, curly, or, even if male, too bald! You may be vain about your body and even your sexual performance. One lady who is married to a very nice Moon in Leo guy tells me that he doles out sex as if it were a treat! As a lover, you could, like Sun in Leo, be bossy and demanding, but also comfortable, relaxed and kind. It would be most unusual to find an out-and-out pervert with this Moon placement. Being romantic, you enjoy dining out, giving and receiving presents, and remembering birthdays. You are fussy about your choice of partner; nothing less than the best will do for you. You have a strong sex drive, but couldn't cope for long with a relationship based on sex alone. You need romance and passion, and you need above all to be loved. Even so, you would find it difficult to live without the comfort and release of sex; life without love, in all its applications, would be too cold to contemplate. You don't mind taking the lead sexually, and can encourage a partner who is less experienced than you. Your senses are strong; therefore, everything about sex appeals to you as long as you can perform with a certain amount of decorum. The back seat of a car in a rainy car park is just not for you (except maybe a Rolls Royce!).

You may feel a need to attach yourself to some source of power. You may work with powerful and successful people, or with large and powerful animals; alternatively, you might be fascinated by the power of magic and the spiritual world. This would enable you to enjoy risk-taking at second hand, which is a lunar trait. Your courage, fire and enthusiasm could lead you to learn from the powerful people around you and put their lessons into action for yourself, which is, of course, a solar trait. You will do anything for those whom you love, but you need your generosity of spirit to be appreciated. Leo being a fixed sign, you resist change, and would find it hard to admit defeat in any situation; therefore, you would find it difficult to cut your losses and start again. You can put up with the wrong job for far too long, and also hang on to a rotten relationship long after the time has come to end it. You are possibly a little too good at maintaining the status quo, especially in emotional situations. You may be self-centred emotionally, and possibly inclined to hang on to those you love - this applies to your children as well. Laura, a gentle and skilled palmist now in her midforties, recently left her paranoid and violent husband after many years of abuse; but still feels that she is unable to make the final break and divorce him. 'It's too final', she says.

Unless there are very different characteristics in your Sun and Ascendant, you are sociable and enjoy being entertained; but, being much shyer than the solar Leo type of personality, you can only entertain others in a quiet way. Sports and the company of young people appeal to you. You might become involved in some organization like the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, the Territorial Army or the Red Cross. There is no need for you to be the centre of attraction in the world outside, but you do like to be in the centre of



things within your own home. If you did find yourself in the spotlight, you could cope with it, but you don't seek it consciously in the way that Sun in Leo would. You like to know where the various members of your family are, and to make sure that they are all right; you have an inner need to organize them and keep them on the right lines.

Your inner nature, unless you are feeling hurt, is playful, sunny and friendly, which makes you popular in a quiet kind of way. You appreciate beauty, creativity and art, and have an instinctive sense of style. You are proud of your loved ones, and even of your friends. You prefer not to be surrounded by dirty, down-at-heel types. You never forget a hurt, but your strong loyalty means that you remember those who have helped you too. You need to belong somewhere, and may be attached to one particular set of bricks and mortar, or to an area of the country with which you feel a particular affinity. Needing space, you hate cramped surroundings. You love to get away into the countryside and to take your holidays in a warm and pleasant place. You need holidays and breaks because you tend to put a lot of effort into your job and into life itself. Your vitality is never drained for long, as you have inner reserves of strength.

You make an excellent parent, often treating your children as young adults and always preserving their dignity. You don't seek to hang on to them when they grow up. You are able to teach and encourage them through play, but you may not be too patient with them at times. You can be relied on to give them a cuddle whenever they are down-hearted or ill.

Both solar and lunar Leo subjects learn more easily after leaving school than before. You may take a quite demanding course when already busy with a career, home and family; this may be in order to get yourself a better job or just to fulfil yourself. You lack confidence in your abilities; therefore, any achievement that you make will help you to go on to further successes. Even if you do not have much formal education, you understand people and learn well from life. You have an inner need to be in an executive position; and if your circumstances mitigate against this, you could be selfemployed, the king of your own field, although you might need someone else around to help you cope with the details.

You make a good employer, with an understanding of the need to preserve the dignity of others.

You are career-minded; and with your good concentration and good organizational skills, you can climb the career ladder in a steady manner. You need to gain a reputation in some kind of creative field, and may strive hard to perfect something which will bring you a quiet kind of renown. Your ability to make the right impression could lead you to fields of marketing, personnel work, the display of works of art, or antiques. The biggest problem is that you could have big dreams but may be too lazy to make them come true. You want to come out on top of your field, but are strangely uncompetitive, being too self-centred to worry about others. Your own high standards would give you enough to

compete against. You are very good at calming people down and dealing with touchy situations; therefore, some kind of social work with troubled people, especially troubled youngsters, might appeal. Your attraction to glamour might interest you in some form of showbusiness. There is a creative side to you which means that you would take to dancing, singing or artistic work of some kind. Being drawn towards children and young people, you could be a teacher (especially if there is Gemini, Aquarius or Sagittarius on your chart). You might prefer to be a nursery nurse or probation officer. Your love of the good things in life could make you a good restaurateur or hotelier, but you might be best employed out in the front. You would be all right behind the scenes organizing others, but under no circumstances would you want to be the one to do the cleaning and cooking.

You are competent and capable as long as you are allowed to work at your own pace, but you detest being hussled and put under pressure.

The chances are that your father was autocratic, authoritarian, or just unable to relate to children. You probably got on much better with your mother. You yourself might be too ready to push your own children, but this may reflect back one generation, meaning that you were pushed by your parents and that they expected more from you than you were able to produce at that time. The background may have been traditional, even religious in some way, involving rituals and certain kinds of behaviour. At the worst end of this spectrum, you may have been afraid of your father, or made to feel that you couldn't live up to some impossible image of perfection. He may have been a very successful man himself, or he may have achieved a great deal while he was still young. Lunar Leos are far more likely to succeed later in life. You need parental love, encouragement and appreciation; and if you get this from at least one parent plus brothers and sisters, fine - if not, you could become something of an emotional cripple. The last thing you need is a cool, intellectual air sign for a parent.

You need to keep your intake of food and drink down, and to take exercise and lead a moderate life, because your heart may be weak. There could be spinal trouble; this is particularly prone to occur when you are unhappy or worried.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The immediate instinct of those with the Moon in Leo is to take over. While there is an active and happy enthusiasm, and a need to express emotions in a positive way, it is all too easy for people with this placing to appear bossy, dogmatic and stubborn. But at best they can be an excellent source of inspiration to others, with the ability to get the most out of them - pack leaders who enjoy the role!

Their belief that they can do anything as well as or better than anyone else is a mixed blessing. While they will inevitably find plenty of outlets for all their potential (indicated by the characteristics of the Sun sign), and will achieve their aspirations (indicated by the Midheaven), they can tend to overstep the mark and become somewhat overwhelming.

If shyness or a lack of self-assurance is shown in other areas of the chart, there will be a conflict which will result in the subject covering up the inhibited areas by showing off, perhaps even feigning extroversion and confidence in a way that can be embarrassing for loved ones. If you are working on the chart of a child with this placing, it will be necessary to encourage the parents to steady the youngster's natural exuberance, which at its best is lovely but can become bombastic.

There is a special need to make the right impression, especially when these people are young, and as a result a great many of them will learn the hard way. In spite of this, there is determination and a sense of immediacy which is much in their favor. They will cope extremely well in any emergency that arises, for the powers of leadership and organizational ability attributed to the Sun sign Leo are always present and will be called upon and expressed at just a moment's notice.

The emotional forces are strong, and the intuition and imagination powerful. These can be expressed creatively through any art form sympathetic to the Sun sign. The tendency to show off, at any age, must be countered by other less extrovert indications in the chart. This is a placing that needs a steadying hand, not only elsewhere in the chart, but also from those with influence over the subject. Even so, this placing is often found in the charts of big achievers, especially when the Moon is near the Midheaven or situated in the tenth house.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon sign Leo indicates an emotionally proud individual with a flair for dramatics who will often seek the spotlight. There is an unconscious need to be admired and appreciated. These people need romance and affection. They are fond of children, parties, art, sports, and entertainment in all forms. Because they may be self-centred, they can incline to stubbornness. Sometimes they act like prima donnas, out of the need to dramatize their feelings. There is a tendency to dominate others, especially those within the domestic scene. Their susceptibility to flattery sometimes appears as childish self-importance.

The tendency to self-dramatization would be unbearable if these people were not sincere in their efforts at self-improvement. Their need to love and be loved is a healthy emotional drive and makes for a sunny disposition and constructive expression in most cases. Persons with this Moon position want their children to be well-groomed and their homes to be showplaces of beauty and art.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a noble, though potentially vain, soul. You have the need to live in style with Other - but this could mean being greedy for ease and luxury. You have the instinct to

win admiration - but without meriting this you'd always be seeking attention. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is unconditionally generous, and / or spoils you as her child.

You naturally respond towards Other by making him / her feel very special; the 'only one'. You respond to children and party situations with playfulness and enthusiasm. You respond to Other or others generally in a warm, dignified and loyal fashion.

Your inner child reacts with sulks and tantrums when Other does not find you beyond criticism; with indignation and melodrama when things are not going your way; and by taking it very personally when Other is indifferent for reasons that possibly have nothing to do with you.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who appear to have a style or wherewithal that is above average; to exciting, dramatic Others - especially when you are the focus of their attention; and to Others who want to go up in the world and so are impressed by your classy style - and you cannot resist such admiration.

You can get caught up in relationships which demand more of you as a person on all levels - emotional, physical, mental and spiritual; in childish, jealousy-inducing scenarios that you must rise above if you are not to be sunk very low; and in relationships that bring you down to a more real, unglamorous, emotional level.

When you are alone, you are like a banished king or queen. What could be wrong? Is no-one good enough? How wronged you feel! At some point, given long enough, you may get round to asking yourself where you are going wrong. If so, this would be a highly important point in your emotional development. This would especially apply if you had been alone for quite some time, or have never been properly involved at all. If this is the case, it is most probably because you sense, possibly unconsciously, that you would have to get a lot more realistic on an emotional level than the romantic idea you have of love and relationship at present. If, however, you have recently separated, it is very likely that there were warning signs of trouble some time ago, but your ego refused to see or acknowledge them. In any event, you probably feel cheated and forsaken. But if you wish to avoid a similar scenario, then you must review your part in all this. This will have something to do with your being very generous to Other in some way, hence the 'forsaken' feeling. But ask yourself what you were after in return, and if it was realistic. If it was nothing, then why the bitterness?

(Grant Lewi)

The portrait you paint of yourself is heroic, and towers above the world you inhabit. To live up to the level of your inner picture is a lifetime job requiring energy, courage, and considerable sense of the drama of existence. Private satisfactions are not very important to you; you are less introspective than most. You want to see the tangible

evidence of success, and like it best if the rest of the world can see it, too. You are a bit of a show-off, but since you are utterly honest with yourself, you can laugh at your own vanities, even when they remain important. You want valuable possessions, well-groomed children, good clothes, accomplishments, and evidence of accomplishment that others can applaud. Your desires are basically simple, and your methods of getting them are direct; you know what you want, and are willing to make sacrifices for them. You won't sacrifice personal integrity, however, or honor, which are the intangibles that do matter to you. Education, culture, art, and music, however, matter less. You can take 'em or leave 'em alone; and ten to one, if you do take 'em, it isn't because they really feed your soul, but because you think evidence of such a soul will in some way add to your prestige. Throughout your life, you will strive to fulfill an image of yourself which is less a portrait than a statue dominating the landscape of your life by its size, its beauty, the dramatic quality of its setting and the colorful beauty of its trappings. And in becoming this statue, you are likely to become many other more spiritual things which you don't even desire, and which are added to you because of the honest workmanship that goes into your self-sculpture.

(Robert Hand)

You consider yourself important, and want to do things that will make other people proud of you. But most of all you must be proud of yourself, and you will avoid any situation that would make you look bad to yourself.

You like to be the centre of attention, and will often act in a way that attracts attention. In a group, you try to be the outstanding person one way or another. You take your feelings very seriously, and are inclined to emphasize or exaggerate them when talking to others. You also may exaggerate other things, which you should be careful of, because the result may be that people will not take you seriously when you want them to.

Above all, you feel the need to be yourself, and you do not easily act as other people want you to. You can be quite stubborn, which is perfectly well and good, but others also have the right to be themselves, and you may not allow them to.

You are emotionally very warm; and if you like someone, you let him or her know it. But you need love and affection too; and, above all, reassurance. The better you feel about yourself, the less you feel the need to show off.

You are very fond of playing games, either athletics or indoor games. Often you prefer to play rather than work.

## **Moon ☾ in 4th House**

(Haydn Paul)

Your home and family life will be highly important, anchoring personality roots within the domestic environment so that you feel stable and secure. It will be your family experience that most dominates, rather than your physical environment.

To feel emotional security, well-being, and inner peace, you require a satisfying life, and you are prepared to devote considerable effort to building one; this is probably the most meaningful area in your life. Having a positive and loving home is your dream. If this is achieved, your worldview will be correspondingly positive and constructive. However, if your family life is having difficulties, your perspective similarly suffers and is tainted by emotional pain and concerns. Creating a safe family and home structure to act as a sanctuary from life's insecurities is a vital task for you, and you love to retreat into the protective embrace of the family.

Childhood experiences have been very formative influences; and your relationship with your parents has contributed to adult needs for nurturing and security. Aspects made to the natal Moon are significant, as they indicate the probabilities of harmony in your childhood home; challenging aspects may suggest environmental disruptions or a lack of harmony with a parent - perhaps a lack of emotional resonance with your mother. You may have preferred your father; or his influence may have proven more influential in your later development. In adult life, this may affect the type of intimate relationships that you prefer: a woman may look for a strong father-type figure; a man may look for a partner capable of performing a mothering role.

You may feel inwardly uneasy, spending time looking backward instead of forward, reliving the past as an experience of security and repetition. Ties to parents may still be important factors in your adult life, both in a physical sense and by influencing attitudes and needs. You are not always comfortable about your feelings; and those which fail to fit into your 'ideal life-style' may be denied and repressed. Sensitivity to people and the quality of your environment will influence your moods; so awareness may be needed to register your reactions to certain people or places.

If you are unable to create or experience your ideal home and family, you may feel lost in life, personally unanchored, and lacking a firm and stable foundation. You urgently feel a need to belong; and this can become an urge demanding action lest you feel insecure. During such periods, conditioning patterns derived from your childhood may be activated, manipulating choices and decisions. A positive step is to realize their nature, so that, when the situation has stabilized in the future, these needs can be taken into account, enabling appropriate self-nurturing to satisfy those emotions and feelings.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

The Moon in the fourth house gives a great hunger for emotional security. People with

this position will pour all their emotional energies into securing the steady, protective maternal kind of love that they must have in order to go out and achieve something. Love relationships are dangerous for them because they do not play around and can be wounded to the depths of their being by the apparent treachery of loved ones whose emotional needs are not as deep as their own. This attitude can be repressive to others. They are the children who required an official 'best friend'. If they feel secure in the love at home, they can rise to great heights of accomplishment as they have a deep instinct for people and business, and their need for security is a powerful driving force. If the Moon is in an Earth sign, physical security is also very important to them, and they will do whatever it takes to own land and have a substantial savings account.

There is a shyness with this Moon, a fear of the limelight. In a creative chart it will show one who plans or works behind the scenes; if they actually step onto the stage, it will be only under the utmost creative compulsion. They usually feel completely at ease only in the immediate family circle and among long-time friends. They are selfconscious in front of groups, and they are always cautious about revealing their true feelings about things. This insecurity gives them an instinctive identification with underdogs and all victims of injustice. The rights of individuals are important to them. Someone victimized by a machine-like social institution can cause them to stick their necks out where nothing else will.

They go through emotional cycles and have dark moods during which they brood over the betrayal of lovers, the ingratitude of family or friends, and man's inhumanity to man (or woman). In some cases, their standards of devotion are so high that they can turn aside from all long-term emotional commitments out of fear of being hurt. Also, if betrayed, their love can turn to hate, and they will bear grudges and be exceedingly vindictive towards former loved ones.

They need to be bailed at times. Men with this position usually want their wives to stay at home and keep house and not go out to work or have a separate circle of friends. It may mean that the mother was more important than the father, or played the father's role in some way.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: In the 4th, the Moon reveals that your inner sanctum is truly emotional in nature. Security, self-protection, and privacy are key issues. The ebb and flow of daily emotional needs and their fulfillment is more important for you than for others. Maternal imprints form the walls here, both for better and for worse. The pitfall lies in overly defensive emotions, feeling too insecure to risk fulfillment with others; the challenge is to provide yourself and all your loved ones with a firm, enduring emotional groundwork.

Personal security: The nesting instinct is strong, deep, and permanent. Giving security to family and taking security from family cannot be distinguished from the safety of your

loved ones. The pull of the past is persistent; and the imprints are both conservative and traditional. The pitfall lies in the risk of giving up too much of your life to achieve and maintain security that may be illusory, or, at best, temporary. The challenge is to learn that taking care of yourself begins within, since control of the environment is an ineffective way to make yourself feel safe. Instead, regulating personal emotions and understanding your early relationship to your mother aids fulfillment.

Emotional imprints: Early conditioning was a river of wet and warm emotions coursing through an otherwise forbidding landscape. Imprints were absorbed largely through feeling-empathy. You felt it necessary to become a nurturer yourself, for someone around you seemed to need protection, so you learned to take care of yourself by taking care of others. Early habits die hard; they cling long after they have outlived their usefulness. Nourishment and protection form the core of these imprints.

'Inner-link' parent" The mother is ultimately important with the Moon in the 4th. She is very likely to have been the most dominant influence in your life. It's almost as if there had been a direct transfer of instinct between mother and child, for you are polarized not only to your mother's perceived traits, but also to her role in the family. Although the Moon's house associations always have basic relevance in the life structure, this one in particular is immensely potent in what it reveals about personality. We cannot predict the actual relationship with the mother; that depends on factors that go beyond simple planet / house connection, but what we can assert is that her role as a symbol in your psyche extends far beyond normal expectations.

Private intuition: Private intuition ebbs and flows on a daily basis, sometimes profoundly strong, other times conspicuous by its absence. Don't lose contact with the emotional self within, for your inner guides are guardians, the source of your protection from harm. Curiously for a placement indicating such strong self-absorption, there is often an inversion: you interpret what you intuitively receive not in terms of your own life, but rather as instructions surrounding protection or nourishment of others, especially those you love. This is because your sense of self does not end at the physical boundaries of the body; your psychological territory extends outward to embrace all those with whom you have emotional attachments. In a very real sense, you consider them part of you.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your early family conditioning caused you to develop strong personality ties. This is fine in itself, but it may deny you the opportunity to grow to maturity with enough self-confidence to become secure in your individual achievements. You tend to submit your plans to members of your family, hoping to win their approval and support. You must acknowledge the importance of becoming self-supporting and on your own as soon as possible. You will learn the value of your natural talents when you are forced to use them imaginatively to solve your daily problems. Once you stop feeling sorry for yourself, you will be able to extend yourself to people who are less fortunate or capable, and to learn



how competent you are in dealing with such situations. Your natural compassion for those in need can be used best by getting an education so that you can make a worthwhile contribution to help others. When people need help, they naturally turn to someone like you.

Your emotional dependence on others makes you greatly preoccupied with financial security. You assume that if your material needs are satisfied, you will be more stable; but unless you truly believe that you can form personal relationships without family interference, that stability is only an illusion. Develop goals that are within your reach and work diligently toward them. You can achieve the long-lasting security you want if you plan realistically and work for it.

The first major crisis you must deal with is learning to live with yourself and, if possible, on your own, especially if you always ask for your parents' approval or if they insist that you should not do this or that. Once you decide that you will make your own way, it will be easier to choose your own career direction. You will never be indifferent to those you love, but it is essential to put past, present and future in proper perspective. A partner will give you the initiative to accomplish more than you might otherwise. Knowing that your partner appreciates you will provide sufficient reason to extend yourself in your career. If you accept competition as an opportunity to demonstrate your capabilities, your victories will be even sweeter.

Getting an education to reveal your talents is the best investment you will ever make. Your compassion for others means little unless you are trained to help them deal with their problems. When you can confidently help those who need your skills and understanding, you will also have the comfort of knowing that you can make your future as secure as you want it to be.

You have many intangible assets that you can draw on when you need to. Once you learn to convert them from ideas to definitive action, you should succeed in your chosen career. But be careful that you don't indulge in daydreams or wishful thinking. Put your anxieties on the shelf and stop delaying your progress by being apathetic and indolent. You should feel guilty only if you refuse to develop your creative potentials or if you underestimate your talents. This same negative attitude can make you assume that you aren't loved because you do not deserve it. It might be easier to wait for others to demonstrate their feelings before you make any commitment, thus reducing the possibility of romantic disappointment.

(Howard Sasportas)

Whereas the Sun in the 4th struggles to free itself from too great an identification with the family, the Moon in the 4th finds security and a sense of belonging within this structure. Refuge from life's battles is sought by withdrawing back into the home. Even when they have a family of their own, those with this placement may pack their bags and

run back to the family of origin when difficulties arise. They need the home to be a kind of retreat and sanctuary, and therefore they are highly attuned to the undercurrents and changes of atmosphere in that environment. Nonetheless, they may not always make their own feelings obvious to others. Often they regress into their early childhood behavior patterns when the struggles of life become too much. I know one person with this placement who whenever he is upset has an intense craving for chocolate chip cookies because that is what his mother gave him to make him feel better as a child. It is as if there is a mechanism in the psyche which says 'All right, I've had enough growing up for now; I'm going backwards for a while'.

A child normally looks to its mother for security and containment; but with the Moon in the 4th it is possible that the father emanated a safer feeling than the mother. Some with this placement may still be searching for a father to make life secure for them. In the long run, the parent needs to be found on an archetypal level from within the self. Depending on the aspects to the Moon in this house, qualities of caring and nurturance might have been learned from the father rather than the mother.

Sometimes the 4th house Moon wanders restlessly in search of the home or even the country in which it feels the most safe or has the greatest sense of belonging. Sometimes it is the conditions within the home itself which fluctuate. Often there is an interest in family lineage, real estate or archaeology, and perhaps a strong desire to live by water. The conditions surrounding the end of life may be shown by the aspects to the Moon in this house.

## Mercury ♀ in ♉ Taurus 15° 1'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

If you indulge in the Taurus fear of losing tangible support, from a rational point of view this may lead into your repeating ideas and plans. The result can be an overstructured mind that gets tied up in a material or literal level of thought and stifles your creativity. Indulging in the tendency to resist ideas that are not your own can result in excluding others from assisting you in bringing your own values into material transformation.

### Dynamic

When you are willing to communicate openly and to acknowledge that the ideas of others can be as valuable as yours, you can discover that these ideas may actually transform and enhance your own. You can decide to use other people's ideas as resources; thus, your own concepts gain acceptance through the resultant

transformation. When you listen to others and communicate those Taurus perceptions of how their ideas can produce tangible results, your sense of self-worth can be increased.

(Grant Lewi)

You are eye-minded; that is, you get your maximum sense-contact with the world through sight rather than through sound. You get more from reading a book than from hearing a lecture. The old silent movies are almost as good for you as talkies. Since what you see is important, you will always strive to make your surroundings as attractive as possible; and for this reason your home, or your office, will have some beauty about it even when it gets disorderly. Touch is well developed, and you visualize through your fingers - get an image in the dark of something touched, know how a fabric will look by feeling it - and conversely, how it will feel by looking at it. Taste and smell are fairly well-marked. You can shut out sound from your life and live calmly through a hurricane or the squawking of children that would drive others to distraction. You don't hear the sound of your voice accurately; and sometimes for this reason you sound other than how you feel. Study elocution, and learn to pay attention to what meets your ears.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Taurus, Mercury tells of one who gains more from sight than sound: he gains much from reading, from visual demonstrations, from watching, observing, absorbing knowledge. He may appear slow to learn; but once his lessons are learned, they stick. He can be obstinate, but also loyal. He has strong likes and dislikes - but generally the native is diplomatic. He can smile at you - but it is not easy to know what he is thinking. He appears to be slow in speech, but this is because he measures his words.

(Skye Alexander)

You are the type who never speaks unless you have something to say. Not one to waste words or engage in frivolous small talk, you appear to be hoarding words as a miser hoards gold. Others sometimes assume (incorrectly) that you are unsociable or dull-witted. In truth, you aren't glib or articulate, and your vocabulary isn't extensive. Unless you also have several planets in more loquacious signs like Gemini, Sagittarius or Aquarius, it's not likely that you'll write the next great American novel. You prefer to communicate in other ways - physically, or through art or music - than with language skills.

This does not mean, however, that you aren't as intelligent as your more verbally adroit friends; only that you don't demonstrate your intelligence with words. Instead, you might be a brilliant painter, dancer or musician. You may not have been a very good student, and learning new subjects might have come more slowly to you than to others. Perhaps you never had an opportunity to develop your intelligence fully or to get a good education. As a result, you might feel somewhat inadequate or inferior about your mental

capabilities even as an adult. When speaking before a crowd, you may become tongue-tied or feel awkward; and when you have to write a report, paper, even a letter, you often find yourself at a loss for words. Expressing what you really think and feel can be a struggle for you.

Your memory is good, however; and even though you may not grasp ideas quickly, you retain what you learn. You demonstrate common sense, and are able to apply your knowledge in practical ways. In particular, you may have a good head for business and finance. You are also known for your determination, steadiness and reliability.

You rarely take chances, and usually plan carefully before undertaking any venture. You like things to be clearly defined, down-to-earth and useful; and it is difficult for you to grasp abstractions or theoretical constructs. Not an 'idea person', you are a doer rather than a thinker - the one who brings the dreamer's visions to fruition. As far as you're concerned, an idea is useless unless it can be applied in some tangible, physical way. Although you aren't going to set the world on fire with an exciting or revolutionary concept, without your persistence and common sense all those 'brainstorms' would never become realities.

Philosophically conservative, you hold onto traditional ideas and beliefs firmly, and are not easily swayed or influenced by popular opinion or the attitudes of others. There is a sense of security in concepts that have been around for a while; and you don't see why things can't remain the same forever. You want everything to be simple and clear-cut; ambiguity, complexity and 'gray areas' baffle you. Once you've made up your mind, you aren't likely to change it, and can be extremely stubborn. Taurus's symbol is the bull; and the term 'bull-headed' certainly applies to you.

If your chart contains aspects between Mercury and Jupiter or Uranus, you'll be more talkative and intellectually expansive, and more eager to pursue knowledge for its own sake.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are stubborn and have definite likes and dislikes. Acquisitive and fond of money and material goods, you are interested in both the arts and the opposite sex. Your mind does not react readily to new ideas; and once you start a project you rarely give up. You never jump to conclusions; you like to hear all the evidence first. Mentally you are conservative, cautious and constructive. You depend more on life experience than on book learning. Your memory is good, and your approach is traditional. Your mind is practical; and this is an excellent position for business and management. If this placement has difficult aspects, you can tend towards mental inertia, but trying to push yourself into action will not help; you need to work at your own rate of speed.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury placed in the sign Taurus indicates natives whose thinking and decisionmaking are determined by whatever has a practical, material and financial application. Although perhaps lacking in brilliance or originality, they possess much in the way of practical common sense. Hence they have shrewd business minds and a natural bent for management. They are slow to form opinions, but once they do they are reluctant to change. Similarly, they dislike argument and disharmony, and will fight only to protect their security and financial interests.

The ability of these natives to consider only things that are of practical concern to them gives them great powers of concentration, such that they can ignore extraneous disturbances as if they did not exist. They do not perceive that with which they do not want to be bothered. If carried to far, this attitude makes them blind to important matters that they should recognize for their own good, and explains much of their stubbornness.

This position of Mercury can give mental ability in the arts. If Mercury is strongly aspected, there can be talent in mathematics and physical science, because of the Taurean - Venusian sense of form and structure which is translated into mental understanding through Mercury. If Mercury is afflicted in this sign, there can be intellectual obstinacy, opinionated views, materialism, and avarice.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Thinking is steady, but the subject may be rather slow to learn. Parents of children with this placing must not worry if they think the child is not responding to teaching, for if gradual progress is maintained, what is learned will be remembered and form a good foundation for the future. Stubbornness (to a greater or lesser degree) is almost inevitable, and flexibility must be cultivated, otherwise opinions can become so entrenched that the individual may become proud of them, perhaps saying 'Once my mind's made up that's it'. Conversely, we find others who pretend to be very fixed in their opinions, and go all out to shock people in the way they express them! However, caution and much practical common sense are always present, sometimes coupled with a conservative and conventional outlook. The ability to plan constructively is considerable, with a methodical and disciplined approach to problems and to work. Obsessional tendencies are possible, and perhaps an inclination to get in a rut because it offers security. She will usually express herself with considerable charm.

If the Sun sign is Aries, Mercury in Taurus acts as an excellent stabilizer to the impetuous Arian. The ability to think slowly and constructively is an asset, and the chances of impulsive or reckless decision-making are very much mitigated. There is plenty of common sense, and the individual will have no difficulty in pacing him- or herself when making plans or preparing for any kind of examination or test. Sometimes Arian selfishness can be exacerbated by stubbornness, and there will be an inclination to reject both faults when they are mentioned.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, here is a 'salt of the earth' type - what is said is meant, so the individual is reliable. However, quick responses and the ability to get moving, both physically and mentally, must be developed. Taurean stubbornness and dislike of change will certainly be present. Every opinion will be cautiously and carefully considered, as this is the strong, silent type, only speaking when he or she has something really worthwhile to say. The grasp of situations and acquisition of knowledge will be slow, but comments will be deliberate; thoughts are charmingly expressed. Time is needed to assimilate new ideas.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, considerable stability is added to the lively, quick, versatile Sun-in-Gemini type, and will greatly assist her to think more carefully and constructively, even adding a little patience at times. Practical common sense is usual, and the individual will assimilate facts well; brightness of personality is not diminished. Geminian restlessness is less likely to be a problem, and the need to communicate will remain strong. This is an excellent anchorage for Sun sign Geminians.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a steady, though potentially stubborn, mind.

You see life in terms of having to be practical and make sense, and so you approach matters concerning Other equipped with the ability to create and maintain material or physical stability; in terms of patiently and consistently considering what you see as all the relevant factors until a realistic and enduring solution is reached; and in terms of nothing worth getting too upset by.

You tend not to see deep emotional issues that require a more psychologically or spiritually informed awareness, giving rise to Other feeling blocked or misunderstood. You tend not to see what is bothering Other; or that some issues need dealing with spontaneously or swiftly, because otherwise matters are in danger of deteriorating.

(John Townley)

For you, love is not a highly technical affair, as it is for some others, but a direct encounter of feelings between two people. Rather than choreographing a sexual encounter ahead of time, you prefer to let it happen spontaneously.

On the other hand, you really enjoy making love in rich and sensuous surroundings, either natural or man-made, and the lush the better. Indeed, making love in a steaming tropical jungle could be most pleasing, but be sure the vegetation is not poison ivy. A velvet and brocade bower is a more readily available setting that can satisfy the same sensuous taste. The richer the setting, the more intense are your feelings.

You shouldn't spend too much time preparing the mood or setting for love, however. Too long a delay without actual sexual expression tends to bottle up your feelings, making it difficult to express them naturally when the time comes. Like food, sex needs to be partaken of regularly, even if it is simple fare. Too great a hunger can spoil an elegantly prepared meal. Whereas some people can sublimate their sexuality in other areas, you are at your best if you express it directly and often enough to avoid frustration or tension. A lover who has similar tastes and needs will keep you happiest and on a sexually even keel.

(Robert Hand)

You think very slowly and carefully, and arrive at conclusions only after much thought. People may think that you are not too bright, but that is not true. It is just that you want to take enough time to be sure that your thinking is solidly based. You like to have ideas presented correctly, with drawings or other visual aids if possible. It is easier for you to think about an idea if you can see it. Many people with Mercury in Taurus have trouble with mathematics, because it is so abstract and hard to bring into your everyday world. You demand to know the practical use of every subject. You are less concerned with whether something is true than with how useful it is.

You think with your feelings a lot, and you will reject a logically correct statement if it doesn't fit with your feelings. Common sense and experience are very important to you in making decisions. However, you hate to have someone try to talk you into something that you don't agree with. You are very stubborn and slow to change your thinking, but this prevents you from making rash decisions. You are likely to work well with your hands, because you take the trouble to do everything correctly.

(Freda Edis)

Where Mercury is in Taurus, there may be much common sense and many practical ways of thinking. People's minds are likely to be fixed on a materially secure and worry-free environment, and they can be stubborn and inflexible in achieving this goal. Aphrodite herself always knew what she wanted, and frequently got it. When this tendency is carried to extremes, others may see these people as grasping and narrowly focused, unable easily to let go of ideas they have taken so long to formulate. We know that throughout the exchange between Hermes and Apollo and Zeus over the stolen cattle, Hermes never let go of the fundamental idea that he wanted divine status on Olympus. Bargaining about the ownership of Apollo's cattle is a significant symbol for Mercury in Taurus people.

They often have an appreciation of well-structured and harmonious patterns of thinking; and the placement can indicate an ability in written and verbal forms of expression. Once their minds are made up, their powers of concentration are great, but they may need to be aware of a tendency towards intellectual obstinacy and fixed patterns of mental

expression. Flexibility of thought and a continuing curiosity about the world may help to offset these inclinations, as it did Hermes when he made concessions to Apollo and bartered some of his own possessions after the theft. He was able to let go of some of what he most valued in order to have the one thing he really desired - divinity and recognition from his father.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Thoughts are communicated with deliberation.

Symbol: A banker explains a financial statement.

Since Taurus is slow and Mercury is the mind, the individual with Mercury in Taurus will be slow to make up his mind. Once it is set, however, he stands by his word. His ideas coagulate like a pudding that has jelled. It may not be possible to mix in new concepts without mental disruption, but his thoughts can be turned out in a literary or artistic mold.

This individual may delay in deciding what he wants out of life; but when he does embark upon an enterprise, he follows through. Once an idea has been implanted in his mind, it is solidly rooted, and he will amass great quantities of information on the subjects which capture his interest. As a scholar, he refrains from jumping to conclusions. In fact, it is beneath the dignity of most Taureans to jump at anything. They prefer to reach their goals by pacing steadily along a well-marked highway and consciously avoiding the distractions of enticing bypaths.

The typical Taurus is stubborn and persevering, and will struggle mightily to gain the satisfactions he craves. Since Mercury can be flighty and abstract, the persistence of the sign enhances the planet's material effectiveness, especially with regard to making more money. The financial acumen of Mercury-Taurus people proves that it takes more than mental brilliance to produce wealth. Often the plodding, utilitarian thinker can magnetize money, while the more scintillating intellects, whose vision is attenuated by abstract ideas, cannot make ends meet.

The danger of this position is mental inertia. The efforts of Taurus to incorporate the elusive qualities of Mercury can be like harnessing a bull to a butterfly in order to combine strength and lightness. The volatility of this airy planet is so incompatible with the massive solidity of the sign that they may have difficulty in co-operating. Generally, it is easier for the person with Mercury in Taurus to absorb knowledge from practical experience than from teachers in school. He is less interested in theories than in workable techniques which can be applied to the problems of everyday living.

If the Sun is in Aries and Mercury is in Taurus, Arian inventiveness can be applied to the production of objects of a practical nature. Such an individual may be both a trailblazer and a road-builder. He knows how to promote ideas and make them materially effective.



The Sun and Mercury in Taurus encourage the desire to bring about concrete achievement and visible results. The mind is concerned with problems of relative values and with originating methods for accomplishing work with maximum ease and efficiency.

If the Sun has moved into the sign Gemini, a basic urge to communicate will be expedited by a graphic sense of form and design. This combination can make a compelling writer with a talent for producing memorable images. Special interest will be taken in the reproduction and transmission of the spoken word.

Mercury in Taurus is particularly favorable for occupations pertaining to the earth sciences and the transportation industry. From this position alone, it is not possible to say what vocation a person will follow. However, one can surmise that in all undertakings he will apply his mind in down-to-earth ways and find pragmatic ways of linking supply and demand, and manipulating the resources at his disposal with determined intelligence.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here is a slow plodding, conservative type of mind. Learns more from travel and experience than from textbooks. A strong inertia that can become stubbornness. Pushing facts at this type of mind will not help. They are 'eye-minded', and touch is more developed than hearing. There is a cautiousness here that is based on an inner security; and because of that insecurity, what they possess - whether things or people - are clung to with a tenaciousness that is very grasping. There is an artistic side to this position, for Venus is involved through its rulership of Taurus.

## Mercury ♀ in 1st House

(Freda Edis)

Mercury in the first house displays a need for self-expression through a questioning and inquiring attitude to life. People with this combination gain a sense of identity by knowing how their own minds work. Sometimes they want it recognized that the intellectual way in which they perceive the world has some validity. They are curious, occasionally impulsively talkative, and can express themselves fluently using logic and reasoning to good effect. If aspects to Mercury support it, there can be an interest in languages. Thinking about the world and their part in it is of great importance to them, and they are likely to spend much of their time engaged in mindorientated activities, needing to gather knowledge and communicate it to the world around them, particularly where Mercury conjuncts the Ascendant.

The sign on the Ascendant will colour the way the planet's functions are displayed.

Mercury with Capricorn rising, for instance, may express itself through a steady, careful mind and cautious speech, while Mercury here with Sagittarius rising might mean an identity realized through impulsive thinking on a grand scale. Occasionally, tactless speech is an issue for these people. Close aspects to another planet will also influence the way a first house Mercury operates.

There is a myth concerning Hermes which has some bearing on the Mercury-in-firsthouse need to actualize ideas. When the rather belligerent Herakles was on a visit to Troezen, he stopped at the wayside because he was tired. As he sat to rest, he leaned his club against a statue of Hermes which had been erected by the side of a road. The club took root, put out leaves and grew into a tree. Herakles, it seems, needs to produce, rather than destroy, on this occasion. Even a weapon of war can be made productive if a Mars-inclined person stops for a while to take stock and allows a fertile flow of ideas to develop beyond the present moment - a characteristic not often associated with Herakles. The tale is an indication that the Mercury principle and the Mars principle can be combined successfully.

Alternatively, people with this placement, especially if the planet is near the Ascendant and / or in hard aspect to other planets, need to ensure against overemphasizing an intellectual approach to life. On first acquaintance, other people may see them as lacking at some deep level the qualities of warmth and intuitive empathy needed to balance the inquiring mind - nobody in his or her right mind would have called Herakles deeply empathic, usually. But, through their life experiences, Mercury-in-first-house people may come to an intelligent understanding of how to work on the impulse to act first and think later, though the energy for communication will always be high.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of Mercury makes a good counselor. It is an excellent position for a teacher, actor, lawyer, politician, or anyone in similar careers as it gives the power to speak well, both to groups and in conversation. If there are limiting aspects from Saturn, or if Mercury is in a Water sign, the ability to speak may be diminished, though the desire to communicate will be strong, and so may find an outlet through writing, singing, or film-making etc.. In any case, people with a first house Mercury are almost always extremely quick, apt and flexible, and retain their youthful energy and enthusiasm throughout life.

Often they feel themselves to be the spokesman for a group and will feel called upon to speak out in defense of someone or something. They are usually witty (particularly if Mercury is in Virgo, Aries or Gemini) and are able to use words to make others laugh. They are excellent teachers and, even if they don't teach as a profession, they will be useful throughout life instructing others, showing them how to do things.

They are able to put things into words much better than most people. Everything that they experience they frame in words and images, for themselves if not for others. If they

can't put something into words or images it hardly exists for them. They are quick studies, able to pick up ideas rapidly from cursory reading or listening to others speak. They may become distracted by words or ideas, too caught up in them, if Mercury is in an Air or Earth sign. If it is in a Water and Fire sign, it is the thing itself they see, not the word for it, so this is a good position for an artist or poet who works more with images than with facts or concepts. Sometimes Mercury in a Water sign even causes a problem with words.

They are often athletic, or physically active, loving motion and the use of their bodies as it is the sport itself, the game and the action, that they crave, and not so much the victory as this position is not competitive of itself. They are willing to take the less glorious roles in games or other group activities if the performance of the group as a whole requires it, as being part of the group or team is what appeals to them, although if they or anyone else appears to be treated unfairly they will not hesitate to speak out.

They either love speed or are insensitive to it, and, if other factors are present, could have a car accident at some point due to their attraction to fast motion. They usually like the roller coaster and the faster, wilder rides at the amusement park. They usually love airplanes and flight, especially if Mercury is in a Fire or Air sign, and make good pilots.

If there are conjunctions or oppositions to Mercury from Saturn, Uranus or Pluto, they may stammer or have a speech impediment, or possibly even brain damage. A retrograde Mercury may turn them towards writing, photography, art, or acting - anything where images or ideas can be constructed in private, because they may feel that the words they need to express themselves don't come easily enough in the spontaneous give and take of conversation.

If other chart factors are present that indicate long life, this position of Mercury strengthens them, giving a sort of perpetual youth and a strong ability to rejuvenate. However, if sudden death factors are present, this position will intensify those as well. In high political office, it increases the potential for assassination. In some cases there is the possibility of an early death due in part to a distaste for aging.

Those with Mercury in the first house always relate well to young people, and will have young friends even when they are old.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-expression: Mercury in the 1st reveals that your spontaneous personality is nervous, mental, quick to perceive, and just as quick to change direction. There is a certain 'short-term' orientation; the mental focus is immediate, but your attention span is short. you love solving riddles and are fascinated by any activity that propels your mind into immediate action. As with every Mercury interpretation, this can be altered significantly by its sign position and interplanetary aspects, and even more importantly

by the placement and condition of the Sun. It is also affected strongly by environmental factors like education, family, and sociocultural background. Those considerations aside, however, the basic indication of the house placement alone suggests that you have a loquacious, verbal type of persona, one which is quick and clever.

Natural persona: Mercury indicates a mental face, with an emphasis on rationality and cognition. How talkative you are depends on other considerations, but your persona certainly indicates an interest in communication. The mask is nervous and quick, as likely to question others as to reveal anything about the self.

Your name-tag says, 'I am curious, interested in your mind, mobile in my focus, and objective in my perceptions'.

Self-awareness: Activation of the thinking, perceiving, and communicating functions of the nervous system promotes awareness of your true inner self. The more you think, the more you awaken to yourself. It's not at all necessary that your thoughts be about yourself; in fact, the more they remain objective perceptions of the world around you, the more self-awareness results. Curiosity about the world and everything in it wakes you up.

Boundaries: The bridge between inner and outer realities is associative, rational, and nervous, with mental interplay providing the connection. Expression without thought or communication without content can send the two environments spinning around one another in a meaningless whirlwind, while too much nervous energy or strictly impersonal calculation alienates them, destroying the linkage. The challenge is to analyze and communicate with both environments without falling into cold, mechanical rationality.

Vitality: Clear perceptions and logical thinking provide support for your essential vitality, but vulnerability to nervous disorders may exist. Observe yourself; learn as much as you can about the physical and mental disciplines that keep you vital.

(Robert Pelletier)

You express your opinions so precisely that no-one questions your meaning, and you eagerly accept a challenge from anyone who disagrees with you. Your respect for education and your insatiable curiosity give you an advantage over less-informed competitors. When you take time to examine all the details, you solve problems quickly and accurately. You try to understand others' motivations, and you learn a great deal from them. You learn from your experiences, and you enjoy travelling to promote your ambitions. Getting away from the daily routine renews your mental and physical energy. Your great creative potential only needs to be developed so that you can establish your credentials in your field. You know what you can and cannot do, and you strive to maintain the highest ideals. You put a lot of thought into your endeavors, and you have

faith that you will succeed. You may seem lucky, but actually you are inspired and imaginative in using your creative gifts. Your partner should understand how important it is that you achieve your goals. You feel that your mutual interests will be better served if each of you compromises to some extent.

You try to live each day as fully as possible, for you know that your future security and independence depend on it. You know how to put your ideas to work for your later years, when you want to be free from obligation. You take advantage of opportunities provided by your friends, and you don't forget favors you have received in the past. You realize that your future is in your own hands, and you won't really feel fulfilled until you see tangible evidence of your success.

It is important that the public consider your ideas substantial. You depend on associates and competitors to show you where your skills need refining. Although it isn't easy for you to admit you are wrong, you concede when your career goals are at stake. You are willing to learn, which will help you grow. You show good judgement in relationships, and you don't make binding commitments lightly. You learn something from everyone you contact. Your early environment taught you the importance of establishing roots. Having to stand on your own in spite of frustrating early conflicts stimulated your creative potential. Because of this conditioning, you find it painful to be confined by a daily routine that restricts your freedom. But you are willing to work to gain the professional status that will give you that freedom.

You may not realize that your greatest liability is neglecting the people on whom you depend for success. When you understand what the public expects, you will accept the responsibility of serving them. This will be your greatest contribution to your own future. You have much insight into what's wrong with people, and they look to you for understanding. This insight is useful in your career because you understand your competitors' weaknesses.

Failing to implement your creative talent and exploit your ideas would put you at a disadvantage. You must put your faculty for communication to work if you want to benefit from it. Underestimating your worth would be a tragic waste of inspired imagination. You can accomplish much if you respond to the needs of the society and let your creative talent become its asset.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with this placement become conscious of themselves and life in general by being curious and asking questions. They are meant to be spokespeople - distributors of ideas and information or channels through which one discipline is linked to another. They are usually highly analytical, both of themselves and of others.

Mercury is a mimic and will take on the qualities of the sign it is in and any planet it

closely aspects. Therefore, these need to be carefully examined. For instance, Mercury in a Fire sign or conjunct Saturn is more prone to cautious assessment prior to committing the self to activity. Things have to 'sit' right within them before they can act. Mercury in a Water sign or aspected to Neptune will evaluate the perceptions through the feelings and emotions, unlike Mercury in Air or aspected to Uranus, which will speak and act from a more purely objective stance, having (often in a flash) computed the bigger picture.

Those with Mercury in the 1st imbue the world with significance on the basis of what they think about it. If they don't like what they see, rather than blaming the world 'out there', they should try changing their own attitudes and then take another look at what they find.

Those with Mercury in the 1st often maintain a youthful appearance throughout life. Sometimes there are frequent changes of environment in the early years, as if they are forced from a young age to view life from different angles.

## Venus ♀ in ♎ Libra 20° 1'

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

gently romantic and genuinely caring lover who are very attentive and really enjoy pleasing their partners.

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

(Skye Alexander)

You enjoy art and beauty in all their myriad forms, and want to fill your life with lovely things. Creative and sensitive to color, harmony and balance, you probably have artistic ability. Whether or not you are an artist yourself, you have an innate sense of aesthetics and are able to appreciate fine art, music, theatre, literature, etc.; and you might be a collector or patron of the arts.

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

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

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

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

Women with this planetary position are extremely feminine in a conventional sense. You enjoy wearing beautiful clothing, cosmetics, perfume and jewellery; and your appearance is very important to you. You devote much time and energy to making yourself look your best, and you tend to be terribly vain. You might place so much importance on your looks that you fail to develop other qualities, and are more devastated than other women when old age takes away your trump card. You also pride yourself on your pleasant disposition and refinement. Easily offended by coarseness, you equate femininity with grace, good manners and physical beauty. You can't bear to get your hands dirty, you dislike sports of all kinds (unless your Sun is in Sagittarius), and you wouldn't be caught dead without your mascara.

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

The aesthetic perceptions are highly developed with Venus in Libra. The natives often



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

People with this Venus placement dislike disagreements and discord. If they are exposed to them too frequently, they become nervous, upset, and often ill. Consequently they avoid situations of conflict. If Venus is afflicted, they may go along with others merely to avoid argument and unpleasantness, thus appearing to lack integrity. An afflicted Venus in Libra can lead to superficial emotional and social values and produce a conformist attitude and a lack of well-defined personal values.

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Donna van Toen)

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

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

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this Venus placing gives a sense of romance to the exuberant, enthusiastic Sagittarian, who will enjoy the relationship as much as the chase (which is not always the case for people with this Sun sign!) The power of Venus will help to quell Sagittarian restlessness and encourage a philosophical outlook. Financial security is of above-average importance, since creature comforts are sought more than is usual for most Sagittarians.

(Syndey Omarr)

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

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

When you withhold the Libra qualities for creating harmony and instead seek to appease others by telling them what you think they want to hear (according to their sense of fair play), your manipulations may inadvertently create chaos. Inevitably, such chaos leads to feelings of self-doubt and worthlessness.

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

### Dynamic

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

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

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

## Venus ♀ in 6th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Health-conscious, amiable, possessing enormous creative discipline, desiring harmonious working conditions.

With Venus in the sixth house (which corresponds to the mutable Earth sign of Virgo),

enormous value is placed on being of service and approaching work with a meticulous and analytical eye. Not particularly gifted with leadership abilities (the domain of the fifth sign / house), individuals with a well-aspected Venus in the sixth house bring to their personal and professional relationships a sense of loyalty, attention to detail, and a flair for sustained productivity from which they garner self-validation. Due to the time and energy they expend working and / or volunteering their services, the classic description of Venus in the sixth house - 'falling in love (Venus) with a co-worker (sixth house)' - is likely to apply.

If the planet is afflicted, however, these sometimes shy or self-conscious individuals often question their own abilities. They may be attracted to people who are also extremely hard workers but who may not be able to offer the encouragement needed. Overly particular about and judgemental of colleagues, friends and lovers, they are, in actuality, most critical of themselves. For this reason they deny themselves the sensual pleasure that Venus so willingly offers; instead it is sublimated through their work and drive towards self-improvement.

To attain perfection, they may become fanatic about diet, exercise and health fads. While individuals with a well-situated Venus approach their bodies sensibly and with moderation, individuals with an ill-placed Venus may follow one of two extremes: 1) become obsessive about their exercise regimen, or 2) become slovenly, careless and indulgent - leading, at its most extreme, to poor work habits, an inability to keep a job, and poor health.

Advocates of excellence through hard work, good nutrition, physical exercise and service to others (sixth house), these prudent individuals often become committed social workers, counsellors, dieticians, health care practitioners, physical therapists or secretaries. Consummate professionals, their social skills, capacity for teamwork, noble dedication and efficiency enable them to bypass the frustrations of bureaucratic 'red tape' and become effective workers. They may also be attracted to craftwork, interior design, sculpture or architecture, which combine artistry with the meticulousness of the sixth house.

Dutiful workers concerned with the happiness and welfare of others - to the detriment of their own enjoyment - these individuals often feel guilty if they partake in frivolity and / or sensual pleasure. While it is, indeed, advisable that these tense workaholics learn to relax and 'let go', there is no doubt that even the slightest excess may adversely affect their sensitive constitutions and may even produce food allergies. The Venus-ruled throat, kidneys and skin may even present chronic problems that are likely to flare up during an allergic reaction or at times of emotional stress.

Moreover, an obsession with health and fitness often lends itself to vegetarianism (or some other special diet), yoga, meditation or regular physical exercise as part of a daily routine. Due to the practicality of the sixth house, people with Venus in this placement

will make choices in their personal and professional lives that bring contentment, harmony and a comfortable income which will enable them to live healthy, fit and, thus, enjoyable lives.

Because Mercury, a symbol of intelligence and communications, is the natural ruler of the sixth house (corresponding to the Sixth sign of Virgo), romantic liaisons are based not merely on passion but on mutual respect and support. Since those with Venus in the sixth house have a propensity for working long hours working or volunteering their services, it is essential that they find partners whose professions and / or interests are equally fulfilling and who understand that gratifying work contributes greatly to their mental well-being.

If Venus is conjunct the Descendant, individuals are less reserved, and the issues that concern them are what make them attractive to others. Their approach to work, service and health is intertwined with their choice of partner, who is either a colleague or deeply involved in the same lifestyle, causes or goals.

The sense of accomplishment and artistic perfection that they achieve through the methodical 'fine-tuning' of their talents, skills and abilities is great.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The sixth house is to do with our everyday routines in life and our work. Someone with Venus in the sixth house will want to find pleasure in the commonplace necessities of life. These are people who look to find pleasure in their daily routines and will attempt to make them as enjoyable as possible.

Venus in the sixth may also describe someone who enjoys physical fitness and health. Someone with Venus in this house is not likely to be too rigorous, and could be positively slothful and over-indulgent; but a general well-being and happiness may be enjoyed through attention to diet and health in general. You may find people taking part in an exercise programme or having a regular massage or beauty routine that makes them feel good, and being drawn to people who also value their body and keep to a health and beauty routine and exercise schedule. One can imagine a partnership where both participants go jogging together.

Venus in the sixth shows someone who co-operates and gets along easily with colleagues. People with this placement derive well-being from this co-operative effort, and will generally enhance the working atmosphere with their presence. Their main priority is to be happy and content within their everyday working environment, so they are not particularly hard-working and could be positively lazy. Their value lies in keeping things running smoothly and easing tensions. They are good at lending a sympathetic ear to other people's troubles. They do also enjoy being useful and feeling they are of service, in which case they will contribute more directly to the work effort.

Their relationships within the work setting matter a lot to them. They may find a romantic relationship within their workplace. They would enjoy a combined working and romantic partnership. They may equally well set up a business with their romantic partner.

Alternatively, particularly where individuals are self-employed or very motivated, they may be in love with their work. This may be an area of life that gives them tremendous pleasure, perhaps even more than they get from a relationship.

Venus in the sixth house could also signify someone who works in an artistic way or in an artistic environment, or it could describe people who are sensitive to the aesthetic ambience of their place of work.

Within a relationship, these people may show their affection by being useful and of service to you in practical ways - hence their penchant for working partnerships. These are people who find happiness in being useful and find it an easy way to express their love. They may expect the same of a partner and find it difficult to believe that they are really loved if the partner does not want to reciprocate. There is then great scope for mutual misunderstanding.

(Martin Schulman)

This is the last of the personal Houses. With Venus here, the individual's love nature culminates in the experiences which teach him how to achieve harmony with his body so that it will serve him efficiently as he externalises his love through service to humanity. He can be kind and thoughtful of others, with a healthy outlook towards his work, tasks and chores, which can make most of what he does labors of love. He seeks peace through the harmony of order and experiences a delicate attunement to the beauty of efficiency in people, ideas and the society his love helps to form. Yet, because Venus is in its fall in the Sixth House, this can be an extremely difficult placement until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned.

The individual can be excessive, allowing himself to become preoccupied with the trivial details which he believes bring him pleasure instead of the essence of what brings him harmony. He can become so overconcerned with trying to balance small details or seeking perfection in the lives of those close to him that instead of letting his feelings flow, he is unconsciously putting demands and stipulations upon the circumstances he needs to express love. Thus, he feels an obligation, sometimes even a compulsion, to harmonize the minutest negative thoughts and feelings within himself and those close to him, which often has the reverse effect of stimulating disharmony. Because he keeps his consciousness on a finite level, he often misses the contour of the whole. As a result, his feelings have a tendency to be structured within what his mind is dwelling on rather than what his being actually experiences.



This makes it difficult for him to relax and realize the love that can carry him through all of his burdens.

Many with this placement can find themselves excessively involved in doing favors for others, either out of feelings of obligation, or out of a need for acceptance, rather than the sincerity of love. Instead of viewing life through an obligatory consciousness, which often separates the individual from his true feelings, it is important that he understands the harmonic union which brings the different facets of things into the oneness through which the all of something can be perceived.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, the individual experiences a great change in his consciousness. He begins to see life through the natural order of the Golden Mean, realizing that the symmetry he perceives in himself and the world around him comes from a greater natural order within which his life is contained.

As he begins to experience this order of beauty, rather than trying to order beauty, he starts to relax in the realization of knowing that all is as it should be. And, because that order exists along the path of moderation, he learns that by avoiding extremes and excesses, he gives his body and his feelings the chance to experience harmony.

For many, this can bring favorable health. Yet, the one most outstanding influence which brings the individual's body, mind and spirit into a wholesome consciousness is marriage! From this, he begins to understand that his health, his work and his ability to serve a useful function to humanity come not only from the quality of love that exists in his consciousness, but also from the beauty of harmonious feelings with which he approaches the day-to-day chores of life. It is from this that he establishes a rapport with the true order of the universe; for the more he serves man's need to experience the beauty of love in mundane life, the greater he becomes like a branch connected to a tree of goodness, bearing the fruits of worthwhile deeds and actions which become the proof of his existence.

His very special Gift of Love is in his cherished essence of humility which enables him to fit the radiant quality of beauty and love into the common medium of life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people love to work, and work at love. Frequently, a romantic attraction tempts them into a job situation, or they are attracted to a field of endeavor more by the practitioners than by the work itself. Throughout life they are prone to on-the-job romances, and may marry someone they meet on the job. They may become involved in the theater, films, photography, modelling, magazines, or any of the so-called glamour industries (advertising, TV, radio, etc.).

They will rarely last long on a job they don't like, and will soon find the kind of work that

makes them happy. They are capable of giving their all to a job they do like, and frequently do not get the recognition they deserve since seeing the job well done is their primary interest. The only danger here is that they do not always examine the long-term or overall effects of their efforts.

This Venus is a difficult position for romance; and most with Venus here will have at least one major heartbreak in their lives. Sometimes their workaholic attitude is a substitute for the true love they think they cannot attract, a means of getting the praise and response they think they can't get from lovers. (The closer Venus is to the descendant, the less likely this is to be an issue.)

They may be very attractive, but unfortunately never as attractive as they'd like to be. If there are bad aspects to the Moon, they may have skin trouble or difficulties with the endocrine or lymph systems, all of it emotional in origin. Anyone with a sixth-house Venus needs some kind of daily physical regimen to stay healthy mentally, physically, and emotionally. Usually, though, they are quite health-minded and take good care of their bodies.

This is a good placement for a doctor or a nurse, or anyone working in the health care sector. It's also good for musicians, or athletes, those who must drive themselves towards perfect performance through a daily practice of skills.

(Howard Sasportas)

By house, Venus indicates those things we care about, are attracted to and appreciate. The 6th house is concerned with the running of everyday affairs, issues of work and service, and attending to the proper functioning of the body. Combining Venus with this house, we come up with someone who actually enjoys vacuuming the sitting room, has a tendency to fall in love with co-workers, and derives great satisfaction from the daily rituals of mundane life. Even brushing the teeth can be done with style.

Frivolity aside, Venus in the 6th people take pleasure in developing and fine-tuning their talents, skills and abilities. It's not good enough to just do a job; it must be done beautifully. I have done quite a few charts for people with Venus in the 6th who have careers in the field of health, beauty and fitness, and many others who put their artistic talent to practical use as designers and draughtsmen. One in particular was concerned with designing kitchen products which were both functional and beautiful. More generally, there is the desire for a harmonious work atmosphere and the capacity to bring good feelings into this area.

Normally, the person feels the importance of developing a good relationship with the body. If health problems arise, these could be due to over-indulgence or some imbalance in the diet or life in general that needs consideration.

While Venus in the 6th enjoys the more mundane and everyday tasks of life, some may become obsessive about things. They are usually able to apply themselves to work involving precision and detail. The image of the beloved (Venus) might be projected onto servants, co-workers, milkmen, telephone repairmen, dental hygienists, and even pets. (I did a chart for a woman with Venus in the 6th who took her poodle to the hairdresser every third Friday.)

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is associated with physical or psychological pressures. Too much gratification can be very bit as harmful as too little. As with the Moon and Jupiter, diet has high significance, for there is a tendency toward intemperance in the pursuit of 'sweetness', a longing for substances that may be too rich for the body to absorb. You have anxiety about personal beauty, leading to unfavorable comparisons with others. Personal love may be psychologically misunderstood or misdirected. Your challenge is to recognize both the ineffable and the tangible beauty you possess, to experience pleasure directly, rather than reaching outside yourself for beauty or pleasure. Disease is often the result of failed or incomplete love; and healing is a restoration of personal grace.

Unequal relationships: You have a pronounced sensitivity to the social graces. You love the rituals of formal supplication, the courtship of authority, and the privileges of position. In spite of outward appearance, you like the submissive role in love relationships, for you're enamored with the subtlety of quiet magnetism. The pitfall lies in confusing love and power. The challenge is to experience the attraction that all human beings feel for other human beings, and to see that relationships can be loving only when you infuse your affections with dignity and self-respect.

Duty and service: Loving and healing are almost identical, which is to say the urge to create personal love is very similar to the urge to help others have more harmonious lives. So strong is this merging of 'love' and 'therapy' that you may focus all your romantic energy on damaged individuals. This pitfall could be given many names: Stray Dog Syndrome, Wounded Bird Theory, Florence Nightingale Effect. Whatever we choose to call it, you must be certain of two things: first, that your receptivity is not directed toward individuals who cannot return love in at least relatively healthy ways, and second, that you are not making your beloved sick in order to validate your healing powers. The challenge is to heal yourself through the conscious gift to others of grace, harmony, and pleasure. Remember: for love to flower, you need good seeds and good soil.

Technical mind: Mental analysis is linked with personal care. This has, naturally enough, a 'cooling' effect on romance. But the mind is most warmly appreciative of logical beauty. Mental discipline is not a forced purgatory, but a fine garden lovingly tended. You relish digging into any situation with your mental spade. Clearing the dense underbrush and

fostering a sense of productive order makes you glow with satisfaction. However, keep in mind that relationships have their own indefatigable eccentricities; too much organization - too much taming - can kill the intangible beauty of sharing. The challenge is to enjoy the quest for mental perfection, and to appreciate emotions even as you analyze them.

Discipline and routines: You appreciate regularity in your lifestyle, enjoying the pleasant experience of organized habits. Routines may be oriented toward ordinary goals; but here there is an added social dimension: you need interpersonal contact in your routines to feel the full benefits, for people are more important to you than products. Work and aesthetics are linked; you want to fill your day with work aimed toward the creation of beauty.

(Robert Pelletier)

A naturally compromising person in your daily affairs, you strive for harmonious relations with everyone. You are willing to make concessions if that seems to be the only way to avoid conflict with others. Even though you know that someone else is wrong, you sometimes unwittingly take the blame for them. In spite of this, you have a productive and useful life, seeking all the comforts and luxuries you want through hard work and effective use of your resources. You will choose a vocation that gives you the greatest possible return for your efforts. Money means a lot to you, and you apply yourself with some ingenuity to get as much as you need for a comfortable lifestyle. Your superiors appreciate your efforts in their behalf, knowing they can trust you to put in an honest day's work for what you are paid. You don't expect any special considerations unless you know you deserve them. You take more abuse than necessary from your contemporaries, and sometimes 'hate' yourself for letting people use you as a doormat. You tend to indulge in food that is overly rich.

You continue to have a good relationship with your parents, who gave you the selfconfidence to make your own way without depending on their support. You were impressed by the domestic harmony you enjoyed while growing up, and hope to raise your own family in a similarly fine environment. You need to be appreciated by those you serve, including your partner, who may take you for granted. You will attract as a mate someone who has certain deficiencies for which you must compensate. As long as you are assured that your partner is grateful for your unselfish devotion, you are happy.

It would probably be a good idea to choose a vocation that brings you in close contact with people who have more than their share of problems. Your understanding and compassion go a long way in giving them relief from their anxieties. Get the necessary formal training to deal competently with the variety of problems you're sure to encounter. You work best in an environment of refinement, manners and good taste. Guard against people who try to intimidate you when your opinion differs from theirs, and take a firm stand when you know you are right.

With your conciliatory manner and your desire for good relations with everyone, you give people the impression that they can take advantage of you. This is especially true with fellow workers, who may abuse you with excessive demands. But they can't do this unless you allow it. While it is admirable to help others, you must think about your own future needs as well.

You want everything for your children and loved ones, so you have worked hard to develop your skills. This has helped to improve your image with others and made them appreciate your efforts in their behalf. Be more discriminating in forming ties with people about whom you know little, or you could regret it later. Drop those friends who expect you to continually make concessions. Fair is far, and you should not allow anyone to make demands on you unless you know they are willing to meet you halfway in other matters.

## Mars in Capricorn 4° 10'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high practical energies, adequate physical and mental energies, and adequate-to-low emotional energies. Your energy is predominantly practical, attainment-oriented, and sustained. It is often channeled into planning, overcoming feelings of being unloved, and organizing. Your strengths include your tendencies to be respectful, ambitious and responsible. You lack friendliness, a sense of humor, and humility.

You probably started planning your career while still in your teens - or even before - because you have a tremendous amount of ambition. You like to be in charge, too. Although you have quite a bit of magnetism, you're not a particularly warm person, and can be quite aloof for a long time while you're seeing if others measure up to your standards. And when you are angry, your coldness is enough to freeze everything in your path. You're well-co-ordinated as a rule, and not averse to physical activity and hard work.

You have a strong - but often well-hidden - sex drive, and can be an excellent lover once you finally trust your partner and yourself. You tend to have very specific sexual wants, and sometimes aren't terribly comfortable with these. You're also very demanding of yourself in terms of putting your partner's satisfaction before your own. One of the lessons Mars in Capricorn men seem to be forced to learn at their parents' knees is how to be a good sport or a good loser. Carried into the sexual arena, this means they will generally yield quite politely and agreeably to a woman's demands. However, if this doesn't give satisfaction for them, they may start to be resentful, and, instead of speaking up (real men are ALWAYS satisfied if they satisfy the woman), they may start seeking out women they can use for sex and sex only, which usually only serves to

compound the problem by making them feel guilty, and this in turn makes them try even harder to please their significant other at the expense of their own needs. Women with Mars in Capricorn tend to be logical about sex. They see it as a need that can be attained. They don't generally confuse sex with love, and they tend to be 'good shoppers' who know their rights - all of which sounds terribly cold and unromantic; unromantic, maybe, but these women, once committed, tend to be both very warm and very wise.

You want advancement and recognition. You're inclined to make quite specific demands on your mate or lover, these demands having to do with the sort of support you need to advance in life and gain the recognition you want. But you're not all take and no give - you almost certainly demand a great deal of yourself when it comes to playing romantic roles. You tend to want the sort of love life described in novels, complete with the early phase of fireworks alternating with excruciatingly painful doubts, the eventual vows of eternal love, and a happy-ever-after ending. But this doesn't always happen; and even if it comes close, there'll undoubtedly be some humdrum or even turned-off periods. Expect these - and don't take them too hard; they happen to everybody. You'd do best with someone who has Venus in an Earth sign, Venus in the 10th house, or a Venus / Saturn conjunction. (Note: Contrary to popular belief, Venus conjunct Saturn doesn't automatically imply frigidity. In fact, I find it more often gives romantic intensity. While people with this aspect may be a bit slow to warm up, when they do there's generally plenty of romantic ardor!)

You're a hard worker having both integrity and perseverance. You're probably very ambitious and a good organizer too. So your ability to run or supervise a business is no doubt very good. Best career areas for you are: office work where there's scope for advancement, mining, government work, politics, mathematics, or osteopathy.

You're highly motivated to be successful in the career area. Social and recreational interests, therefore, tend to take a back seat to work. You might unconsciously say 'no' to lucky breaks if they come in these two areas, because if you've got work planned you're reluctant to reschedule it. You must remember that it is possible to mix work and pleasure successfully. Opportunities can be linked to friendships as well as to your work.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

You have a tendency to alienate others by competitively pitting the Capricorn need for maintaining a social image against the well-being of others. When you regard social prestige as a means of self-justification, you can treat yourself and others as objects to be used in fulfilling your ambitions. In adopting austerity to achieve your aims, you may lose energy by cutting off your feelings and emotions.

### Dynamic

You can assert leadership by sharing a sense of organization and social protocol. By encouraging others to accomplish their ambitions, you can relieve the tension brought on by the need to justify yourself. When you share the natural Capricorn ability for organizational leadership, you can experience the more personal rewards of career accomplishment. Your energy can be increased by your establishing social prestige for an organization that is bigger than yourself.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Someone with Mars in Capricorn is likely to have an air of authority, and an innate dignity and bearing. These people give an impression of self-mastery, and conduct themselves with decorum. They may seem quietly distinguished. All the Earth signs exercise self-control, caution and reserve, but these traits are most in evidence in someone with Mars in Capricorn. This could be because their dignity is at stake, which is arguably something that matters a great deal to them. They may restrict their lives in order to maintain their dignity.

When initiating sexual relationships, someone with Mars in Capricorn will take considerable care not to make inappropriate moves. A rejection would be a loss of dignity. Yet these people will have a strong sex drive and strong needs for physical contact, so when sexually involved and certain of their partner they can be very bit as ardent as Mars in Taurus. People with Mars in Capricorn may be painstakingly slow in establishing contact, but once they have, they want the rewards for their efforts. They will take a sexual relationship seriously, and expect it to last.

Like Mars in Virgo, people with Mars in Capricorn can go through long periods when, if not in a relationship, they remain celibate. For Mars in Capricorn, these may be rather austere times, when they bury themselves in their work or productive activity and swutch off their sexual needs. This is their way of surviving. When they do have a partner, they will let go of some of their control and have a powerful sensuality.

People with Mars in Capricorn will be ambitious, and might choose a sexual partner who helps them get on in life or who enhances their status in some way. They may choose someone who opens doors that might otherwise remain closed, or who has money. This is not as calculated as it sounds, for a Mars in Capricorn person may literally get turned on by money or authority. Alternatively, a Mars in Capricorn person may start up in business with his / her lover. The dividing line between business partnerships and sexual relationships can easily blur. This is in many ways an ideal placement for a working sexual relationship.

(Syke Alexander)

Ambitious, hard-working and determined, you channel much of your energy into your

career, and have a tendency to become a workaholic. You believe in making it on your own, through your efforts. Able to focus and direct your energies productively, you don't waste effort, and therefore accomplish more than most people. You pursue your desires with cautious, steady, well-planned steps, and won't attempt something unless it seems to be a sure thing. No flash-in-the-pan schemes for you. Patient and persevering, you are willing to wait for what you want. Not only do you want your achievements to last, but also you have a strong sense of responsibility and commitment to your company and / or community, and aren't likely to bail out if the going gets tough.

Quite probably, you have managerial ability and are good at organizing others and delegating responsibility. Your common sense and practicality could be advantageously applied in almost any area of business. However, your tendency to be overly cautious and sceptical can cause you to miss out on opportunities at times; and your fear of the unknown might lead you to look to the past for answers. Taking risks is difficult for you, and you have trouble breaking out of old habit patterns and traditions in order to try new ideas.

Somewhat pessimistic, you are inclined to look for trouble, often expecting the worst. Perhaps you lack self-confidence because you are all too aware of your limitations. Other people may see you as somber, withdrawn and rigid. Certainly you take your responsibilities seriously and are anything but frivolous; however, you may need to 'lighten up' a bit.

Although your natural vitality is not great, you have tremendous endurance and strength of will that enable you to overcome illnesses. As a child, you might have been rather sickly or limited in some way, but your energy and health usually improve as you mature. Your self-reliance, stubbornness and tendency to dig in your heels in the face of adversity could result in a long, independent life.

Your sex drive is strong, and you have plenty of appreciation of all physical and sensual pleasures. However, you probably conceal your desires behind a carefully controlled and dignified exterior. In public you appear cool, refined, even uptight, but in private you are not shy about expressing your lustfulness. Perhaps you might attempt to repress your powerful sexuality since it is important to you always to be in control of yourself, and you wouldn't want your libido to get out of hand. You might even be a bit insecure about your sexual ability; and men in particular may suffer from performance anxiety or fear they are not desirable. However, you are likely to retain your sexual appetite until late in life and amaze younger partners with your vitality.

Men with Mars in Capricorn might have had difficulty being children. You couldn't wait to grow up, and always seemed more mature and serious than other boys. Not until you were nearly forty did you start to become comfortable with yourself. You pride yourself on your common sense, practicality and stability, and look askance at men who behave like overgrown adolescents or shirk their responsibilities. To you, a 'real man' is one who



heads a prosperous company and is a respected member of his community.

Women with this planetary combination often seek a substitute father in their partners. You want a man who is the strong, silent type, who takes charge of problems and manages them efficiently. Serious, mature, dependable and dignified men appeal to you most, and you are put off by boisterous, childish or carefree types who show no signs of achieving material success. Your ideal man is tall, dark and handsome, a protector and provider on whom you can lean and who will always take care of you.

## Mars in 9th House

(Donna van Toen)

This says you're quite restless. Mars here increases your mental energy, but also broadens your interests - sometimes to the point where you become a dabbler rather than capitalizing on your best potentials. There may be fights with your inlaws. In rare cases, there are ethnic or racial prejudices. If Mars is in a Grand Cross or otherwise under severe stress, there can be bad timing in espousing causes, and poor choices in terms of leadership.

With Mars here, you might want a mate / lover who enjoys nature and the outdoors. Or you might want a partner who's a connoisseur of culture or has some sort of highly specialized knowledge. Or you might want someone with whom you can play the role of sexual mentor.

Your motivation is strongest when you're doing creative intellectual work - teaching, programming, devising games, etc.. You put almost all your energy into expanding your mind, so lucky breaks tend to take the form of finding information. Opportunities tend to be connected with law, metaphysics, and religion.

The ninth house is that of the higher mind. Planets here are given to increase your understanding of life in general. They also influence your personal code of ethics by expanding and / or refining it. If Mars is here in the Equal House system, you've had a very dogmatic philosophy of life in the past. You tended to see people whose beliefs differed from yours as bad - even dangerous - people. You could have participated in the Inquisition, the Salem Witch Trials, or some other nasty piece of history, or you could have been just a run-of-the-mill Archie Bunker-type bigot as a result of a combination of ignorance and self-satisfaction. If Mars is here in the Koch system, you're here to be a pioneer or ground-breaker for some school of thought that departs from tradition. This may be in order to pay a debt caused by past closedmindedness, or it may have something to do with developing the courage of your convictions. The chief difference between the two Mars positions is that the Equal House position stresses that you open your own mind, while the Koch position involves opening other people's minds. (Of

course, if Mars is in the 9th house in both systems, you're to do both!) Regardless of house system, this position tends to give a very restless mind, and, of course, learning to control this restlessness is one of your reasons for being here. There may also be a desire to work in a foreign country and / or teach and learn about a foreign country's people, customs, and philosophy. Doing one or all of these things may be instrumental in working out your karma.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

With Mars in the ninth, energy is directed towards expanding horizons and widening understanding. These people are always travelling, either physically or mentally. Increasing their knowledge is what makes them feel really vital and alive. Sex is invested with great meaning and seen as a path to self-knowledge and personal growth. The person with this placement feels spiritually enhanced by sex, and may be a crusader for sexual enlightenment and liberty. These people are likely to take a high moral stance on sex, with some seeing the sexual act as a religious experience, and others, fearing its power, seeing it as inpatible with their religious beliefs. Among this group, too, are those who feel driven to campaign against sexual freedom, seeing it as a threat to the moral order they would like to see imposed in society.

Another manifestation of Mars in the ninth is the intellectuals who sublimate their sexuality into their studies. They get their excitement from abstract needs, and tend to forget that they have physical needs. These people often choose to live alone, finding it difficult to fit in with other people's expectations of them.

Some people with Mars in this house see sex as a subject to be studied, and approach it in a very intellectual way, reading mountains of literature and constantly aiming to improve their performance and widen their repertoire. Because these people are seeking to broaden their knowledge, they like to experiment with many different partners and will need to feel free in order to do this. Indeed, their whole philosophy of life may be based on the concept of personal freedom of action.

Mars in the ninth needs to be on the move, and feels revitalized by travelling; and these people often meet sexual partners through their travels. They are attracted to those from different countries or cultures, finding additional stimulation in the challenge of different cultural patterns and even, perhaps, different languages. They feel they are gaining much more from a relationship with someone who has a widely different background from their own. To people with Mars in the ninth, getting to know someone is like going on a journey; and a challenging journey to a faraway place will be much more exciting than a trip to the neighbouring town!

Shared travel will be an important part of any relationship to a ninth house Mars, and will help to keep it alive and vital. To those who prefer travels of a more intellectual nature, studying together and engaging in deep philosophical discussions will fulfil the same

purpose. These people are often attracted to those they meet in the course of their studies.

People with Mars in the ninth need a tremendous amount of space and freedom, and will feel quite claustrophobic in a relationship that is too confining. They are natural 'bachelors' (of either sex), and may tend to go walkabout if they feel tied down. There is a restlessness that drives these people on to new horizons; and for a relationship to be successful, their partner must be a fellow traveller rather than a gaoler.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, Mars indicates a passionate interest in mental conquest - thinking makes you hot. You want to demonstrate the nobility of your mind. Every time you encounter a new question, you must discover an answer to move forward. At first, your attitude is mere bravado, and you can be slain by any trick question. As you gain experience, however, your confidence builds. You master the game of knowledge, learning to vanquish silly questions and confront more profoundly challenging ones. The pitfall is argument for its own sake. The challenge involves thinking clearly and logically, pushing through the often veiled and convoluted patterns of religion, philosophy, or morality. Simple and direct, that is your path.

Cultural perspective: Eager for adventure, you want to satisfy your wanderlust by conquering foreign territory, and are willing to drop everything and go at a moment's notice. As you move through a strange cultural setting, adrenaline surges through your system. Too much stimulation causes paranoia; you may at times feel like Custer, surrounded by hostile Indians. If that pitfall occurs, look for points of familiar human contact in your alien environment, for this can soothe the savage beast within. The challenge is to push beyond your cultural boundaries. Literal travel is more important than vicarious travel in the mind, so get up and get out as much as you can. You're happier with the rough-and-tumble of a Conastoga-covered wagon than the comfort of a plush, touristy Winnebago. Live by your wits, and make your adventures legend.

Higher education: The cutting edge of your life is the desire to know more, to see further. It's as if the lead dog on your sled has an incredible urge to chase rabbits into the forest. What you already know soon loses its lustre, so study what is most vital for you. Traditional institutions are suitable arenas, for credentials are your medals. Once you set your sights on a certain type of knowledge, don't stop until you've mastered the subject, at least in basic terms. But at times the very urgency of your direct approach prevents you from appreciating the subtleties of a conceptual system. This naiveté spurs you to greater efforts to scale the educational heights.

The search for truth: Getting to the truth is no problem. If there's a wall, you knock it down. Never one for subtlety, you ignore the convolutions, exceptions, and paradoxes, searching for basic truth. You like seeing the mind in simple terms of truth and lies. This

is fine as long as the situation is clear-cut. But human interaction does not always reflect such stereotypes, and you need to understand that your truth may indeed coexist with that of others. So before you batter your opponents into the ground, a serious pitfall, remember to ask yourself if there is a larger truth than you knew. Look before you leap, and don't shoot before you see the whites of their eyes - they may be friends rather than foes. The real challenge is to eradicate the hidden darkness within yourself. Fight for truth, but remember that warfare is not a philosophy, only an extreme means of establishing peace. Truth is a sword and a shield.

Ideal society: You idealize the clarity and simplicity of archetypal morality, where good and evil are clearly defined, where everyone knows the score, and the strongest buck leads the herd. You'd create a world where sexuality could be more openly expressed, one where desire would be acknowledged as the highest of emotions, the purest of drives. As Ruler of the World, you would be a proud samurai: strong, fierce, and noble.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are eager to prove yourself to even the most determined challenger. When you focus on an objective, your enthusiasm is nearly boundless, which almost always gains the attention of the important people you are trying to impress. You will certainly succeed in your endeavors because you believe in your ability. At times, your actions seem inspired with imagination. Not afraid of risks, you take on tasks that others would avoid, but you should be careful of speculative and hazardous risks. You should have a good relationship with your children, for they are delighted with you and your daring temperament. You indulge them and tell exaggerated stories of your adventures. You certainly encourage them to promote their own potentials, giving them opportunities to develop. You try to live up to your partner's expectations as a romantic lover, and you will probably always be a lover to your spouse.

Although you always seem to get the first and last word in a discussion, you aren't all that sure of yourself, and you use this intimidating method to put others on the defensive. If you take time to become thoroughly informed about matters that others find interesting, you will add to your long list of friends. Your partner must learn to live with your insistence on having the last word. You know how to take advantage of many people's offers of help when you need it, and you generally reciprocate. You pursue your many goals with creative enthusiasm.

Because you dislike taking orders from anyone, you would do well to be selfemployed. You really should be on your own, so that your mistakes are yours alone to correct and only you know you made them. You should learn to listen when others have something important to say. Postpone taking action until you have all the facts at your disposal. There is not harm in asking for advice, and it may prove beneficial in the long run. If you keep your moral and ethical standards high, you will never feel the apprehension or guilt that can make life uncomfortable. You should strive to work in behalf of socially

disadvantaged people, for you could be a champion who represents them in their predicaments.

It wasn't easy to gain the independence to do what you wanted. Family responsibilities may have forced you to be patient about your own desires, but you still yearned to prove that you could achieve on your own. The only way to make sure that this will happen is to get an education and training. This is the best investment you could make, with a yield that will continue for years. Don't borrow unless there is no other alternative; and stay within reasonable limits. You don't like being obligated to others, so why take on this kind of embarrassment deliberately?

When you are attracted to someone, you are not easily put off. You might even use your professional position to advantage in your romantic affairs, though that would hardly seem necessary. In your career, you should promote yourself so that people will use your services. But don't forget that you are important only as long as people need what you have to offer, which carries a great deal of responsibility. Don't ignore the people who helped you get started; and remember them when you fulfill your goals. Your position has built-in risks, in that you must fulfill your obligations to those who have given you the recognition you wanted.

(Howard Sasportas)

We might think that there is a chance to breath some fresh air when we enter the realm of the 9th - the house of religion, philosophy, long journeys and higher education. But history has shown that in many respects this is the stickiest and bloodiest battlefield of them all.

With Mars in the 9th, God is not just sought after, but hunted. Those with this placement usually pursue and stand by strong philosophical or religious beliefs. Believing that their version of the truth is the only one, they might promote and defend it with crusader-like zeal. And some might say why shouldn't they, since it is probably formulated in such a fashion as to support and justify their deepest desires and passions in life anyway? Although the image of God may be an angry and fiery one, He is probably cast enough in their own likeness to understand and indulge those occasions when they may have to break His rules. For a few with this placement, God even manages to accept killing, raping and pillaging provided that these things are done in His name. In this way, some people with Mars in the 9th are culpable of displacing responsibility for acting out their own cruel drives onto God. Generally, before they undertake something they like to have the justification of some higher law behind them.

However, others may express a 9th house Mars by being angry at God himself. Like Tevya in Fiddler on the Roof, they shake a fist at heaven or go even further, and start telling God how He should run the show.

There is often a strong urge to travel; and sometimes they may just 'pick up and go' at the spur of the moment. A woman with Mars in this house might develop a powerful attraction to a foreign man, or someone who offers to broaden her horizons in some way. In like manner, there may be a passion for one particular culture. Mars in the 9th will also influence the sphere of higher education. Expansive knowledge on one or two subjects gives them a sense of power and authority. The Mars may be projected onto an institution of higher learning or one particular professor with whom they do battle.

Careers which offer a chance to preach - such as writing, teaching, publishing or the ministry - may attract those with Mars in this house. The Gauquelins found Mars in the 9th prominent in the charts of champion sportspeople, top executives, military leaders and physicians.

Finally, on a more mundane level, Mars may describe something about their relationship with in-laws. This, like the proverbial mother-in-law, speaks for itself.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

#### Mars in 9th or 10th House

Mars at the top of the chart gives a powerful thrust toward recognition. Whether this is for good or ill will be shown by Jupiter, Saturn, and the aspects to Mars and its dispositor. If these are mostly supportive, there will be early and enduring success. Stimulating aspects from the Sun, Uranus, or the Moon, without balancing trines, bring recklessness, notoriety, an early rise followed by downfall, and / or early death. Oppositions, conjunctions, or squares from Neptune or Saturn can slow or deny recognition, causing intense frustration. Mars conjunct Neptune can distort recognition, causing them to be misunderstood, and their deeds misinterpreted (down through history, if they are famous, or infamous).

This Mars gives great energy and drive. They will never say 'die'. They are extremely combative and competitive, and, though they frequently mask it with charm, they have wills of iron, unyielding and enduring, particularly with Mars in Fire or Earth. They are inclined to make enemies by their methods, but they usually delight in enemies, using them to strengthen their combative or competitive techniques.

Mars is more self-questioning in the ninth house, more political and less autocratic in technique, more open, more inclined to give up and let go under stress. It is stronger in the tenth house, more enduring. In either house, there is an inclination to displays of bad temper, or, if there are very tense aspects to Mars, fits, hysterical tantrums, or some kind of periodic outburst of pent-up energy. Extremely physical, they need sports or some other kind of stabilizing outlet for their energies.

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hard; though, if this tendency is held in check, they are a vitalizing force for those around them, a source of energy and motivation. They are inclined to drive themselves mercilessly, and may be rather humorless, at least about themselves and their needs, rights, and immediate goals. They see their own rights very clearly, but not always so clearly the rights of others.

This is definitely one of the signatures of a career chart. In a woman's chart, she will have a career come hell or high water, even if she is married, has ten kids, and lives in the Outback. With Mars in the ninth, she may subordinate her own desires and work for her husband's success, but inside she will resent it. With Mars in the tenth, she will get busy and find a way to do it herself.

This highly-placed Mars makes people restless, not content to stay put for long. They will probably travel far from home and experience much. Success does not usually come in their place of birth, or, if so, only after travelling and experiencing other places. They have a hard time getting along with other strong-minded people, including authority figures; and moves are often initiated after altercations with other members of the family or community.

As children, they must be driven hard physically to develop their endurance and use up their energies so they won't erupt in temper or get into trouble. Pile on the chores: they'll rise to the challenge and, even if they grumble, deep down they'll be grateful. They should be given the freedom to roam and to discover their own limits, but should be held strictly to account for wrongdoing and punished fairly. Grounding is a non-violent and effective punishment for these restless souls. This elevated Mars provides a momentum that is hard to overcome and should be trained, while it is still young and pliable, to live by the rules as much as is possible.

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(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)



## Static

Whenever you delay taking the initiative to go your own way, fears of inadequacy arise that may block your actions. If you succumb to a lack of faith in your independence, you may unwittingly neglect the social opportunity for leadership and, as a result, feel a deep sense of frustration. By indulging in distrust and not following the Aries sense of immediate and personal expression, you may fail to reach beyond the state of survival into creativity.

## Dynamic

If you take the leap of faith and wholeheartedly express confidence, vision, and a sense of opportunity, you can feel the joy of uncompromised self-expression. You can build trust in others by taking the initiative to pioneer activities that naturally attract and enlist other people. By trusting yourself, you can appreciate the value of independence and thus expand your field of leadership and opportunity for creating new enterprises.

(Marilyn Waram)

An individual with Jupiter in Aries tends to be enthusiastic about philosophy, political issues, higher education, a spiritual quest and / or travel. He usually has confidence that these areas will be exciting, will continue to expand and provide adventure for him, and will be a constant and reliable source of satisfaction for him. It tends to be a very restless combination, which can add pressure to an already excitable or highly strung nature, or could be a saving grace in an otherwise austere personality. With Jupiter in Aries, the person can get extremely excited, aroused, inflamed with emotion, for good or ill.

This is one of the placements which can display an unholy rage when the individual's values are challenged or dismissed. The person tends to identify strongly with his own perceptions, his opinions and concepts and cherished notions about how the world works, as well as his values and value judgements. He can take disagreement as a personal threat or insult, and with the short fuse so characteristic of Aries, fanned by the double fire of Jupiter, he can flame out of control very quickly. He may even make anger and aggression into ideal behaviors and consider that he is fully justified in his explosions. He may be healthiest when he identifies with a flexible belief system and the never-ending quest for complete Truth. When he senses his personal Divine nature and the incompleteness of even the most sophisticated belief system, he develops a powerful sense of identity which is no longer based on the very ideas which he himself dismantles in order to grow.

He could easily be overly identified with the Puer Eternis or cult of youthful perfection and provisionality - that what is possessed now is only held until something better comes along. Provisionality is a wholesome attitude in philosophy and belief systems, but not in relationships, careers and general life goals.

He could also be identified with sports and athletics, with physical fitness and body image, and with getting outdoors into the fresh air. He probably needs all these, but will get seriously out of balance if he overvalues them and serves them to the exclusion of other parts of life.

This is also one of the placements which can identify with God: the self seen as Ultimate Value. If handled, this manifests as a powerful reverence for the self as a Child of God with consequent healthy boundaries, the type of person who tries to make his whole life a statement of his spiritual origins and development. If allowed to burgeon out of control, it may indicate a person who thinks and behaves much like Zeus - with little or not inhibition on desires, reckless or utterly irresponsible behavior aimed solely at selfaggrandizement. He can operate from a 'the rules don't apply to me' mentality, which leads to hypocrisy, or, in extreme cases, to a zealous pursuit and condemnation of those who transgress the rules. It seems that the more self-righteous this type of individual becomes, the more likely it is that he does not follow the principles he exhorts for others.

He is usually an adventurous personality, willing to explore, even eager to get into new territory, whether physical or intellectual or both. In other words, he can enjoy new vistas, new areas and scenery when travelling, and may be equally enthusiastic to explore new perspectives, new ways of seeing things or new concepts which promise to expand his understanding and knowledge.

He could have lots of self-confidence, if other factors in the chart support this. He may also set high standards for himself, and can easily go overboard and expect himself to be perfect. He is likely to be very idealistic at the best of times. He may feel he never measures up, that he can never meet all the demands he places on himself. If projected, he can labor under the illusion that other people demand and expect too much from him. If he learns to value himself rather than expecting too much of himself and being dissatisfied and frustrated with himself because of it, he will be much happier and his natural enthusiasm and optimism will turn him into a positive individual.

He tends to look for adventure, but on his own terms. He does not like to be pushed into new ideas by someone else, but will much prefer to take the initiative, and will restlessly explore, seek new horizons and search for ever larger and more inclusive Truth.

He has a propensity to feel easily threatened by different views if challenged, due to his strong personal identification with his own philosophy, ideas and thoughts. He could fight back, if other factors in the chart support this. At the least, however, unless severely repressed he is likely to feel powerful anger and rage if his own values are not acknowledged or honored. He may always have great difficulty distinguishing between his essential self and his values and ideas.

He is most confident teaching one-to-one unless there are other indicators of teaching and general self-confidence in the chart. He will usually pour himself fervently into philosophical pursuits. He will tend to explore new ideas for the sheer joy of exploration and newness and discovery, especially if he is the first one around to find the material or concept. He may lack depth and commitment unless other chart factors indicate persistence.

This is the most personally concerned of the Jupiter sign placements. That is, this combination is less likely to be vitally interested in larger issues such as higher education - unless he gets into teaching - or politics, than other sign positions, particularly when also in the personal or interpersonal houses. Aries is very self-oriented and will often turn all that is studied and learned into immediate personal use and advantage, but is not as interested in the population at large unless connected to the transpersonal houses or planets. He probably values his personal life, freedom and individuality very highly and will not easily take to routine. He will not easily align himself with company rituals, demands on his free time, or pressure to conform.

At its most spiritual, Jupiter in Aries may represent a deeply personal and individual interpretation of Truth, perhaps a new way to express fundamental Truth or a chosen philosophy, perhaps in a powerful ability to connect the importance of values, morals, ethics, personal philosophy and belief systems to each other.

With this combination, the individual may feel that the drive to discover the Ultimate Truth is a personal issue, that is extremely important to him.

A last note on this placement: since Aries displays an 'I want what I want, right now!' attitude, Jupiter in Aries may add a mystical, divine sanction to that, consciously or unconsciously. This can lead to an individual who finds it extremely difficult to accept life as it comes to him, even when he is aware that he has somehow created the circumstances himself. If they do not match his conscious desires, he often has a deep, underlying feeling that if he pushes hard enough, insists vociferously enough, demands repeatedly, he can force the universe to produce what he wants. This attitude stands in the way of the very spiritual development he may so ardently seek, because that requires a sophisticated surrender, a loving acceptance that what happens is perfect, which this individual finds particularly difficult if he insists on 'my way!' all the time. This particular combination is one key that issues with faith are tied to possible overidentification.

Aries won't be pushed, but usually doesn't need to be since it is there first. When Jupiter in Aries is handled constructively, there is a wonderful gift in the degree of personal optimism, healthy self-value and adventuresomeness. This individual embodies an instinctive hope in the future, generosity in the way he leads us confidently into new perspectives, and fervent excitement which helps us overcome our restrictive fears of change. He also innately reaches for the best, the highest good within himself, to be as

true to himself as possible. He not only reaches for the stars, but also shows others the way by embodying the first principles in his day-to-day life.

(Skye Alexander)

You expand your understanding of yourself and the world around you by taking chances. Always 'pushing the outside of the envelope', you like to test your own limits, often pitting yourself against extreme odds and risking life and limb in the process. The more dangerous or difficult the challenge, the more you long to accomplish it. You want to go where no-one has been before, to do what they say can't be done. You truly believe that you never know what you can do until you try.

The thrill you get from attempting some feat of daring makes it all worthwhile. You love to feel the adrenalin rushing through your veins, and are at your best in life-or-death situations that require instantaneous action. Whether your arena is Wall Street, the tennis court or the battlefield, you are known for your courage, energy and desire to win. Taking risks gives you a pleasurable sensation akin to sexual excitation, and you experience such a 'high' that you barely feel pain or fear. Your exaggerated need for adventure, however, can lead you to take foolish chances or to endanger others.

You resent having to play by the rules, and have little respect for tradition. Always seeking new ways to do things, you are a pioneer, a renegade. You can be abrasive, callous and excessively antagonistic in your attempts to break with old conventions, and consequently make more enemies than friends. However, you don't care much whether others like or approve of you; you idealize independence and individuality, and are not interested in being accepted by any group. Your 'god' is the individual, and in your opinion society will destroy the individual if given the chance.

In the extreme (especially if Jupiter is stressfully aspected by Mars, Uranus or Pluto), you might totally disregard others and lack feeling to such an extent that you become cruel or bloodthirsty. You glorify aggression and violence, and tend to see the use of force as the only way to settle disagreements.

Success and / or recognition usually come as a result of your adventurousness, aggression, daring or competitive spirit. Your natural vitality, enthusiasm and, perhaps, athletic ability also might bring you good fortune.

## **Jupiter ♃ in 12th House**

(Stephen Arroyo)

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

As life goes by, these people learn subtle but very essential life lessons on a profound level, sometimes at a level so deep that it is impossible to express it in words; it may even be completely unconscious. These individuals need to grow beyond the constraints of the past by exploring old emotional patterns and transcending them. Tuning in with a positive attitude toward spiritual truths helps them to overcome the feeling of confinement that the twelfth house often symbolizes. In fact, those with Jupiter here will often find fulfillment and enjoy working in places of confinement (hospitals, prisons, special schools, etc.) or in charitable or educational institutions. A tendency toward seclusion is usually apparent, although less so than with most other twelfth house placements, since Jupiter represents a rather enthusiastic and outgoing energy. However, even those with Jupiter in the twelfth are usually not particularly ambitious (unless other powerful chart factors indicate it), because their need for growth and social involvement is often expressed in less 'worldly' fields of activity. And so, while Jupiter here is comparatively rare in prominent people, we can still find a wide variety of expressions of this principle.

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

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

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

(Marilyn Waram)

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

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

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

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

Jupiter in the twelfth is another natural square. Zip Dobyns characterizes this type of

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

Sometimes this placement indicates someone who places an unhealthy amount of faith in God, with no expectation that she will ever need to do anything practical to take care of herself. Or, she could have unrealistic expectations of God and be disappointed when she sees the unfairness and bleakness which is part of life on this earth, thinking that if there was a God, He wouldn't let such things go on. She may have God confused with Superman, and expect Him to be around to rescue all those who break the rules.

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

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

(Eve Jackson)

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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



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

'Past lives': In past lives, there's a possibility that you misunderstood social relating; and that pattern has built sufficient momentum to bleed into this life. There may have been false promises; commitments made but not honored. You took advantage of others, or were used badly by them. Now you need to learn how to communicate and relate so that no-one is abused. There are also incarnational patterns involving the abstract mind. Misconceptions you drew from teachings in others' lives have left you mentally out-of-round. Finally, you may have been a spiritual seeker who sought the divine through miracles. You need to understand how to ground that experience, to test it in the crucible of real life. Balance your hopes and dreams against the stricter demands of pragmatism. Let your idealism shine through, but remember the Hindu admonition: 'I you see the Guru on the road, kill him, for he's not the Guru'.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

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

out the very best in you. Knowing that you've stimulated those around you to succeed on their own will give you great fulfillment.

## Saturn ♄ in ♋ Cancer 12° 24'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

If you feel that other people should respect your feelings because you are a sensitive person, you may experience rejection. The resulting self-protection might lead to a neurotic Cancerian need to create in your life emotional limitations that appear to be security. When you are afraid of dealing directly and objectively with others about your sensitivities, you may experience a severe limitation and repression of your emotional nature. This eventually cuts off your ability to experience feeling anything at all.

### Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility to experience your subjective feelings deeply and then to bring those feelings into manifestation. You can do this in a way that benefits others as well as yourself. When you acknowledge yourself as the creator of the personal feelings experienced, you can begin to feel secure enough to delve into your private sensitivities. Once you are in touch with your true feelings, you have the ability to bring those feelings to the surface in an objective way that clears the air and benefits everyone. You possess the ability and the responsibility in the world for creating an environment in which everyone, including yourself, is nurtured and secure.

### General

It is necessary for you to bring your talents into an organized format for public expression. This process emerges from the subconscious levels; and suddenly you may find yourself excited and involved in activities that have the potential to lead into a profession or career. As you begin to use and express these instinctive talents, you gain a sense of the career that can be truly fulfilling to your basic inner needs. You are learning to take responsibility for the expression of your identities, desires and talents in the context of your environment.

You feel insecure about really belonging in the home and family environment, and so you feel needy and overly dependent on others for emotional support. You are bringing in new ideas that are not yet familiar to society or understood by your family. It is as though you are from another planet and do not find affinity with the consciousness of your family structure. Your job is to find a sense of belonging and comfort within yourself,

and to make new families based on inner connection with others.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Cancer is a natural opposition. The astrological drives which are opposite each other should be partners. As the opposite ends of a polarity, they have much in common; but each provides something the other needs. However, when they are not integrated, the person may express one end and have problems with the other end which can be repressed, projected, or displaced. Projection is the most common mishandling of oppositions. Typically, the individual finds someone with the same dilemma but each person consciously seeks to satisfy one end while the other person overdoes his or her end. Each is getting some vicarious satisfaction from the other person's manifestation of the other end. Unfortunately, since the desire for this end is subconscious and in conflict with the conscious desire (or the person would simply do it and not project it), the usual feeling is frustration with the other person. 'If you were different, I would be happy.' When both people realize that the problem is internal, when they become conscious of their own ambivalence and accept it as normal, they can work out a compromise.

The four-ten polarity symbolizes the two parents. Four should be the nurturing parent, giving unconditional love because the baby needs it. Letter ten is the disciplinary parent who teaches the rules and provides the consequences of how we handle them as part of that instruction. Obviously, real parents may not conform to the model; and the four-ten combinations in astrology point to issues which usually involve security. Neither parent may provide unconditional love, or both may overprotect and 'spoil' a child. Most astrology texts assume that the Saturn principle will always overpower the Moon principle, producing some variation on harsh, or domineering, or distant parents; but I have seen examples of the overprotective alternative. In the end, the child has to grow up and learn that there are rules, learn to be responsible, and to cope with the world. Other variations in our divorce-prone western world include one parent playing both roles; or the parents may alternate in the roles.

Once we reach adulthood, Saturn in Cancer calls for integration between the emotional desire for a home and family and the urge for a career which provides some degree of power and accomplishment in the world. Homemaking as a career used to be an option for many women, but it is becoming less available except for women who have inherited or married wealth. Even in the latter case, the dependent spouse may feel insecure and vulnerable and may need to do some kind of volunteer work which reassures her of her power. For individuals trying to juggle both work and a family, the major Saturn issue is often time. Since no-one can do everything well, we need to realistically define what is important and be able to delegate or postpone or take less seriously what is less important. In healthy interdependence, each person is able to contribute, to take his or her share of the responsibility, and also to accept help from others.

Career potentials with Saturn in Cancer can include farming and ranching, caring for the

land and animals. Work in construction, interior design, and real estate are possible. Service to the public is common, including protection for families: feeding people, clothing them, or offering emotional security in some form. A family business or work in one's home are other possibilities.

(Skye Alexander)

Many of your tests in life involve your family and home. Although your family also may provide you with a sense of structure and appearance, you might be burdened or limited in some way by family responsibilities or be called on to make personal sacrifices for your family. Perhaps you will have to work hard to support your family. Or, family ties and obligations could make it necessary for you to remain in your hometown and pass up opportunities elsewhere. Family expectations might force you into a role that is not of your own choosing, such as running a family business or upholding your family's societal position. Your sense of duty toward your family is strong; and though you probably feel some resentment about the hardships you've had to endure because of them, you are not likely to run out on them.

Though you feel an inextricable bond with them, there is a lack of closeness and warmth between you and your family members, almost as though some unseen obstacle blocks the emotional connection you desire. Perhaps you feel your parents didn't love you; perhaps work demands, death, illness or divorce caused you to be separated from them. Whatever the reason for the absence of positive interaction between them and your parents, the deficiency causes you a great deal of pain, and you are quite sensitive about the deprivation you experienced. You might try to deny it to yourself, or overcompensate by attempting to create the family you never had.

Your mother (or nurturing parent) in particular might have been a stern disciplinarian who limited your fun and freedom as a child, controlled your self-expression or burdened you with responsibilities at an early age. Even in adulthood, you probably feel restrained by her; and your relationship with her might be problematic.

Although you may be critical of your family, you are also a staunch defender of family members, and won't allow anyone else to speak badly about them. Perhaps you view yourself as the guardian of your family honor and traditions.

Toward your own children, you are strict, rigid and rather aloof. Though you may love them very much, it is difficult for you to demonstrate it openly. You worry about them - often to excess - and tend to be overly protective of them, restricting them in much the same way as your parents restricted you. In reality, your protectiveness toward your children stems from your own fear of losing them. Another possibility is that you may have wanted children but never had them. Your test in life may be to learn to express your feelings toward your family members, and to become less dependent and attached to them.

Your physical home could represent security and stability for you; and you might be strongly attached to it. Even if it makes many demands of you, in terms of hefty mortgage payments or constant repairs, your home creates a bond between you and your family and / or community. You may feel an obligation to provide a home for your family, or to keep up the old homestead.

Since Saturn is associated with work, another possibility is that you might work in an area that is related to the home, family and / or children - real estate, architecture, pediatrics - and through your efforts, learn important life lessons.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Cancer is in its detriment, because Cancer is the opposite sign to Capricorn, which is ruled by Saturn.

Saturn in Cancer may cause inhibition of the expression of emotion, which is likely to result in estrangement from family members; such emotional isolation in the domestic scene can lead to neurotic reactions. The early family environment and parental relationships are sometimes cold, austere, or beset by problems; and the natives may be left with emotional scars and inhibitions. People who have Saturn in Cancer nevertheless take family responsibilities very seriously.

The need for respect for the individual and his family is deeply felt. These people hide their inner feelings from public view in order to preserve their dignity. Emotional sensitivity and the need for approval sometimes force them to build a shell around themselves, which can inhibit the expression of true warmth in personal relationships.

Saturn in Cancer often indicates difficulties in stability and security in the home life. While these people strive to have their own home and property, they may well incur financial struggle and domestic strain.

In some cases, poor or sluggish digestion and body metabolism lead to being overweight, and to excessive water retention in the tissues. In others, there may be undernourishment, resulting in a bony appearance.

If Saturn is afflicted in Cancer, there can be emotional hypersensitivity, defensiveness, and unusually strong attachments to material possessions.

(Grant Lewi)

This is a powerful if complicated position, and generally indicates a parent fixation. The need for self-justification is the deepest driving force in life, welded into the psychological background by circumstances of the early environment, and causes you to take one of

two directions: (1) You become an introvert: you despair of being able to justify yourself and withdraw into yourself defeated. This of course is a destructive development, and should be fought off in favor of: (2) You require the maximum self-justification to overcome a deep sense of inferiority and go out to battle the world aggressively to compensate for your (real or imagined) shortcomings. Psychologically, this is a 'little man' position: your opinion of yourself is low, and you make up for it by assuming it to be high and living up to the assumption. This leads to success through considerable tension and stress. Material matters are important to you; security is one of your requisites, and you may acquire, and lose, much property before you die. Acquisition may be closely linked to your need for self-justification and thus make you grasping. You may come from a poor family and feel the need for overcoming the initial handicap. Or the power urge may be related to possessions. Though a home is important to you, you are not a warmhearted person. You may delude yourself into thinking you need love and sympathy which you don't get; but close examination will prove that what you really want is respect - which you will get. You can utilize this position of Saturn as the hub of your life, and from it make the spokes extend far in almost any direction.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Cancer tells of a native who may be so 'married' to authority, age and experience that he is afraid to make a move of his own, fearful of striking out independently, hesitant about applying original methods. He must be given a greater degree of confidence, helped to break away, to realize that lessons of the past should be utilized for the future and not regarded as chains against progress. This planetary position seems to create a lack, a denial in the home or with regard to the love of one of the parents. This lack is expressed by the native in his drive for security, love, pleasure; in his apparent deep respect for authority as he tries to 'please' age and experience and thus win the love and security that have been 'denied' him. The astrologer must help him to feel he is worthy of love and is capable of succeeding in the face of heavy odds.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The need for emotional security is very strong, with the subject usually very keen to build a stable family life. Questions about the family background will produce some revealing answers. If the father was very strict or there was some kind of breakdown or deprivation, the subject may have suffered greatly and been unable to take things as much in his or her stride as other children.

If a tendency to worry is indicated elsewhere, this placing will increase it, and the outlook is often rather pessimistic, perhaps with suspicion and a tendency to self-pity (most likely if the Moon is in negative aspect to Saturn). More positively, there is usually considerable shrewdness and the ability to make and save money very cleverly. A sense of purpose and tenacity are characteristic, but it is very easy indeed for individuals to creep into their shells and hide there, particularly when challenged. However, this trait



may be countered by the influence of Mars or Jupiter, especially if either is placed in a Fire sign and / or well aspected.

A freer expression of the emotions is needed, since inhibition and the tendency to be timid with loved ones can be at the root of problems in emotional relationships. The inner authoritative voice may subtly undermine the subject's self-confidence when she wishes to take bold, assertive action; 'If you do that, you know what'll happen, and you won't like it, will you?' This is because she may have suffered emotional blackmail as a child; and unless she has come to terms with it, will have to try not to pass her reactions on to her children.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a caring rock, but may potentially suffer a caring block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to fulfil family and emotional responsibilities - yet not be hardhearted; the time taken / allowed to establish roots of shared feelings - thus assuaging depressive moods; and the building of relationships that are mutually nurturing - yet do not foster co-dependency.

You can get stuck with situations where you feel little or no sense of belonging; with relationships where you or Other are / is very needy, clinging or pathetic in some way; with uncomfortable set-ups owing to there being too much emotional 'cross-fire' or preoccupation; and with dysfunctional families.

You are learning to build a solid or inner core of emotional security and / or a material stability that is not overly dependent on Other; to develop 'feminine' qualities such as empathy or emotional understanding;; and to limit your concern for Other by considering your emotional rights too.

You commit to an Other who, seeing past your emotional defences, recognizes and takes seriously your innermost feelings and sentiments, and can express genuine emotions him- / herself; to an Other who can control his / her feelings without suppressing yours or his / her own; and to being nurtured without being made to feel emotionally blackmailed / compromised.

You are or should be wary of gushing or mawkish displays of emotion; of oversentimentality or any expression of seemingly 'false' emotion that echoes childhood experiences; of being mothered or restricted by family ties; and of any situation or relationship that threatens to be a repeat performance of your own family's nature or difficulties.

When you are alone, it is most probably owing to your not being willing or able to express, involve or commit yourself emotionally - for one or more of the above reasons. Emotional isolation is a very necessary part of your life pattern, because it is through this

that you get in touch with your often buried feelings. Try to avoid either getting into a downward spiral of self-pity or denying the feelings that you have, for this would prevent the possibility of new or renewed relationship. What we fear comes upon us - so sooner or later you had or have to get in touch with those needs and sensibilities that have been confused by certain fears of feeling or difficulty in feeling. Then you will attract who and what you need. You have an inclination to keep a stiff upper lip where your feelings are concerned, but without even realizing that you are doing so. Your emotions are rather like a cushion that has been sat upon for so long that it has become compressed and forgotten how springy it was. So go easy on yourself and try to plump yourself up a bit.

(John Townley)

This position indicates that you vacillate somewhat about your sexual inhibitions, which can be both an asset and a drawback. Either you flaunt your hangups or you keep them totally hidden from your own and others' sight.

People with this position tend to either come out of the closet with a bang or remain there forever. You are unlikely to be in between. The gradually increasing sexual selfawareness that comes with some other Saturn positions is not usually found here.

The growth of sexual awareness can be most easily attained through erotic fantasies. This should not be done by idle daydreaming about already established turn-ons, but by either imagining or reading about erotic fantasies that seem alien or even upsetting. If they are upsetting, they are probably striking a hidden chord in your personality that should be brought to light and examined with your new-found insight. Not only will you have a new supply of erotic stimuli; you will also be able to even out your sexual intensity and have easier access to its expression.

Indeed, the word that best describes this position is intensity - the intensity of reined-in sexual desire and the attendant extremity of its release.

(Robert Hand)

This placement of Saturn is important only if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven, or in close aspect with the Sun or Moon.

You need a great deal of emotional security. You must believe that you are loved and that you can rely on your home and family as a refuge in times of personal trouble. Basically you are afraid that your family may not be reliable, that they may abandon you when you most need help.

It is especially important for you to know that you will be loved and supported no matter what you do and who you are. Otherwise, with this Saturn position, your deep-rooted insecurity will be expressed as distrust of others and hiding your feelings from everyone.

You may pretend that you are unfeeling and have no concern for others, when really you are very much in need of warmth and affection from them. As an adult, you might get to the point of being totally out of touch with your feelings, not understanding your reactions to persons and situations, and thus constantly doing violence to your inner self. Your emotional insecurity can also make you feel that you don't belong anywhere or to anyone, that you are isolated and alone in an unfriendly world. This won't happen if you get lots of unconditional love while you are young.

On the plus side, with this placement you are able to discipline your feelings and remain in control at times when others are completely at the mercy of their emotions. You know how to feel without losing track of yourself and your objectives, but only if you are basically confident of yourself and of your place in others' lives.

## Saturn ♄ in 3rd House

(Liz Greene)

The third house symbolises the sphere of the intellectual, of education, communication, and movement. It offers some indication of the kind of mind a man possesses, the manner in which he goes about developing it, how he communicates, and the subjects which provide food for his intellectual nourishment. Gemini seeks information for its own sake rather than for a material end, and is simply curious about life and the diversity of its manifestations. Unlike its opposite sign, Sagittarius, which seeks to correlate the diverse fragments of life and find among them a common meaning which reflects a larger concept, Gemini is content to revel in diversity. The third house reflects this quality of the mind and this tendency to perceive, analyse, differentiate, label, and then move on. In order to acquire the information necessary for this kind of relation to life, communication must be established so that knowledge can flow back and forth and new interpretations can be given to old material.

Saturn in the third house, when he is functioning in an unconscious way, has a tendency to block this breathing in and breathing out; he places strain on the faculty of easy communication, and often produces a fear of that which is new, unexplored, and irrational. The flight of the mind is grounded by the demand for empiric information, for that which has been tried and proven safe. From this we may see some reason for the connection often suggested between Saturn's associations with Gemini, the third house, and Mercury, and diseases of the lungs, particularly asthma, an illness which medical science recognises as psychosomatic or functional in nature. There appears to be a symbolic relationship between the biological phenomenon of breathing, whereby oxygen is brought into the body, and the psychological need for intake of information about the environment. Both appear to be equally necessary for survival, the former for bodily survival, the latter for psychic survival.

There are various external situations which are often associated with a third house Saturn, but they all tend to reflect this symbolic inability to breathe freely with the intellect. The individual who as a child is denied education, or given a narrow and restrictive education, is common; and this often mars his capacity to approach life with fresh mental interest later because his creative mental faculties have never been stimulated. Equally frequent is the only child who is denied companionship and communication with others of his own age and finds that later in life he has lost the faculty for spontaneous communication. Often there is fear behind the apparent paralysis of the mind which sometimes occurs. The child may be considered stupid because he is silent; or he may have been constantly criticised for his speech and has learned to keep his thoughts to himself; and later on, when there is no longer a disapproving parent or teacher to criticise, he finds that he has lost the capacity to share his innermost thoughts. Speech defects and difficulties also occur frequently with Saturn in the third house. These are often functional and based on fear and insecurity, such as stuttering or stammering. Also common is the individual who simply cannot communicate easily, particularly about those personal and ordinary matters which are the traditional province of the third house. He may display unusual mental gifts, concentration, and depth of thought; but he finds it most painful to participate in the 'small talk' which serves as a symbolic gesture of common humanity. To the man with Saturn in the third house, speech must contain items of serious interest; and he may display an unusually pedantic quality in his speech and his writing, for Saturn dislikes superficiality.

With all of these various expressions, the common thread remains, and it is connected with a frustration of the mind and of communication. There is inevitably a feeling of isolation with this placement because the mind is generally deep and by nature serious, and there is usually some fear of being humiliated or of sounding silly or foolish to others. There is frequently a feeling of inadequacy about the mental equipment, although Saturn in the third house is often a brilliant scholar. The brilliance, however, is rarely from intuition but rather from many long hours of painful concentration and self-discipline. Information must be concrete and provable to be of use to Saturn; and this tendency to crystallisation of knowledge is antithetical to the light and purposeless meanderings of the third house. To Mercury, all information is of use, even if it is not the truth.

The phenomenon of overcompensation may also be observed with Saturn in this house. Often the individual may be one of those who 'talks a blue streak'; and this tendency to loquaciousness - apparently in contradiction to the ordinary reading of Saturn here - is also apparent with Mercury-Saturn afflictions and with Mercury in Capricorn. Inevitably the subject of conversation will range in every field except those which truly mean something to the individual. He will say many things but will rarely say what he actually feels. He is no closer to communicating than is the more taciturn individual with the same placement. Saturn in the third house has a reputation for tact, diplomacy, and a canny mind; and this tendency to circumlocution is very useful to a

statesman or politician; it is often one of the greatest gifts of a third house Saturn. But this does not ease the isolation of the individual; it only increases it, for he cannot truly express himself.

The more silent type of third house Saturn is a more typical expression. His field of interest may often be an earthbound and occasionally a narrow one, although he will generally be careful, thorough and methodical in his thinking. Sometimes one may meet a kind of thick-headed, obstinate, almost deliberate stupidity with Saturn in the third house; and it is difficult to imagine that this create and the brilliant mental gymnastics of the accomplished statesman may reflect a similar inner sense of fear and inability to share personal thoughts and feelings. But Saturn is rarely stupid. He may tend to cling to that which is pragmatically provable because he feels uneasy in lighter and more irrational realms. Saturn in the third house often underrates his intellectual capacities, and may raise a shield of rather stubborn or dogmatic opinions to protect himself against the onslaught of those he considers more clever than himself.

When this placement is seen from the point of view of the opportunity offered, the sense of isolation and impatience and superficial ideas and attitudes may become an inner striving for truth, insofar as this is capable of perception by the human mind. The individual is turned inward by his circumstances and his fears so that he seeks reasons for things and begins to explore their structure and meaning. The inquiring mind dedicated to the intellectual understanding of those things which are shrouded in mystery, or belong to the realm of the irrational, is characteristic of the man with Saturn in the third house who has accepted his apparent isolation in the face of the more meaningful contribution he is able to make to the sphere of knowledge. Saturn only becomes dogmatic when the man is afraid of the unknown and of his own lack of knowledge and of intellectual training. The suggestion with Saturn's placement in the third house is that the knowledge must be acquired through experience and personal observation, and that the training must be taken from life itself. No other education will suffice, because to the person with this placement, Saturn's inner strength and independence must be applied to the development of the mind.

There is often a connection drawn between accidents - particularly those occurring during travel - and the third house. As this house is linked with mental and physical motion and co-ordination, it is often called the house of short journeys, both of the body and of the mind. It is of some value to explore this idea of accidents and of what is called the accident-prone tendency, as it is often suggested by afflicted planets, particularly Saturn, in the third house.

It is possible to assume a completely empiric attitude to this question and to accept the idea that by some mysterious law, or by the hand of fate, Saturn in the third house precipitates accident - and that if one has an accident, that is one's fate. This same attitude may be applied to many of the darker expressions of Saturn's placements; and this inevitably poses questions which can only be answered philosophically rather than

empirically; however, this sort of blind passivity in the face of a totally predestined future is in direct antithesis to any constructive interpretation of Saturn, or, for that matter, of any other factor on the natal chart. If we are indeed circumscribed by the boundaries of fate or our 'karma', we cannot know where this boundary lies in the individual's case until we attempt to pass it. It is very possible that the boundary varies from person to person.

It is apparent that in many instances Saturn in the third house is concurrent with a fear of those things which are new, untried, irrational, or uncontrollable, and which require a genuine sharing of minds on a personal level. Psychology has recognised for a long time that many apparently accidental injuries and illnesses are in reality a kind of arrangement, constructed by the unconscious mind of the individual, to avoid a situation which looms in the future or to achieve attention or power within the personal environment. This kind of situation occurs with some frequency in the case of Saturn in the sixth house, where it is often expressed through illness or hypochondria. It is often expressed as an accident-prone tendency with Saturn in the third house, and it will usually be found in these cases that if the individual's inner life is examined with some care, the motive for the incapacitation will emerge with clarity. This does not mean that all accidents stem from this kind of 'arrangement'. But many do. Sometimes a few weeks in bed, although physically uncomfortable, is preferable to confronting a situation which requires change or a new outlook.

It is inconceivable to many people that a man could deliberately injure himself or make himself sick because he does not wish to deal with a problem in his life. It is not the conscious personality which decides such things, but the forces of the unconscious, which are fully capable under certain exceptional conditions of even destroying the man, physically or psychically - the latter being termed insanity. We know very little about the amount of power contained in the darker portions of the psyche, but we are learning that it merits our respect and our careful handling. Saturn is frequently responsible for the repression of fears and resentments because he is symbolic of the shadow; and the ordinary man does not wish to consider that the qualities he despises the most may exist within his own psyche; nor will he readily admit that his judgement may be in error and that these qualities can be positive, constructive, and of use to him.

The acceptance of responsibility necessary for a comprehension of Saturn is not the *mea culpa* which condemns, but a recognition that the human mind may have more power over the arrangement of one's outer circumstances than we care to admit, and that there is much that we do not know about ourselves. When this attitude is related to accidentprone ness and to Saturn in the third house, it is possible to avoid the necessity of an accident if the unpleasant situation precipitating it is recognised. Even if one considers the reality of karmic obligations, it is unlikely that anything occurs to a human being which is not necessary for his growth or the growth of the group; and the orderly beauty of life as it is reflected by the horoscope scarcely implies that random and senseless suffering is part of that order. Saturn always strives for truth; it is man's fear of this motivation within himself that brings about the catastrophe, for the relentless search

for reality as symbolised by Saturn threatens his most cherished illusions.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: You have a natural eye toward detail, and a particular focus on the structural qualities of any environment. Regulations are an issue of great sensitivity, and you tend to be largely obedient to environmental limitations on your freedom of movement even while you are also frustrated by them. The pitfall involves being too active.

Overstimulation blows out your nervous system, causing at least temporary shutdown. So the challenge is to focus your intense nervous interest upon only a small number of activities, and to move on them or with them slowly, completing each step before the next step is taken.

Concrete mind: You have a special sensitivity to the rules of mentality, often accompanied by the disturbing feeling that formal procedures should be followed to the letter. You work ceaselessly to improve the structure of mental machinery, slowly and painstakingly going over the logic again and again to 'debug' the program. The pitfalls lie in being so duty-bound that all the fun goes out of mentality. If that occurs, you can become cold and self-loathing, either rejecting rationality altogether or becoming ambitiously cynical, shooting down others' flights of mental fancy. The challenge is to let your mental skills age and mature like fine wine, until what began as uncertainty and fear blossoms into a marvellously grounded sensibility, a pragmatics that is unassumingly matter-of-fact, yet so strong it cannot be shaken.

Curiosity: You are more ambitious to know than curious in the usual sense. This is quite fine, and well-suited to your temperament as long as the impulses to know are rewarded with a real experience of satisfaction at the end of the quest. Sometimes, however, you regard your own curiosity as if it were the homework assigned by an invisible and strict teacher, so realize this for the pitfall it is. Instead, tune in to the challenge of curiosity, that of providing you with a structure to better secure your world through understanding.

Basic education: Gentle but firm authority and consistent structure are key concepts. If the child's experience of rules, regulations, and hierarchies of power are benign, skills will develop slowly but steadily. Learning can become a life-long ambition, a gradual quest for greater fulfillment. Otherwise, early schooling may later be regarded as a time of trial and trauma. The issue of basic intelligence is serious. It moves along a scale with resistance at one end, marked by fears of mental inadequacy ('I'm not smart, and I can't learn'); and ambition to prove the mind at the other end, marked by determination to master the quest for knowledge ('I can eventually learn everything I want to know').

(Bill Herbst) (contd.)

Communication: You tend to be economical and pragmatic in speech. Less is more here, and you prefer to think things through before opening your mouth. When you do

choose to speak, others should listen carefully to the words, for they will be few and prudently chosen. The style of speech with this placement is terse, sometimes slow or heavy, rarely revealing your true inner character. Your speaking voice is a mask: a very important one, but a mask nonetheless. If others seek to understand and communicate with you, they should not listen for emotional clues; none is likely to be forthcoming. They must concentrate instead on the structure and content of what you're actually saying.

(Bil Tierney)

While Mercury is the planet that best describes our mind and what intellectually interests us, the Third House describes how we learn to adapt our mental equipment to transient conditions we meet up against in our personal day-to-day world. With Saturn in the Third House, we communicate with our immediate environment with a measure of thoughtful reflection. Our mental processes operate less effectively when presented in a spontaneous, impulsive, unplanned manner. We are better served by learning to be orderly and discriminating in our thinking. We are to carefully observe our surroundings and selectively retain useful data.

Life will teach us to assimilate what our senses perceive with an air of caution and a dose of patience. Due to the care with which we need to digest information, we may start off appearing to be slow, insecure learners. As children, we are sometimes told that we are dumb-dumbs who don't pay attention. Or, as adults, that we don't know beans about what we are saying, that our facts are all wrong. The word 'slow' to us connotes being stupid; and stupid translates as worthless. This is the message we hear and fear whenever we are criticized for our ideas or even for how we try to teach ourselves to do things. It's an issue of being devalued intellectually. Such put-downs can be depressing.

Because knowledge-gathering is actually serious business and a lot of work for us, and because we often doubt our native intelligence, we can be afraid to make even innocent mistakes. For us, to err is not just human - it's humiliating. We may make too big a deal of how awful it is to say the wrong thing, show our ignorance, or simply appear misinformed. Our self-consciousness in these matters can create mental blocks that only further frustrate us. It would be great if some sensitive soul (preferably a parent figure) sat us down at an early age and told us that our mental pace only appears somewhat slower so that we may end up learning things more thoroughly and expertly. We should have been read the tale of the tortoise and the hare, where we learn that the slow but sure approach gets the job done. Another message we need to hear more often is that mistakes made are only stepping stones to true accomplishments. We can learn plenty from not always doing everything right the first time around. Try and try again, practice makes perfect, etc.. Wherever Saturn is in our chart, it symbolizes our search for excellence. So maybe during report card time we could then feel satisfied with the thought that the 'C' we receive in social studies is actually an 'A' in the making!



Another reason for appearing to be a slow learner (aside from actual learning disabilities) may lie in our tendency to resist being told how to do those things others think we already should know but apparently do not. We especially resist when being drilled by irritated, unsympathetic authority figures, when it sounds more like scolding than instruction. It often does take more time for certain information to sink in. Perhaps we unconsciously reject learning such data because it is coming from people we deem cold, perfectionistic, or intimidating. Yet it is often our own unrecognized perfectionism that demands knowledge be presented in just the 'right' way. We can become insecure and even defensive when it is not. That's when learning anything becomes a struggle and an unwelcome chore rather than the pleasant mental stimulation Third House knowledgegathering can be. Perhaps we end up just like a parent who was unyielding, absolutist in thinking, or just plain negative and pessimistic (a parent of whom we may still be critical). Saturn in the Third House can be quite cranky and fault-finding when stressed out. Maybe we came into this incarnation already armed with an inflexible mindset, and thus instinctively see things as plainly right or wrong, correct or incorrect. If so, we will need to learn about altering our mental rigidity by the time we reach our first Saturn Return - the time of psychological adulthood.

Ours is a mind that has a talent for organizing. We can give careful attention to detail, run things efficiently, put things in proper perspective, and in general come up with sound and workable results to problems. We are naturally task-oriented. We can put forth great mental effort in tackling those realistic projects well within our ability to manage and control. Our gift is knowing how to simplify data, weeding out all superfluous material. This is similar to a Sixth House Saturn, except we don't get as frazzled over contradictory material, nor do we work as obsessively. Actually, for some of us, streamlining data becomes a challenge. Saturn in this house can ironically become quite long-winded, though not in the breezy manner of Jupiter. It becomes dry and pedantic, too fixated on the elaboration of minute details no matter how boring or unnecessary.

As Saturn's house position shows us where we set up well-structured boundaries, here it implies we can limit the scope of our intellectual focus to strictly conventional, orthodox approaches even in unorthodox fields of study. Saturn mentality lacks the spirit of invention and risk-taking experimentalism. Even the irrationality of the imagination may prove to be frightening. A lot of things can prove scary to us, or seem just plain crazy, so we may opt for safer routes of thinking. Such conservatism suggests we lean toward a scientific mode of thought rather than a mystical path. We are stimulated by that which has tangible, material application. We also could be the types afraid of losing our minds and going off the deep end; but our clear, sane mentality suggests that's not likely to happen.

Saturn in the Third House means we are very structured mentally and are best stimulated by well-defined concepts of a serious or even profound nature. We seek purposeful information such as self-help books or how-to manuals as opposed to gothic

romances. There is little patience for small talk and trivial chatter. The topic we are either talking about with others, reading, or hearing has to have a point and has to be going somewhere important. Otherwise, they've lost our interest.

If you want to drive us crazy, ask us at the next 'no-nukes' rally if we have been aware of the rising price of bananas lately in the supermarket. Don't be surprised if we glare at you. Our heads are often too heavy with weighty subjects. Need our mind always be so engrossed in life's serious concerns? Why must each thought or conversation be something meaningful enough for us to sink our teeth into? Perhaps someone in our family circle made us think early on that communication was never something to be treated lightly, or joyously. We probably were held accountable for whatever we said, and disciplined (maybe too stiffly) when we told untruths. Verbal attention-grabbing on our part was either ignored or stifled (even though a sibling with Jupiter in Leo in the Third House would often get away with it, since our folks at least thought he or she was entertaining). Being ignored, however, made us feel our thoughts were invalid, irrelevant, or unworthy of any serious response from others. Unless we had something really important to say, we learned to say nothing.

It's no wonder that our formative years were associated with an awkward sense of intellectual uncertainty. Later on, we appear reluctant to speak out to others with true confidence or candor. A fear of rejection may make it hard to articulate our thoughts, especially to authority figures. If we block ourselves even further, we may develop speech problems. But our most common speech 'problem' is not verbalizing our real thoughts about ourselves and others, or the world as we experience it. By our own silence, we may convince people we really have nothing valuable to offer.

Learning the art of gab, which works best when light and airy in content, can become almost a mind-expanding technique for us. Speaking can be a form of immediate mental or nervous release. After all, talkative Gemini rules the Third House in the natural wheel, not Capricorn. Those of you with Saturn in the Third House reading this should stop right here. Put down this book and attempt to do your broadest smile in front of a mirror. Do your mouth's muscles feel taut? Do you think your smile looks contrived or phony? Are you showing your teeth while smiling? Your gums? Probably not, since showing gums is peculiarly Sagittarian (think of horses laughing). The more uncomfortable you are with your smile, the more work it will take to overcome tensions in your verbal interaction. Being tight-lipped is sometimes a literal term. Plus, people who smile easily seem to readily accept lightness (even foolishness) in communication. We need to turn any frown upside down.

Overly impressed by what we deem to be rational, we can end up fixated on making the world fit our rather tight and unvarying conception of reality. Our range of perception then becomes too narrow and incomplete. While Saturn can denote an exacting, analytical mind that excels in clear, precise thinking, it also implies getting firmly mired in habitual mental ruts rather than testing out new ways of thinking. Do we find we only

change our long-held opinions with great hesitations? Will only indisputable proof convince us that such opinions are no longer valid? Yes. Saturn is impressed only by hard evidence. But we need to avoid falling into the trap of rigid thinking. Viewing matters only in terms of either black or white tends to make the people we are trying to convince see all shades of red. We can seem stubbornly of a one-track mind. It's best we knock off the dogma and assess the facts with a greater reasonability.

We like to view ourselves as practical, grounded thinkers who do not dispense factual knowledge casually; and we don't like to feel we are being superficial in our observations. Remember, our security lies in our comprehensive understanding of facts and figures. Although we are better listeners than speakers, our patience can be taken advantage of by those people who think they are better speakers than listeners. They are thus likely to bore us - no wonder our smile is a bit stiff. Saturn basically likes information that is concise and to the point. It's a little like Mars in the Third House in this respect. It doesn't do well with verbal fluff and intellectual meanderings.

Conversely, some Saturn in the Third House over-achievers can be quite talkative, almost in a manic, compulsive manner. It's hard to understand why Saturn sometimes acts like a high-strung Jupiter, but it does when we're in overdrive. If anything, Saturn is here to teach us about verbal mastery, so that others truly hear what we are saying. Chattiness could be a subtle device we use to distract others from probing into the core of our more intimate, private self. We don't let people get in a word edgewise, and that prevents them from penetrating our thoughts and maybe even reaching our deeper emotions.

Most of us to listen very well because we need to know all about the other person's mental structure (paying attention to his or her weaker points) before we even begin to reveal our own strengths. Our mind is good at creating mental strategies. We also believe in proper timing, and rarely blurt out things before thinking them through. A certain circumspection is typically present. A few of us over-achievers can be blunt and strictly to the point in conversation; but usually this can be a position of diplomacy, although not in the same manner as Venus in the Third House. Venus is sincerely and emotionally concerned with not offending others. Saturn is simply careful not to attract insults, arguments, or bad reviews. Fearing verbal backlash from others, Saturn opts instead to say the 'right thing' for the moment, or sometimes wisely says nothing.

What is usually not emphasized about Saturn in the Third House is that it can be the signature of intellectual ambition. We can try extra hard to surpass others in our educational pursuits. When we have to, we can turn on great brain power in order to learn what we need to become knowledgeable experts in our chosen field of professional work. We can make excellent grades, even under pressure. Saturn is status-conscious and prestige-oriented. We may want to prove ourselves to be smarter and more accredited than others. Saturn-Mercury can also become so motivated. Perhaps an inner dread of being considered mentally inferior goads us to prove we are

instead brilliant. We may feel driven to show off and prove to people from our past that their opinion of our 'limited' intelligence was flat wrong. We may even go back to college at a later date to pick up another degree (or maybe our first). We need to feel we have risen above whatever learning handicaps held us back when growing up. When someone with this Saturn placement acts as if he or she should have Mars or Jupiter in the Third House instead, suspect such over-compensation.

We over-achievers are no less vulnerable than are the taciturn self-inhibitors. Nor are we more comfortable with our intellect just because we eagerly and assertively demonstrate our knowledge and impress our audience. We might actually feel more secure and in control communicating to another rather than with that person. We may have become poor listeners - a defence symbolizing 'I don't want to hear the complaints you may have about me, so you don't get to talk too much'. Perhaps what we fear most is another's intellectual authority, that someone might know more than we do. We need to work on such insecurity. Otherwise, communication becomes competitive and less enjoyable.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the third house may be originally experienced as doubts about one's mental ability; but once the individual has learned to cope with the world, he or she will often work in a mental career. The father or siblings may play a role in the mental development. One female client with a grand trine to Saturn in Libra in the third house was told by her father that she was stupid. Where Saturn is placed, we have to prove to ourselves that we can cope by doing it. This woman got a BA in mathematics, an MD degree, became a successful psychiatrist, and still said 'I don't have a very good mind'. Where Saturn is concerned, we just have to keep doing it till we know we can. Setting realistic standards may be part of the lesson.

Other individuals with a third house Saturn might have fathers who are equalitarian and accepting, encouraging a sibling relationship; or there could be older siblings who played parent, or younger ones for whom the person felt responsible. The third house Saturn lessons involve developing skill with the intellect and the ability to handle peer relationships. Growth may come through learning to handle a basic part of life which has been neglected, or it may just call for knowing 'when to do which'. When should we be equalitarian and let others do their share, and when should we take responsibility?

Other third house careers may involve dexterity leading to work with the hands. Letter three in our alphabet can indicate skill with eye-mind-hand co-ordination. A recent client has just opened her own hair-care salon, so she is now the boss, but she is recognizing that she can't do everything, and looking for associates who can handle some of the routine details which are less satisfying to her Pisces love of beauty.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of Saturn always produces deep and serious thinkers, although they may not always appear to be so on the surface. The mind goes deep, below the surface into the hidden mechanisms of life. In school, they may have been considered slow, because this mind is less interested in answers than in truths. Even so, it is capable of handling a vast array of details, organizing, cataloging, categorizing, putting the world view into perspective, and that includes the humdrum daily regimen. They may drag their feet over details, but are perfectly capable of organizing them once they see a reason for it.

This tendency to go below the surface of facts and symbols gives them much to say, but makes it hard for them to express it. There is a great desire to express the larger realities that they perceive; but ordinary words will not do the job. If they write, they may use poetry in their effort to express what they see, or a very poetic prose. It is a good placement for actors and painters because the added dimensions of physical performance and color give them a broader scope. The deep paradoxes of existence give them a rich sense of humor; and much may be expressed through wit.

Relationships with siblings and other children are often difficult. There may be a great sorrow connected with a sibling, relative, or neighbor child. There may be an intense and difficult relationship with an older sibling. Jealousy is usually the prime factor. This rivalry or sorrow may cause them to leave home, and may affect where they settle down.

They are often overly critical of peers and slow to warm to them, which can put them at a disadvantage. Often, an understanding older person will step in and help them out. There is also the danger of difficulty with neighbors. They are fearful of gossip and inclined to withdraw from the community so as to give their neighbors nothing to talk about; but this actually increases the likelihood that they will become the butt of local gossip at some point. They should find a place they like and then stay put. As time passes and people get to know them, they will gradually get a reputation as a person who can be counted on - someone of value.

There can also be difficulty with short-distance travel; keeping a car functioning may be a problem at times. There will be times when they feel stuck, unable to move. This will be eased when the mind agrees to accept the burden of detail, focusing on what must be done first, second, third, etc., as this one is perfectly capable of handling any type of practical or organizational problem, just inclined to be slow about getting started.

With bad aspects, especially to Mercury, this position can indicate possible brain damage, retardation, etc..

(Howard Sasportas)

One of the main issues for those with Saturn in the 3rd is expressing themselves to people in a way that can be understood. The early environment may have felt inimical or dangerous to their safety, and therefore not conducive to easy and open exchanges with

others. as a result, they may walk around harbouring the belief that nobody understands what they are talking about, or hold back feelings and thoughts for fear of being misinterpreted or having these used against them. They might appear shy, aloof, arrogant or stupid when really they are just uncomfortable communicating.

Such insecurities about their articulateness and intelligence have various repercussions. Compensating for a sense of inadequacy in this area, they might try to prove themselves by developing a precise and exact verbal or mental style: Saturn in the 3rd often manifests the kind of serious and orderly thought processes linked to the logical and rational left brain. Others disguise their awkwardness in 3rd house matters by becoming anti-intellectual, and down putting others who are too 'stuck in the head' as uptight or 'pseudo'. They may have great difficulty making 'small talk' or constantly exchange in babble in order to avoid revealing what is really going on inside their heads.

Whereas those with Jupiter in the 3rd operate happily and easily within the immediate environment, eager to see what waits for them around the next corner, Saturn in the 3rd limits a person's free expression of movement. This may stem from an early childhood experience of an environment that didn't feel safe or allow such flexibility. Sometimes they have suffered a crippling sense of restriction or loneliness while growing up. If children are kept too much in harness during certain stages of development (the primate phase), their natural curiosity and desire to explore, imitate and learn skills will be greatly diminished. Those with Saturn in the 3rd may benefit from therapies or techniques which enable them to re-experience the early kinds of movements and mobility denied them for one reason or another.

I have seen many instances of Saturn in the 3rd where a lack of siblings gave rise to feelings of deprivation and isolation in childhood. At the same time, some people with this placement report experiencing their brothers and sisters as burdens and restrictions. In the case of those with Saturn in the 3rd being the older child, they may have been lumbered with the responsibility of looking after their younger siblings or setting a good example for them.

On the basis of any of the reasons given above, those with Saturn in the 3rd may have problems with early education and a difficult adjustment to school in general. For some, the boarding school experience may be felt as a kind of exile or banishment. There also may be delays, obstacles, and challenges encountered on short journeys or in travel in general. While Jupiter will just 'pick up and go', Saturn will want to make sure that everything is booked in advance. Jupiter arrives at a friend's for the weekend to discover a party in full swing. Saturn comes to the same house the next weekend to discover his friend's father has just been taken ill.

Again, the whole point of Saturn in the 3rd is not that one is condemned to a life of inarticulate misery hobbling around on crutches missing trains. Rather, this placement is an invitation to develop the potentials of a deep and steady mind, to refine the capacity

to communicate more clearly with others, and to discover the kind of joy that learning about something brings. Those with Saturn well-aspected in the 3rd may naturally exhibit these traits or have fewer problems coming to terms with Saturn than others with the same placement.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your serious nature is largely the result of restrictive early conditioning, but your introspectiveness has probably made you a fairly good judge of character. A withdrawn individual, you learn as much as possible about your immediate environment. Although you do not learn quickly, you have become a good student, because of your ability to retain information. Those friends you have are mostly dependable, no-nonsense people. Your goals in life are defined; and although your dreams for the future are cautious, you know that you will realize them if you have enough time. Your associates admire your mental abilities, and turn to you for answers to their problems. You apply yourself painstakingly to any subject that interests you; and your mind works efficiently to understand every detail. You respect those you love, and you expect respect from them, especially your partner. Being appreciated by your mate helps secure your relationship.

Not being well-informed bothers you; and you make it a point to find out what you want to know. Your views about your capabilities tend to be negative, and you never forget the reasons for any mistakes you've made. You discuss a subject only when you are thoroughly informed about it, so people often consider you an authority. You hope to make the best of your creative potentials so that your future will be free from anxiety. You expect your children to take advantage of the opportunities you have given them. A true disciplinarian, you treat your children fairly; but they may not realize that you love them, because you don't display your affection. This is also the case with a romantic partner; but when you say you care, you really mean it.

Your most pressing priority should be to get a good education. You respect people who demonstrate their competence; and you should realize that they could not do this without being well-informed. An education will help you develop your mental abilities and derive the most benefit from your ideas. You will understand what is expected of you in your career, so that you can serve others as well as yourself. Being educated will reduce your negative attitude about your chances for success. You can fulfill your creative potentials only if you accept the necessity of painstaking, hard work. The return depends completely on the investment that you make.

Don't try to live up to your parents' expectations and ignore your own dreams for the future. Although you may not complete your tasks very quickly, your superiors will recognize that you are very thorough. Self-employment may be a way to achieve greater personal satisfaction. Your interest might be in economics, education, financial counselling or the law: these will allow you self-determination and enough time to do the best possible job. You are probably not too distracted by physical or emotional needs, so

you can devote sufficient energy to your career.

Your early conditioning may have restricted you or inhibited you from becoming more independent. And yet, those frustrations may have been the stimulus you needed to force you to rely on your own resources. Your sense of caution and reserve will help reduce the possibility of financial losses. Your ability to plan will net you optimum results with even the most meager assets.

## Uranus ♅ in ♍ Virgo 17° 22'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in this generation have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new ways of cleaning up the social environment on both physical and mental levels. Disruption occurs when new ways of serving society are misunderstood and taken too literally.

(Joan Negus)

As with all the Earth signs, you would expect the revolutionary and creative activities of Uranus in Virgo to deal with practical issues and involve tangible, concrete results. With the sign of Virgo specifically, there should be attention to detail; and the pace of progress would be slow in spite of the sudden and erratic qualities usually associated with the planet Uranus. Yet, when results materialize, changes may seem sweeping and abrupt. Once action is taken, all of the necessary ground work and analyzing will probably fade into the background.

For example, in the month following Kennedy's assassination a large number of laws was passed to wage war on poverty. Kennedy was in office from January, 1961 until November, 1963. Early in his administration he declared a 'war on poverty'. He had numerous ideas in regard to changing U.S. policies, but it was only after his death that many of these ideas were enacted into law. This may be attributed partially to the martyrdom of Kennedy, but also the 'wheeler-dealer' capabilities of Lyndon Johnson. With Uranus in Virgo, preparation to make changes may have taken time, but the ultimate results were sweeping and seemed sudden.

The revolutionary changes in the laws that were passed in the month following Kennedy's assassination are the type to be expected with Uranus in an Earth sign. They included protecting the voting and housing rights of Blacks, the establishment of medical care for the elderly, and programs for the financially disadvantaged. There was also emphasis on improving education. All of these issues are down-to-earth; and health matters are particularly appropriate for the sign of Virgo.



Even with the legislation passed, however, more work had to be done. The battle for Black civil rights is an excellent example of progress being slow in Earth signs (and slowest of all in Virgo). The Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964. Schools were supposed to be desegregated. Housing and employment opportunities were supposed to be open and equal. But the new laws were not always followed, and protests began.

In 1963, 200,000 people marched in Detroit to protest discrimination. After that, half the Black children in Chicago boycotted the schools to point up the fact that desegregation was not being implemented. Then the protests began to take on a more violent tone. In 1964 there was a riot in Harlem; in 1965 there was one in Los Angeles; and in 1967 a series of race riots erupted across the country. After Martin Luther King's assassination in 1968, another series of riots ensued.

Even though Uranus is the planet of revolution, you would not expect a great deal of violence when that planet is in Virgo. This may be explained by the fact that Pluto was conjoining Uranus in Virgo from 1963 to 1968. Comparing Uranian events from 1961 to 1963 and in 1969 with those that occurred during the years of the Pluto- Uranus conjunction might suggest possible differences between these two groups of people born during those respective years.

First and foremost, all the riots took place while the Pluto-Uranus conjunction was in range, supporting the idea that there was more volatility during that time than the rest of the period in which Uranus was in Virgo. But even with the conjunction, violence was not the immediate response. Although the riots seemed to erupt suddenly, they occurred only after peaceful protests were tried and failed to have an impact.

Anyone with Uranus in Virgo wants to take the most practical and efficient path in order to make tangible changes. They will usually work out the step-by-step plans before they launch their first attack. And, as evidenced by the timing of the riots, even with the Pluto-Uranus conjunction, action was not taken quickly.

The desire to investigate and get to the bottom of a situation which we connect with Pluto combined easily with the slow-moving thoroughness of the sign of Virgo. The potential volatility of Pluto was temporarily delayed by the need of the Earth signs to take the practical approach - the one that will work. And Virgo also modified the erratic and impatient qualities we associate with Uranus. At first glance, you might expect individuals with Pluto conjunct Uranus always to be ready for a good revolution in which the old régime would be ousted simply for the sake of transformation. But this really is not the case. With these planets being in Virgo, there need to be sound, practical reasons for a revolution. So those with the conjunction, as well as those with Uranus in Virgo but not conjunct Pluto, would tend to bide their time and investigate the various alternatives for change available to them. Both groups would probably try the most conventional or safest paths first. However, if either group finally resorts to a revolution,

those with the conjunction are likely to take the more drastic actions and make the more sweeping changes.

The Vietnam War, the major war of the Uranus in Virgo era, also exemplifies characteristics connected with the sign of Virgo. It was, without doubt, the most unpopular war in U.S. history. The United States' involvement in Vietnam began during Truman's presidency; but it was not until 1964 (during the Pluto-Uranus conjunction) after a North Vietnamese attack on two American ships that large numbers of American troops were sent there. The war escalated over the next few years, and it became less and less popular.

What was particularly offensive to the American public were stories about the killing of civilians in routine bombings and tales of corruption and drug use among the American military. It was considered an immoral war; and morality is an important keyword for the sign of Virgo. Applied to the individual with Uranus in Virgo, this adds the need to examine the morality of one's stand before revolutionary action can be taken. This further explains why individuals with this sign placement of Uranus (even those who have Uranus conjunct Pluto) do not take action more quickly.

Let us now look at the modern technology of the Uranus in Virgo period to get information about the creativity of those born during this time. One advancement that seems to epitomise Uranus in Virgo stands out. This is the development of the microchip.

Although the microchip made its first appearance in 1958, while Uranus was in the sign of Leo, it was not until 1962, when Uranus was firmly entrenched in Virgo, that it was mass-produced. But, aside from making this valuable discovery available to more and more people, there was another quality that reflected Virgo. We know that Virgo pays a great deal of attention to minute details; and throughout the 1960s the microchip became more efficient and more compact. 'In 1964, for example, a chip a tenth of an inch square contained a total of 10 transistors and other components. By 1970, no fewer than 1000 components were crammed into the same-sized chip, at approximately the same cost as before.' In this quotation, both the painstaking patience and attention to detail are easily ascribed to Virgo.

Therefore, in terms of creativity, individuals with Uranus in Virgo should look for projects that may take patience, but can also produce useful results. Cost may be a consideration, but this factor needs to be weighed against the worth of the product. The more practical and useful its application, the less likely that expenditures will be a concern.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Virgo during this century from November 1961 to January 1962, then

again from August 1962 to September 1968, and briefly in May and June of 1969. Virgo is the sign of work, service and physical health; therefore, those of you who were born with this Uranus position in your birth charts will experience and be involved in changes in these areas.

Uranus's trip through Virgo prompted large-scale concern for the needy peoples of the world. In the United States, government programs like the Peace Corps and VISTA were established to help the poor at home and abroad learn to help themselves; and young people from the wealthy and middle classes chose to work in these programs. Others pursued teaching careers, especially in 'special education' areas designed to help children with mental or physical handicaps, as a way of serving their fellow humans. Social consciousness was at an all-time high during this period; helping others and doing socially useful work was considered more important by many people than wealth, fame or prestige.

Those of you who have Uranus positioned in Virgo might be responsible for stirring up public awareness about social and economic inequities in the world. You want to find ways to assist those who are less fortunate than yourselves to become selfsupporting and independent, and may work to bring this about.

Physical health also is associated with Virgo; and as Uranus moved through it aroused public interest in health issues. Concerns about environmental pollution and adulterated food, and how these affect health, were brought to the fore during this period. As a result, natural foods, vegetarianism, vitamin supplements and alternative health care options proliferated, and millions of people changed their diets because of increased awareness about health. Public outcries against environmental contamination brought about the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970. Uranus-in-Virgo health-consciousness also produced changes in work-related health, and led to the formation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in the United States in 1970. Uranus's passage through this sign triggered Virgoan concern for the health and well-being of all life-forms; and during this transit the Endangered Species Acts were created to protect animals, birds and marine life.

Those of you who have Uranus in Virgo in your birth charts are interested in health issues; and your Uranus-group might be responsible for establishing national medical insurance and progressive public health care programs. Or, you could be involved in improving the design and use of health-related products and / or therapies. Perhaps you are a proponent of alternative health care and unconventional medical practices, and might help bring new techniques, practices or ideas into public awareness. You may consider traditional medicine and the medical establishment too restrictive, conservative, authoritarian and inhuman, and may strive to instigate changes in the health care industry that provide more openness and rights for patients. Because of your interest in the connection between mind and body, you might find ways to use 'mind over matter' to treat illnesses, or discover cures for diseases that are related to attitude and lifestyle.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Virgo indicates people who have original yet practical ideas in regard to work methods, especially in such fields as health, science, and technology.

While Uranus was in Virgo - the sign ruled by Mercury, the mental, scientific planet - many electronic inventions were produced, including the computers that have revolutionized business and industry. The same time period has brought about the development of miniature solid state circuitry (Virgo is an Earth sign) in the form of transistors and similar devices.

The generation having Uranus in Virgo will display unique and ingenious approaches to industry, science, technology, labor relations, ecology, and health care. Children born between 1964 and 1968, having Uranus conjunct Pluto in Virgo, will be of especially revolutionary influence in these fields. That generation will bear the brunt of the practical hard work needed to regenerate human civilization in preparation for the new Aquarian age ruled by Uranus.

These people have an unusual talent for business and a tremendous practical resourcefulness in work. However, they are likely to suffer many changes and disruptions in employment.

Uranus afflicted here can cause erratic health problems. Natives may be interested in the healing effects of correct diet, and in mental control of the bodily functions.

(Grant Lewi)

Your originality is most likely to assert itself along lines of organization, routine, or social welfare. If you work along your most characteristic lines, it will be to make some contribution to social or business systems. You can be an efficiency expert in the service of capitalist industry and make your genius valuable along that line. Or your desire to serve may take a broader and more humanitarian form, and you may become a leader of social thought, applying your systematic genius to large problems of labor and social welfare. Your most characteristic expression will be found in connection with work, its methods and its efficiency; or in connection with social service and progress. You are more likely than not to be on the side of social change aiming at division of labor and the general good of society, and probably feel at home with changes and even turbulence.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is a potential source of tension, especially if the subject is rather nervous or apprehensive, or if tension is evident in other areas of the chart. These energies can be put to good use as they will inject the mind with the ability to analyze and research, and

will also encourage a certain originality of approach to any problem or project that is under consideration. Since Virgo is an Earth sign, it tends to be conventional - the familiar and well-tried is preferred, yet Uranus's influence is quite the reverse, encouraging original thought and actions, and often unconventional behavior.

People who have Uranus in Virgo will also have Pluto in that sign, and many have the strikingly powerful Uranus / Pluto conjunction. Check this possibility, as it could be very revealing and, because of these additional influences, it is difficult to divorce the effect from that of Pluto. However, while Virgo is generally anything but powerloving, the energy force of this placing, plus Pluto's intervention, have endowed this particular generation with some dynamic, forceful qualities. They have what it takes to make world-shattering changes; but refer to the aspect interpretation for a fuller explanation of the conjunction. To put this on a personal level, the individual may be a seeker and questioner, unable to rest content, and with the ability to scrutinize every aspect of a situation. If these attributes can be positively used, and are supported elsewhere in the chart, he or she may have a considerable talent for investigative or research work that is often medical. Scientific flair is possible, but the subject must accept his originality since there may sometimes be an inclination to suppress it.

(John Townley)

Probably you will learn much from trying out a variety of detailed expressions of love. You treasure affection not so much for its principle and motivation but for the actual forms it takes.

Certainly that is the basic orientation of people in your age group, who seem to emphasize the whats and hows of love rather than the whys. This may also be the most rewarding path for you personally, in which case you may comfortably rely on those around you to provide direction in pursuing this path.

But if this direction does not come naturally, don't force yourself to take it. If your love expression differs from that of your peers, do not curb your own inclinations unnaturally. The accepted expressions of love and affection may not have the same meaning for you, so feel free to develop your own.

In order to know what to accept and what to reject, you should become familiar with the contemporary procedures of love and courting. You may find that you can transmit real affection by attending to the special details and mannerisms that particularly please your lover. Pursuing that goal can significantly heighten the intensity and creativity of a relationship.

(Robert Hand)

The conflict here is similar to the problem between Taurus and Uranus - that is, the

conflict between the earthy nature of the sign and the eccentric and airy nature of the planet. However, Virgo is more flexible and less rigid than Taurus. These children have some difficulty dealing with matters of duty and responsibility, but they find new ways to get their work done. They are not very good at following a routine, however, unless they have set it up for themselves. At any rate, whatever innovations they come up with will be practical ones that can be used in everyday life.

## Uranus ♅ in 5th House

(Joan Negus)

With Uranus in the fifth house, you may consciously or unconsciously try to raise your children differently from the way in which you were raised. Or you could have original, creative and / or rebellious children. Another possibility is that you might be inconsistent in the way in which you handle your children. You will undoubtedly say that you want your children to be independent, but probably not totally nonconforming. So if they become too defiant or too different, you could clamp down on them. This again demonstrates the need for defining or setting limits on the freedom of Uranus. I heard one parent with this placement say to her child, 'Of course I want you to be your own person. I just don't want you to be a total misfit.'

You may also have an objectivity in regard to your children. SO you are able to look at them in a detached manner and it may be difficult for you to be emotionally demonstrative with them. This does not mean that you are uncaring, just that it could be hard to express your feelings.

The fifth house describes the way in which you deal with children in general, and specifically your own (if you have any). And this may be especially true of your first child, but possibly somewhat softened for our subsequent children. Your attitude toward your second child may be modified by examining the seventh house; your third by the ninth; your fourth by the eleventh, etc..

Another definition of the fifth house is the house of creative self-expression. Producing children is, of course, a form of creative self-expression, but this area also describes the way in which you operate creatively and what some of your talents may be. With Uranus in the fifth, your creativity probably comes in spurts; so there could be times when you can't record your ideas quickly enough and other times when you feel that you will never be creative again. Since Uranus is connected with modern technology, you might find it helpful to put your thoughts into a tape recorder when they are flowing rapidly. You can evaluate and sort them out later. When you are uninspired, do not try to push yourself to be creative. It probably will not work and will only tend to make you restless and nervous. Do something else until the ideas begin to flow again.

You will probably not be patient when it comes to talent; and it might be a good idea to avoid artistic endeavors that require a great deal of discipline. For example, if you were to take painting lessons you could find it difficult to painstakingly practise techniques or to conform to the instructor's directions. Your talents need to flow freely; and you will probably show originality in whatever art form you develop.

Since your creative talents need not be in standard art forms with this planetary placement, you may not consider yourself creative. People tend to think that if they do not paint, write, dance, act, play instruments or sing, they have no talent. But, with Uranus in the fifth house, you may have computer skills, or a magic touch in fixing cars, or display talents in using other forms of machinery or technology. I have examples of people with this placement that range from telephone salesperson to playing the synthesizer (which of course combines music and technology).

Instead of, or in addition to talents, you may look to this house to explain how you gamble or speculate. Uranus placed there would indicate that you could be spontaneous when such matters are involved. In fact, it is easier for you to take action quickly and back off just as fast, than it is for you to hang on to an investment for an extended period of time. You would probably take risks especially if the potential gain is great enough, but the results would have to be seen soon after you take the initiative. Therefore, your involvement in speculation or gambling may be sporadic, and your successes intermittent. However, the more information you gather (even if it is done a little at a time) before you take action, the less likely you will be to fail.

The fifth house also describes what you need in courtship, and, I would add to that, it indicates the way in which you initially interact with others as individuals, whether the involvement is romantic or not. In this area you decide whether a person moves to the seventh house (intimate one-to-one relationships, be they marriage or close friendship), the eleventh house (acquaintances) or no house (out of your life). The sequence might work in this fashion. You go to a party or other group gathering (eleventh house) and find someone whom you deem interesting and want to get to know better (fifth house). Then you can determine if you would like to have that person as a close friend or partner (seventh house), as someone with whom you want to interact personally but not get close to (fifth), as an individual you may only see occasionally at parties (eleventh house), or as someone you never want to see again (no house).

Whether we are investigating potential courtship or friendship, with Uranus in the fifth house, you may be hesitant to form attachments with others quickly because you are concerned about having people interfere with your independence. You could socialise with others but probably in a detached way. You might enjoy intellectual interaction but keep people at arm's length on the emotional level. This, of course, can change when the relationship moves out of the fifth house.

Another possibility is that you attract, or are attracted to, people who are creative, exciting, unusual, unreliable, distant or odd. These characteristics are not necessarily mutually exclusive. Someone who is stimulating may be eccentric as well. In fact, it could be the eccentricity that leads to the creativity. But if you are really upset about those who are drawn to you, realize that you are probably asking for it. If you can start consciously seeking out those who are creative and exciting, then perhaps the less desirable people will disappear.

Whether or not you are involved with Uranian types, you will probably crave some excitement when you interact with others. If you come into contact with an individual who is totally predictable, he or she will undoubtedly also seem boring, and the chances of the two of you forming a close relationship are negligible. However, if you enjoy the company of the other person and think the relationship could lead to marriage or an intimate friendship, you might proceed to the next stage. Then there might be some adjustments to be made. When someone who has been courting you becomes a marriage partner, or an acquaintance becomes a close friend, you are moving them from your fifth to your seventh house. And if the requirements of the seventh house are different from those of the fifth, you may wonder why the transition is so difficult. Astrology can help you get over this hump.

By looking at the signs and planets in the fifth house, you can see how the native interacts initially with others on a one-to-one basis and also determine the qualities that person is attracted to in others. If you then interpret the seventh house and compare it with the fifth, you can know whether the shift from courtship into marriage or from the getting acquainted stage to intimate friendship takes place easily or requires great adjustment. Awareness of personal difficulties can be the first step in helping to bridge the gap between the two areas.

Since we are dealing with the planet Uranus in the fifth house, let us use this as our example. You have possibly been attracted to the excitement and craziness generated by the other person and decide it would be great to be married to him or her. However, you have Capricorn or Saturn in the seventh house and you need stability and conformity in a partner. It is obvious that problems could arise. But if you are aware that this is eventually what you want in a partner, you can begin to think about it in the early stages of the relationship and weed out those who do not fit the picture before you become too attached to them.

(Haydn Paul)

This will involve the sudden movement outwards of 'emotionally based energy', where involvements with the external world, people and creative expressions will be the main sphere of activity.

Essentially this will be through the projection of emotionally rooted energy, and can



involve spontaneous falling in love, inspired artistic creations and a search for pleasure, enjoyment, fun and excitement. A lack of self-discipline is likely, as you can easily submit to passing love affairs and the attractions of a carefree life. There may be an element of immaturity and childlike displays of behaviour at times. This is not necessarily 'bad', but they are often expressed at inopportune times; others may demand that you grow up.

It can be as if a brightly coloured bauble attracts your attention, fascinates you, and you feel that you have to have it; your emotional desires project outwards and you are pulled along with them to the object - only to discover after a temporary possession and perusal that it is not that fascinating after all; yet in that intense drive to achieve your short-lived desire, you may have caused problems and suffering for others. This can apply especially within relationships, where a tendency to desire new partners, experimentation and promiscuity can occur. Your love-life is unlikely to be static and stable. The need to have your own way - often expressed without due sensitivity - is quite common, and can also lead to friction.

Children are likely to play an important role in your life, and you are liable to give them considerable freedom, which can have dual effects, especially if there is a reluctance to impose discipline upon them and you fail to give them sufficient attention and guidance for their needs.

Temperamentally, you are likely to have an artistic ability and appreciation. Natural talents can be present in art, music, literature and self-presentation through modern media channels of communication. There may be some degree of blockage in this area, which could reflect a lack of perseverance and discipline, rather than problems in confidence in your own ability or potential skills. It is the commitment to complete that can be a challenge for you, as you prefer that sense of freedom to follow your fascinations whenever they dominate you. Uranus intends that a change in this sphere of life is necessary, where modifying this tendency can eventually lead to success.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetype that the 5th house correlates to in human consciousness is one in which the individual can creatively actualize, express, project, and establish his or her egocentric identity and purpose for the life that is being lived. This is the power of the ego that is creatively expressed, the power of creativity emanating from the individualised ego. It is the ego that is full of itself, glorifying itself, an ego that demands and required recognition, acclaim, positive reinforcement that it has realised itself: the purpose for which the life is being lived. The egocentric centre of the personality within the 5th House is based on the composite effect of the matrix that involves the traditions and conditions of family, society, or the culture that the individual is born into, the immediacy of one's environment, and the subconscious memories that correlate to other lifetimes and other identities. The egocentric centre of personality is given form, a self-image relative to the inner gestation of subjective awareness of the current ego in the

4th house and Cancer: home, parents, and the early environment that we are born into.

With Uranus in the 5th house, there is a natural paradox, thus stress and tension, because of the oppositional nature of the Uranian (Aquarius) archetype and the Sun (Leo). On the one hand, a tremendous amount of energy exists to actualise the inner sense of purpose for this life. This tension induces a high degree of self-focus, egocentricity, a sense of narcissism that is simultaneously indulged in and rebelled against. This focus (the 5th House) requires freedom of expression, an independence of experience that allows for continuous self-discovery, and the actualisation of the inwardly sensed creative, egocentric purpose from within itself by way of that which is created by it: the egocentric centre of its subjective reality. In effect, the individual wants to be the director of his or her own play. On the other hand, a tremendous amount of energy exists to link and actualise the inner sense of purpose (subjective) to socially relevant needs, causes, group purposes, to be subjectively empowered by external (objective) purposes, and to consciously actualise and link subjective creativity, expressed purely from the ego, to the Source of creativity itself: God. Thus the tension to egocentrically focus upon and develop the personality to the highest possible degree, and the need to simultaneously focus upon and develop a personality, ego, that is consciously linked and directed by the Source: God. Both exist. In effect, the individual wants God or the group to be the director of the play.

The liberation of Uranus in the 5th House occurs when the individual consciously attunes him- or herself to the Source of creativity and allows the egocentric sense of identity and purpose to be empowered and directed by this Source. The Source can be experienced by these individuals, or attuned to, by defining and linking the egocentric sense of purpose to the social group, society, and, in an expanded sense, to the global or planetary issues and needs of the times the individual is living within. The well of creativity, and the realisation of Self, will be ever available and continuous in so doing. This liberation involves giving up the security of tradition in the sense of tradition restricting required growth or innovation. It involves giving up a narcissistic self-preoccupation that promotes a sense of separation or detachment from humanity and its needs. It involves giving up the egocentric need to be considered special, important, to stand above the crowd, to give emotional displays whose motive and intent is to draw attention to the child who is still awaiting acknowledgement. The liberation occurs when the individual realises that the desired acknowledgement manifests from within, that validation comes from oneself, and that the Source, or God, will validate the individual once he or she actualises the sense of inner egocentric purpose by linking it to the greater needs of people, society, and the planetary concerns that exist at any moment in time. When realised, this liberation will produce creative dynamos whose lives and vision can transform those whom they touch. Freedom from the known means to allow the Spirit of creativity to change and transform the individual as necessary, to not become fixed or fixated upon that which already exists because of the current power, thus security, that this induces.

## Neptune ♆ in ♉ Taurus 13° 58'

No interpretation.

## Neptune ♆ in 1st House

(Marilyn Waram)

Someone with Neptune in the first tends to be a quiet person who would rather wait and see what happens than act too hastily. Other people consider him passive, even lazy, but this is not how the Neptunian sees himself. He feels intimately involved, sometimes to the point of suffering, but his outward behaviour - geared toward peace and harmony - does not convey what is going on inside.

What is going on inside is usually significant to the Neptunian. He feels very connected because he is aware of subtle energies, because he picks up impressions from other people that they are usually entirely unaware of giving. The Neptunian frequently finds himself in the uncomfortable position of knowing - on levels which are beyond the verbal - what others' unconscious motivations are, what they really want but usually hide under the veneer of civilised manners. The Neptunian finds it difficult, if not impossible, to confront others with their own truth, because he senses their inability to face themselves honestly without great pain. He hates to hurt others, and indeed he may not be able or willing to push his own awareness to the point of words. He will frequently choose to do nothing. This is usually interpreted as passivity or weakness by others, who do not see what pain the Neptunian endures because of his knowledge.

With Neptune in the first house, a person tends to be very idealistic. He is drawn to and prefers to live with harmony: peaceful non-demanding relationships, quiet environments and aesthetically beautiful surroundings. He tends to think kindly of others; his sensitivity to their inner motivations and needs brings out his natural compassion. He tries to treat others kindly. Whether they reciprocate or not, it is part of his value system that he treat others well. He can be most charming, often whimsical, sometimes romantic and usually empathic. He seems approachable and is often receptive to a degree others find startling and deeply gratifying, if a trifle eerie. He wants life to be perfect for himself and for others. In a chart which indicates the possibility of strength of character, this desire may be translated into volunteer work, social work or some activity devoted to improving the quality of life for others, or into some inspirational activity. In a chart which emphasizes passive tendencies, the desire for a better world may be channeled into artistic creative pursuits, or into mere daydreaming. It is also possible that this degenerates into chronic dissatisfaction with the way things are, with no constructive suggestions or impetus for improvement.

The person with Neptune in the first house often struggles with a great deal of confusion about his personal identity. He may be so open to others that he picks up their moods without realising he is being affected. He tends to mimic, quite unconsciously, the strongest characteristics of the last person he was with. He can be easily misled by others, for he fits himself into their 'head space' with such ease that he doesn't always realise he has done so, and may forget - or be unaware of the need - to return to his own thoughts and feelings.

Some Neptunians find they are so open and receptive that they become emotional sponges, incapable of defending themselves from the unconscious messages and energies put out by others. Such people need to learn how to define psychic and emotional boundaries around themselves, but before they can succeed at this they will need to accept that it is necessary. Usually they resist this; they prefer to cling to their illusions of beauty and harmony, and in so doing leave themselves defenceless.

The person with Neptune in the first house does not mind suffering. He may protest that of course he does, but in fact he will often accept it when he does not need to do so. He tends to feel that others must always come first, and that it is better to sacrifice his own well-being than be responsible for someone else's suffering. He finds it difficult to refuse requests for help, a trait which other people frequently exploit. He is also easily deceived, not because of any inherent lack of intelligence but because he wants to see the best in people and easily dismisses the worst. When his illusions are revealed he will accept it with a sigh and will often dream up excuses for the one who deluded him.

The hardest task for the person with Neptune in the first house is that of establishing a firm identity. He needs it more than anyone and is least likely to accept or honour that need because it seems, to him, egotistical. Yet his beliefs (Neptune) about himself (first house) profoundly influence the decisions he makes and therefore have a major impact on the quality of his life. He needs to realise that his unconscious values and attitudes are the driving force behind his life, and as long as they remain unconscious, they remain out of his control. Therefore, essentially his life will feel out of his control. If he can accept this, and can begin to become aware of what he believes, sort out whether his beliefs make sense and serve him well, and change those that don't, he will build a firm foundation for his Neptunian nature. Quiet times alone are vital for this process, but regular meditation is even better.

With Neptune in the first house, there is almost always a strong awareness of and interest in spiritual energies. The person may actually be psychic, whether or not he is comfortable with or utilises this ability. He may be deeply religious, although it is likely that he will not be fully satisfied with conventional religions. He feels more at home with belief systems which make room for the currents, promptings and energies which he knows from personal experience do exist.

The person with Neptune in the first house will tend to be physically inactive. He does not usually have the energy to lead a dynamic life unless there are other indications in the chart for this. He prefers quiet, spiritually nourishing pursuits to athletics. His very lack of interest in the mundane world in general and his own physical body in particular can lead him into careless dietary habits and a complete unwillingness to exercise, which can quickly undermine his sensitive health. It is difficult for the Neptunian to accept, but he may have to discipline himself to follow a pure diet, to avoid or carefully monitor the use of alcohol and to be especially careful with drugs, medicinal or otherwise. Frequently this Neptunian requires lower doses of medicine than others.

When the Neptunian theme dominates the house motif rather than expressing through it, the person is his own ultimate value. He may simply feel as if he should be perfect, or he may think he already is perfect. Neptune itself is not inclined to arrogance, but in combination with fire planets, houses or signs it can certainly produce that effect. A more positive use of the Fire / Neptune combination is in the graceful, artistic sports such as ski-ing, gymnastics, dancing, synchronised swimming, and so on.

With Neptune in the first, the person needs to face up to his tendency to harbour illusions or unrealistic expectations about himself and the way he approaches the world, and what he wishes from the world. He may need to confront his tendency to be too sensitive and to take things far too personally. With experience and growth, this Neptunian can develop a most humble and spiritual nature which is still strong enough to withstand the temptations of the world. He can lead others to appreciate the seemingly gentle but very resilient strength of the inner Divine spark.

(Haydn Paul)

With Neptune in this position, there can be a challenge related to the nature and definition of your own identity. The difficulties of this lie in the dissolving quality of Neptune which will affect any sense of a unique and separate identity, and so make it hard to establish any kind of fixed and firm centre within the personality structure. The need for this can manifest itself in search for self, and may eventually lead you towards a religious or spiritual quest which you hope will satisfy your dilemma and sense of inner unease.

You will often find it difficult to perceive your own nature, as every time you try to probe inwards, it seems as if a new inner landscape appears, reflecting a new combination of inner selves back at you. Your attitudes, beliefs, values and emotions can regularly change - as if on shifting sands - and so you find it perplexing to evaluate your own uniqueness, let alone attempt to understand that changing complexity. What you may begin to realise is that these inner shifts are partly stimulated by external influences, as you can be highly impressionable to the personal expressions of others, and it is often their attitudes, beliefs and opinions that are absorbed and reflected out by you as if they were your own.

There is a powerful reflective quality to your personality, almost like a reflection created by still waters, which can emerge as an unconscious mimicking of others as you take on their characteristics. Your persona (or social mask) is often shaped by your current influences and associations; and to others you may appear in the guise of a changeling or chameleon-type personality, hard to fathom and lacking in consistency. You can try to be all things to all men, where your identity forms itself around others' needs and wants, and perpetually moves its ground of being. There is a tendency to move beyond boundaries, in that your private sense of a separate identity becomes extremely diffused and begins to adopt a more inclusive perception, although in distinction from the mystical position; your expression of this could be in becoming dependent and relying on others. Sometimes in being so sensitive to the needs of others, you can become sacrificial in attempting to satisfy them, and in so doing lose your own purpose and direction through a misplacement of your identity.

You often respond to more subtle and psychic influences, and can be strongly affected by the quality and tone of your environment and the company you keep, at home, at work or socially. Registering hidden, inner realities and motivations is quite common for you; and this can create some confusion, especially if you are receiving conflicting messages from an inner perception of a person as distinct from their social expression. You learn to trust the 'vibes' and have faith in that. Because of this heightened sensitivity, you may be able to act as a channel for spiritual or healing energies; and an empathic understanding helps to create a connectedness with others so that healing can be transmitted.

There can be artistic abilities and a need to be creative, both as a form of selfanchoring and as a way to express and release all the impressions that move through you. This could be as a reflector of collective needs, visions, attitudes and perceptions, where any creation 'speaks to many' as a common experience; many musicians can tap into this area of universal human experience, and lyrically reflect emotions and feelings that are extremely resonant. You could become an artistic medium - like an open channel - serving as a voice for the people, because much of the sacrifice that may be asked by Neptune is that you should universalise your identity, and this is why it can be so difficult to maintain an independently unique and separate personality.

One challenge that may be hard to overcome is that of commitment and persistence, in that you have problems in establishing a chosen direction and focusing your energies on following it until success is achieved. As there is self-confusion often allied to insecurity and inner deceptions, your objectives are elusive and prone to regular fluctuation. You may need to struggle to build a satisfactory degree of singlemindedness in your endeavours, but this will partly be formed through a more defined and grounded identity. Yet the way to achieve this is not through merely reflecting whatever is around you, but by opening more fully to become a channel for some higher impulse to work through you, so that the visionary nature can shine and be inspirational.

Use of drugs or alcohol is probably best avoided, especially with those tendencies of excess, as these will just serve to fragment an already fragile identity and stimulate the negative face of Neptune into action. There can be a strong charisma around you, an enigmatic and mysterious persona (because of its apparent depth and reflective nature) which can intrigue many who desire to investigate your secrets. This can lead to unusual relationships, which can be very influential - positively or negatively - and you may be wiser to exercise some discrimination in this sphere, especially as your judgement may not always be too accurate. Some could take advantage of your mutability; for instance, by seeking to mould you into their own preferred shape. If this is allowed, then you could experience the Neptunian tendencies towards victim and martyr. The real way forward is to move towards the whole, and not become lost by reflecting just the parts of life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

A rising Neptune gives an intensely compelling charisma, yet at the same time it isolates and makes them feel remote from others. They have the ability to reflect back the dreams and yearnings of others, so that others see in them reflections of themselves and crave contact with them, but they themselves feel that they stand alone behind the mirror and that no-one can see who they really are. The truth is that they absorb the dreams and desires of others to such an extent that they do not know themselves who they really are. They are capable of being totally overcome by the personality of another or of being absorbed into the being of another. The locations of Jupiter and Saturn and their relationship to Neptune are all-important in determining whether they have enough perspective to be absorbed only by high-level beings. They are subject to possession on all levels, and should be guarded in childhood (by psychic protection) from disturbing astral entities.

They learn rapidly by absorption, but have a hard time with formal studies. They usually hate school as children (unless there is enough art and music to make it worth their while), and get away from it as soon as they can, though they may return to some specific studies later in life. They are capable of being intensely inspired by circumstances and come to rely heavily on inspiration to get them through all kinds of situations. They are highly responsive to love and kindness; to anything else they simply turn a deaf ear, so that if maligned they are inclined to retreat into silence rather than stoop to argument or self-defence. They may give an appearance of aloofness, but their close associates know how intensely warm, humorous, talkative, far-out, and even silly they can be.

They love music and need it as other people need food. They like to sing, and often teach themselves to play an instrument, though they generally feel that they are not as good as they would like to be. The truth is that they find it hard to buckle down and practise, and hate to put the effort required into learning to read music, relying mainly on natural talent and inspiration. They are usually too shy to enjoy performing.

## Pluto ♄ in ♋ Cancer 19° 41'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Pluto in Cancer experience the call to participate in world transformation by creating a new security based on co-operation with other nations. During the depression, their sense of isolation as a key to their basic survival was transformed.

On a personal level, those born with Pluto in Cancer experience their greatest fears in the area of maintaining control over their personal safety. Their challenge is to risk their self-protective instincts for a larger security in co-operation with others.

(Steven Forrest)

Cancer is the Crab - a 'defensive' creature, hiding inside a shell. Which is a pretty good idea, given the nasty way the world behaves sometimes. Fantasize with me for a moment. Imagine we humans had shells into which we could withdraw whenever we felt threatened. Nice, warm shells, with refrigerators, books and stereos. It's a pleasant thought. It's also close to the ruling passion of Pluto-in-Cancer.

Here we observe a generation that made the construction of the perfect Shell its ideal and its passion.

We've entered modern territory at this point. As I write, lots of people with Pluto in Cancer are still living quite vigorously. Even though I made the point earlier, I want to re-emphasize that in speaking of Pluto's sign placement in a given chart, we're really getting information about an entire generation - the social context in which the person's life is unfolding. The Pluto-in-Cancer qualities, for instance, stand out most starkly in people in whom the Plutonian energy is very strong - the planet is conjunct their Suns or Ascendants, for example - or in people for whom the rest of their natal chart suggests a strong natural resonance with those Plutonian sign qualities.

What is the 'perfect shell', this Holy Grail sought by the Pluto-in-Cancer generation? It can be physical: a home. It can be financial: the bullet-proof retirement plan. It can be psychological: Pollyanna-like defensiveness. It can be spiritual: a religion that promises everything, explains everything, and offers parental comfort in exchange for childlike belief.

The Cancerian passion? At its best, it is for a safe, caring world in which all creatures are fed, lifted up by beauty, and inspired by a gentle faith. A world like a garden,



protected, nurturing, and full of dreams.

The style of Pluto-in-Cancer is nourishing and supportive, eager to provide comfort. The offering of food or drink is one of the most fundamental human rituals, and it reaches its apotheosis here. The same can be said for the hospitable receiving of a guest: these are rituals of home and hearth, and much in Cancer's domain.

We all feel most uncomfortable when our madness is showing. Who likes to be regarded as an egomaniac, or a drunk, or a liar? In Cancer, the style revolves around the providing of comfort... and so there is considerable grace and skill around the art of helping others 'save face', thereby insuring their psychological contentment and ease.

It is a commonplace observation that the young of every species display a quality that's hard to define but easy to recognize: cuteness. And it's a short step from there to the realization that 'cuteness' is a survival-positive quality in the young, since it fills adults with the desire to provide solace and protection. Cancer, as the archetypal sign of the Great Mother, has an affinity with cuteness in all its forms. It especially values cuteness as an aesthetic in art, clothing, and decoration.

Above all, Pluto-in-Cancer focuses on the security of home and family. In the foodchain, first the self is nurtured and protected. That assured, next comes family. Then the 'guest', then the nation and family; and finally, if we get that far, the planet.

Imagine a woman born in 1936. She married in 1960, and had a son a couple of years later. As I write, the young man is in his middle thirties. He's still living at home. Dad flew the coop in 1978, so it's just the two of them. The young man has never held a job for more than a few weeks; he won't do his wash or help out around the house. He treats his mother abusively at every level while she explains away his dysfunctions as a response to the early divorce and continues to insist on 'being patient' with him and 'helping' him despite the protests of her friends.

'Nurturing' can weaken people; that is a truth to which Pluto-in-Cancer may be blind.

Imagine that the scientists of two nations simultaneously develop a terrible new weapon. Neither nation has any compelling reason to attack the other one. But, in the interest of security, each nation feels compelled to accumulate just a few more weapons than the other one.... That of course is recent world history in a nutshell, and an excellent example of another one of Pluto-in-Cancer's blind spots: trying to be 'perfectly safe' often leads to terrible, escalating danger.

So, on the global level, we have the paradox of bloated welfare-states growing up at home while paranoia, suspicion, and viciousness reign among nations, all under the leadership of Pluto-in-Cancer people, or under the direct vibration of the Pluto-in-Cancer energy from more-or-less 1912 to 1939. By comparison, the pseudo-debates of

'freedom' versus 'communism' emerge as merely the clashing jumble of waves on the surface of a deep, homogenous sea.

Under the umbrella of face-saving silences, horrors multiply. Keeping the 'dangerous' world safely outside the shell allows what is inside the shell to fester, to grow strange and unnatural. Privacy is a delicious luxury, but too much of it can potentially rot the human spirit, rendering it immune to the stabilizing, correcting influences of social interaction.

Should these darker, secretive aspects of Pluto-in-Cancer's passion for safety breed monsters, where will they reside? Where should we seek them? In Cancer territory! The home! Family. Beyond mere blind spots, we now enter the realm of real darkness. And each Plutonian sign has such a potential dimension, as we have seen. For the Pluto-in-Cancer generation, the 'devil' took the form of the Twisted Parent, quietly inflicting horrible destruction on anything 'cute'.

Some realities are so taboo that it is impossible to gather very objective data about them. But I doubt there are many front-line psychotherapists today who would question the idea that there was a silent, unmarked epidemic of child abuse, sexual, physical, and psychological, during the years that the Pluto-in-Cancer generation of people was raising its families - we're speaking of the kids born between 1935 and the middle 1970s, approximately. (Assigning dates is tough here because of the wide range of ages at which people have children.)

Certainly, we must be quick to emphasize the good news that full-blown Shadow expression is virtually never the social norm - unlike the collective expression of destructive Pluto-sign 'blind spots', which emphatically is the social norm. The majority of mothers and fathers presumably did their best to make a safe nest for their kids, and were if anything overly protective. But, as always, in the darker Plutonian corners of the human spirit, the ancient beast was plotting... and in this case, it was against the very creatures who needed nurture.

If you're a Pluto-in-Cancer person and you think I've been a little hard on your generation, please indulge me in two ways. First, please note that there's a noble cosmic principle at work in this combination, as in any other: nurturing, healing, caring for the young, the old, and the wounded. Second, you'll probably take some comfort at my characterization of the darker aspects of my own generation, the Pluto-in-Leo people who followed.

(Skye Alexander)

During the last century, Pluto was in Cancer from July to December 1913, between June 1914 and July 1938, and from February until June 1939. Cancer is the sign of mother, nurturing, family, home, country and security. While Pluto is in this sign, these areas

become extremely important, and all things connected with them are forced into the light and transformed. Those of you who have Pluto in this sign in your birth charts are strongly attached to these things, but are likely to experience or be responsible for their destruction; at your core, you have a deep, unconscious - perhaps karmic - need to learn to let them go.

Pluto's passage through Cancer coincided with a period of unparalleled devastation, upheaval and annihilation that left few untouched. World War I and part of World War II, which toppled or reordered entire nations and claimed the lives of millions of people, were fought under this transit. The end of the Chinese Empire, the Russian Revolution and the Great Depression in America also took place during this period. Homes and homelands were wiped out, families were torn apart, races and sects (the extension of family) were exterminated, multitudes went hungry. All things related to Cancer were caught up in a life-and-death struggle, and the issue of security was foremost in the minds of people around the world.

Those of you who were born during this time are extremely patriotic. Many of you saw your nations ruined by war, others desperately feared the loss of your homeland, and millions died fighting for their countries. Your country provides your foundation and your sense of security, therefore you are willing to sacrifice personal freedoms to ensure your security and protection. Anything that endangers it awakens your deepest, secret fears; thus, your generation was most threatened by the anti-war movement of the 1960s in the U.S.. Your attachment to 'national security' and your obsession with 'the enemy' keep you from confronting problems in your own country. Pluto's sign position signifies areas where a particular generation is intransigent and unwilling to look at its own 'minotaur'. Perhaps your Pluto-group has lessons to learn about living with others on this planet, and needs to find ways to break down the barriers that separate people and countries from each other.

Family, as a microcosm of society, is also inordinately important to those of you who have Pluto in Cancer in your birth charts. Being part of a family makes you feel you are not alone, that you belong to something larger than yourself that connects you with the past and future. You derive a strong sense of security from your family, and are obsessed with maintaining a rigidly defined, carefully controlled family structure; without this, you feel adrift in the world. Consequently, you attempt to hold your family together regardless of whether the situation is beneficial to those concerned or not. You tend to be possessive of family members and intransigent in your attitudes about family matters.

However, Pluto requires transformations; thus, your generation has witnessed the destruction of the 'traditional' family and its rebirth into many new and varied forms. For you, this transformation has been especially traumatic and painful. Many of you still can't cope with such ideas as divorce, unmarried couples 'living together', single parents, childless couples and other alternate lifestyles. And although you wanted to keep your children near you forever, you instead find yourself in a highly mobile society that

scatters family members far and wide. In this area, your generation has been forced to become more flexible, less domineering, less attached.

Finally, Cancer is the sign of mother, and the image of woman as mother. The Plutonian-Cancer generation is deeply attached to the idea that 'a woman's place is in the home' and that a woman's role is that of mother. Other options are difficult for you to comprehend and accept, for they conflict with your unconscious archetypes. Many women with this planetary placement have found it hard to compete in the business world because of deep-seated attachments to this image. Many men with this placement feel their security - as well as their power - is threatened by women who don't conform to this archetype. The transformation Pluto demands has forced your generation to adjust to changing women's roles in recent years, but this adjustment has not been easy for most of you.

## Pluto ♇ in 3rd House

(Ginger Chalford)

As children, we listen to our parents and / or older siblings talk about the world which we know we are to inherit in time. These images of the world stimulate our imagination, and we try to understand the common denominators of what we hear so as to put together a 'world view' of our own. Although filled with possible misconceptions put there by older children or by our own untrained perceptions, we discover at some point what can be called the 'common reality'. We begin believing things that others (including the adults) believe. We essentially agree on the hardness of objects, the smells, tastes and sounds we hear. We identify objects similarly so as to discuss them and to communicate what we are learning. Since, as children, we didn't originally have this common world view, we could just as easily have thought that it was possible to simply jump up and fly with the birds, or walk through a tree! With the coming of a rational approach to the world, we join the rest of humanity for the sake of communicating and reaching out. The child thereby gives up his or her personal powers of perception in order to assume the prevailing social attitudes. This form of understanding becomes automatic, and we all go through it sooner or later. The few people who resist this ordering of the world in common with others are harshly labelled as retarded, crazy, mentally inept, stupid, etc.. Some brain-damaged people also have had to throw out this socially accepted picture of the world, relying instead on incomplete information about reality until they regain their perspective (if ever they do). However, for the normal or average person, the world appears real, solid, fixed and obviously just the way it is - and it cannot be imagined any other way. This is automatic thinking or comprehension, a major aspect of the third house.

This house also represents the undercurrents of the mental concepts and attitudes of the father (or fourth house parent). With Pluto here, the native absorbs the beliefs about

reality and attitudes about the world from the father. With the third house rounding out the quadrant of the self, including the self-image and self-worth of the individual, the native with this placement assumes that the response of the father indicates his or her value as a person. This can lead to initial self-recrimination when and if one assumes that one is not worthy enough to deserve the father's praise. Unfortunately, in this house, self-worth attitudes as derived from interactions with the father are taken in automatically, and included with the world view. The native has little incentive to rebel against any negative self-concepts, assuming that they are as real and valid as the environment, as the world itself. Thoughts are assumed to reflect logical reality rather than an imaginative one, and the native assumes that he or she knows the true attitudes of the parents - which are taken to be more valid than his or her own attitudes.

This develops into a personality pattern that can be recognised easily. As an adolescent, and into adulthood, this native can be defensive and touchy concerning moral or ethical beliefs. He or she can be an extremely good manipulator, whether refined or not, by implying a threat of some sort if others do not agree. This threat is most often felt, and not spoken. This native has learned to use the assumption as a tool for power over others, to maintain control and to keep up the defences against vulnerability. This individual is afraid to consider that others may be right, that she / he could be wrong. 'Isn't it obvious?' may be a frequently asked question in this case. The extremes of this behaviour, as with all Plutonian influences, range from excessively quiet, acute self-questioning, to aggressive bragging and tendencies to pick fights with others.

This person may be the oddball in the family, always trying to rebel against beliefs that others maintain easily. This person would initially have been willing to fight for the family attitudes; but as time passes, feels that she / he must somehow assert some individuality. This rebelliousness attaches itself almost randomly or arbitrarily onto the assumptions which he or she believed to be true up until the rebellious period. This causes confusion, as the native gets lost in subtleties and tries madly to put together a new, workable world order. Although this rebelliousness is often necessary to establish one's sense of power, if it isn't resolved it can bring on a sense of resignation over the inability to find personal power. Then the person may tend to fall back into petty mental habits of taking things personally, particularly if the message is verbal or spoken. Easily roused to anger, this individual may become known for his or her temper, as she / he attempts to defend parental points of view or her / his own - which are often just the opposite. These people can be hard-liners, unforgiving of their fathers, siblings or other family members who may have slighted them in the past.

They may appear to rationalise everything to excess, in order to preserve a poorly functioning world view. They are constantly looking for problems to solve, as their minds are deep and penetrating by nature - and this tends to attract many problems, too! Once they have a problem to work with, they will attack it with great mental intensity, not sparing the feelings of anyone else who may happen to be involved. These natives have been known to unwittingly say scathing things about other people, sometimes even to

their face. However, Pluto third house people feel all along that what they say is the absolute truth, and that they have a moral duty to inform everyone of what is real and what is not - as if they were just about the only ones who know! They may not even admit that they are opinionated, preferring to think that it is everyone else who is so intellectually arrogant.

However, most of the Pluto third house bravado covers a great insecurity: namely, a sense of not being able to make decisions on one's own, based upon a solid selfconcept. This is where these people are apt to fall flat on their faces. Their selfconcept is low initially, and they feel a need to somehow cover up this obviously real flaw. They do not attempt to disprove or disbelieve the flaw, because they actually crave the feeling of mental dissonance. They don't revise their own self-opinion, or look within themselves for the answers. They believe there is an objective, infallible truth known to them; and that if they prove these ideas to others, the whole mental scheme will be validated. What they are trying to do is get recognition and approval from the father, yet they probably do not suspect it at all.

Women with this placement may transfer their beliefs and ideologies over to those of their husband, looking for their sense of self-worth (which is usually low) to be validated in or through someone else. They may then face a personal struggle over whether to let their spouse make the decisions for them. This can lead to a complaining, bitchy demeanour and manipulative attitudes.

Men with Pluto here may feel they have to accomplish great mental strides and be super-intelligent in order to prove their worth to their father - even if he is dead and gone! They will try to justify and explain their reasoning to others, even when no-one else cares to listen. Both men and women with this placement can antagonise people and make many enemies.

Fortunately, not everyone with Pluto in the third house takes the negative road. The vast majority of people with Pluto here have periodic bouts with the problems just described, but are able to transcend the major difficulties thus presented, and manage to emerge from them as strong individuals. The positive use of Pluto will also be noticed at an early age, as the child is fascinated by the mysteries of the world he or she is inheriting. Extremely sensitive to environmental changes, such as moving to another city or losses and gains of friends and family members (through death, birth or marriage), this child questions everything: "Why?" He or she must find the answers, which leads to a search for understanding that takes various intriguing twists and turns throughout life. Reality for these people is never dull, for there is always a new mystery to solve. Very early in life, this child displays an astounding knowledge of how things work, which can possibly lead to a scientific career. His or her ingenious and penetrating mind searches for significant explanations to life's mysteries, and is fully willing to explore novel ideas that are far ahead of their time. The thinking processes are organised almost scientifically, with a remarkable capacity to categorise things in a unique but personally useful way. What the

Pluto third house individual is looking for are the limits or boundaries of perception. Intellectual disciplines satisfy the urge for power which characterises this mind; and the analytical abilities are pronounced. A kind of intuition comes from this placement, which the native sometimes cannot even begin to try to express logically, because the understanding has passed the normal limits of linear thinking. The life perspective is high and all-embracing.

What the child does with this aspect in its positive sense will reflect on the relationship she / he enjoyed with the father (or fourth house parent). When there is support from within the family for the child's efforts to search, discover and be unique, then the self-esteem runs high. The child does not feel that it is a moral infringement to doubt the commonly accepted reality and try to find a new one. Instead of feeling that life is vicious, and that reality is inherently destructive, this individual will often believe, and use to his or her advantage, the concept that the universe is friendly and supportive.

With this placement, people can focus deeply on whatever they desire, and they can see the result in their environment. This encourages them to develop their powers within a mental format. Positive response comes from others and from the environment; and a feeling of security grows inside the self. This gives them a positive belief that all things have a reason, and that all problems have a solution. With higher and higher understanding, they begin to choose consciously what they want to be true, and then to act from that new perspective. With each new understanding, Pluto people gain more mental leverage, reaching into higher and more profound plateaus of thought. The positive Plutonian learns how to make decisions on his or her own, and thereby evolves to a high personal level of confidence, self-worth and self-esteem. His or her perspective can be magical, without the usual limitations imposed upon it by social conditioning or any kind of pressure to become something important - something which the subliminal father figure may have desired, for example.

When Pluto transits through this house, there is generally a crisis of opinions and attitudes in the person's life. Old belief structures, particularly those concerning the nature of success, can crumble under this transit. The individual can then see beyond the struggle for the buck, and understand why he or she is pushing so hard to make it. Absolute truth becomes relative at this time, and the individual can feel that he or she is caught up in a moral or spiritual crisis. People being hit with this shift in their mentality may resist the change, fighting to uphold past doctrines for fear that they won't be able to find anything to replace them. After all, this is similar to the belief widely held in the 16th century, that if you sailed westward from Europe into the Atlantic, you would come to a great cliff - and literally fall off the world! There can be a similar kind of fear when Pluto moves through the third house.

Those who are ready for Pluto's perspective and power will begin (as well as finish!) untangling confusing and conflicting concepts, and create a new, more useful and more powerful world view. Their new picture of reality will be more fluid, the perspective

changing as the limitations expand. More and more is revealed. The person who works with Pluto positively, and who has developed a higher sense of self-worth during Pluto's transit through the second house, will choose freely what she / he will accept as a part of his or her current reality during the third house transit. This can manifest anywhere between the two extremes of a magician or a sorcerer, weaving powerful spells of reality, and the destructive mind gone crazy, incapable of functioning in the world with other people any longer.

Those who have Pluto natally in this house may find their lives filled with sibling problems that aren't solved until the early or mid-thirties, when communication truly begins to take place. Careers this person is likely to pursue can include the sciences, writing (especially the kind that stimulates the reader's imagination), communication dealing with the masses, teaching (the small-scale guru who helps younger people in their development), or research of any kind that requires the high levels of concentration this placement gives. Indeed, this individual has the capacity to do anything at all that he or she wishes, provided his or her belief structures are sufficiently expanded to make it possible! Changes negatives to positives requires a shift in one's basic perception of reality. If you have this placement, you'll need to develop alternate ways of thinking. As this Pluto location often indirectly affects career fulfilment, examine your career - what is it that you desire to do for money, personal fulfilment, etc.? Since no-one else will ever know the answer to this question, be honest with yourself, and sit down with pen and paper. Write out all the beliefs and attitudes you can find by searching within your own mind, everything that has anything to do with current or past obstacles between you and your career fulfilment. If you feel that you don't have enough money, write down what money means to you. Include in the list what you believe your parents thought about this subject. Then add your current beliefs in this area. Examples with money could include: 'Money is power', 'Money is the root of all evil', 'Money is hard to come by', 'Easy come, easy go', 'In order to make money, one has to have so many college degrees', or 'When you have money, other people envy and hate you', etc.. Ideas like these, believe it or not, are in your mind at any given time. With this list, you'll find out exactly why you haven't made that money, or why you haven't solved your problems in the area of on-the-job relationships.

When you have finished your list, at least for now, begin again by going over each point, each attitude. Find an example in your recent past in which you acted from one of these attitudes or beliefs. If you can't remember any, monitor yourself for a day or so until you do find one. In other words, find how you use that belief in everyday situations. See the possible ramifications in your life. Decide what you'd rather have as an attitude in its place, and write that new attitude down on a separate sheet of paper. Forgive yourself for having held on to a nonfunctional belief for so long, and allow yourself to start over with the new idea or belief.

Although this procedure can take some time, it is generally worth it, for it can help the third house Pluto individual clear up conflicting ideas about reality. After you have



finished working your way through the whole list, and having changed what you wanted to change, then begin to live out the new ideas consciously whenever and wherever you can, starting ten minutes at a time. And if the old attitudes still stubbornly show up and give you trouble, say "No, I've finished with that old pattern now, and I'm doing things the new way!" You have used the conscious power of Pluto in the third house to decide your new reality! As your new thoughts and attitudes begin impacting your reality, you will notice changes in whatever area you've been working on. Problems will clear up, giving you access to new information and new opportunities - all through the positive use of your own mental power. Then you can apply this new technique in other areas too. Remember, knowledge is power!(Haydn Paul)In this position of natal Pluto, the emphasis lies upon communication and the expressing of self and ideas, especially through words, either spoken or written.

This need to communicate can seem to be almost compulsive, and is both an effort to reach out and contact others, and a need to release an overactive inner energy. Whilst this energy can also be transmitted via the hands, often in healing, you are most likely to use it through speech, as there is a natural affinity and talent with words, and the likelihood is that you can develop into an effective, powerful speaker.

The energy is basically linked to the mental level, and you will have a sharp and penetrating mind, with your ideas on life carefully thought out, organised, and the ability to express your opinions and beliefs strongly to others. You can develop your own original ideas, and you will be attracted towards communicating them to others, so that they can help to spread them through society. This clear expression of ideas can be a way for you to gain influence and control over people, as your ability to persuade is considerable. You may have to be wary of any tendencies developing that lead you to abuse this talent, by taking advantage of others and dominating them.

Despite your clarity of expression, you will have to realise that in itself, this does not mean that the content of your ideas is inevitably right. Anyone who can communicate effectively to others is liable to fall into this trap, and become ego-inflated, seeing others as inferior, treating them with a patronising attitude, and believing that what they themselves think and say is naturally correct. That illusion is a dangerous one, for yourself and others, and allows no space for real communication to occur.

Another tendency is to become fixed in your beliefs and opinions, so that there can be no compromise and change occurring over time as a natural result of greater life experience and deeper thought. Your way of perceiving life and interpreting meaning is your own, and may not be suitable for others, so any dogmatic approach is always restrictive and futile.Pluto is attempting to lead you to realise that what you think and communicate to others will have consequences, great or small, depending upon your degree of social influence. This involves responsibility for what you transmit into the world, so be very aware of your limitations and the quality of content, because it will have its inevitable effect.In your relationships, you will have to avoid a tendency to

scheme and manipulate, and you will need to learn how to listen more carefully to your partner, and not just see them as a foil to your own wit and cleverness.

You are likely to analyse and over-intellectualise your relationship, often maintaining a certain distance from your emotions, as you feel uncomfortable with them; and feelings are much more difficult to express fluently in words. Sometimes your words act as a smokescreen for you to hide behind; blow away this smokescreen, and there may be less of real substance there than may initially appear to be the case. Your words may glitter but be hollow. Eventually you experience a loss of substance and meaning in life, or others begin to see you as essentially shallow, without any real contribution to make. However, if you can use it creatively and positively, with real awareness for others, you can greatly benefit from this energy.

(Donna Cunningham)

These people believe words are so powerful they have the power to destroy. They are extremely careful to control what they say, lest they give away some information that another might use to harm or control them. This condition occurs when at least one family member had a black belt in tongue karate, a sarcastic or scathing individual they were powerless to resist. This might well be a brother or sister, probably older, who was so overpowering that the Plutonians learned to keep quiet. As adults, third house Plutonians can either be afraid of verbal abuse or be verbally abusive and sarcastic, agreeing that the best defence is a good offence. Another possibility is that words can be the focus of a power struggle - as long as they don't give you their words, they have the upper hand. In relationships, they may withhold communication. As employees, they may withhold paperwork or other important information. As students, they may be the ones who won't turn in their papers, asking for extension after extension. Words can also be used to manipulate, with great effectiveness. People who use this placement constructively are perceptive and deep in their thinking and communicating. They are gifted at seeing others' motivations, and can penetrate deeply into any problem. They can use words to heal, going straight to the heart of the matter. They are fine analytic writers and teachers. Rather than being manipulative, they can use words to influence and empower others for good purpose.

(Ulla Palomaki)

Because the third house symbolises knowledge and Pluto is a demanding planet, a conclusion can be made that the individual with this planetary position has a demanding attitude toward knowledge and information. If information is needed on a subject, it has to correspond exactly to the need of the moment, definitely and without compromise. The spiritually awakened individual needs a lot of deep knowledge. Pluto's position in the third house does not signify the development of an exceptionally brilliant mind or exceptional spiritual qualities. The individual is not a spiritual guru; there are other planetary positions that signify much more potential for such development. Nevertheless, the third

house Pluto offers the possibility for deep insight in mentality.

The attitude toward knowledge should be examined more deeply: How does the Plutonian power mix with the matters of the third house? Those who are not deep intellectual seekers must still associate knowledge with power. Those who are intellectually inclined may have more outlets for their search for power with knowledge. On a lower level, this planetary position may manifest itself by misuse of information or unfairly keeping secrets. For many individuals, keeping or revealing secrets may constitute big turning points in their lives. Information that has been kept secret may be brought to light by someone. The uncovering may even cause a shocking effect and change in life direction. In one person's case it caused enormous psychological pressure. She sought psychotherapy after that.

This planetary position often brings strong intellectual defences. Partly this is due to the will to control others intellectually or verbally. Some individuals develop compulsive speaking for the same reason. Furthermore, this kind of individual does not easily accept his intellectual weaknesses, which he tries to cover, for example, with compulsive speaking, an overflow of words. Pluto always makes little weaknesses seem bigger. Intellectual or mental defensiveness may also be shown by withdrawal or abstinence. A restless planet like Pluto in the third house may also bring irrational fears in relation to self-expression. The standards for self-expression may also be so high that they are difficult to reach. All kinds of pressure are possible in relation to self-expression and thoughts. It is noticeable that many dancers (always physically moving) have this planetary position. Movement (third house) is important for them as a means for spiritual development, whether or not they are conscious of it. Thus, one of the best outlets for Pluto in the third house is to find means to associate movement with spirituality or self-development. The conscious individual could act as a 'guru of movement'. Third house association with the environment does not facilitate contacts with siblings. One of the siblings may be difficult or cause trouble; thus, Pluto teaches development and consciousness in that way. Pluto never gives anything for free. One woman experienced a traumatising shock in her childhood when her sister threatened to sell her. This trauma probably still influences her choices in life. Another individual, a male, was informed that his brother, a homosexual, had been exposed to the AIDS virus. Plutonian experiences touch life through siblings. Pluto may also drive away from close environment if the pressure becomes too heavy. In that case, faraway countries are imaginary or real destinations.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position affects the ability to communicate, especially with peers. If there are other indications of mental instability, this will add to it. Communication can be felt to be dangerous; there is a fear of publicity, of being revealed, a fear of exposing oneself through communication. There may be a fear of travel or a fear of getting lost. These people are easily caught up in intrigues, or are afraid of being caught in them. Their

peers may think they are odd - too intense, perverse, overly secretive - which may be true, but may only be due to their difficulties in communicating. Difficulties in communicating with peers and the community in childhood may drive them to leave home early and seek a more congenial environment, though this rarely works. Difficulties with siblings may be the prime motivating factor. There may be a sibling (or siblings, or neighbours, or associates) who bring(s) them sorrow by living dangerously: either through an unconventional lifestyle, by having underworld connections or illegal financial dealings, or through association with underground political organisations. The worst aspects may indicate a sibling or close associate who is chronically ill or insane, or who is killed accidentally, or murdered.

Early difficulties with communication may cause them to hold back and keep their thoughts and feelings to themselves to a great extent, then pour it all out to one who seems tolerant and non-judgemental; but if their choice of a confidante is poor, they will be in worse trouble than before.

This position seems to restrain all forms of communication. Out of ninety-two writers in a sample, only four have it; out of 145 performers, only five. It gives a rich fantasy life, adding greatly to the ability of the imagination, but this is mostly non-verbal and subliminal. It is good for writing poetry (of the four writers with this position, two are poets), for casting ideas and thoughts into images, but it is difficult for publication as their anxiety over publicity keeps them from doing anything that might reveal too much to the public. There may be some justification for this, because with this position of Pluto, they are vulnerable to slander.

It gives an awareness of the dark, subliminal levels of the mind, an understanding of the animal in man, of herd psychology, of the dark forces that civilisation seeks to check but that break out and cause much of the irrational behaviour of humanity, both in individuals and in groups. Consequently, there is a great ability to manipulate others by means of playing to unconscious, compulsive drives. They are often attracted to macabre fantasies, science fiction, etc.. There may be dangerous, difficult, or amazing occurrences while travelling. Travelling should be approached with caution. People with this location of Pluto probably should not pick up hitchhikers. There may have been a traumatic early life experience connected with school, playgrounds, a sibling, or playmates.

They are fascinated by non-verbal communication, by words as symbols, and by the growth and structure of language, but not so much by the ordinary use of words to communicate thoughts or information.

(Howard Sasportas)

Like Uranus or Neptune in this house, Pluto in the 3rd aims to transcend the ordinary limits of the mind or intellect. Those with this placement often have a deep, penetrating

and incisive mind able to 'laser through' to the heart of any matter. There could be an interest in extra-sensory perception or a desire to expose and freely talk about subjects which others find taboo (such as sex and death). Their minds are well-suited to any form of research or depth studies. Some might seek knowledge for the power and mastery it gives over others and the environment. Occasionally, they give birth to ideas which could have a transforming effect on society. They may have a certain power with words. However, Pluto's strength can be used treacherously as well; and those with this placement are often known for their cutting tongues and acute sensitivity to where another person's weakness lies. Negative moods could creep up; and they can be overwhelmed by obsessive thoughts, as if their own minds betray them. Their thoughts can turn very destructive; and some will be afraid to speak because of a fear of what might come out. Others hide what is going on inside them in case exposing themselves would render them too vulnerable.

The 3rd house covers the early environment and the growing-up years. As children, we all have difficulty distinguishing between having wished for something and the belief that we have actually done the deed. For instance, if a little boy is angry at his sister for getting more attention than him, he may entertain a passing thought that he wishes she were dead. Let's say that the next day his sister falls out of a tree and breaks a leg. The boy in question might equate the negative wish he had with the accident, and therefore believe that his bad thoughts caused it to happen. Taking whole or part blame for it, he will walk around guilty and afraid of being found out and punished for his evil doings. As we grow older, we realise we are not so omnipotent, but those with Pluto in the 3rd may still harbour fears and guilts about the power of their thoughts and the bad things they made or make happen around them. Secret sins can torment a child or adolescent with Pluto in the 3rd, and he or she may be terrified to tell anyone else about it. And where there is shame and guilt, anger and rage are not far away. Obviously, parents of children with Pluto in the 3rd should try to create an environment in which the child feels safe to talk about what is going on in his or her mind, rather than allowing thoughts and feelings to fester underneath too long.

The early environment may have been experienced by those with this placement as threatening or non-life-supporting, and could leave the impression that they have to continually guard themselves against others. They will not easily forget a wrongdoing, and may hold on to resentment for a very long time. The relationship with siblings is usually complex and ridden with undercurrents of sexuality, competition and intrigue. This placement often indicates difficulties with neighbours and problems with early schooling. For some, being sent away to boarding school is a major upheaval and felt as a kind of banishment or punishment for some imagined transgression.

Even short journeys can be harassing. They may arrive at a friend's for a quiet weekend in the country to discover they have stepped into the plot of an Agatha Christie thriller.

Those with Pluto in the 3rd are powerful on the mental plane; and if they hold a certain

attitude towards another person, they can 'box' the person in to such a degree that he or she inevitably acts out the projection. Therefore if they want someone's behaviour to change, they might try altering the context in which they are viewing that person. It is a basic fact of life that attention carries energy.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: Pluto in the 3rd house shows that your subconscious speaks to you through the immediate surroundings. It's like an Easter egg hunt, or a search for buried treasure. What makes stimulus and movement in the real world a positive or negative experience is the presence or absence of a 'psychic map' of the environment. Activity for its own sake is meaningless; what matters instead is the ability to see signals and signposts at critical points. The pitfall is that you may be blind to your own need for exploration, for digging up valuable but hidden treasures existing all around, often right under your nose. The challenge is to keep activity deeply purposeful, and to remember that reality is often quite different from appearance.

Concrete mind: The intricacies of rationality are compelling. Though your mentality may work toward the surface slowly, like magma rising within a volcano, the process is inexorable, for you are sensitised to the power that comes through knowledge. If the power can be harnessed, it can work wonders, both for yourself and for those around you. The pitfall is being asleep to the intensity of your own mind, while the challenge is to gain control over these resources by studying the rules of logic.

Curiosity: For you, curiosity is a probing tool, an auger bit cutting through the surface to reach into the hidden inner workings of life. Never content with appearances, you want to see the wiring within the walls, the plumbing beneath the floors. At times you are likely to be bored stiff by otherwise interesting puzzles, and you won't hesitate to brush them aside in the quest for what you believe lies underneath or beyond. Inquisitiveness is mentally intense, but sometimes emotionally blind. The pitfall is symbolic vivisection, while the challenge is respect for life's mysterious wholeness.

Basic education: Here a child encounters the first experiences with something larger and more powerful than the self. It may be the authority of teachers; it may be the sudden onset of group and peer pressures; it may be the astonishment of learning itself. But in any case, the life can be dramatically affected by these early years in one of two directions: either open or closed psychologically. Basic education repeats itself over and over in the adult life. Fundamental learning is the key.

Communication: Your speech is a direct outlet from the deepest realms of inner feeling, realms often unknown to your awareness. The key image here is invisibility. Words and feelings bubble away together far below the surface, gradually producing an amalgam that is neither fish nor fowl. There may be long periods of inarticulate silence, followed by eruptions of profound expression. In the insights, though, there exists an irresistible

power. Your insights about the people in your world may be communicated more didactically than you intend, so be prepared for strong reactions to your words, since they often cut to the bone. Others should not expect selfrevelation from you, but if it comes it will be direct, blunt, and total.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a distinct gift for solving problems, especially when the problem has already defied other attempts. The more mysterious the circumstances, the better, for it gives you an opportunity to search deeply and test your abilities. You are concerned about social and political conditions in your environment, because they usually have a direct effect on your life circumstances. Your preoccupation with the future stimulates you to do what you can to bring about conditions that you can live with. This is why you admire other people with backbone who have a feeling of social responsibility and who challenge demagogues who would gain control of the masses. Such an individual would earn your respect and attract your attention as a possible marriage partner.

You are impatient with people who do little more than talk about the future. You cultivate self-reliance in your own children, so that they can choose their own lifedirections independently. Because of your concern for them, you also make them aware of the hazards that life ahead. Your perceptive ability has far more depth than your contemporaries realise; and they may be surprised when you show a decided interest in the unknown and the occult.

You should become thoroughly informed about any subject that deeply interests you. You must know as much as possible about the political, social and religious philosophies that often serve as catalysts for important social changes. You resent the fact that people continue to adhere to old attitudes when the reasons for them are no longer valid. Be prepared for every eventuality by developing all your creative potentials. You protect your future interests when you can accept the opportunities that are offered to you.

If you develop your skills adequately, you won't have to accep the bottom line offered in your career. You will serve yorusef best if your profession requires you to apply your skills in serving the best interests of society at large. If you work diligently to give your best, you are less likely to be harassed by the people who are affected by your decisions. Your awareness of public and individual needs will arouse you to make your skills available, especially if you know that your efforts will work and be appreciated. You are concerned about the financial leverage that people in important positions use to later the destinies of the masses. But you apply similar pressure to gratify your personal desires.

Though your parents might not agree with your goals and objectives and your driving commitment to them, they must admit that you have a talent for making the most out of even ordinary assets. You consider every challenge as an ultimaum, forcing you to go to

extremes to win, if necessary. You can usually make a seemingly worthless situation appear to have great value. You are most attracted to programs that aim to provide lasting results for everyone who is affected by them.

(Steven Forrest)

In the tradition... the third house is associated with speaking and listening. That notion is typically extended to include writing and reading. In the modern world, we take it a step further and include broadcasting, computer networking, satellite uplinks and downlinks, radio, video, desktop publishing, you name it. The human urge to gather data and express it: that's the third house.

But there's another third house process, one that underlies all those avenues of communication, at least ideally: thinking. This is the house that seems best to reflect all the microcircuitry of the mind itself: our habitual underlying paradigms of thought, such as 'thesis + antithesis = sythesis' or 'every truth has two sides'. Planets and signs connected with your third house will provide sharp insight into those tectonic structures that are the foundation upon which all your insights rest.

Let's go one step deeper: before thought, there must be perception. It is difficult to conceive of a mind with absolutely nothing to perceive and digest. Even the embryo in the womb is flooded with external sensations - light, sound, mother's moody biochemistry. Could thoughts even form in an eternally silent, isolated mind? Admittedly, that's a serious philosophical question, but the basic logic of the third house suggests that perception, thought, and finally communication are a kind of triadic psychic package. If you want one, you've got to accept the other two.

Data in, data out. That's the third house. What if that data must always be filtered through Pluto? Let's have a look....

Your high destiny: Most astrologers have had the thoroughly delightful experience of astounding a sceptic. Astrology works; but almost universally nowadays people are 'educating' into believing that it does not. "So, 1981 was quite a year for you in the relationships department, huh?" And the sceptic's jaw drops.

How quick we humans are to construct models of the truth, believe them, and then blithely ignore our own real experiences. Individuals do it. Cultures do it. Astrology's foes do it - and so do astrologers.

Your high destiny is that of the paradigm-buster. You were born to shake people out of their comfortable certainties and render them naked and open to the raw truth that's pouring in through their senses, denied and unobserved.

Your destiny in this regard is inextricably bound up with communication. Generally that



means language, whether it's spoken in private whispers, broadcast over the airwaves, printed, rhymed or reasoned. Sometimes people with Pluto in the third house do their communicating in other ways, using photography or video or cartooning to get the images across. Whatever form it takes, it's all communication.

And for you it must be distinctly Plutonian communication: which is to say that the teachings destined to pass through you into the larger community are often initially shocking in nature. They bother people, unsettle them. But it doesn't end there. It ends with the listeners - the ones who are willing to hang in there open-mindedly - being energised and inspired.

Meanwhile, the ones who do not hang in there may be plotting your crucifixion. Part of the paradigm you are living out is the perilous tale of the bearer of true tidings. The world will resist our voice. Upon that we can count.

Your distorting wound: Any third house planet functions on a perceptual basis. The same could be said for any sign connected to your third house, especially the sign on the cusp of the house. Thus, we all inevitably observe our surroundings through a system of filters. A suspicious person is more likely to observe dark, secret motives in someone's behaviour than a trusting person. On the other hand, a trusting soul will be quicker to see all the angels standing in line in the grocery store.

With Pluto in your third house, you have an innate perceptual bias in the Plutonian direction - which is to say that ever since you were born, you've been skilled at picking up unspoken, taboo or denied energies in any situation. I'd like to start with a trivial illustration. I picture you as a small child sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner with the family. Granny burps. And nobody misses a beat. Politely, they act as if nothing has happened. And you were dumbfounded. Not that the burp was any great offence; what held your attention was the perfection of the collective denial of the event.

Burps are only the beginning. Far darker realities exist, realities to which you are perceptually attuned by instinct. Daddy is drinking more and more lately. Sister is sullen and distant. You take it all in. Are others denying these realities or simply not seeing them? Often it's the latter. 'Reality' is largely a mythic belief system; and part of the human heritage is an extraordinary ability to enter the shared myth of family or community and not see anything else. That's true of most of us, but not you. Psychologically, you have the eye of a private detective: penetrating, calculating and suspicious.

When a person knows very well what he or she is seeing but no-one else agrees, a predictable series of wounding events unfolds. Here's your story: First, in innocence, you spoke out and got clobbered for it. The clobbering may have been literal, or it may have taken the form of everyone looking at you pityingly as though you were out of your mind. Then you clammed up... and concentrated silently on the negative perception.

That's the critical point: the more others denied that dark piece of the truth, the more you felt compelled to study it, claim it and inwardly insist on its reality. Thus, a distortion entered your perceptual system: a bias toward emphasising the Plutonian content of any complex reality.

Your navigational error: Raw Plutonian realities, by their nature, tend to make us feel either angry or sad. Or both. Your distorting wound, if not addressed and healed, turns your mind in a suspicious, doubting, negative direction. All perceptions must pass initially through this house and be filtered there. Since one of Pluto's qualities is an attunement to frightening, uncomfortable truths, your mind could become dominated by those perspectives.

Since anything in the third house is wired directly to your tongue, you will then tend toward bitterness and harshness in your speech, angrily and unconsciously using psychological insight to hurt people. Misunderstanding and miscommunication will abound in your life; and your own mind will be filled with paranoid, leery constructions of reality while people around you complain incomprehensibly about your 'tone of voice' or your 'attitude'. That... or if the rest of your astrological nature is very fierce, they may simply fear you and nervously watch their ps and qs whenever you're around.

Your 'paranoid, leery' interpretations of events may at times be 100% valid. The point here is not so much that there is a proneness on your part toward ungrounded horror-fantastical perspectives; it is far more linked to a distorting emphasis upon the Plutonian - an emphasis which can be traced directly back to your early solitude in facing life's darker dynamics. You were isolated by what you saw; you could cling to the truth of what was pouring in through your senses, or you could lose your mind. That was your choice. Both possibilities were very real. The better of the two choices lay in clinging to the truth of what you were seeing... but even that choice hurt you. How? By biasing your mind in the Plutonian direction. You could spend your life seeing the blood and missing the flowers.

The Healing Method: As always, in considering the dark side of the Plutonian equations, we must underscore that these bleak possibilities are in no way your fate. Through the Plutonian process of remembering the truth of what actually happened to you, they can be unvalled and higher energies come into play. That is pure Pluto, no matter what house it's in: we liberate ourselves by making the unconscious conscious. For you, that process is utterly bound to speech. The third house sacrament at the heart of your healing method is conversation.

There is an eternal dance in the process of building real intimacy. One person takes a little risk and shares something a bit more revealing than normal party talk. The other person responds in a way that unmistakably acknowledges both the information and the risk. Then it's the second person's turn, and maybe the pair moves a little deeper

together... and moves a little further into each other's confidence. With Pluto in the third house, in this conversational process, you heal. Specifically, the very aspects of your character which were driven into silence and isolation by the unsettling, taboo power of what you perceived are now welcomed back from the cold. In a nutshell, your healing method lies in putting the more intense aspects of your inner life into words. That process can occur in profound, conversation-intensive friendship. It can occur in a deep psychotherapeutic context... although here we must make cautionary reference to that breed of 'therapist' so wedded to forcing you into his or her 'positive' or 'negative' belief system that the simple, healing act of telling one's own story spontaneously and uninhibitedly is stymied.

Writing is another healing method, since writing is also a kind of conversation. People with Pluto in the third house often recover their true natures through journalising or soulful correspondence. If the rest of the chart supports it, we might even find healing here through poetry, story-telling, film-making, or novel-writing. All the methods come down to one technique: tell your story.

The energising vision: You are a Truth-sayer. Or a Teacher, in the best sense of the word... which is to say that you are one who shocks us into thinking for ourselves. That is the destiny with which you were born. Circumstance may have done its best to beat that quality out of you, but that's still what you are. Snatch that power back from the forces that have tried to rob you of it, and you'll find yourself full of fire and energy. Nothing in this world will better fill you with the heat of life than a chance to punch through the veil of comforting phoniness and superficial politeness that threatens to turn us all into stick-figures. There is an element of confrontation inherent in what you are born to say, but not meanness or pointless destruction. Still, not everyone will be ready to hear your message: accept that. But you have been given three extraordinary gifts: a penetrating eye, a nose for sniffing out denial and collusion, and a hypnotic way with a tale. Use them! In the end, it comes down to this: with Pluto in the third house, you must reclaim your voice. And you must hold onto it, even in the face of the forces that would have you silent.

(Jeff Green)

Individuals with Pluto in the Third House have experienced the evolutionary necessity to project themselves into the physical environment in order to collect information, facts and data. Thus, this process has led to the evolutionary development and emphasis upon the mind and intellect. In the Second House, evolutionary necessity required withdrawal and internalisation in order to discover the sense of individuality from within; to give it value, meaning, and the ability to identify one's own unique resources to effect self-reliance and self-sustainment. In so doing, emotional stability and security could be realised.

In the Third House, the individual necessarily has had to move out from this centre of

subjective isolation - the frog in the well. Those with Pluto in the Third House have had to project themselves into their immediate physical environment in order to make broader and larger connections to it, and thus to themselves. These individuals have gained new experiences through which they have expanded their ideas and conceptions of who and what they are in relation to their physical environment. They have been developing their mental powers and intellectual abilities to logically order their existential existence. In other words, they have needed to give names and classifications to the objects and forms of the physical environment in order to understand and know it. By doing so they have also defined themselves by understanding, or attempting to understand, their relationship within the scheme of things - or, as the Taoists would say, 'within the ten thousand things'. In the broadest possible sense, the Third House is the need for the human species to give names and classifications to what is otherwise a phenomenal world. By naming and classifying, we have made ourselves intellectually, and therefore emotionally, secure. In the deepest sense, the Third House relates to our need to know the physical laws of our world in order to understand how it works.

Thus, individuals with the Third House Pluto have desired to experience many kinds of circumstances and situations of their own making. Their natural intellectual curiosity has allowed them to build upon, from their own evolutionary point of view, the idea of who they thought they were and think they are now. There has been a desire and need to understand their 'world' in a larger and larger framework. There has been, and will be, a desire to accumulate a storehouse of facts and information about their world in order to build a logical framework or superstructure of ideas that rationally and empirically explain their relationship to the environment. The desire in the past has not been to understand the deeper meaning of these facts; the metaphysical or cosmological laws as contrasted with the physical laws of the world. The focus has been, and will be, upon facts which are verifiable through the senses. The emotional security of individuals with a Third House Pluto has been linked with their ability to logically order, and thus 'know', their environment and their relationship to that environment. By knowing their environment, these individuals know themselves. This dynamic of emotional security linked to the ability to intellectually organise reality sets up a unique problem. On the one hand, the evolutionary desire and need has been to expand upon the intellectual framework. On the other hand, the desire for emotional security has led to the desire and need to create a foundation upon which the expansion is built; a specific point of view. The problem is that the desire to expand, to collect ever more information or facts, cyclically leads to a situation in which the new information directly undermines the existing foundation. Being simultaneously attracted and repelled by the desire for new experiences or information, these individuals have necessarily made choices as to what information would be taken in and what would be repelled.

From an evolutionary standpoint, these choices have created intellectual limitations because of the need for intellectual / emotional security. Given the attraction / repulsion dynamic, these individuals will experience cyclic intellectual implosions or cataclysms in which the logical structure of intellectual organisation disintegrates. Emotional security is

affected, but they have learned how to adapt because of the inherent mutable nature of the Third House. The symbol for mutability is an upwards moving spiral. The intellectual / emotional implosion re-organises; and the metamorphosis produces a new foundation, a more inclusive point of view.

The intensity of the intellectual / emotional implosion is directly proportionate to the degree to which the individual has taken in the information. If he / she has totally identified with the information or idea, then the cataclysm will be total; the foundation seemingly completely removed. On the other hand, if the new idea is just being considered, identified with or absorbed in a minimal way, then the intensity of the implosion will be less. These cyclic implosions are always caused when, through evolutionary pressure, the intellectual framework has become limited or stagnated to the extent of preventing further growth or expansion. The degree of resistance relative to the need for expansion determines the degree of the cataclysm.

To determine the degree of personal identification in any Third House Pluto birthchart, check for other contributing or mitigating factors connected to Pluto. The evolutionary pressure of the Third House Pluto to take in new information and to generate new experiences has created a rather intense degree of perceptual restlessness that resonates within the Souls of these individuals. This restlessness, linked to boredom and stagnation, has led to the formation of an archive of experiences and information to which these individuals constantly refer, to increase their understanding and to communicate this understanding or knowledge to others. In other words, restlessness compulsively drives these people onward for ever new information or experiences.

Third House Pluto individuals have, and will need, relationships with others in order to process themselves; that is, to release the intellectual / emotional build-up of mental energy. In extreme cases, some of these people may become compulsive talkers. They need relationships not only to process themselves, but also to bring in new information from others. This continual interaction with others brings a constant need to adjust their ideas, which means that more and more facts are needed to explain in even greater detail the 'complete picture' of themselves and the world in which they live. The problem is that these individuals feel that they will never know enough. Consequently, the 'data banks' run the risk of becoming so large that they threaten to topple and disintegrate. Disintegration happens by having too many facts that logically connect in so many ways that there is no one composite or holistic way in which to relate all the data. Chasing one interest, idea, or desire after another, these individuals can end up walking down many different roads at the same time in a compulsive and unconscious effort to find that one fact or piece of information that will put it all together for them.

On this basis, these people can end up in a land of revolving perspectives with no centre or foundation through which to create a consistent composite picture. The individual's inner experience of his or her own 'centre' is one of revolving perspectives, of a revolving mass of emotions, and the feeling that the centre or foundation is always moving.

Feeling lost and insecure, they can desperately reach out for one concrete fact to identify with and call their own. And yet, from an evolutionary point of view, the inner centre of these individuals must move. The centre or foundation is the movement itself. This spiralling effect can be endless as the perpetual cycles of contraction and expansion occur. The evolutionary basis for the constant movement of the centre is to eliminate intellectual limitations that periodically form in the attempt to stabilise and feel secure. In addition, these cycles of contraction and expansion occur to progressively lead the individual into the awareness that there is an intrinsic limitation to what the empirically oriented mind can know in and of itself.

With Pluto's polarity point in the Ninth House or Sagittarius, the evolutionary intent for this life is to develop the intuitive faculty as opposed to an intellect that is primarily concerned with empirical facts. By developing the intuition, these individuals will progressively understand the deeper meaning or significance of the facts; the metaphysical or cosmological laws that are the basis of the physical laws themselves. They will learn how to synthesise all the data into a composite or holistic understanding of how the parts are related to the whole. Intuition is the faculty in all of us that becomes aware, or is aware, of knowledge that is not a product of deductive thinking. Intuition is that part in all of us that knows what it knows without knowing how it knows it. The necessary development of intuition for Third House Pluto people demands that they learn how to quiet their constantly busy minds. By doing this, these individuals can open up and tune in to the intuitive faculty which is naturally plugged into the 'truth' that exists in our universe.

A primary way in which these individuals can harness and quiet their minds is to align themselves with one comprehensive philosophical or metaphysical system that makes the most sense to them on a gut level. By doing so, these individuals can intuitively align themselves with one holistic principle upon which all the pieces of information floating around in their heads can be given a bottom line. By their creating a bottom line, all the facts can be synthesised in order to reflect the 'truth' of the particular philosophy they have identified with. By aligning themselves with a comprehensive philosophy that is personally identified with on a gut level, these individuals can create a consistent interpretation of the facts and the world around them. A quieting and harnessing of the mind will result.

Relative to the past evolutionary and karmic conditions, some individuals will create their own bottom line philosophical or metaphysical principles upon which they base the arguments and 'rightness' of their opinions and facts. These types will not align themselves with a philosophical system outside themselves. Others will align themselves with two, three, or more 'systems' outside themselves. In so doing, they will select the principles in each that agree with some pre-existing point of view that they refuse to give up. In this way, they will synthesise these systems into their own brand of philosophy and truth. Others will make a total commitment to one philosophical system outside themselves that they feel most drawn to in order to create the necessary bottom line.

The voice of personal authority, with respect to their opinions, will thus be linked to the authority of the system itself. In all cases, the evolutionary need and pressure to seek out the bottom line cosmological or metaphysical principles upon which the facts are based is the same. This evolutionary pressure is teaching all of these people the connection between the physical and metaphysical, between the mind and intuition, and the limitations implied by the empirically oriented intellect

Through the polarity point of the Ninth House, the individual must intuitively learn to realise the truth that explains the basis of what can be empirically observed. In other words, the archetype of the Ninth House correlates to the laws that are the very basis of creation, the very basis of why human beings have developed religions, beliefs and philosophies. Just as belief systems can be limited or sectarian in nature, i.e. one version being 'more right' than another version, so too do the Third House Pluto individuals run the risk of limiting themselves to a version of metaphysical truth by responding or reacting to the evolutionary requirements in the ways mentioned above. On the one hand, it is necessary to understand intuitively the bottom line metaphysical principles upon which the facts are based. On the other hand, to consider that those principles are the only ones that are relevant and 'right' will promote a sectarian attitude. The narrow viewpoint is linked to the need for emotional security of an intellectual nature, and often implies a need to convince or convert others to one's own point of view. This implied limitation will thus guarantee, from an evolutionary point of view, that internal and external confrontation will continue to occur until the individual realises that his or her version of the truth is just that: a version. It may be a necessary and relevant version given the individual's evolutionary and karmic background and requirements. The version is not the question in and of itself. Considering the version to be the only valid system is the problem. Once the individual is forced to make this realisation, or intuitively the problem, then two things will happen: A. the individual will not need to defend personal opinions and philosophies to anyone, nor deny another's - thus, the resulting metamorphosis will allow the individual to participate in conversations of all kinds in a non-defensive way, and to learn how to learn from others as well as others learning from him or her; and B. to continue the evolutionary journey in the discovery of the whole truth. This journey will ultimately lead the individual into the awareness, intuitively realised, that the truth exists in and of itself. It always has, and always will. In this realisation, the individual will understand that the empirical mind and the intellect does not know what is true in and of itself.

In addition, the Ninth House polarity point will be teaching all these individuals the differences between reactions and responses. Prior to the necessary metamorphosis, these individuals will be more or less a reactive type. In conversation, for example, they may not really listen to another, or they may wait for an idea or thought to react off. By not really listening, these individuals are concerned with impressing themselves on other people with their own ideas and knowledge. By waiting for a thought or idea to react to, these individuals are waiting to use another's thought or idea as a launching pad to assert their own point of view. Of course this dynamic can lead to conversations that go

nowhere, or end up in inverted spirals of clashing perspectives. It can lead into arguments or intellectual confrontations in which all parties concerned try to convince or convert each other to their own points of view without seriously considering or listening to anyone else. In other situations, this reactive process can lead these individuals into simply walking away from a conversation wondering if they could have said something else, or said it in a better or different way. Or the individual could simply shut the person off and just walk away from a conversation. In all cases, the intent and effect of these people is the same: to stimulate awareness of their own intellectual traps, games, limitations and motives, and the needs and dynamics that have created them.

As this evolutionary drama unfolds, these individuals can learn the lesson of response versus reaction. A response is considered action that translates in this case to knowing when to talk and when not to, what to say versus rambling or trying to prove a point, and listening to other people's ideas and knowing what to take in and what to reject. Rather than buying a load of books that are not read, or are partially read, these people will learn to buy one book at a time within a certain subject area that they feel intuitively drawn to. Progressively, from an evolutionary point of view, these people will come to realise the difference between opinions and that which is true.

The four natural evolutionary conditions determine the kinds of ideas and philosophies that these individuals gravitate toward. Those in the herd state will listen to consensus opinions and ideas about any subject and would consider this point of view their own. They would gravitate to the 'accepted' forms of religious or philosophical expression.

Those in the individuated state would desire to think for themselves. They would reject consensus opinion and would explore for themselves the subjects that attract them. They would tend to reject unquestioning attachment or bonding to any preexisting formal philosophy, religion, or cosmological system. They would create their own system, or synthesise concepts from many different systems into a composite whole. Some individuals in this evolutionary state will select one pre-existing formal system that they feel intuitively drawn to. This is a sign that these people are moving rapidly toward the spiritual evolutionary state because they are beginning to realise the evolutionary and karmic limitations in creating and relying upon a metaphysical system of their own making. In other words, truth is to be realised, not created from an egocentric point of view. By aligning themselves with a system outside themselves that reflects what they intuit to be true, these individuals are admitting that there are forces or powers larger than themselves.

Individuals in the spiritual state itself would attempt to understand the timeless basis for the physical laws of our world, and would use facts to illustrate a spiritual point or principle. These individuals will align themselves with specific cosmological, metaphysical, religious and philosophical systems that they feel most drawn to intuitively. These systems will be based on the intrinsic metaphysical truths and laws that are the basis of Creation itself. These intrinsic truths and laws are commonly



communicated by these people, and the system itself, through metaphor, analogy, parables and inference wherein an empirical fact is used to illustrate the principle, truth, or law. Even within this evolutionary state, limitation can exist when either the specific system, or the individual, denies another system as 'wrong'. Evolution occurs in this state by progressively teaching the individual the whole 'truth', and the essential unity of all paths leading to the realisation of the truth.

Once the necessary evolutionary lessons are developed, the Third House Pluto individual will have natural communicative skills that can inspire, motivate, enthrall, hypnotise, and metamorphose other people's intellectual patterns and opinions by sheer contact with them. Their ability to understand the connection between the macrocosm and the microcosm, between truth and fact, is unsurpassed. This ability can translate into taking any number of facts of a diverse nature and relating them to one central principle from which the facts emanate. The penetrating intellect can identify the essence of any question, problem, or issue that is posed by, or to, the individual. Once the core of any problem, question, or issue is exposed, the solution can soon follow.

Common characteristics of the Third House Pluto individual include: deep, penetrating mind; being intelligent; being curious as long as he / she can control the direction of the curiosity; the ability to recognise the weakest possible link in any argument; ability to uncover the facts; appearing to be very logical yet intellectually / emotionally defensive when other peoples' ideas threaten his / her own intellectual order; and natural power emanating from the hands.

# Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ⚙ **Uranus** - (1°53')    ♄4 | ♀5
- 2) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♎ **North-Node** - (0°08')    ♃1 | ♄6
- 3) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♋ **South-Node** - (1°36')    ♄6 | ♃12
- 3) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♓ **Neptune** - (0°07')    ♄3 | ♃1
- 4) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Conjunct** ☿ **Mercury** - (10°47' A)    ♃1 | ♃1
- 5) ► **Midheaven** MC **Conjunct** ♓ **Neptune** - (5°40' S)    ♃1 | ♃1
- 6) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (10°05' S)    ♄3 | ♄3
- 7) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°48' S)    ♄3 | ♄3
- 8) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♓ **Neptune** - (1°03' A)    ♃1 | ♃1
- 9) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♎ **North-Node** - (1°23' S)    ♄6 | ♄6
- 10) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♋ **South-Node** - (4°13' A)    ♃12 | ♃12
- 11) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♇ **Pluto** - (7°17' S)    ♄3 | ♄3
- 12) ► **Venus** ♀ **Opposition** ♃ **Jupiter** - (5°36' S)    ♄6 | ♃12
- 13) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (8°14' A)    ♃9 | ♄3
- 14) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°03' A)    ♃1 | ♄3
- 15) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (2°53' A)    ♄4 | ♄6
- 16) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♎ **North-Node** - (1°30' A)    ♄4 | ♄6
- 17) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°40' S)    ♃1 | ♄3
- 18) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ⚙ **Uranus** - (4°58' S)    ♄3 | ♀5
- 19) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♓ **Neptune** - (1°34' S)    ♄3 | ♃1
- 20) ► **Uranus** ⚙ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°19' A)    ♀5 | ♄3
- 21) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♎ **North-Node** - (3°51' S)    ♄3 | ♄6
- 22) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ☿ **Mercury** - (2°07' S)    ♄4 | ♃1
- 23) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♓ **Neptune** - (3°10' S)    ♄4 | ♃1
- 24) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°20' S)    ♄6 | ♄3
- 25) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°01' S)    ♃12 | ♄3
- 26) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♇ **Pluto** - (5°16' A)    ♃12 | ♄3
- 27) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♎ **North-Node** - (6°14' S)    ♄3 | ♄6
- 28) ► **Pluto** ♇ **Square** ♎ **North-Node** - (1°03' A)    ♄3 | ♄6
- 29) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (0°04' A)    ♃1 | ♃9
- 30) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ⚙ **Uranus** - (2°16' S)    ♃1 | ♀5
- 31) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°43' S)    ♄4 | ♃12
- 32) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ⚙ **Uranus** - (2°21' S)    ♃1 | ♀5
- 33) ► **Uranus** ⚙ **Trine** ♓ **Neptune** - (3°24' S)    ♀5 | ♃1

34) ► **Midheaven** MC **Quincunx** ♀ **Venus** - (0°23' A) ♃1 | ♎6

1) ► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ♂ **Uranus** - (1°53') ♏4 | ♏5

(Haydn Paul)

Challenges will probably occur within intimate relationships. These will reflect the clash between old and new, between familiar behaviour patterns and the attraction of renewal emerging from a chaotic unknown. Your inner life may feel like a battleground, as these two different energies try to influence choices and decisions; and at times of crisis, you may feel almost torn apart.

A tendency toward mental and emotional stress will exist, arising from emotional instability and problems created in relationships through unpredictable and frequent mood changes. The impact of the Uranian vibration may create sudden changes in the erratic mutability of the lunar emotions. This can stir choppy seas into more dangerous storms. If you then release this tension through conflict with those closest to you - which is a common behaviour pattern - relationships could become quite stormy. Others' inability to rely upon and trust you will obviously affect the development of long-term relationships.

Your need for variety can also cause problems. This can be felt inwardly, where you easily get bored and lose interest in your home, employment, marriage, lovers etc., and then enter a phase of frustration if your need for new stimulation is denied. To break free from this tension, you may suddenly 'explode' toward new explorations, attempting to shatter all limitations and restrictions. This can lead to moving to a new house, changing employment or established careers to pursue other directions, or entering affairs or separating from marriage. You find responsibility and commitments hard to bear during times when the Uranian impulse is too strong and capable of breaking through the Moon's established defensive patterns.

What should be avoided is a repressive build-up of inner tensions, because if they 'explode' through you, their destructive quality will dominate, rather than their transformative intent. The first step lies in acknowledging this inner pressure, and then learning to release it slowly and with conscious control, directing it into suitable channels as a natural development of your life. Accepting this impulse for new experiences and interests can be adequately handled, if a continuous element of exploration in your life is sensibly allowed to operate in appropriate ways. This is an essential 'safety valve' to develop for your well-being.

Understanding this tendency will help in choosing a suitable partner, one who accepts this need of yours and is both capable and willing to compromise when necessary in helping you to find ways to safely release tensions. Any progress made in integrating

your emotions and mind into a functioning whole will reap considerable dividends. Self-help techniques devoted to personal wholeness could be explored, offering potential positive development. Attempts by you to impose either emotional or rational dominance on your inner life will lead to additional friction created by the ignored planetary energy.

Feelings of instability that often persist also diminish your self-esteem, resulting in insecurity. You may lack a firm personality centre, fluctuating between Moon and Uranus, between emotion and logic, finding a home nowhere. You could find it useful to experience your emotional depths as deeply as possible. Let them rise to the surface; feel and understand their intensity, without cutting them off whenever they become unpleasant by an 'intellectual put-down' as inferior and not part of your preferred self-image. Equally, your mental interests and pursuits should be emotionally resonant, drawing both levels together. As your nervous system is overamplified, attempts like these help moderate and balance the flow of combined energies, thus making it easier for you to live with others without frequently feeling a restless obsession for change.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon in opposition to Uranus indicates mental and emotional stress. You are trying to integrate your feelings with logic to achieve a better balance between your inner and outer lives. You constantly feel the need to make decisions involving others, and these decisions cause you much emotional turmoil. If your feelings dominate, you alienate yourself from others, but if logic prevails you feel crushed. Only experience can teach you to compromise so that both impulses are satisfied. The whole process will succeed if you are patient; this conflict can be resolved.

The crisis lies in your insecurity about projecting yourself in relationships that seem threatening. You are eager to make contact with others who will respond warmly to you. The important thing is to be yourself, realizing that others may have the same apprehensions you have. People will warm up to you and become friends if you give them the chance.

Your occupation should involve you in the personal affairs of others. In helping others to acquire self-confidence, you will increase your own. Teaching is especially recommended because it will force you to project your creative abilities. The constructive results you achieve will make you more totally aware of your potential development.

You may become involved in the most unusual romantic alliances. You tend to innocently form attachments with individuals who are either already attached or at least spoken for. You have a fascination for bizarre or complicated relationships. Perhaps this is your way of avoiding responsibility, which can never develop in such situations. You are emotionally promiscuous even if you never actually indulge in physical promiscuity. Others will insist that you put up or shut up.

Try to get as much rest as you can. Your keyed-up nervous system can seriously affect your digestion. A serene outlook will do wonders to help you avert physical distress.

2) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♊ **North-Node** - (0°08') ♋1 | ♎6

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this aspect are able to express ideas acceptable to the culture in which they live at a time when they will receive recognition. (There is nothing so urgent as 'an idea whose time has come'.) Thus they are popular and are considered intellectual leaders. If other factors in the horoscope give a capacity for original thought, the native can be an effective force in bringing important new concepts into acceptance. On the negative side, there is a tendency for the natives to be swept along in the current of popularly held views and to do little original thinking. They are then merely mental children of their time, subject to all its limitations and errors.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The exchange of ideas, common or joint plans. The desire to exchange ideas and thoughts with other people. The tendency to form associations for the pursuit of joint interests.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect represents one who is bringing down to earth vast intellect from previous life, with the understanding and abilities to distribute it to the surroundings. They often have good communicative talents; and their energies seem to come from some unknown source. During their past life, the learning process has been at its minimum, along with considerable lack of communication that has instigated the needs and desires in this life to do what they can and have the philosophy to 'learn and let us communicate'. Assistance from brothers and sisters is highly significant in their life; and often it is a mutual exchange on a timely basis. Deeper understanding with them is needed, and will be established as the time goes on, depending upon the rest of the chart.

(Donna van Toen)

A need to share ideas or a motivation to learn leads to growth. Learning can be either active (through doing it yourself) or passive (through receiving information from others) depending on the signs involved. Angular nodes seem to incline more towards active development of growth potential regardless of the signs involved.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, the learning function is activated; and development is rapid.

According to the placement in sign and house, the native is eager to learn, versatile, and curious, and glad to pursue further development. The powers of expression are above average; friendships are readily formed - and just as readily broken if they impede personal development.

Mercury conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This is a good aspect for an astrologer, especially the trined North Node. It gives good spirits and a cheerful nature. There is a preference for young people. It gives an ability to write or lecture. It is fortunate for expressing the thoughts, as there is a clarity of ideas, especially with the trine or sextile. All aspects to Mercury have psychic value.

3) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ☿ **South-Node** - (1°36')    ♄6 | ♀12

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this aspect tend to loneliness and personal isolation where their feelings are concerned. They are inept in timing social and romantic advances, approaching others when they are preoccupied or indisposed. Consequently they suffer frequent brush-offs and develop inferiority complexes. On the positive side, love takes on a serious and profound meaning. There is a desire to help and relate to those who really need love and friendship. In the long run, this brings spiritual rewards.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect gives the individual a difficult time understanding and diagnosing love emotions and feelings. These people face several hidden problems regarding love / romance and with people of the opposite sex. Here the basic need for that soul is to convert the physical sexual energy into high consciousness. This is not an easy process by any means. Not many of these individuals can manage the processing or conversion. This makes the aspect a tough one to live through in that lifetime. During the recent lives, the person has overindulged in too many good things. As a result, here in this life, a coffee-break for that soul is provided. If they do not learn to accept this, the changes are circumstantially forced upon them eventually.

(Donna van Toen)

This person may have trouble adapting to new people and circumstances. Often there's difficulty in close relationships. This person may be agreeable enough but about the wrong things. Sometimes an over-developed sense of duty contributes to emotional

stagnation.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, slowing down is even more marked. There is a dislike of exertion, reliance on others, and the view that making a token effort is good enough. According to the theme of the axis, the native waits to be motivated by others, and is dependent on stronger, usually male, persons. The love of ease and a tendency to compromise mean that many opportunities for personal growth are allowed to slip by, and that refuge is taken in pseudo-harmony.

Venus square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, little endeavour to oblige other people, a disagreeable nature. A disharmonious love-union.

(Bernice Grebner)

This does not exactly favor happiness. This person is usually very sensitive and cannot express his affection comfortably. He cannot adapt easily to intimate relationships. For a man it may remove the woman he loves in some way, or may make the relationship difficult, especially if square. It may not deny love in his life, but it can put obstacles in the way that he must overcome. This diminishes the Venus charm and makes the feelings easily influenced. Venus square the Nodes tends to break up his numerous love affairs. Venus opposition the South Node designates an imbalance or excessive feelings. There can be great sacrifice to an ideal love. The square is not food for lasting love, and may tend to make the person tyrannical and jealous. The Node square Venus is especially significant for it takes much of the person's attention. The interest goes to the sign and house in which Venus is located; and great force has to be exercised in balancing the whole T-cross.

3) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (0°07') ♁3 | ♃1

(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 illusionary 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 selfrestrictive 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 reperceived 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.

4) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ☿ Mercury** - (10°47' A) ♃1 | ♃1

(Robert Pelletier)

Mercury conjunct the Ascendant shows that you are intensely preoccupied with yourself. You probably start your conversation with 'I' more often than most people do, and the

word 'me' crops up regularly in your dialogue. This is not such a terrible thing, but it is boring to others. Your mental faculties are well-developed, and for the most part you are bright and witty, so your incessant use of the personal pronoun must be tolerated. Intellectually enthusiastic about every bit of information you receive, you are inclined to burst out with rash statements of opinion when provoked. You pride yourself on how easy it is for you to learn, and may show disdain for anyone who has to concentrate harder. You are mentally impulsive and rarely give anyone the chance to answer your questions. In a crowd, you can dominate the conversation by asking questions that you answer yourself or by posing problems that you immediately solve. An original and creative speaker, you often dramatize what you have to say with a display of acting ability. People are fascinated by your command of language and effective delivery. You are not afraid to speak up when you know you are right, but the fact is that you aren't always right. When your views are criticized, you become indignant and argumentative. You are no shrinking violet, and would rather put up than shut up.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Mercury on the Ascendant shows a fondness for contacts with the outside world; also a need for continual change and give-and-take. There is great curiosity, and often this makes us early-wise. Mercury is a mobile planet and, when on the Ascendant, gives physical mobility and unrest, sometimes nerviness too, but also considerable manual dexterity. This conjunction, which generally indicates a bright mind, does not necessarily promise great learning capacity, since we find it hard to concentrate. We are at our best when free to chop and change and to do several things at the same time (although the remainder of the chart must be taken into consideration before one can hazard an opinion on the degree of changeability involved).

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with this conjunction are able to put their thoughts into action, for Mercury rules the mind, the ability to communicate. The Ascendant indicates how we start things, and how we function best in career. These may be talkative people, but the energy can be channeled to help them get their point across.

(Sue Tompkins)

The immediate impression that a Mercury conjunct Ascendant individual might make is of being bright, youthful and curious - and very chatty. These people have a very pronounced need to talk, and often to write, especially about their own experiences. All contacts from Mercury to the Ascendant-Descendant axis favour autobiographical writing. As always, the sign placement, other aspects to the configuration, and the houses where Gemini and Virgo are to be found, will all have great bearing on Mercury rising and form part of the overall complex.

People with Mercury rising usually have very strong early issues around siblings and schooling. Exactly what the issues are will be shown by the overall picture. Mercury rising people often immediately talk about their siblings and what those issues are.

With Mercury conjunct either end of the Ascendant-Descendant axis, there is a strong need to communicate with someone else in a one-to-one setting, a need to discuss oneself, and oneself in relation to other people. Lots of people gravitate to therapy situations with these contacts for there is a need to be listened to. It is through verbal interchange with another person that the individual is able to arrive at his or her own position on given subjects.

With all contacts there are often lots of comings and goings and general activity around the individual's birth. A lot of talking is also implied.

People with Mercury rising, and sometimes making other contacts to the Ascendant-Descendant axis generally, often have two or more names which they may be known by simultaneously or at different times. This reflects the general ambidextrous quality of these contacts.

5) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♃ Neptune** - (5°40' S) ♃1 | ♃1

(Robert Hand)

This aspect presents many opportunities and many challenges. You are very sensitive to whatever happens around you, and you seem to soak up impressions like a sponge. But you do not always know what these impressions mean or what to do with them. Consequently there is a real danger that you will be confused much of the time, especially about who you are and where you are going. Unfortunately, with this aspect you tend to get discouraged and depressed about yourself, feeling that you will never get a real grasp of what is happening in your life. One of your parents, at least, should be able to lovingly but firmly guide you through life and point out the difference between realities and illusions.

This position is often associated with psychic ability, which may be the source of the impressions that seem so confusing and hard to understand. Your parents should accept the fact that your so-called fantasies are actually based on a reality that is not easy to understand. They should help you learn to interpret this reality rather than saying that you are only dreaming or making it all up.

It won't be easy to find the right course to follow in life, but this position provides a few clues. First of all, you should feel that you are working for a cause higher than yourself, whether it is serving or taking care of others in some way or working for an idea or faith. This aspect has a very strongly religious dimension. But it is more mystical than orthodox, and even while you are young you will be attracted to mystical and

otherworldly ideals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The Midheaven represents social and business behavior based on self-image. With Neptune on the Midheaven, there is no possibility that a clear-cut picture will be obtained - the blurring and undermining influence is too great. As likely as not, we shall suffer from identity problems about who we are and about our role in life. This makes us extremely sensitive to what others think and say; and at first we shall be prepared to accept their assessment of us. But their assessment is wildly inaccurate, because between them and us drifts Neptune's hazy smoke-screen: what they tell us about ourselves sounds so unbelievable that we are thrown into utter confusion.

Besides all this, we seem to have a sixth sense for detecting undercurrents and changes in the human atmosphere; and this also affects the formation of our image. For a long time, these factors can keep us wondering what to make of ourselves and our prospects, and can hinder us from finding our true sphere in life. Yet we should excel in things governed by Neptune; that is to say, wherever sympathy and understanding are required, as in social and charity work, also where we can give expression to feelings and a love of perfection, as in creative and musical activities. Initially, owing to a lack of confidence, we are not very enterprising; but once we get started, progress is surprising and we become much more self-reliant.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct MC often suggests diffuse goals and an early uncertainty of direction with respect to an individual's choice of vocation. This aimlessness can sometimes be matched by a parent's ambivalent feelings as to how they want their child to be seen in the world. Many with Neptune conjunct the Midheaven want to be seen by the world at large as glamorous and wondrous: a saviour, a prince or a princess; perhaps someone creative or representing some kind of public ideal. Many with this placement, especially when young, can find it very difficult to get hold of the reality of what is fitting for them to pursue, given their life-situation and individual talents. In extreme cases, if they meet someone who is writing a book, they want to write a book; if they get to know a politician, they yearn to pursue a career in politics - and so on. They want the glamour that they imagine others have in their lives. Those with Neptune conjunct the MC tend to dream of the future; at best this can spur them on to achieving the recognition they yearn for by actually fulfilling whatever their dream is. And the dream is usually not strictly personal; the individual often wants to 'save' the world in some way. This placement is ideal for any Neptunian type careers; the arts, music, work in welfare fields, charities, at sea, with water, to name but a few possibilities.

Neptune on either end of the MC-IC axis sometimes suggests a tendency to idealise one parent at the expense of the other. There is usually a distorted image of at least one of

the parents and perhaps an experience of their being some kind of victim. For some with Neptune on the MC, it is the thirst for recognition from a parent that propels the individual into weaving all sorts of romantic dreams of what they are going to do with their lives; for they feel that if the world recognises them, then so will the parent.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this conjunction tend to be anything but the average employer's ideal of stable employees. The dreams and mystical qualities of Neptune do not combine well with the routine discipline required by the average job. These natives do better in professions that make use of their creative imaginations and ascetic traits.

The conjunction favors musicians, actors, painters, photographers, moviemakers, psychologists, and persons interested in the occult. Professions may be related to the occult in some way. Even though these natives may be in the public eye, they feel spiritually isolated - alone in a crowd, and in fact most people do not understand their inner motivations.

If the horoscope is that of an exceptionally developed person, he may be destined to perform a mission in the world that will lift many people around him to greater attainment and spirituality.

If this conjunction is heavily afflicted, scandal or public disgrace is a danger. This can come through the natives' unreliability or because of alcoholism, drugs, or other forms of addiction.

The natives should be careful not to get involved in secret intrigues, especially when they cannot know all the factors involved. Private secrets are not so private when Neptune is found in this position.

6) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (10°05' S) ♅3 | ♅3

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of your Sun and Saturn shows that you are serious and perhaps profoundly moved by everything that gains your attention. Every experience teaches you a lesson. You are more capable of handling responsibility than most people, but you may resent it if others always expect you to be the one to take the burden. You may feel that your struggle to gain mastery over material circumstances seems more harsh than what others must face.

You matured rather early and probably were disciplined more strictly than other children. You may have encountered restriction from either or both parents in your formative years. No-one ever gave you anything, and now you don't expect anyone to, in your

driving ambition to realize your goals. Austerity is a familiar way of life to you, which probably helped you learn to stand on your own feet as you developed. You have depended for success on your ability to effectively mobilize your personal resources.

You don't generally express your opinion unless there is a reason for doing so. Although you are not quick to assert your will, when you do you expect others to listen. You don't indulge in idle conversation, and you don't put up with it from others, unless they have something worthwhile to discuss.

You must be careful not to feel sorry for yourself if achieving your goals seems to be a laborious and painful process. Self-denial is easier for you, since it is consistent with your early training. Once you realize your objectives, they will be permanently secure because you have made such a tremendous investment in them. You will tenaciously hold on to the benefits brought by reaching your goals. It is not easy for you to be generous; you've worked too hard to get what you want, and you can't forget the lean years.

Your success results from your ability to efficiently consolidate your resources in order to exploit them to full advantage. Many fields need talent such as yours, including industrial management, teaching, politics, science and research, mathematics, and law. Each is a very demanding occupation; the only ones who survive are those who can discipline themselves and who are not afraid of responsibility.

You will choose a partner who has self-respect, for you consider this an important quality. Your mate must be willing to share your determination to rise above past or present circumstances. He or she must have humility and sincerity and be able to accept temporary limitations in anticipation of future growth and success.

Your greatest problem is that you react negatively to setbacks and become bitter. Some physical problems can develop, such as digestive ailments and ulcers, unless you maintain an attitude of hope and high expectation for the future. Try to establish goals that can be realized in the near future. It is also very important that you occasionally get away from familiar routines and indulge yourself a little. Wasting time once in a while will allow you to return to your responsibilities with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Don't get into a rut - this limits you, so that challenges no longer seem exciting.

(Haydn Paul)

Your potential success is dependent on personal qualities of perseverance, self-discipline, organization and your ability to maximise the effectiveness of all your available resources. Ambition is likely to be a powerful motivating force within your personality, and, once your aims have been clarified, careful planning and application can help you to achieve them. Persistence and hard work may be the keys to later success, and it is unlikely that progress will be swift or aims realised at an early age. As



Saturn implies limitations and barriers, it is probable that even when following your solar path there will be obstacles and frustrations confronting you, and there may be periods when you begin to feel the inhibitions of your nature and path acutely.

You can lack sufficient confidence, adopting a self-deprecating attitude as justifying any lack of progress. Temperamentally, you are serious and reserved, often taciturn in expression, controlled and disciplined and viewing life with an uneasy attitude. To you, life demands effort and application, and nothing comes easy or free. So you believe that to become materially comfortable you may have to deny certain feelings or needs in order to concentrate and focus on your aims. Unfortunately, through self-denial and austere attitudes, you may repress self-expression, creating inner imbalances which have later negative side-effects. These could become more predominant if you enter a phase of frustrations, where disappointments generate tensions, stresses, angry thoughts and emotional attitudes. Disorders of the digestive system may be associated with this, and you may need to increase relaxation in your life, perhaps by consciously dismantling any fixity of lifestyle and daily habit patterns that may be unconsciously erected around yourself as a form of protective barrier.

The house position of the conjunction is a sphere of opportunity and of limitation for you, depending on the inner changes that you can consciously make. Success can result from applying your strengths, which are likely to be in areas of organisation, self-reliance, discipline, persistence and determined application. The theme of consolidation and building is associated with this aspect, where existing resources are used in ways which take greater advantage of their potential, expanding from a secure foundation but not overly risky or speculative. Careers in management, politics, law, scientific research, teaching, local government may be attractive, especially if you are able to use an ability to assume responsibility within your employment.

Your earlier childhood development will have been influenced by the relationship to your father. Look at the attitudes towards life that your parents expressed, and see if these have become your dominating attitudes and values too. You may have received a highly ordered and strict parental discipline, encouraging conformity to parental desires and codes of conduct; moralistic or religious attitudes may have conditioned your worldview. There may have been a lack of parental approval or response to your unique childhood nature, perhaps a lack of emotional affinity (perceived or actual) which made you feel more isolated and independent; certainly you would have experienced an early inner maturation process. Have you become what your parents wanted you to be? And is this in accordance with your desires and dreams? You may need to break free from these earlier psychological programs that are still operating in you, so that you can move in new directions or transcend those restrictions in life that are acting as barriers to fulfilment and success.

You have much of value to share with the world, but this may need greater releasing. For instance, you may feel that everyone makes their own destiny (and certainly, to

some degree this is correct), but this should not stop you being generous if you have financial abundance in your life; you could help others to help themselves. There may be a belief that there is a lesson or message within every life experience, but this should never stop feelings of love and friendliness flowing out naturally from you to others. Acknowledging others in a different way may be necessary, so that you are more aware of their needs and qualities, and this can divert you from your selfpreoccupations. Certainly you will require a compatible intimate partner who recognises your need for achievement, and who is willing to support your endeavours; but equally, you should not forget that your partner also has their own life path to follow, and you should not forget their needs either. Mutual aid is the ideal approach. Loosen the chains of your self-imposed limitations, and you may be surprised by how your life can favourably change.

7) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♅ Pluto** - (2°48' S) ♅3 | ♅3

(Haydn Paul)

Your ambitions and desires will be highly influenced by your natal Sun sign, and these can be achieved by applying the Pluto energy to amplify your solar will power. Potentially, this conjunction aspect can be very valuable in enabling you to reach your objectives, but to maximise chances of eventual success you may need to adjust certain attitudes.

Pluto offers the potential of regeneration and rebirth, which is also reflected in the pattern of solar myths, so you should be able to transform yourself and also to some degree your immediate environment to match your purpose. Once your direction is determined you will see what may require changing as a prerequisite to achievement, and then commence applying your will accordingly.

There can be attitudes of extremism, where your beliefs, ideas, and opinions are expressed with force and intensity. You will feel quite clear about your preferences in life, and often your attitudes could be polarised into 'black and white', with little space for 'grey' to be considered, or to be accepted as a viable alternative. Once your choices are made, it is as if you have written them on tablets of stone; even though you have the ability to change, you may not willingly do so, or you may alter fixed attitudes only when you feel there is no option. You find it difficult to be balanced, especially in tolerating and understanding the frailties of humanity. You can probably adopt a fairly hard-line philosophy, having the opinion that people can change their lives and be self-sufficient if they want to, instead of being weak and relying upon others, although you tend to resist change yourself.

You may tend to be assertive and attracted towards power; those who appear to possess influence over others will serve as a magnet, at least in the sense that you would like to be in such positions of authority. Such an inner desire is likely to influence your direction in life, work and career, or even in the struggles of family life. You may use

manipulation and psychological pressure tactics as levers to guarantee winning in the midst of any power struggles with others; your one-pointed ruthlessness can bring apparent success, but may also bring an increasing number of 'enemies' in its wake. You will have to learn that you are not 'the centre of the universe', and that others have rights and purposes too, and that they should never be sacrificed or walked over just to achieve your desires. An adjustment to become more aware of others, by acknowledging that their feelings and unique outlooks on life are as valid as yours, would create a much more harmonious energy in your life and the fulfilment of successful personal relationships. Being willing sometimes to accept inevitable failures would be a positive step for you, diffusing tension and breaking any compulsive search for 'success'; otherwise, you may become obsessed with achieving your goal and possibly be willing to damage people more, apart from allowing 'failure' to gnaw away by unhealthy brooding.

Much of your energy will carry a sexual potency, and, irrespective of your physical sex, will have a penetrative quality to it and an aggressive masculine nature. Your physical needs are strong, and there can be a single-minded directness about your desires, as you pursue your 'prey' without deviation once your choice is made. Elements of victory, success and manipulation will be present in your relationships, and you will take any rejection hard as it negatively affects your self-image. However, your relationships will be very intense, and you will give a wholehearted commitment to them while they last, becoming very emotionally involved.

Emotional understanding is likely to be a weak spot until certain transformations have occurred within you to break down self-preoccupation. You may experience feelings of almost dissolving into passionate relationships, becoming lost in absorption with your lover, or possible obsessions with the affair. Such experiences could be the key to your transformation, or could fill you with so much fear for your sanity and chosen purpose that you begin to reject such intensity for more superficial physical relationships and energy release without the emotional direction being evoked.

Almost paradoxically, you can also strongly react to social injustices, and may be attracted towards the alleviation of social problems. Movement in this direction is dependent upon the degree to which you become aware of the needs of others, and a corresponding diminution of your own need for power and success. The key issue is whether you are self-oriented or other-oriented; this will determine your responses to others, forming attitudes of either 'they can change and help themselves' or 'I will change and use my power to help others to help themselves'. Such a step would involve a realignment with a higher ideal and purpose, and would represent your initiation into being a responsive member of humanity. This is a progression towards embodying your solar path's spiritual dimension, where the inner light begins to unify life and you feel the inter-relationship with humanity and the world. Taking this approach can regenerate your life direction, and will lead you towards the experiences of the heroic quest, challenging your perseverance and application of focused will, and demanding considerable inner

growth which can enable you to attain your objectives.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between your Sun and Pluto indicates that you are an extremist. Your likes and dislikes are intense, and acting in moderation is difficult. You have a powerful ego, which you assert whenever you can. At times you act courageously, but at other times you show a surprising lack of common sense.

Driven by a lust to gain important positions of authority, you may resort to pressure tactics against people who stand in your way. You meet competition directly, even at the risk of financial loss, just to prove to others that you are a power to reckon with.

Because you are basically sensitive to social conditions, you make a great effort to bring about improved conditions in your environment for everyone's benefit. When defending those in need or working to correct social injustices, you can truly achieve greatness. You are not tolerant of weaknesses, either in individuals or in political systems, that allow unfair or intolerable human conditions.

You have strong physical desires and are likely to throw a tantrum if your advances are rejected. Figuratively, you are a hunter or predator in constant search of prey. It is part of your nature that you aren't content unless you achieve victory in every pursuit. Your magnetic charm has a hypnotic effect on people. However, unless you are willing to serve others when they are unable to help themselves, even those who are charmed by you will respond with anger.

Avoid driving yourself beyond safe physical levels of tolerance. If you will use your energy constructively, success is guaranteed.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a creative aspect, for it puts the personality in touch with the collective unconsciousness as it is defined in the Jungian concept. This contact can be an easy, creative talent once it's channeled.

The physical father plays an important part in the child's development, and how important this is depends on whether the Sun is in a positive or negative polarity. The positive signs indicate the father is an overwhelming personality who is able to completely control and manipulate the child. This child will become an adult who automatically imitates the father because he doesn't know any other set of 'normals'.

This is a person who thinks he must totally control his environment. So he enters adult relationships with this attitude and doesn't consciously know what he is doing. The people around him resent being controlled and manipulated, and pull away as soon as

they can. As relationships fail one after another, this person becomes more apprehensive and therefore more controlling until he attracts only people who are weak enough to be manipulated. This aspect needs to relate to strong people in order to develop balance; there is a general feeling of discomfort when he becomes attached to weaklings.

When this aspect occurs to a child from a mother-dominated background, the mother and father are often involved in a great power-struggle. The child sees no other way of life, no other form of relating. The battle that goes on between his Mom and Dad is the one involving the power of the strong versus the power of the weak. The child doesn't really know who's winning, so he doesn't know which role to play. As he becomes an adult and attempts relationships, he too will try to control those relationships any way he can. He can be strong one day and completely neurotic the next, whichever tactic will win the war.

Care must be taken when trying to determine power in a personality, for power can be that of the strong dominating the weak, or the tyranny of the weak in an attempt to manipulate someone who is physically or mentally stronger. A person who feigns a heart attack or other forms of illness in order to control a family is just as Plutonic as someone who wields a mighty fist.

People with Pluto conjunct the Sun do not want to feel out of 'control' in any situation. They overwhelm others any way they can. One can't really blame them, for they were taught how to do this early in the childhood. They can overwhelm with love, caring, concern, guilt, problems, solutions, or anything else one can think of. If you find yourself becoming resentful of someone; if you feel you have no 'space' or you can't breathe, you may be feeling what it's like to be around a strong Pluto type. The energy causes others to become defensive, for they feel that their very essence is being invaded.

This conjunction brings great energy, but first the owner must become conscious of the power. Some people become righteous, some have all the answers, some are obsessive. Often they are not conscious of their obsession with an idea or a person. They can be so intense that they are considered 'psychic vampires' for they take energy from everyone around them. They don't always know what they are doing or saying; the unconscious need to control just seems to burst forth in the personality. If the energy is channeled, this person becomes a transformer, a powerful and helpful person in the universe.

8) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°03' A)    ♃1 | ♆1

(Haydn Paul)

With the Mercury-Neptune contacts, it is the mind level that is primarily sensitised and activated, so that the imaginative quality is emphasised and the main focus of life

appreciation is through mental receptivity. The conjunction indicates a channel between the conscious mind and the unconscious mind, and both the energy and information flowing through this conduit need to be carefully integrated if a variety of imbalances and distortions is not to be created.

The faculty of imagination will be highly stimulated and developed, and this will certainly require appropriate channels to be focused on so that other problems of perception are not created. The issue of mental realities is one which can make you unsettled, especially as you can tend to make mistakes in judgement based on misinterpreting facts and suggestive information. You have a mental process that can attempt to re-create experiences into more acceptable forms for personal absorption, a style of selective manipulation which excludes aspects of reality that you refuse to acknowledge. If this process becomes a regular pattern of mental behaviour, then you are liable to create a distinctly personal reality that is a fusion of the real and unreal which can pose additional challenges when it comes to disentangling them. This is often amplified by a tendency to be mentally escapist, avoiding the possibility of any painful experiences and situations by refusing to become involved in things.

Relationships are likely to be characterised by over-idealism of lovers, either through having the mental illusion of a perfect lover that is unlikely to exist, and comparing everyone to this perfect lover and so ensuring that they fail to match up, or by wrapping lovers in over-glamorised ideals, elevating them to a mental pedestal and so ensuring that at some time they will inevitably topple off. Your mental images will be shattered, yet this does not deny the real experiences of disappointment and disillusionment that you will suffer... and continue to suffer unless you become more realistic in your evaluations within intimate relationships. Part of this process can arise from the sense of personal inadequacy that you feel and which you try to alleviate by imitation of others you respect or sometimes through attempts to bask in the glow of reflected glamour by associating with publicly famous people, which allows inner fantasies to develop.

You are likely to have some creative and artistic talent, and your cultural appreciation will be developed. Your ideal type of employment will offer channels for such forms of personal expression, and it may be that you do develop towards writing, arts, photography or film as you have a gift for visual imagination which also has some inner content. Your approach will be intellectual and mentally resonant, rather than more emotionally evocative as with the Moon contacts. Training may be necessary to help draw out these talents, and your main talent may be related to giving an intellectual substance and context to artistic creations, as a critic does, although there you may need to be careful regarding a degree of intolerance in your attitudes.

Another area of life that could be very attractive to you is that of a mental fascination with mystery, romantic illusions, the worlds of psychics, mystics and psychology: the realms of the mind. Because of that close channel between the unconscious mind and conscious mind, you may experience serving as a conscious channel between the two,

with information, such as personal examples of telepathic communication or prophetic dreams and visions, being transmitted to the rational mind. If you have properly come to terms with reforging reality into acceptable patterns and have broken free of that impulse, and have a real understanding of how your own psyche functions by integrating the transpersonal planets into a functioning unified consciousness, then moving towards less tangible realms of the mind may be safe for you. However, if those initial steps have not been made, then following your own fascinations into the inner worlds may not be so wise owing to that uncontrolled active imagination, and you could retreat inward to inhabit a nebulous dream world of your own making. So ensure that you carefully evaluate any ideas, impulses and motivations that enter your mind to clarify whether or not they are self-delusory or actual inner guidance. Such discrimination can be difficult to achieve, but it is essential to avoid becoming lost on the inner pathless path.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury conjunct Neptune, your imagination often works overtime. When you state an opinion, your interpretation is likely to be as faulty as the 'facts' on which you base your judgement. Because you are uncomfortable with reality, you often bend the truth into a shape that you can accept. You are extremely sensitive to your environment and intolerant of painful experiences, which you try to escape or withdraw from. It is essential that you find a constructive means for expressing your highly developed and sensitive mentality.

Your profession must give you the opportunity to use your artistic talents. Your appreciation for art in all its forms may enable you to succeed in a field such as writing, acting, or dancing. In these professions, your imagination and rhythmic sense can be applied to advantage. Any occupation you choose will gain your complete devotion.

You must have training in order to fully capitalize on your creative potentials. An education is absolutely necessary for you to clearly understand the best use of your talents. Mystery, romance, and illusion fascinate you, but be careful that you are not overwhelmed by the desire to use them to escape from reality and responsibility.

Be especially cautious in your romantic relationships in order to avoid unnecessary disappointments. You idealize beyond attainable levels, overdramatizing other people's qualities and underestimating your own. You tend to be influenced by the illusion and glamour of famous or even notorious people. You often imitate the people you admire and may romantically 'cast' yourself in a personal role with them to vicariously enjoy a relationship you've created. You are quite responsive to suggestion and should therefore avoid artificial stimulants.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

These people's manner of communicating and analyzing, of assimilating and arranging

facts, is lined with a factor which blurs distinctions and boundaries. Neptune does not give a sharp eye for detail, but does form an entry into the realm of the invisible. In practical terms, this generally means rather chaotic and unsystematic thinking and data-handling; and, quite often, when this type tries to assimilate information, they suffer from interference from unconsciously produced change and confusion. Without realizing it, they can misinterpret information and then garble it. Folk may think they are telling lies but, generally speaking, lapses are not deliberate. The trouble is compounded by the Neptunian love of fantasy, which tempts them to embellish or distort the truth.

The unconfined nature of Neptune enables these people to look behind appearances and to read between the lines. They can tell by the tone of voice if others are trying to hide anything from them. Indeed, with a Mercury / Neptune conjunction, people often know the answer to unspoken questions. Clairvoyance or, at the very least, powers of intuition are possible if the rest of the chart concurs.

With this conjunction, these people live in a separate reality and do not always distinguish between fact and fancy - something that in everyday life is often disadvantageous, but for such things as composing music or writing poetry or prose is very advantageous.

Neptune is not a stable planet; it continually undermines. In company with others, this type can feel very insecure, and runs the risk of identifying with others too readily. Constant changes of mind are a regular feature of the conjunction.

This type needs to beware of taking appearance for reality, and of flattering themselves with false hopes.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mercury indicates the state of mind, the natural interests on the mental plane; Neptune affects the mind with its fantasies, dreams, delusions, etc.. This can be a most creative aspect and it makes for an unusual type person. Neptune can represent the search for the truly spiritual, and Mercury tied to it indicates that the mind may be on some wonderful spiritual search that others don't understand.

Children with this aspect are born into families where a search for some sort of spiritual identity is going on. The search may not seem obvious to the outsider, or even to the child; but after a thorough investigation, it is discovered that one or both parents have some 'strange' ideas about religion - religious attitudes can be orthodox or unorthodox. Often, the spiritual philosophy is hidden.

The aspect indicates that the mind may be 'clouded'. This child may daydream into maturity. Communication between the parents is nebulous and vague; the child learns to communicate with others the same way. He may not know how to share himself or his



ideas with others, for he may live in his mind. In the mundane aspects of day-to-day living, he will communicate strangely; he may start sentences and leave them unfinished, or he may start a sentence in the middle and leave you to figure out the beginning.

However, it is a tremendously creative aspect, for the mind is capable of reaching into the depths and heights of artistic endeavor. The aspect becomes dangerous when the child is born into an environment that doesn't encourage creative thought, for then the energy can use him - and may manifest in various forms of psychic phenomena that are not readily understood. Because of the spirituality of Neptune, this aspect can evince the religious fanatic, one who talks with God, one who hears voices, or one who has frightening prophetic dreams.

Once the energy is used creatively, once the intuitive energy common to the aspect is comprehended, it's a wonderful one to have. Misunderstood, it frightens the person who has it because he doesn't know how to use the energy effectively. The study of the occult, a pursuit of metaphysics, theosophy, religion in some form, will also help the owner to expend his energy constructively. It can be fun.

This appears to be an uncertain influence capable of acting in apparently diverse ways. I have known people with it who were kind, gentle, credulous and idealistic; on the other hand, there are several known cases wherein the native has committed terrible murders. It occurs in several clairvoyant investigators, as to the value of whose work each must form his own opinion.

Probably the root-effect is to sensitise the feelings abnormally, so that the native is subject to delusions and uncontrollable impulses, unless the chart is a strong one, in which case the mind may be of a very high order indeed.

There is often marked musical ability and also a love of, and aptitude for, aquatic pursuits.

9) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♄ **North-Node** - (1°23' S)    ♅6 | ♅6

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect indicates good timing in social contacts and in forming relationships favorable for money, romance, partnerships, marriage, and friendship. Through an innate ability to be in the right place at the right time, the natives attract those things necessary for happiness. According to some authorities, this ability represents the good karma coming from friendliness and generosity in the past. On the negative side, this aspect can lead to a frivolous involvement with every passing pleasure, so that time is wasted on useless social activity.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Love-union. Cordiality and a warm heart, an agreeable and pleasant behaviour towards others, a general love of humanity. Lovers, love-unions.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides the person excellent ability to express love emotions and appropriate charm. The good things in life have a tendency to come by them quite easily. In social or public activities they do not suffocate but properly mingle and distribute their magnetism. In spite of this, they may not necessarily have a good time from within, but they will show a smile on the face. What they are doing is a part of their destined duty to keep the surroundings happy and lively. Awareness of considerable frustration and deprived sex life from their previous incarnation subconsciously forces them to be withdrawn in stages from this enjoyable game of life. Marriage relationships often are successful for them, at least from the surface end of it.

(Donna van Toen)

Generally this person expresses his or her growth potential in a charming, easy-to-take way. Sociability aids growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction encourages the native to make many friends and to be very obliging. With Venus, a person will want to enjoy the good things of life and will avoid hard work if at all possible. Artistic gifts are often present. However, Venus can be a hindrance to the Ascending Point, because this demands conscious effort on the individual's part. Although the planet promotes the feminine aspect of love, upward progress is often impeded.

Venus conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

The person with this aspect is affectionate and warm-hearted. He may tend to be very expressive, and, with an aspect to Jupiter, to the point of being gushy. This adds to the Venus charm and makes for great popularity. This aspect in a man's chart makes him attract beautiful women with much charm of manner. This gives a nature that is dependable and well able to put action behind the feelings of affection.

10) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♏ **South-Node** - (4°13' A) ♎12 | ♎12

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) is similar to the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction. The endeavors of the natives may be blocked because of bad timing. Their social and ethical aims may clash with prevailing societal customs, creating conflicts of interest. At the same time, the natives can give a detailed and honest appraisal of commonly accepted values. They can encounter obstacles in obtaining higher education and find themselves in disagreement with prevailing religious institutions. There can be difficulties and delays in foreign lands, and problems connected with all these matters.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect often forces the people to swallow their own philosophies. This makes it quite easy for them to abide by any of their own philosophies. There is nothing wrong with coping with your own philosophies, provided you know beforehand that they may not be used against you. As a normal human being, one with always likes to have general philosophy for others with reservations for oneself. This aspect does not give that individual any discriminating rights or choices in that respect. Their own environment and structure often expands within, giving the person internal satisfaction. This expansion of inner dimensions is noticeable by others. As a result, others feel sorry for these individuals. In terms of esoteric or spiritual growth, this is considerably strong as an opposition. When one with this aspect brings down the universal consciousness to cure and heal the internal structure of his soul, the results are always helpful to him in most of the worldly senses. These people often learn to overcome the materialistic barrier either by choice or by heavenly force. On a mundane level, it creates problems with a child, or its conception. Based upon the rest of the chart, happiness from children might be a void issue to these people. Glandular function in the body is also distorted by this aspect.

(Donna van Toen)

Misguided religious, expansive, or revolutionary tendencies can impede growth. Sociability sometimes detracts from the growth process. Growth can be attained by consciously working on it; but often inner growth is confused with status or material progress.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, we can find the extreme pessimist instead of the extreme optimist: someone with absolutely no belief in the good in people or in the progress of humanity. At the Descending Node, the forces of Saturn are especially active, and they hamper Jupiter with its awareness of what is meaningful. Depending on the sign, the native can always find an excuse for personal weakness, and can believe, 'That is not really me'.

Many are 'doubting Thomases'. They throw up the sponge as soon as difficulties arise. It is hard for them to look on the bright side.

Jupiter square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of good fellowship, the tendency to look out for one's own gain first.  
Disharmonious or anti-social conduct in associations.

(Bernice Grebner)

Here there is a lack of temperance; this person is at one extreme or another, never down the middle of the road. He can be overly religious or extravagant with possessions, and that can lead to catastrophe. He can be revolutionary and reckless. It gives great love of adventure, always seeking new experiences of some kind. Optimism is difficult to maintain at a steady level. It can give legal problems, especially in affairs of the Nodes. Example: third house, or Gemini, with brothers and sisters, people in the immediate environment.

11) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♇ **Pluto** - (7°17' S) ☾3 | ☾3

(Haydn Paul)

Saturn implies restrictions and limitations, which serve as a barrier to progress until certain changes are made or lessons learnt; and when in association with Pluto, the way forward is conditioned by the need for an inner transformation to occur. With this aspect, it is likely that you will experience some degree of frustration in achieving your objectives, or a sense of invisible blockages facing you that require you to discover some way to pass them or dissolve them through penetration.

As you have a strong ambitious nature, you will need to make full use of all the resources available to you, applying accumulated knowledge and experience to a determined persistent effort to succeed. Patience will be an essential quality for you to develop, as it is unlikely that you will have rapid immediate success in your objectives. Usually you have to wait, and undergo the experience of frustration and not knowing if your goals will be realised; and this can be a testing and transformative phase, especially as it is likely to be repeated periodically throughout your life.

You will be attracted towards power and status, although it may be that instead of reaching a position where you 'possess' such attributes, you are required to gain a new perspective and understanding of influence in the world, rather than demonstrating it

yourself. Much depends upon your ability to apply your talents and resources practically; potentially, your ideas and schemes can have a noticeable impact upon the world and your immediate environment, especially when you are working through an established structure and social system. This is because you feel more naturally in tune with existing organisations, preferring traditional approaches and attitudes as a reflection of 'stability and foundation'. You often resist accepting new trends or social changes, as you are inherently wary of them, preferring to follow your established path unless the impulse for change is naturally arising within yourself; and even then the likelihood is that you will attempt to resist and block its movement as a reaction to its unsettling effect. You will have a conservative nature and perception of life, respecting traditions and the consensus social attitudes, being suspicious of those who need to experiment and challenge accepted attitudes.

The socially subversive nature of Pluto is unlikely to be too evident, as Saturn will overlay it too much, although it can erupt in your inner and personal life, potentially stimulating a collapse in your 'secure foundations', forcing you to re-evaluate yourself and your life. Such a radical impact is unlikely, however, unless you are capable of undergoing the cathartic transformation that could occur, because Saturn will maintain your inner structure to prevent this happening.

You will be a private person, serious and secretive in nature, not openly revealing your thoughts and particularly your emotions, which you may try to avoid and keep tightly sealed away in a 'locked drawer'. Emotions imply fluctuation and change to you; and this does not fit easily with your world view and perception of self, making you feel uncomfortable. A more healthy approach to emotions should be encouraged, as it would prevent any energy repression on the emotional level, or else you may find that Pluto takes that route to make its presence felt.

In intimate relationships, you will be a firm, reliable partner, and you will prefer a traditional approach to marriage and mutual commitment, so you should choose wisely. You will not be overly demonstrative of emotional (on the surface), but you should avoid any tendency to fix the relationship in limiting and binding ties, and instead allow it space to change and evolve. Remember that your partner is a unique individual with a potential to unfold, so allow the necessary freedom for him or her to do so, and encourage the process too. Security in a 'straightjacket' situation is a false situation, and inimical to growth and development, so despite your tendency in that direction, it is wiser to accept change and unpredictability so that energies can flow healthily.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Saturn and Pluto gives you a driving ambition to realize your goals. To do this, however, you must use all your resources and experience. An austerity program may be necessary, but you are willing to endure whatever is required so that your plans will succeed. The fear of an unfulfilled life drives you to accomplish as much

as you can. You are certain that your determination and persistence will make success possible.

You may be forced into a particular profession before you realize which field will enable you to get the results you desire. Your inclination is to traditional occupations that can give you stability in the face of changing social values, which seem to financially threaten you. You may resist 'getting in step' with changes and defiantly challenge anyone who suggests that you must, or you will make anxious adjustments to them. In any case, your approach to solving the problems you face is extreme. You either 'join' and transform a liability into an asset, or you resist and suffer defeat from the relentless tide of progress.

Secretive about your plans and ambitions, you don't share your innermost thoughts with anyone. You work behind the scenes, patiently acquiring financial resources that you feel will protect you in later years. You are efficient in managing your financial affairs and resourceful in spending.

You are qualified to gain positions of power and authority. An effective organizer, you command the respect of those under you. You are almost faultless in observing the law, and although your judgement may be harsh, it is fair. You have an uncanny ability to understand people's motives, which serves you well in determining guilt or innocence.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Intensity and tenacity are key concepts in the conjunction of Saturn and Pluto. This is an extremely powerful conjunction if linked with personal factors. The ability to shape things, to work hard and long, and to endure stress are enormously intensified by Pluto, and we are able to tap a great reservoir of strength and resilience. At the same time, a need for power and authority and a desire to leave no stone unturned (Pluto) assume a set form (Saturn). Striving for fame and success, tough behavior, and refusal to give way on any issue, are likely consequences.

Pluto also has to do with repressions, and its conjunction with Saturn makes us painfully aware of these unconscious impulses. We can resort to firm action to enable us to overcome problems and fears. Others may think of us as strong, but do not see the inner struggle - which nothing would induce us to reveal to them.

Profound inquiry (Saturn) plus penetration (Pluto) give a capacity for all kinds of research and for science in general. When working on anything that really interests us, we anticipate good results and are very energetic and ambitious; but nobody must get in the way, otherwise we strike back mercilessly.

Under the influence of Pluto, it can be hard to gauge how forcefully we express ourselves; and when the planet is in conjunction with vulnerable Saturn we can be more prickly and fierce than (seen in retrospect) we intended. We have the strategic ability to

outwit rivals. Without realizing it, we choose to confront others and make a bid for power in the very place where we feel most at risk; naturally enough, this stirs up a hornet's nest from time to time. Therefore the present conjunction is said to signify violence - although our behavior need not sink to that level. Violence is certainly possible, but only if the rest of the chart points in the same direction.

What is more, the conjunction of Pluto and Saturn is found in people who are determined to master important processes at all costs. These can be socio-political processes, processes that are personally meaningful to these natives, or even the processes of parapsychology or magic. Feelings of uncertainty created by unconscious compulsions might prompt us to take the reins of our life completely into our own hands.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents the influence of the father on the individual's psyche, the caution point in the consciousness, the teacher or tester; Pluto represents unconscious motivation. The conjunction indicates a person born into a generation when people unconsciously take the law into their own hands. Rationally, they may say that the 'law' is wonderful, but personally one hears them talking about how one 'must' do something. Free will may be disguised intellectually, but in actuality they subconsciously feel that they should be the law-makers.

The father's influence on these individuals was most probably manipulative; it may be difficult for them to see just how they are influenced by the father. The aspect indicates people who may think their urges toward traditional concepts are conscious, but who may be motivated to react to life experience on an unconscious level.

In Leo (August 1946 - July 1948), this conjunction indicates people who consider respect and approval seriously, and may feel they are not being respected enough. They unconsciously react with hurt feelings and sensitivity when they are not treated in an approvable manner. They may not realize that the hurt feelings have something to do with the fact that their father didn't treat them well when they were little, and here is this life experience doing it to them again. These people will be motivated to consider the 'law' and all its ramifications whenever they are offended. They may not explore why they are offended, but merely the fact that they are.

12) ► **Venus** ♀ **Opposition** ♃ **Jupiter** - (5°36' S)    ♄6 | ♏12

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Venus to Jupiter indicates that you don't trust your competence in dealing with people and circumstances; you are never really sure you can adequately cope with relationships. You are indulgent to others in the hope that they will conform that you are indeed capable. The challenge of constant competition reassures you of

your skill in handling even the most demanding problems in your situation. You seek social approval for everything you do, and are upset when it is not forthcoming. Presumptuous in your expectations of others and somewhat conceited, you alienate even your closest friends by boring them with endless trivia about yourself and your affairs. It is a sign of immaturity if your self-regard depends on the approval you extract from your associates.

You are conniving in your dealings with people, and you tend to use them to satisfy your objectives. When you find that you have been used also, you become bitter. You associate with those who approve of you and detach yourself from those who don't. You will go along with any prevailing opinion if it suits your purposes. The only time you compromise is when it costs you little or nothing. Your inconsistency in applying justice is remarkable. And yet, with all these negative tendencies, you can be generous to your benefactors and sympathetic with the problems of your associates.

Business is probably the area of your greatest creative self-expression. You are essentially a wheeler-dealer who enjoys direct contact with adversaries, for competing successfully confirms your competence. Argument, or what you call discussion, is the skill you use most effectively. You know how to charm people and get them to lower their defences while you prepare their defeat. Not altogether honest in your dealings, you 'bend' the truth when it suits your purposes. You can be hypocritical when it serves your ends.

Your romantic relationships are touch and go - you make sincere-seeming gestures until your lover suggests a more contractual arrangement, when you suddenly lose interest. 'Always a bridesmaid or best man, never a bride or groom' seems particularly appropriate for you. Whether you will be married depends on your willingness to accept the responsibility of such a contract; it isn't that you lack the opportunity.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates that the mother of the native does not relate well to her femininity; she may be going through a period in which she considers herself a second-class citizen during this person's formative years. Jupiter indicates how open we are, how we receive love and beauty, the capacity to relate to others. Because Venus represents how the mother thinks of her femininity and how she is able to perceive love and affection, the opposition between Venus and Jupiter indicates a person who is extravagant and excessive when beginning a love relationship, but the energy is seldom long-lasting. It is a response to the loving-relating function that was learned early in life. It may cause a feeling that love is a compromise, that one's ideals and 'druthers' cannot be fulfilled while relating to another.

A female with this opposition will learn not to accept love easily, nor will she expect that any woman can be appreciated for herself. A male will have little feeling for the feminine



principle; often this aspect indicates a male who doesn't appreciate what his wife does in the home to make it attractive; nor does he really appreciate the fact that she loves him, if she does. He may fall in and out of love as does his female counterpart, for he turns on and off. These people bring an expectancy of loss into their love relationships. If they can understand that this attitude can be changed, that they can develop their own expectancies, that the universe is metaphysical, that it gives what one expects; if they understand that the pattern was learned from the mother at a time when she was relating poorly, then they can teach themselves to change. Sometimes this aspect develops a selfishness that needs to be overcome, for it indicates a tendency to want immediate satisfaction to all wants.

This aspect can be analyzed as follows: the Jupiter (relating principle) opposes Venus ('I want' facet of the personality). This can be interpreted as 'I don't relate to what I want', and can be the basis for forming individual relating patterns that are brought about because the person thinks he is able to appreciate his surroundings when in fact he is relating discontent. The aspect can indicate a confusion of goals, and some signs may indicate an inability to reach the goals desired.

The trick to working with the energy is learned when the different phases of life are understood so that both sides of the opposition can be expressed in the appropriate time and place.

### Venus square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the hard aspects between Venus and Jupiter we do have a great deal of warmth and cordiality to display, but we tend to be too pushy. There is no mistaking how much we value good fellowship and the pleasant side of life. It is not often you will find us gated with the wallflowers; no, we are more likely to come waltzing in with the gate-crashers.

The craving for friendship and love (Venus) can well become too expansive under the influence of Jupiter and can incite us to make conquests on a large scale; especially as Jupiter, literally and metaphorically, is the planet of voyages of discovery. And although what we have here is a combination of two very compatible factors, we suffer from restless activity accompanied by restless feelings. All the same, this tension brought about both by the nature of the aspects and by the stirring expansiveness of Jupiter is an optimistic type of tension. Any Jupiter square will make us eager and challenging. When the square is with Venus, this can be rather attractive as long as it is not overdone.

We appreciate beauty and nice things, not to mention luxuries, but the appreciation is

not simply passive even though two 'easy' planets are involved. With the restlessness both of the tense aspect and of Jupiter, we can work wonders in creative and artistic fields (Venus). Philosophical pursuits are not so well-starred, because, for these, Venus has to stimulate Jupiter, and Venus is not a great encourager of activity.

As in all Venus / Jupiter aspects, self-discipline is not a strong point, yet this is just what we need in order to keep our liveliness within bounds.

13) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (8°14' A) 139 | 33

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition between Mars and Saturn indicates some conflict between your desires and your sense of responsibility. You alternate between moments of intense activity and periods when you cannot seem to gather the energy to accomplish anything. Your temperament is either aggressive or completely apathetic. You find it difficult to maintain a moderate position that would allow you to achieve your goals without 'highs' and 'lows'. You are the only obstacle in your path to achievement. You need to become self-disciplined in using your energy constructively, and you must establish goals within your reach. Resolve firmly that you will not let feelings of futility keep you from reaching them.

You tend to be awed by the accomplishments of your associates or competitors, probably because you give them greater credit than they deserve. You desperately need competition so you can evaluate your own worth; ignorance of your capabilities is your greatest liability. The chances are that others will always have a higher opinion of your potential than you, and you will need to be reassured that your talents are genuine.

Once you get over the idea of your unworthiness, you can go far. You must like yourself enough to feel that you deserve the success you can achieve, but you will have to assert yourself. You could find some expression in law enforcement, industrial engineering, military service, conservation, or physical therapy. Initially, you would probably work best alone, until you can convince yourself that you could make a significant contribution in your field. Later, you could work satisfactorily with others without feeling threatened by their competence. You tend to establish goals somewhat out of reach, which makes you unhappy with your accomplishments. It would be better for you to grow into higher levels of responsibility by taking one step at a time. In that way, your current security is never jeopardized.

Your personal and romantic relationships never measure up to your expectations. Your desires always seem to be frustrated or to encounter great difficulties. The phrase 'After you get what you want, you don't want it' is descriptive of your feelings in these relationships. In any case, it is doubtful that your desires will be fulfilled to your satisfaction, and some denial is to be expected.

Moderation is necessary in all your affairs, or physical depletion can result. Rest is very important in order to maintain physical well-being. Accidents resulting in fractures are common with this planetary combination, as are problems affecting the joints, such as arthritis and bursitis. Moderate exercise is helpful if you get sufficient rest.

(Betty Lundsted)

This tie between sexuality and responsibility is one that is difficult, for it involves a compromise regarding either sexual expression or action taken, or both. Mars symbolizes the 'I act' principle and Saturn indicates the restriction is caused by the image of the father in the psyche. Mars is 'I sex' and Saturn is the restricting influence from the father because of views he had about sex when this individual was young.

It can seem that Father Time, or the Wise Old Man, is universally against any action attempted, for every action is tested for merit. The individual who lives with this energy may become resentful and feel that too much is asked of him. He may rebel against society, authority or his father. If this energy is used constructively, the rebellion against the father can establish a personal ethic that causes the individual to become involved in changing cultural conditions that need it. If not, it can indicate an individual who may be harsh, who wishes to become a law unto himself.

In the sexual sense, it may be that the Saturn opposition controls the sex life, that there are losses connected with sexual expression; it may be difficult to establish long-lasting relationships. It may be difficult to find an enjoyable sexual partner. In this case, check out Venus and Moon aspects as well, for that may tell the story more completely.

As far as career is concerned, the Mars-Saturn opposition can cause restrictions on any action taken; so movement may be stagnated, or the individual worries too much about what he does. The aspect may indicate a person who doesn't handle crises well, for any crisis demands immediate decisions and immediate action. He may be restricted because of ideas and concepts learned from the father. As this energy is worked with, it can develop a slow and careful decision-maker, a steady worker, one who is precise and deliberate.

Mars square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the hard aspects between Mars and Saturn, the incompatibility of the planets comes more to the fore. Usually, we are ill-at-ease as a result of inferiority feelings which, as in the conjunction, can make us very reserved and even passive on the one hand, and full of (overcompensating) ambition on the other; consequently, we strive hard to reach

goals, and are not to be deterred by any obstacles in the path. These aspects are often associated with intermittent bursts of energy; either we are taking things easy or we are being intensely active - there is no thought in our minds of a happy medium.

Because we feel so vulnerable, bearing is poised and stiff, and the impression we make on others is of someone hard and even forbidding. People can find us intimidating, and so a vicious spiral is set up. They in turn behave coolly toward us, or refrain from responding to us at all, and so our inward hurt increases and we become even more withdrawn. Although aloofness may look like egotism, it is really a form of shyness and sensitivity.

Perseverance comes hard to us; aims (Saturn) and actions (Mars) are always in conflict. Sometimes we attract circumstances in which we are unable to get enough of our own work done; as if, here again, aim and action are out of balance. Generally, our own attitude is to blame, but we can correct this as we grow older. For, even with the active tense aspects, we can set our sights on responsible long-term goals.

(Charles Carter)

These are frequently stated in text books to be of a violent character, indicating brutality, cruelty, and blood-lust. It may at once be said that this is by no means invariably the case; in fact, the writer has at least two friends with this combination (the square) who are conspicuously kind and gentle, there being of course other indications of this nature in their charts.

It may be said that it may incline to a certain hardness or sternness, but if the rest of the horoscope is good this may be necessary to the native by reason of his occupation and the tempers of those with whom he has to deal. Again, the severity may be turned inward and there may be an inner austerity and self-discipline.

Its chief effect on character appears to be of a quite different kind. The Saturnian influence acts as a brake on the Martian energies, and I have certainly often noticed a sort of erraticity in these people, so that their enthusiasms are sudden and violent, but short-lasting, with alternations of 'blowing hot' and 'blowing cold'. Sometimes there are spells of laziness, due to the inhibition of the Mars action; sometimes there is a restless energy without good directing common sense when Mars overcomes Saturn. Definite purpose often seems lacking, as if the native regarded life as something of a child's game, passing from one interest to another lightly and inconsequentially. However much in earnest such people are (and they often seem very much so), I have noticed that they commonly forget their pursuits as soon as they cease to amuse them. True depth is generally deficient. In one case there was great love of starting fresh enterprises and considerable ability in this way; but the natives soon lost interest in them when the initial difficulties had been surmounted, and left them to another; here Mars was also square Uranus.

There is usually a certain amount of selfishness or egoism. Thus, even when there is real kindness of heart, the native likes to go his own way, and will not readily turn aside from what interests him personally in order to minister to others. There is an inclination to impatience with those who do not readily agree.

Exteriorly, Mars-Saturn tends to a life of hardship and suffering, as well as to the undergoing of physical violence. The former may occur in the way of health. There is a danger of strain and excess; and this may be followed by the need for prolonged rest, rigid attention to dietetic and other restrictions, and otherwise 'paying the price'. The aspects seem to have a distinct affinity with enteric fever. There is also a liability to burns and scaldings.

The square is not uncommon in the victims of murdering. But in all such cases other potent factors will occur in addition, for the bad aspect of two planets (as apart from Sun, Moon and Angles) cannot, however serious, destroy the life prematurely or violently. General Charles Gordon had the two planets in trine, but Mars was debilitated by sign. The same occurs in the case of Alexander II of Russia (killed by a bomb).

These aspects do not by any means forbid success, though this will come late and after severe struggles.

14) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♅ Pluto - (0°03' A)** ♈1 | ♎3

(Robert Hand)

This aspect denotes that you are ambitious to succeed and to be a person of some significance in later life. But it also suggests that you have certain talents that will be especially useful in this regard. In particular, you enjoy getting to the heart of any mystery and finding out what is really going on. You are very fond of puzzles, and solving puzzles of some kind may be the basis of your profession when you are older. This aspect also indicates a natural ability in psychology, an understanding of people's inner motivations, which will be useful no matter what you do.

On the positive side, you will discover as you get older that you enjoy helping people who need advice or guidance. This will become more pronounced when you are an adult and keep encountering people whose lives need to be reconstructed in some way. You will derive great satisfaction from assisting in this process. While you are young, you will very much enjoy salvaging discarded objects and making something useful out of them, demonstrating the potential of what others regard as waste. Because of this, you may be surrounded by a great deal of clutter, but the results can be quite spectacular.

However, as you get older and begin focusing this pattern on people rather than on objects, a great danger can arise. You gain a great deal of power when you help others -

power to influence and to make others live up to what you want. In trying to help someone, always be careful that your main concern is the other person's benefit. Do not manipulate others' lives for trivial reasons.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates considerable professional skill and ambition. They are always looking for ways to improve their chosen careers. They are able to gain the co-operation and support of people in positions of authority.

They have firm concepts of how to organize their domestic affairs. They wield a harmonious yet transforming influence on the domestic situation, which they are continually trying to improve.

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.

15) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (2°53' A)    ♈ 4 | ♎ 6

(Haydn Paul)

The sextile is a favorable aspect for domestic and partnership issues; and intimate relationship will be especially important and meaningful for you. Finding a successful relationship will be a powerful motivation; and much of your earlier adult social contact may be directed toward this aim. This need may emerge from a close and satisfying early life, where you highly valued the positive aspects of family life, a state which you hope to rediscover in adult relationships. Maintaining close family associations will remain important to you.

Temperamentally, you are able to sustain long relationships; and once your feelings have been committed to someone, rarely will that commitment be broken or feelings fade and wither away. You may possess an innate knowledge and understanding of relationships, and identify whatever is necessary for them to continue.

Communication is vital within your relationships; and the sextile indicates an ability to clearly express whatever you think or whatever is affecting your emotions. You prefer to share and talk through any individual or relationship difficulties, as this creates clarity and mutual understanding. Your genuine loving concern for partners builds a foundation which is secure enough to withstand passing storms. Faith in the power of mutual love and your optimism that all will be well are vital factors in your relationship. They will ensure that energies are used creatively and productively rather than dissipated in anxiety and insecurity fears.

Usually you have a sense of life direction, and this helps to generate mutual purpose, provided that your partner is included in your plans. Considerable relationship benefits emerge from discussions and sharing the journey together. Yet you are also willing to compromise or adapt your ways if clashes of will or habit patterns begin to disturb equilibrium. You expect your partner to do likewise if necessary, as you view continuing the partnership as being of greater importance than individual assertion. For relationship benefits, you are always willing to apply your qualities, so that your innate resources, intelligence, sensitivity, love, and affectionate understanding are ready to be shared as

often as possible. You will hate misunderstandings or personal frictions, and will be eager to resolve any that may arise naturally over time, using common sense, reason, and mutual concession to heal any contentious situation.

In your social life and career, you have considerable confidence in your abilities, and mix easily and fluently with many others, preferring to see the good qualities in all you meet. Your imaginative and artistic abilities may prove invaluable to your progress; and it may be advisable to discover a life path that makes use of your talents. Financial acumen is likely, as is an effective use of whatever resources you possess, although you may be biased toward caution, which may discourage you from taking advantage of all opportunities because of a stronger need to first ensure the protection and security of family needs.

Children are likely to play an important role; and you will probably display a natural affinity with them, perhaps seeing them as the foundation stone of your relationship. You may become involved with other people's children too, perhaps as stepchildren or through groups or organizations which include elements of teaching and sharing. Hating to see unnecessary suffering in life, you may try to share your life experience, knowledge, and understanding with maturing children, hoping they may learn certain lessons without having to experience the pain of doing so themselves. You recognize that these are the adults of the future and that if their future is to be positive and constructive, they need careful guidance during childhood.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from the Moon to Venus indicates both the desire and the disposition for a happy and rewarding partnership. Knowing quite clearly what you want out of life, you freely communicate this to a prospective mate. You know you can offer many personal resources and can use your talents imaginatively to sustain a marriage. In order to add dimension to your relationship and maintain continuing interest in each other, you try to share every experience with your mate. You are creative, sympathetic, tender, and affectionate and will go to great lengths to introduce whatever is necessary to protect the relationship. You are prepared to compromise, and you expect the same from your mate. True sharing is the backbone supporting your mutual concern for each other. You can weather many stormy incidents that may otherwise threaten you, because you are secure in your feelings about the one you love, and this serves as a binding agent.

An extremely sociable person, you can always find something pleasant to say about everyone. You are optimistic that the most difficult situations will work out eventually, so you are not excessively preoccupied with them. There is no problem that cannot be made less burdensome if it is discussed sincerely.

You enrich your free time by involving yourself in social organizations, working with young people, or by teaching and learning new skills on your own. You are fairly clever



in handling your financial resources and know how to stretch them imaginatively so that you always have enough money. You may resent it, however, if someone, say a relative of your partner, makes demands on your finances. You are conservative enough not to jeopardize your own family's security to satisfy another's needs. When you feel there is a genuine need, you are not indifferent to it, but you resent being told when and how much you should give.

In general, your affairs should not suffer from any tedious complications. You have good reasoning ability, you make concessions when they seem advised, and you rarely fail to discuss a problem that develops between you and others through some misunderstanding. You consider silence indefensible if it alienates someone whose differences could otherwise be resolved.

Your own children will enjoy and benefit from having a parent who talks with them and shows understanding of their 'overwhelming' problems and crises. There will be very little generation gap between you and your children, because you make it clear that you are genuinely concerned and always available for serious conversation. Moon square Venus

16) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♊ **North-Node** - (1°30' A)    ♎4 | ♌6

(Betty Lundsted)

This combination is favorable for the effective timing of day-to-day events and the handling of small matters in a way that is harmonious with contemporary society. The natives' socially acceptable habit patterns make them popular. Family background may bring them good fortune.

(Donna van Toen)

Feelings are more controlled than with the trine. Often there's a feeling of not really knowing yourself or of having to protect your 'good' side from your 'bad' side. There's a need to be aware of the tendency towards a stagnating, non-productive sort of control.

Moon trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The supremacy of feeling in a relationship of living together; an inner or emotional attitude towards other persons. Associations and contacts with the female sex.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect gives a calm and steady emotional nature. In a man's chart it attracts a

woman who will help him. It gives a cheerful temperament. The health is affected beneficially and the personality comes across well with the public.

17) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Sextile** ♀ **Pluto** - (4°40' S) ♃1 | ♄3

(Haydn Paul)

The nature of your mind will be biased towards intellectualism, and you will be attracted towards the realm of ideas, expressing a creative and questioning curiosity plus the ability to understand the variety of answers that you discover from various sources. Your mind will tend to be analytical; and you are likely to be attracted towards work which involves enquiry, research or teaching. You have the ability to intuit an underlying, synthesising cohesive meaning within the varied knowledge you acquire; and this can be shared with others. Your enthusiastic enquiring nature can stimulate others to search for answers themselves, without total reliance upon 'authorities'. You also tend to acquire considerable information about a large variety of subjects quite easily, retaining it in your memory, so that you can be a repository of entertaining or even important knowledge for the benefit of others.

Your mind will be penetrative and perceptive, often seeing through the appearances of things into their essential components; and new ideas and thinking will certainly hold fascination for you. The fact that you also have a vivid and creative imagination can help you to make new and interesting connections linking your knowledge into new patterns implying new understanding, perceptions and directions.

In your personal relationships, you tend to be straight and direct; and apart from expecting the same from others, you are unlikely to forget any who seem to live by lower standards and choose to be less honest in their contacts with you. Trust and honesty are very important to you; and you require both in any partnership. Basically, you will feel inwardly quite self-assured and secure; and your stability can be used as a support for others in times of trouble. You have an ability to mix naturally with a wide range of people, and value this broadening of contacts, as it serves to increase your storehouse of information. Usually, you are competent in dealing with your personal resources in an effective way, and should have no real difficulty in achieving a reasonable standard of living.

You may have to be wary of the tendency to believe that you are always right in your beliefs, opinions and knowledge; after all, nobody ever is, and you can blind yourself to these as you are quite an effective and fluent communicator who can often dominate an audience. You tend to back up your arguments by what appear to be unassailable facts and evidence, but you should be aware that in today's world, there is often a store of evidence and facts that contradicts your argument. As in most personal expressions, especially of opinions and beliefs, one should leave space within them to allow for change or alteration, to be ready to acknowledge other views and to be less dogmatic or

obsessed by the personal need to be always right.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Mercury and Pluto shows that you have an analytical intellect and can understand the most elusive and obscure subjects. Your comprehension is deep, your perception keen, and you derive more meaning from your experiences than others do. Your pronounced psychic ability is used more often than you are aware. You will gradually become conscious of this faculty and learn to take advantage of it. It is easy for you to find logical explanations for most seemingly mysterious events.

There are many professions in which you could use your abilities. Criminal detection, research, psychological analysis, medicine, chemistry, and teaching are some of the fields suitable to your mental chemistry. In teaching, you would help others to seek the truth and to develop their own perception. As a researcher, you would solve problems readily because you perceive the solution psychically long before you deduce it mechanically. You have an important contribution to make in guiding people, both individually and collectively, as they search for answers.

Courageous in exploring new ideas, you assemble a wealth of information about any subject that interests you. You are reasonably self-disciplined in using your resources effectively. You can easily gain financial assistance for developing your ideas because you present them sincerely and honestly.

Your fertile imagination is especially useful to those in your immediate environment. Social problems that seem to defy solution are suddenly easy to resolve when you examine them and offer your suggestions.

In personal relationships, you expect others to be as sincere as you are. If you find that someone is deceiving you or misrepresenting the facts, you quickly bring it to their attention. You never forget such incidents. Though you are eager to form relationships with others, when your trust is violated you can break it off forever without a single backward glance.

You will look for a partner who can provide mutual trust, sincerity, and open discussion of any problem that develops. The partner must have self-confidence and the ambition to succeed. Handling joint finances is not difficult for you, because you understand the value of money and how to get by on a modest income.

18) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♅ **Uranus** - (4°58' S) ☾ 3 | ♀ 5

(Haydn Paul)

The Uranus attraction towards ideas finds fluent expression with this aspect, where there

is the ability to make use of all information and knowledge that has been gained through education and experience. You will enjoy mental stimulation and intellectual pursuits, and have a high regard for the human development of mind, giving it precedence in importance, especially when it can have practical application. There may be some diminution of emotional expression, as you try to override the needs of that level, perhaps in an attempt to be rational and logical in your relationships. Some rebalancing may be necessary to prevent emotional repression and energy blockages.

You will probably have an approach which searches for and collates all necessary information that you need either for a practical project, or in order to become informed and capable of forming a personal opinion about a specific topic. You believe that decisions should not be based on ignorance or emotional reaction, and so you intend to acquire sufficient knowledge to allow freedom of decision and choice. This is part of the general efficiency and organisation that you are proud of; and this, allied with a sense of self-confidence and the ability to be assertive, allows you to make full use of your natural talents.

As with the conjunction, you are likely to feel able to contribute towards group work, with those associations of people that you feel are in mental affinity with you and perceive the world in similar ways. There will be that ability to perform a bridging role, where a channel of communication can be established between those reflecting established patterns of thought and attitude and those who are struggling to clarify and express the meaning of the emerging new world order. With an appreciation and attraction to progressive ideas, yet also recognising the value of the old and need for some stability within change, you can be effective in blending the two approaches and helping to form a viable foundation on which long-lasting development can be built. In your own right, you can contribute to the birth of the new through acting as a channel for original and inspired ideas, which you are able to ground through an ability to relate them to practical terms and by using common sense in knowing how much can actually be achieved now. You recognise that some inspiring ideas can be anchored now, whilst others require considerable changes to occur in both people and society before they can succeed. Understanding this, you will choose to work with only those that are capable of being actualised now, knowing that in succeeding with these, you are building the firm foundation for future transformatory ideas to materialise later.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Saturn and Uranus represents deep respect for knowledge and the talent to use it. You realize your own self-worth and know exactly how to capitalize on your inner and outer resources. You instinctively seek the truth in all things and will persist until you gain it. Knowing that ignorance limits true freedom, you assert that you will never be tied down by being uninformed. Your intellect is highly developed, and your comprehension is keen.

You are more efficient and self-disciplined than most people in working toward well-defined goals. Therefore you can accomplish many tasks more easily. You waste little effort because you consider your time precious. Teaching is probably your best avenue of expression, although there are many other possible courses, such as science, math, research, the occult, astrology, politics, and the management of human resources. Whatever field you choose, you are not likely to stay long at your initial level. It is essential that you continue to progress in order to develop your maximum potential output.

Although you are reasonably sure of yourself (you know your self-worth), you may always have to make allowances in your daily associations for others who are less capable or less able to reason. What is obvious to you may be obscure to them. It would be advisable to play down how much you comprehend so you don't arouse antagonism in others, who may accuse you of being a know-it-all. This is also a good reason for going into education, where you are supposed to know more than others and cannot be criticized for it. You relate more easily to people who have gained credibility through their intellectual development, as you have. Although ignorance is the catalyst for unleashing your knowledge for the benefit of others, you are nevertheless disdainful of it. Your general well-being can best be assured by associating with people who have established demanding goals for themselves.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile is more easily turned into constructive action than the conjunction. Saturn indicates the influence of the father on the individual's psyche; its sign indicates what the father causes this person to regard with caution. Uranus indicates the behavior of a generation as well as the possibilities of transformation or enlightenment in a personal sense.

When these two energies coincide harmoniously, there is potential for positive growth and awareness. As the talent is discovered and consciously applied, the individual becomes capable of working with large groups in order to make slow-moving, constructive changes in the environment.

Saturn trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tensions encountered in the conjunction are less conspicuous in the harmonious aspects between Saturn and Uranus because the two factors support one another in the way they express themselves. Consequently, we can structure our lives well (Saturn) within existing frameworks - social or otherwise - without sacrificing anything of our

individuality (Uranus). We function in the community in a completely personal way without creating tensions in the outer world or in ourselves.

We can apply ourselves diligently to personal development, showing great determination and energy. The will is resolute and we have plenty of staying-power

Life's ups and downs are taken in stride, and we are not easily thrown off balance. Although probably having a high opinion of ourselves, we are not blind to limitations, are prepared to give others elbow-room, and are likely to have a democratic outlook.

A balance is struck between the preservation of structure (Saturn) and the alteration of structure (Uranus), which interact smoothly to give a quiet, steady renewal. We are prepared to accept all kinds of change, and can take a keen interest in the ideas of others; but we always endeavor to integrate the new with the old or the old with the new as easily as possible. Therefore this is an excellent aspect for a legislator, since it encourages the framing of laws that, without being too rigid or too revolutionary, pay due regard to both public and private interest.

However, the tenacity and obstinacy characteristic of this aspect can make us unwilling to listen to reason. When locked on target, we are not easily diverted.

(Charles Carter)

This is an excellent practical combination, uniting common sense with initiative, willpower, and nervous energy.

It is favourable for any sort of work that requires patience and prudence, combined with originality and insight. Thus it is good for organising or for scientific work - the 'marshalling of facts' in the logical upbuilding of a great theory (e.g. Newton, Pasteur). The same tendency is exemplified by Ulysses Grant's remark: 'I will fight it out on this line if it takes me all the summer'. This great leader had Saturn trine Uranus-Neptune, and his determination was equally well evinced by his personal fortitude in great pain. Note that, as so often with Saturn, success came late.

There should be concentration, mental and volitional vigour, quiet resolution, prolonged preparation, and drastic final action.

It favours positions of control and administration; and, to judge by examples, it seems by no means without relation to the arts. It is likely to make the native popular as a governor.

However, even the good aspects appear to be of little use as preventives of injury and violence, for they often occur in charts of victims of such things, although one can scarcely suppose that they are themselves indicators of the dangers.

19) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°34' S) ☿3 | ♃1

(Haydn Paul)

Working successfully with the sextile aspect often involves action related to that strong sense of social responsibility and duties that you recognise. This sensitivity to a social role that requires performance is a major component of your motivation, and one that should not really be denied. There can be a tendency to acknowledge its presence and then fail to actually do anything about it, but ideally this should be overcome by more deliberate action. At least you can always help by funding those socially active groups whose ideas you can support. This characteristic is a combination of Saturn duty and the Neptunian social collective ideal.

The element of careful discursive planning should be evident where the right foundations for future action are established, and efficient organisation is seen as necessary for a successful conclusion. There are likely to be strategic skills which can be exploited in order to achieve those intentions, whether purely personal or socially orientated. Consistency and determination are usually well applied, and your schemes are characterised by their realism and achievability; Neptunian over-expansiveness is tempered by Saturnian caution and a sense of stability and limitation.

What can inspire many of your efforts is a reaction against social injustice and foolishness. Fairness is one attitude that you support, and opposing social aspects where unfairness and injustices is being expressed can almost become a personal crusade. Social discrimination and taking social advantage of those unable to resist can cause your passions to rise, leading to social activism designed to resist such encroachments on individual rights and liberties. You dislike seeing the waste of resources, social and material ones as well as the waste of human potential. This can lead to supporting human-potential-raising groups, or ecological activists clailing for new attitudes towards the excessive negative exploitation of nature's reserves. You tend to have a social vision of harmony, where equity is achieved and social respect for all is found, rather than any unbalanced divisive situation of haves and have-nots. Concepts of the values of community or global thinking will be preferred, and you like to believe that what you are attempting is beneficial to others.

If you become active in such ways at an early age - perhaps through a career choice - then you may find that it absorbs most of your energy; it is a never-ending task. This may affect your intimate relationships, especially when a partner needs to hold similar viewpoints to your own. Ideals are important to you, and you try to live in a way that maintains rather than opposes or compromises them. Your passions are firmly fixed on issues of social concern, and even within personal love relationships your energy is too diffuse to focus just on one partner; it flows out as a feeling of social relationship too, and you often fail to understand why society is as it is, and why people are so passive in

allowing negativity and indifference to flourish, even in those in high and powerful social positions of influence.

Concentration and visualisation abilities should be present, and can be applied through contemplation of issues or meditation. You may become effective if working in occult or socially active affinity groups committed to generating beneficial change. There is little ego gratification in such work for you, and you tend to expect a high degree of probity and idealism from others engaged in similar self-chosen roles.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Saturn and Neptune shows that your perception is keen. You use your inspiration skillfully and constructively to the benefit of yourself and others. You are deeply aware of and sensitive to your social obligations. Although you may not be prepared to actively participate in these responsibilities, you can offer your services to help others fulfill them. You may lay the foundation for action in planning or securing a sympathetic response from people in important positions. Your ideas are realistic and constructive for stemming the tide of social injustices.

In evaluating your environmental circumstances, you are thoughtful and reasonably profound, and you perceive accurately what is right and what is wrong. You deplore the waste of human resources and constantly strive for more efficient distribution of social programs and services in your community. This kind of work is especially suitable for you. You are willing to accept an unobtrusive position if the goals of the program will be better served this way.

Undercover work is something you could do well. You have the persistence and determination necessary to gather all the facts without being recognized. You can be trusted to maintain secrecy about confidential information. Your self-discipline and poise even under strain are admirable, and you would be extremely useful as a guide and advisor to individuals in power.

Your efficiency and organization may postpone permanent emotional ties, because you are preoccupied with social causes, through which you try to make a spiritual contribution. Your romance is in the broad perspective of human involvement. Your partner must feel the same way in order to gain and keep your respect. You won't sacrifice your ideals to gain anyone's favor.

Above all, you find it difficult to understand how anyone can tolerate the guilt of remaining passive to intolerable social ills.

Saturn trine or sextile Neptune



(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Building up and breaking down work together harmoniously here, enabling us to forget fears and inhibitions by taking a lively and sympathetic interest in others. The goals we set often originate in deep religious, metaphysical or spiritual insights, which form an underlying motivation for our activities. Subconsciously we sense how we ought to plan and manage things, and this helps handling everyday affairs. A tendency to follow feelings and a quickness to detect odd undertones may even turn to our social advantage. Being both visionary (Neptune) and matter-of-fact (Saturn) can endow us with tactical abilities: instinctively knowing what to aim for is no small advantage in business. The aspect is also good for devising military (or other) strategy.

Constructiveness could show itself in the spiritual and intellectual fields. We appreciate the irrational, and find that making allowance for it helps to straighten our thoughts. This is a good aspect for people who study religious, metaphysical or esoteric matters. Saturn introduces orderliness to Neptunian concerns, but Neptune prevents Saturn from making this too cut-and-dried. In the easy aspects, idealism and materialism form a well-matched blend of suppleness and strength which enables us (in spite of the Neptunian influence) to keep both feet on the ground. With far-sighted patience we endeavor to promote ideals and spiritual insights (Neptune). The way in which we express them often reveals a serious outlook. We are prepared to make great sacrifices for them; probably with characteristic austerity.

20) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Sextile** ♀ **Pluto** - (2°19' A) ♀5 | ♄3

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and

abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

21) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (3°51' S) ☿3 | ♅6

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square causes the natives' attempts at individual expression to be out of phase with

the current of larger events in their society. Sometimes they hold back when they should go forward, or vice versa.

Circumstances in their lives and in their society tend to block their self-expression and creative endeavors. They find themselves poorly adjusted in their social and romantic lives.

(Bernice Grebner)

This seems to put a stronger than usual accent on the Sun and its position. There is a greater awareness of the self or ego. It denotes the person who can be self-opinionated. However, this would cause an up-and-down belief in himself. There isn't the calm and poise that is found when a Node trines the Sun. This person is apt to be quarrelsome concerning things at the nodal positions. It is difficult for him to arrive at success in life. There is difficulty in establishing balance of the functions at this nodal axis. The action and stress seem to come out at the Sun's position.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This is a balancing aspect in terms of Karmic inflow-outflow. Under this condition, one has to do just the right amount of growing in this lifetime. The imbalance, in whichever direction it may be, often kicks you around so that you do just what is needed. As a result of this, general frustration, delays and anxiety in one's ego-achievement are seen. You have to learn to bow to the circumstances and take your number in a long waiting line. It does provide a good amount of fighting spirit and endurance. In this aspect, possible birth in a poor or restrictive family is quite likely. Hidden tensions with 'father-figure' or male identity in life are very significant. In life, this person goes through various circumstantial suffocation, which makes him quite self-examining or introverted at times as he grows older.

22) ► **Moon** ☽ **Square** ☿ **Mercury** - (2°07' S)    ♁4 | ♃1

(Haydn Paul)

The square aspect between the Moon and Mercury indicates inner tension, stress, and frustration, and a need for a radical inner adaptation to rebalance these two conflicting energies. Conscious change is required to overcome conflict between your conscious mind and protective lunar habit patterns.

One likely imbalance is an unconscious lunar domination of your rational mind, where thought processes are subverted by deep emotions and feelings, with a consequence that decisions, judgements, or objective evaluation are influenced by emotionally charged attitudes. Such unconscious attitudes and values - possibly absorbed during early childhood or from parents - can condition present choices, where issues of the past

still dominate your current life.

Simply put, head and heart can be in constant conflict within you; decisions may be made according to which is dominant at any given time. This temporary supremacy can vary, like a pendulum movement, and may also be related to the sign, house, and element that each planet is in. It may be that one planet consistently dominates, and the other one becomes repressed. If Mercury dominates, then the Moon activity can sink deeper into the unconscious mind, influencing you more subtly and pervasively from a hidden position where the emotional coloration is less noticeable to you than to others. If Mercury is repressed, then rationality and logic may diminish, and choices may be influenced by insistent emotions, instincts, and feelings; habit patterns may often be security-biased. Sometimes you may observe that, when attempting to restore inner balance, Mercury begins to excessively rationalize feelings and emotions. If this is allowed to persist, you may start to deny the validity of your emotions and feelings, and in so doing repress your Moon sensitivity, creating another imbalance.

Inner tension can reflect insecurity and self-doubt, creating highly nervous activity prompted by disharmony between the personality's conscious and unconscious levels. Sometimes this can manifest as psychosomatic illness, especially nervous illness, digestive problems, and diseases related to the activity of body fluids. Another problem could emerge from self-centeredness and separative ways of living and expression. You may rely on fixed attitudes, thoughts, beliefs, and values for a sense of stable security; but these can also create relationship difficulties if you act inflexibly. Whenever someone else's opinion differs from yours, you may react with aggressive defensiveness, without first considering the value of another point of view. You hate suggestions from others that you may be wrong, as this makes you feel insecure. Your response to this is often defiant and compulsively assertive. Paranoid feelings often accompany this reaction; and you can be very touchy emotionally, often triggering off misunderstandings and communication breakdown.

With strangers you always feel insecure and on the defensive; even with closer friends, acquaintances, and family this pattern persists, although with less belligerence. Yet even in the family home, you react against having to change to accommodate others. Self-centeredly, you believe they should change to suit you;; the fact that they may not wish to do so is apparently of little concern to you.

Yet you can often communicate quite well with those with whom you feel safe, often revealing a touching if slightly immature and sentimental emotionality about such relationships. Your hidden dependency on such intimates may not always be realized or acknowledged.

Relationships would improve if you were less self-preoccupied, seeing others' needs as being as important as your own, and giving to others what you are so busy taking for yourself. Attention needs to be directed externally for you to become aware that others

have equal needs and difficulties. Through mutual support, all can benefit and have a more enjoyable life.

Sometimes your needs and concerns can become obsessive; and you rarely see that this represents immaturity and lack of integration. Ways that you evade making necessary inner changes can include obsessions with trivia and matters of inconsequence, continual chatter, which can create unsatisfactory relationships and wastes energy instead of using it positively to change internal stress through selfunderstanding.

Mercury is often repressed by a dominant Moon whenever issues of personal security dominate life, much like a demanding infant wanting immediate satisfaction. Because of this, you can lack rationality and objectivity, as noted in signs of immaturity, a lack of self-understanding, and a surfeit of emotional bias. Sometimes your ability to discriminate between reality and illusion, fact and fiction, is weak. You can often be full of unresolved questions, uncertain of what you really think and feel about life and people, even though you defend whatever thoughts you are presenting.

There can be a state of 'life-confusion' which persists until inner transformation is achieved; dissolving several internal barriers between yourself and others is essential. This can prove beneficial and help to release previously unexpressed positive, constructive energies. Frustrations can gradually dissolve if you direct energy toward the path of growth and self-development.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Mercury indicates that you have difficulty in making reasonable judgements, because your feelings are usually involved. It can be disturbing to find out later that your actions have shown incredible immaturity. It isn't easy for you to be completely rational or objective, for you are overly sensitive and cannot remain impartial in what you say or do. You sometimes have difficulty in separating fact from fancy, and may unfairly assume that people are criticizing you when this is not the case at all. Because of this, you get involved in gross misunderstandings with many people and can become very unpopular.

You are sentimental about those close to you, and attach great importance to the things you own. Preoccupied with trivial matters, you waste a lot of needless effort and energy on them. Your problem is that you tend to dwell on yourself, for you are insecure and fearful that people won't appreciate you, no matter what you do. In a sense, you are selfish; you need to devote as much time and concern to other people as to yourself. Try to rechannel your interests outside yourself. Just the effort of trying will help reduce your almost neurotic attitude about your personal affairs. It would not only be healthier but also enable you to observe that the problems others have are not very different from your own.

After you realize your shortcomings and can relate to people more easily, you can look to the future with optimism. You should find some comfort working with young people or children. But stay clear of people in your own age group until you learn to withstand their criticism, which you see as a put-down. Once you are truly secure in what you know and what you can do, you should think about competing with your peers. Be careful you don't cut people down when they challenge you. Before you launch a verbal attack, re-examine the facts to see if it is justified.

You communicate well with those close to you, because you don't feel insecure. It is quite different with strangers, though, for you feel threatened by them. This is why you don't make friends easily. You resent having to make adjustments or allowances for other people, preferring that they adjust to your particular frail and vulnerable personality. You hold fast to your opinions and are defiant when anyone suggests you are mistaken. Unbend a little - it will be a lot less painful for you and will encourage others to be more sympathetic and understanding.

23) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (3°10' S)    ♅4 | ♃1

(Haydn Paul)

The main challenge facing you with the square aspect is that of discrimination between reality and unreality, between fact and fiction, and the consequences of confusion when these are not correctly perceived and established within consciousness. Volatile and tidal emotions and feelings are often intertwined with your imagination so that your perceptions are clouded by personal bias and fantasies. There is a tendency to change experiences in your own mind so that they fit more acceptable emotional patterns, yet through distorting real experiences and recreating your memories illusion spreads until your accounts of the past and reality are at odds with those of others. Attempts to warp realities, especially those concerning others, are never welcomed and are a source of conflict within relationships. Insisting that you are right - even against the recall of several others - will eventually generate antagonism, as no-one enjoys having their reality and memory threatened by others, even if they are family members. Alternatively, you may resort to imaginatively building inner landscapes to escape into that are populated by personally satisfying fantasies; the dangers here lie in their intrusion into everyday reality.

You often feel uncomfortable with your feelings and emotions as they are not easily assimilated and integrated by you, and being liable to moods you find it difficult to feel centred in any stable emotional pattern of responses to people and life. There may have been some emotionally based difficulties in your parental relationships, especially to your mother, where emotional needs were not satisfied or where you imagine failings to have occurred. You tend to resist accepting responsibility, and can display anti-social behaviour, perhaps being contrary as a knee-jerk reaction to those inner feelings of pain

and disappointment regarding social expectations, deliberately refusing to express any potential at all, acting only to assert a hurt negativity.. Possibly your earlier home life was one of change, tension, stress and confusion, maybe a broken home or an unsatisfactory parental marriage whose psychic impression has been left on you. In many ways you often feel that you are holding back the floodgates from bursting open, and these can be stresses emanating from your unconscious mind caused by unresolved and blocked powerful emotions which are seeking a cathartic release. Fear can result from this, a fear which manifests itself in a variety of ways, for example that of overstretching yourself or that of allowing yourself to be vulnerable within relationships. To diminish these pressures, some allow themselves to fall into the grip of addictions, drugs, alcohol, forms of sexual and emotional indulgences, searching for those brief periods of blankness from reality.

Yet none of this is inevitable or essential to experience. Changes can be successfully made by working with those intrinsic assets which you may have blocked so far, or whose presence you may have denied, rather than acknowledging them as gifts. Imagination is present; this can be used in positive ways. What you need to do is to build positive images of a 'new you' who has less of a chip on your heart, and who is prepared to change into a more creative and loving person.

Understanding your own nature is the first step towards being tolerant of others' weaknesses and strengths, so some form of inner psychological enquiry is required. Releasing pent-up emotional tension is essential, and should be carefully done, probably with the aid of trained counsellors or psychotherapists, because too great and sudden an emotional explosion of pressures may be more damaging than healing. Types of body work, manipulation and massage could possibly be additionally beneficial too. Acknowledging the hurt or anger in your emotions is necessary, but do not be self-condemnatory about this; accept that it is there and resolve to release it in order to allow healing to happen. Be more open and honest in relationships concerning any feelings of confusion; try not to let them fester inside. Organise your life more consciously, determine suitable directions and aims, although ensure that they are realistic and that you can persevere in any commitment needed to achieve them, perhaps starting with easier short-term objectives. Take things steadily during this period of re-creation, for change rarely happens overnight and always needs a thorough integration into the personality. Be cautious, and begin to relate more consciously with the material level, allowing those inevitable limitations to become a necessary structure for you to grow within. Work with others, so that you realise that all need support and guidance at times in their lives from others who may be perceptive on a clearer level. Believe in your own potential, and determine to allow it access into your life.

In so doing, you can transform the negative aspects of the square into positive assets. Preferably work with more down-to-earth schools of therapy, which can then ground you better, rather than following a natural tendency towards more imaginative escapism, which can result in involvement with any religious / mystical cults that aim to fly in holy

skies of grandeur and hallucinations rather than experience real life. Try to keep away from attempts to develop psychic or meduimistic abilities, as these can throw you back into that confusion of reality-unreality.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Neptune shows that you have difficulty in separating fact from fiction. Your highly developed imagination causes some confusion when you are faced with reality. You often 'adjust' the reality to what is emotionally tolerable to you. When this is not possible, you may artificially create an environment to which you can escape. You tend to reject your responsibilities, feeling that you are being persecuted by them. Your negative reaction to socially acceptable behavior may cause you to become a parasite and wastefully allow your vast potentials to disintegrate. If you will use it, your extreme sensitivity could be put to use in developing organizations to relieve socially depressed conditions. No-one needs to study human nature more than you, and, for this, an education is absolutely necessary.

Your early parental conditioning has not prepared you to accept the challenges of the harsh outer world of competition. Fear of the unknown is the greatest deterrent to your success. Your professional activities should relate to earthly enterprises in which your decisions must be approved by someone else. Be especially careful not to become involved in any suspicious alliances. When in doubt about such an alliance, reject it immediately. You are vulnerable to treachery from others who won't hesitate to dump their negative results on you. Be realistic in your ambitions and aim for goals that can be attained within the near future. Proceed with caution, one step at a time, knowing you can redefine your goals as you achieve them.

You should ask a trusted confidential friend or professional advisor to help you find the proper perspective for your creative potentials. Don't trust to luck to see you through the initial stages of your personal or professional relationships. Believe only some of what you see, and none of what you hear.

Your greatest guilt results from letting misunderstandings grow and fester between you and your mate. What you don't know can hurt you. Eat nutritious food and be especially careful that cleanliness is a habit, not an accident. You are more open to infection than most, and must take precautions to maintain good health.

(Betty Lundsted)

The energy of this aspect manifests itself much like the Moon-Neptune conjunction, except that it is less productive. The Moon indicates how we respond emotionally, and this response is learned from the mother during the first three years of life. Neptune indicates creativity, inspiration and delusion. When this planet squares (or works against) the Moon, it usually indicates that some delusion is at hand. The circumstances



of the delusion are an unknown factor of the childhood. The delusion can range from the fact that the mother 'played around' but told everyone that she was a 'goody-two-shoes' to the fact that family members lied about her. At any rate, the child born with this aspect is misinformed either by the mother herself or by the family members.

This aspect is difficult for it means that the person doesn't have a clear picture of his mother's image and cannot see how she did or didn't influence his childhood. If the person is mother-dominated, he may blame the state of his emotional problems on his father because Mother told him he should. The other aspects in the chart will either verify her story or show the individual that Mother needs to be investigated in order to gain freedom from her influence. In the case of the father-dominated person, the mother is not so important and the father may be favored, or the role Mother played may not be considered as important. In either case, the individual needs to understand the mother in order to develop the feminine function, the feeling and intuitive side of the self.

It's especially important to understand the truths of our early childhood when we are unable to live adult lives free of parental influence. If we go from one unproductive situation to another, the root cause is often within ourselves: and it is by determining what kind of 'normals' we absorbed as children that we can ultimately let go of the problem. The investigation of family patterns will not be successful when pursued with vengeance. As we mature, we begin to understand that misunderstandings created between children and parents are done by accident.

## Moon square or opposition Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The significance belonging to Moon / Neptune aspect generally also belongs to the hard aspects in particular, but it is not very easy to come to terms with this energy. There are problems. For one thing, we are oversensitive; for whenever the Moon influences us to look for safety we experience a vague but unmistakable uneasiness because of the undermining, blurring effect of Neptune. Naturally, we tend to lose confidence instead of gaining it. Several unfortunate things may occur. For example, a longing for reassurance may make us too self-sacrificing. Or we may misinterpret other people's feelings - a common occurrence with these hard aspects - and fail to respond appropriately. Often we invite disillusionment, due perhaps to some infatuation; simply because we imagine everything to be more beautiful than it is, as if it were part of a storybook world. Or, by taking things the wrong way, we may sometimes appear to be deliberately manipulative and full of intrigue.

Neptune's hard aspects are supposed to be typical of cheats and swindlers. However, the astrologer should not forget that the reason for the bad behavior lies mainly in

defective subconscious perceptions or emotions. Therefore we ought not to assume that the native is out to deceive us. In fact the effect can be more droll than sinister; and the native's Neptunian fantasizing can make events so bright and colorful to him that he revels in things that have not really happened. Needless to say, these aspects can be accompanied by great creativity in art and handicrafts.

Religious and spiritual interests play a part, as in all Neptune aspects. The native is continually searching, since he is very active on the Neptunian plane. With the tense aspects, he can arouse a certain amount of opposition from those around him, but this can be extremely stimulating as it can promote his spiritual growth.

(Charles Carter)

These aspect tend in the case of men to a kindly, rather easygoing character, and the probability of complications with the other sex, and probably scandal. Much must, as always, depend on other parts of the chart, but as a general rule it is a scandalengineering influence. It also often causes the wife to be an invalid, a recluse, or a nag. Neptune has high ideals, and under affliction is prone to apply them mercilessly, sometimes to the person with the affliction, sometimes to others; perhaps to both the self and others. Discontent and complaints ensue. An inability to rest satisfied with anything short of perfection is a common and a tormenting condition.

In affairs there is a tendency to intrigue, and to seek short-cuts and get-rich-quick methods. There is sometimes a subtle interior laziness, which shuns definite matter-of-fact views, and seeks to meander in fantasy. A legitimate outlet for these romantic tendencies is very much to be desired in such cases.

In women there is a high emotional tension with various forms of manifestation. From a moral point of view they run from the deceptive and untruthful to those who are unreliable owing to the instable character of their feelings. There is also a distinct liability to be deceived by others and to suffer various forms of disillusion. Neptunian traits often appear in the husband even with the lunar affliction, and similarly with the father. This, I know, is quite contrary to accepted teachings, in which the moon is always referred to the mother, but the evidence is pretty clear. Thus, running down my list of six female cases with Moon in bad aspect to Neptune, I find: two cases where the father was a minister of religion, two where he was an artist, and two where he was a muddler.

In the case of men it seems that one or other of the parents is often of a harsh - sometimes a rigid disciplinarian or Puritanic - type. I have noticed this in several cases wherein the Moon was afflicted only by Neptune.

I have known instances wherein the square seems to have denoted a parasitical tendency, the native being of an easy-going, put-off-the-evil-day type, but as a rule receiving help in his difficulties from others.

The tendency to resort to spiritualistic practices is common under these configurations; and this I attribute to the inborn desire of the Neptunian to rise to something above and beyond earthly interests. Moreover, the 'messages' delivered by mediums are often of a comforting and optimistic character, and this is helpful to the anxious frame of mind that Moon-Neptune afflictions are apt to generate. Further, Neptune, through its connection with the 12th house, has an affinity with death and the dead, and these aspects sometimes cause the native to be obsessed by thoughts of the hereafter. These proclivities seem commoner in women than in men, whose activities depend on solar rather than lunar configurations.

24) ► **Venus ♀ Square ♂ Pluto - (0°20' S)** ♄6 | ♅3

(Haydn Paul)

Pluto introduces an element of fate into your emotional affairs, which are likely to be a source of problems in your life. Your intense emotions are liable to dictate the nature of your choices, and you may experience difficulties through being unable to control your desires and passions. This can involve you in relationships that may be basically unsuitable, and which serve to stimulate aspects of your character that may not be to your own or your partner's benefit. At an extreme, such relationships could become mutually destructive and life-spoiling, or degenerate into debasement of character.

Social and materialistic conditions will tend to influence your potential fulfilment; and you are likely to be attracted towards those who seem to offer money, possessions and social status as well as a personal relationship. This is partly because of your need for a sense of security; and it can play a deciding factor in your affairs or marriage. Conversely, in the inebriation of passion, you may find that you are committed to someone who has none of these additional 'assets', and that the lack of them eventually has a negative effect on the relationship. You are probably too self-centred in relationship, eagerly taking but giving less in return, and yet discovering that you are still not experiencing the peaks of emotional and sexual intensity that you imagine are there; this builds a feeling of frustration over time, which dissipates much of your ability to enjoy and causes you to begin a process of withdrawal from your commitment and responsibility, mentally, emotionally and physically.

A conflict that you encounter is that of chasing your desires, or chasing your needs. You may need to spend some time actually deciding what your real needs actually are, as opposed to desires - which are much less essential to your well-being. Experience should show you that there is usually a cost for everything, and that the fulfilment of genuine needs tends to bring in its wake far fewer negatives than does the compulsion to satisfy desires. One can imagine an infinite number of desires; but in general only a handful of needs demands to be met in order for one to enjoy life. It is your choice towards which you direct your energy. chasing desires often encourages you to attempt to manipulate

others through some form of personal domination.

Crises associated with relationship and emotions are likely, providing you with the possibility of transformation and understanding of the energies of love, emotion and sex within yourself. This can break down your self-preoccupation, making you able to give and compromise more with your partner, to resolve the dangers of negative relationship and to have more conscious control over your strong impulsive drives and desires. One way to channel this energy is in artistic expression, as you should discover that you possess some talent in that area which may be lying latent. You should try to avoid any tendency towards entering secret love affairs, which, whilst they may stoke the fires of passion, also stimulate your more negative characteristics of not always being trustworthy and not always fulfilling your obligations.

(Robert Pelletier)

As a result of Venus square Pluto, you may find that your emotional life brings you more problems than satisfaction. You are deeply aware that any benefits you receive are always accompanied by some negative effects. What you want is often not what you need, so that as you strive to satisfy your desires you also have to endure suffering in some way. These desires cast you into relationships that eventually frustrate your real need for a permanent and serene partnership.

You tend to give of yourself in order to get what you want, and may even profess love for someone in order to marry. You could be obsessed with using sex as a device to obtain financial security or material comforts. It may also be that you really love someone who is already attached, or that your lover may be taken from you by a new interest in someone else.

There will be a major upheaval or serious crisis in your life, which could easily transform your preoccupation with personal, physical relationships to a broader love that includes spiritual and intellectual companionship as well.

You can be sure that if problems persist in your domestic and professional relationships, you have not successfully resolved your personal conflicts. To demonstrate your worth, you must learn to fulfill your responsibilities. Don't wait until you are sure you will benefit from a particular course before you start, or you never will accomplish what you want. Make sure that your behavior is above reproach so you can attract people for what you are. This will also encourage the kinds of circumstances you can deal with, at home and on the job.

You need to change your attitudes in order to significantly improve people's feelings about you. Patronizing people is a poor substitute for being honest with them. Friends thus gained will never respect you, and you won't respect them, either. Don't make promises unless you intend to keep them. People will think you are a poor loser or that

you make gestures of compromise only when there is something you want. You are inclined to take when you should give, to make accusations without thinking and to feel offended when your sincerity is challenged. All these qualities make others behave offensively to you. Try to develop warmth, sincerity, and compassion. The revised image will miraculously transform your personal and social affairs to your benefit.

You may experience some malfunction of the generative organs. Periodic physical examinations are recommended.

25) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°01' S) ♈12 | ♎3

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Jupiter to Saturn indicates problems in self-awareness. You tend to put yourself down when you compare your capabilities to the skills of other people. The fact is, you are trying to avoid your responsibilities to yourself and to those persons who depend on you. Parental influence played an important role in your lack of self-esteem; your early conditioning led you to believe the you were less competent than others and that you had to yield to those who were 'obviously' more talented. Now your actions show that you lack the courage to persist in spite of adversity. You feel you don't have the right to expect anything worthwhile for yourself. You have little hope for success, but this is just lazy self-indulgence and is inexcusable.

Stop making comparisons with other people's accomplishments; you have your own. You have a vast storehouse of information with which to gain your objectives, but you must formulate them yourself. Once you've established goals, prepare a program for achieving them, and adhere to it. Try to focus on one thing at a time, and direct all your resources and energy toward that. Stop making excuses for yourself and realize that only hard work will pay you any dividends.

You could become successful in such fields as law, education, physical therapy, or the ministry. The demands of these occupations may tax your endurance and cause periodic setbacks, but you must persist with great determination. It is important for you to be able to look back with satisfaction on occasional successes and realize that you are capable of much more. You will encounter resistance from superiors, and you may have to endure many indignities for the sake of job security. Acquiring the credentials that attest to your competence will mark a milestone in your development.

You will have to learn the hard way that accomplishment comes from a lot of hardship and self-denial. There is no easy road to victory for you. Don't make any agreements that you can't fulfill, and don't sign any contracts that go beyond the limits of your abilities. Give yourself the opportunity to reach your goals. Yours is a bittersweet destiny with many highs and lows in progress and reversals; but you will always move toward realization and fulfillment.

Faith is your greatest ally when nothing else seems to work for you. It can sustain you through your most difficult periods, and comfort you when you reach your goals with assurance that you have done your job well.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square indicates that the individual is raised in an atmosphere that prohibits or restricts the relating principle. The father places restrictions on this person, and these restrictions will be carried into the adult life on some subconscious level, causing the young adult to feel inhibited about relating; or he may relate excessively periodically and then withdraw.

Jupiter indicates 'I relate'; it indicates how we open up and allow new experience in our lives. It indicates how we will relate ourselves to another human being through the bonds of friendship or love. The Saturn square indicates a restriction, a holding-back in the relating department. It can also indicate a person who turns on and off in a somewhat unpredictable manner. These people may feel apprehensive about taking chances on new relationships. The apprehension can even undermine personal confidence to the extent that they are uneasy about accepting new jobs, new responsibilities, etc..

The square can be understood if the father's relating values are examined. The early childhood years can be explored again in order to decipher any pattern that can be an indicator of the influence. If the father adversely affected the individual's relating ability; if he restricted the individual; if he encouraged apprehension or fear in regard to new undertakings... that pattern can be reasoned out and let go.

In personal relationships, this individual may be drawn to inferior types or may choose people to love who are unable to help him through relating problems connected with the relationship. Personal cautions and apprehensions will have to be looked into consciously. The individual will have to take responsibility for his relationships and relationship conditions. As that happens, he will find himself drawn to more healthy relationships in the future.

Jupiter square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever we feel like setting to work enthusiastically, improving our chances or seizing fresh opportunities (Jupiter), we are aware of the dead hand of Saturn. Fearing to make a move, we delay too long, or else, by an error of judgement, we saddle ourselves with a pile of unwanted work. Whatever the case may be, our theory and practice, vision and

reality are out of alignment and, to begin with, we are uncertain how to proceed. This leads to extreme modes of expression. We can balk at undertakings, but may also bite off more than we can chew. When, for example, we take a position of responsibility (Saturn), Jupiter can propel us into a situation that is too taxing for us or into one where we are forced to take too many risks (financial or mental), and there is an even chance that by adopting half-baked measures to mend matters we shall only make them worse.

With conflicts between Saturn and Jupiter, we learn after many slips and recoveries what we should be aiming for and when to make an all-out effort; initially we lose a great deal of energy by misreading the situation. We are likely to be sombre and melancholy, and subject to disappointment.

Yet, when all is said and done, these are aspects that offer us great opportunities provided we have a well-defined field of action; so that we might do well, for example, by taking on responsibilities under the sort of supervision that allows a fair amount of freedom. Then we can produce hard and painstaking work and develop self-confidence.

26) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♇ **Pluto** - (5°16' A) ♈12 | ♋3

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Jupiter to Pluto inclines you to rebel against existing codes of ethics. You may challenge authority in your efforts to find easier ways to realize your goals. Your greatest problem is in expecting a large return from little or no investment on your part. You exaggerate your burdens to justify your unwillingness to accept responsibility. Often misguided in contributing too much to questionable enterprises, you can suffer bitter disappointments in this way. Don't count too heavily on others to come to your assistance when you are in trouble. It is especially important not to overextend yourself when buying on credit, hoping you'll have the money when payments are due.

You lean toward professions with large-scale enterprises that affect many people and in which substantial financial returns are likely. In other words, you enjoy wheeling and dealing. Yet you know that you walk a tightrope in these kinds of activities. You seem to tempt fate by seeking out risky schemes that could run into legal difficulties. Money-lending, political manoeuvring, and professional gambling are some of the activities you may get caught up in. You could unscrupulously exploit others for your own gain, and you may find yourself being similarly victimized.

Your romantic interests could come about through your business functions. You may go to extremes in your romantic conquests, from the coarse and vulgar to the polished and refined. The people you admire are those who yield to momentary impulses and don't care about propriety. You live for the moment and avoid looking back.

Unless you recognize your frailties and shortcomings, you must expect to be severely

dissatisfied with your goals. It is imperative that you examine your life in retrospect and honestly realize how you have shortchanged yourself by rejecting rules to live by. It is difficult for you to learn from experience; but until you do, your future hopes must remain empty dreams.

(Betty Lundsted)

The relating principle is squared by the images from the collective unconscious. Relationships may be colored with the qualities of the sign of the Pluto square. A strong need to control relationships will emerge, as well as the unconscious motivation caused by early childhood memories. Too much sensitivity may be brought into the picture when relationships occur, for some confusion may exist in regard to what relating is. This individual may confuse relating and sharing with being in control or staying on top of any situation.

Pluto can indicate a need to stay in control that can get so out of hand that it causes certain obsessions. This individual may need to 'win' so badly that he obsesses over any relationship that doesn't go his way. Getting locked into obsession games obviously defeats the purpose of relating, for relating indicates a voluntary sharing of time and experience. As soon as the obsession begins, the other party is not allowed to volunteer but is required to share. This defeats the purpose.

Since Jupiter has something to do with keeping a perspective between self and universe, the Pluto square does not help the perspective to develop. The control urges and the continuing fear of being controlled by others can cause the relating principle to become stagnant. When this occurs, relationships become control games, or role-playing rituals that don't allow this individual to receive the pleasure of sharing time with another person.

Volunteer sharing is one of the most exciting pleasures a person can have, for it is exhilarating to know that another person really likes being with one. When the Plutonic energy is used for control, although one may spend time with another, it's not time spent because it just happens. Therefore, the security that can be engendered by sharing self with another cannot take place.

Jupiter square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The danger of things getting out of hand or piling up on top of us is greatest in the hard aspects between Jupiter and Pluto. Since Pluto insists on getting to the bottom of things, and Jupiter wants fullness and breadth, half-measures never satisfy us for we are



always looking for more. If necessary, we work hard to this end, but we can easily overload ourselves. In the tense aspects, we find it difficult to control the energies of these two factors, and they tend to whip one another up. Therefore we can be extremely ambitious; so that, even when we reach the top of our profession, we remain dissatisfied.

Willpower and stubbornness are so great that, once we get hold of an idea, we do not deviate from it by so much as a hair's-breadth. Obviously, this is bound to arouse opposition, especially as we are liable to express opinions vigorously. With the hard aspects, we are not good at measuring the intensity of what we are saying. We can be fanatical; what is more, others generally perceive us as fanatical, even though we imagine we are being very accommodating.

With these active aspects, we devote ourselves to social reforms and the like, and want to play an important part in bringing them about. The idea of power is extremely attractive to those with the Jupiter / Pluto combination, whatever the type of the latter may be. There is, in any case, a desire to pit ourselves against the prevailing mores and, when the aspect is hard, we find an added spirit of contradiction. Taboo-breaking Pluto is a genuine revolutionary; although not the same as Uranus. Under the influence of Uranus, natives may achieve a quick, explosive breakthrough into a new form offering freedom for individual development to self and others. Under the influence of Pluto, natives require a personally chosen pattern of society into which everyone must fit regardless of convention, and where the native's will is sovereign. The battle fought under a Pluto conflict has far-reaching implications. Natives bide their time, are skilled strategists, unyielding, and are not afraid to use force if necessary. Often they bring about tremendous transformations.

Because we see and tackle things on such a large scale, we run the risk of never being satisfied by past achievements. We also run the risk of spiritual or material failure because we want to do everything at once. A sense or proportion is likely to be lacking with these aspects.

27) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ☊ **North-Node** - (6°14' S)    ☿3 | ♅6

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a thwarting of the natives' ambition and progress by prevailing social forces. Their fearfulness and conservatism may prevent their being in the right place at the right time to take advantage of opportunities which the society affords them. They may be isolated by society or become recluses.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This is quite a strange aspect to such an extent that limitations in life are doubly

significant. Here, the Saturnian limitations will confront you with a problem or learning experiences, but the nodes will even take the chances away from you to learn from them. Depending upon the benefic aspects to this combination, the effects will change accordingly. For example, a supporting trine aspect to Saturn might minimize the intensity of drastic learning or a Trine to the nodes might increase your chances to learn the lesson in a constructive way, etc.. In general, growth as an individual is needed and noticed in this aspect. Full assistance or completely obstructive tendencies from older folk is seen. Problems with circulations and bone structure in general are noticed in these people.

(Donna van Toen)

Much like Saturn conjunct South Node. Pessimism is one manifestation of the nodal conflict; this must be consciously dealt with and eradicated if growth is to take place.

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.

28) ► **Pluto** ♄ **Square** ♁ **North-Node** - (1°03' A) ♄3 | ♁6

(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.

29) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (0°04' A) ♄1 | ♁9

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars trine the Ascendant shows that you assert yourself positively and aggressively. You have much enthusiasm, which you transmit to others in such a way that they are aroused to support you in your actions. Although you may not always be right in what you do, you are certainly willing to take that chance. You enjoy taking chances anyway; and luck seems to hold out when you do. You have a mind of your own, and are determined to express yourself when you feel the urge. You have the gift of the gab, and know how to gain the advantage in conversation. Being competitive, you enjoy both mental and physical challenges. Sports give you the opportunity to let off steam, either as a participant or as a spectator. You delight in winning, but, whether you win or lose, you take tremendous pleasure in the game.

You need a considerable amount of money to support your pleasures, and you can dream up the wildest schemes to get it. Because you are inclined to spend much more than you earn, you must learn to be more moderate. You find it very embarrassing to be without money, but you should avoid money lenders, if you can.

You don't pay enough attention to planning for the future. Your motto could be 'Live today, for tomorrow you may die'. But with this attitude your security is always in doubt. In your job, you give an impression of great activity, so that your superiors think you are making an enormous contribution. When it comes down to reality, however, you may fail to prove your worth. You need greater self-discipline so you can harness your creative enthusiasm to specific tasks. You would like to be independent, but because of your inclination to spend, it may be difficult to accumulate enough money to function freely. Your personal affairs tend to get in the way of your professional endeavors, and you could end up relying for assistance on the generosity of others.

Your success depends on your willingness to work at developing your talents. Hard work will bring you the results you want, as well as satisfaction for not having to depend on others.

Mars trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Generally speaking, we stand up for ourselves, manage our own affairs, and put in a fair stint of hard work; but the idea is to concentrate on doing the things we like best.

We know how to encourage others and to keep them busy. Quite often these aspects give leadership qualities; but more by setting an example of courage, boldness and

enthusiasm than by good administration.

We are very resilient; and physically we can often achieve a great deal. Usually we are very keen on sport and sporty things, but our keenness can degenerate into mere rivalry. Competitions and tournaments appeal to us, and we can do well in them. It is not unusual for us to espouse some cause or ideal; for we are not averse to the smell of battle, even with the harmonious aspects. Here, too, even if we are not quite so culpable, we have to learn to leave others some breathing space. If anything, our quick spontaneity is to blame when we expect more than our due.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Mars trines or sextiles the Ascendant, the individual was taught constructive action as a child; and action taken as an adult will complement the persona.

30) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ☿ **Uranus** - (2°16' S) ☿1 | ☿5

(Robert Hand)

Probably your beliefs and ideas are different from those of the people around you, and you put a different value on physical objects as well. You do not like to be tied to possessions that you must take care of. This means that eventually you will prefer to have as few possessions as possible so that you can go wherever you want without any worries. Very early in life, you will decide that you have to follow a path that is uniquely your own and does not follow anyone else's ideas about what is good for you. You want to break new ground, but in order to get there you won't have to battle others, especially your parents or other authority figures. You should be sufficiently creative so that you can make them see the desirability of letting you have your way to a reasonable extent.

You may change your mind several times about what you want to do with your life, not so much because your mind is unstable but because it is so difficult to find exactly what you need. Incidentally, this can be a sign of an interest in or, later, a career in a technical field, such as electronics, computers, engineering or science. Or you may be interested in the occult and astrology.

You like a certain amount of excitement in your life, to keep from getting bored. You prefer anything new to what is old, so you will not be particularly interested in keeping in touch with your childhood and your past once you are finished with it. You are future-oriented, always looking ahead to the next thing to come along.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates professional success and even fame through unique contributions to the natives' professions, which are in unusual fields. Renown may come

suddenly.

The configuration favors scientists, occultists, astrologers, and particularly those in electronics.

The home life and family conditions are likely to have an original flair. There can be unusual gadgetry or architecture for the home itself.

#### Uranus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is less fickleness and provocativeness with the harmonious aspects, our behavior makes it quite clear that we mean to go our own way, that we are highly individualistic, and are always ready to fit the new into the old - indeed there is nothing we like doing more. We are prompt to take part in changes, often initiate them, and keep alert to what is going on instead of settling down to the day's work. We like novelty - especially in social and business affairs: a dull office routine drives us to distraction.

Alternative viewpoints are quite acceptable to us, and we try to break down rigid forms and barriers in ourselves and in society. We may advocate processes that lead to the spread of democracy or that revitalize the community; we may become absorbed in occultism, astrology, crazy inventions and so on. If possible, we turn these interests into a full-time occupation, and could succeed in integrating them into both social and business life.

Even with the harmonious aspects, upheaval is not unknown; often we bring it on ourselves. There is nothing mysterious about life suddenly propelling us in a new direction, as it does every now and again: inner transformation is the real cause.

31) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°43' S)    ♈4 | ♎12

(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.

32) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♁ **Uranus** - (2°21' S) ☿1 | ♀5

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspec tends to add the qualities of creativity and intuition more easily to the characteristics of the conjunction and the sextile. There is a subtle shift from the urge to acquire knowledge as a predominant tendency, to one of being capable of utilising it for the benefit of self and others.

You apply your mind to establishing a firm foundation for future work, where your investigative and research interests are directed towards a clear aim and purpose. Your basic orientation is humanitarian; you prefer to put your talents and energy into spheres that you believe will make a positive contribution to human progress. This could include

scientific or medical work, or knowledge communication. You see that the point of knowledge is not just to acquire it, but to use it to improve the quality of life; your inner fascination has a more practical dimension.

There is likely to be an interest in the mysteries of life, and in universal and human behaviour; and a sense of the subtle, intangible energies that animate life. This can develop into exploring the occult realms; and you will probably gain a personal understanding of their existence if you take that path. Uranus can offer those lightning flashes of holistic insight which cut through the separative analytical mind, giving access to the unitive dimensions. You should be capable of integrating the spiritual perspective into the mundane material world, thus cross-fertilising the levels and forming an inner balance within yourself. If you do choose to venture along the occult path, then your mental foundation pattern of logic and rationality (Mercury energy) can be of considerable use in moving through layers of illusion and spurious belief thought-forms. Bewitched by the glamour of the exotic and mysterious occult worlds, many fall prey to illusion and an unconscious submission to the occult mystery and authority. They fail to apply the conscious logical mind to the teachings, generally accepting them without serious questioning or personal effort to discover the truth for themselves. Certainly, the rational mind does not have all the answers; and its failure is clearly seen in the world today; but a bridge needs to be established between that level and the more universal holistic perception that Uranus offers, so that the two spheres of mind can work together creatively and harmoniously from the wider conscious perspective. This is a major task for the Aquarian Age, and one that we are all asked to participate in by achieving the integration in our lives.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Mercury to Uranus shows that you have a fertile, intuitive mind, which you express creatively. Your opinions are always based on sound principles, and you speak with conviction. You rarely make superficial statements because your mind does not dwell on trite matters. You seek after the truth, knowing it is the only way you can feel free. And freedom is very important to you.

You understand occult matters and may become involved in some facet of this field as your life's work. Your flashes of intuitive insight are amazingly accurate, and you could excel in the study of psychic phenomena. Mysteries fascinate you, so you might also become proficient in solving problems in the scientific world. You find the human factor equally interesting, and you could master the fields of psychology, philosophy, or social programs.

Although you have carte blanche in deciding what to do with your vast resources in human understanding, teaching should be high on the list. The truth has been revealed to you, and you could communicate it to those who are eager to share in your good fortune. You have leadership ability, but your best choice would be to stimulate others to



develop their own. You are way ahead of your time in comprehending matters that usually require many laborious years of study.

Your spiritual values are highly developed and well integrated with your material responsibilities. There is no conflict between your inner and outer lives, since each sustains the other.

You are restless with those who are satisfied with knowledge for its own sake. For you, the only justification for increased knowledge is reaching toward human perfection.

### Mercury trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious aspects between Mercury and Uranus, thinking is imaginative and independent but, even here, it is to some extent erratic. Wherever there is the chance to break fresh ground, this person works wonders, but it is not so easy to contend with humdrum everyday life. The latter is experienced as dull and irksome because it offers nothing new and creative or sufficiently original. In fact, in all Mercury / Uranus aspects - even in the harmonious ones - there are impractical people who, although very gifted in a certain field, have little idea how to manage ordinary affairs. Their fellow citizens regard this type as eccentrics who live in a world of their own and want to go their own sweet way. When the aspect is harmonious, these others hardly raise a protest but just let them get on with it.

Any aspect between Uranus and Mercury will make the native inventive, so the combination has a lot of useful potential. But in the harmonious aspects especially this type must learn to persevere and carry projects through to completion, because he or she suffers from a streak of laziness in spite of all the mental activity. So, although what we have here should be an ideal position for original scientific research, Saturn will have to be strong in the chart for anything constructive to be done.

Often there is a keen interest in anything a bit unusual: an interest in certain fringe activities such as astrology, fortune-telling or occultism, or in revolutionary creeds or utopias.

The same sharp tongue and the same liability to overtax the brain are present as in the conjunction and the hard aspects, but not to the same degree.

33) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (3°24' S) ♃5 | ♆1

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect was made roughly during the period 1941-6, and features in the birth charts of a generation born during war time. This tends to condition their perception of life and people, which in effect can sometimes veer towards pessimism and cynicism, especially if they were born in the early years of the trine when the world war was at its height and the result still hung in the balance.

Underlying this is still the idealism of these planets, but with possibly insufficient personal faith in their actual manifestation, together with an ambiguity about their own personal role and responsibility in society. There can be a tendency to follow personal goals irrespective of social needs and obligations, and a preference for personal gain and ambitions. Yet this too can be a source of personal development, and it is still perhaps too early yet to be sure how such individuals will use any social power and influence that they may have acquired.

As the trine is a reconciling factor, this generation could be seen as a 'briding group' where both the past and future tendencies co-exist, probably uncomfortably at times. They have grown up in a rapidly changing world, though childhood conditioning would still reflect pre-war attitudes; they are thus able to serve as mediators in society, knowing the older world and yet attuned enough to the dawning of the new world.

There should be sufficient intellectual capacity for them to evaluate the implications of ideological belief structures for themselves, without the imposition of authority; this should result in the development of genuinely held personal views irrespective of their nature and content. If they don't feel convinced, after careful consideration of the validity of an idea or belief, they will usually be unable to give whole-hearted support for it - unless they compromise themselves for personal gain.

They are aware of the dangers of gullibility and a lack of public discrimination regarding leaders - as the German people in World War II demonstrated - yet are not fully convinced by the intent of any leaders who use truth as an expedient to be employed only when it suits them. In many ways, this generation is faced with a need to resolve certain inner conflicts and opposite world views, almost as a 'trial run' for the way in which society can achieve this on a larger scale. There are paradoxes on both mental and emotional levels that should be resolved and integrated, because too often such people are caught in the cleft stick of their own indecision and confusion over which 'face' to present - the face of the older ways, or the face reflecting the emerging changes in the world.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine of Uranus and Neptune indicates that you resent being told what to believe. You prefer to decide for yourself whether you will accept or reject the ideas that have satisfied previous generations of believers. Your intellectual awareness requires that you

are logically evaluate all ideologies, dogmas, or theories, whether they are political, philosophical, or religious. You feel that you cannot support a particular belief until you understand thoroughly how and why it was established. Seeking truth rather than illusions, you are suspicious of ideas that may seriously alter your life and destiny. You observe how the masses of humanity in the past have been dominated by individuals who forced their ideologies on their subjects, mesmerizing them to accept those ideas blindly and obediently.

To illustrate how these planets produced mass hysteria, we must examine the period between 1938 and 1944, when they occupied this relationship. Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Benito Mussolini, and Emperor Hirohito hypnotically dominated millions of people and produced an awesome machine that destroyed even more millions and altered forever the destinies of countless others. The planetary combination indicates the indolence and apathy present among people throughout the world, which allowed this destruction to take place.

You and many others who were born during these years can help prevent a repetition of history by refusing to support any individual in power until you know everything possible about him / her. Because you have the ability to see through illusion and dishonesty, it is your responsibility to communicate what you know for the benefit of humanity. You must arouse the public to challenge any public official who will not keep open the lines of communication to the people he represents.

(Betty Lundsted)

Compassion, understanding, creative expression or inspiration (Neptune) blend with the expression of new-age ideas (Uranus), so that theory and feeling meld together to express a form of universal love and understanding. This trine has occurred in people born around 1940 in the past century.

These are the people who have taken courses in meditation, inner awareness, spiritual development, etc.. They are searching for the inner self. This generation may produce new philosophies that will be emerging now at the turn of the 21st century.

The trine can also foster the great dreamer - the energy from the Uranus - Neptune combination can produce highly individualistic ideas that may not be put into practice unless there is an aspect in the chart that indicates the potential to take action.

Uranus trine or sextile Neptune

(Charles Carter)

Since contacts between these two bodies extend over considerable periods and are therefore to be found in the horoscopes of very large numbers of persons. it has been usual rather to discount their importance in individual charts and to ascribe to them an influence over national or world-wide conditions, which only affect individuals powerfully when they are aspected by other bodies, or when they occupy important house-positions.

An examination of charts seems to indicate that these aspects do affect individuals, and I cannot say that it seems necessary to restrict the orbs of aspect very much in judging them. But the effects are naturally most noticeable when the planets occupy prominent house-positions and receive other aspects.

They bestow a strong touch of mysticism and a love of the esoteric and arcane. There is a good deal of emotional force, and there may be considerable enthusiasm for some cause or cult. The love of art and music is very marked. Even in practical pursuits there is generally a sort of vision or inspiration towards ideals.

It is on the whole a kindly, beneficent influence. Napoleon I is an exception - but in this case Mars is conj. Neptune. In another case, the aspect seems only to have produced a rather arid turn for metaphysical discussion, but here Saturn is with Neptune.

#### Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible the he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far

behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

34) ► **Midheaven MC Quincunx ♀ Venus - (0°23' A)** ☿1 | ♄6

(Robert Hand)

You have a strong need to be loved and to love others as well, but this may create some problems in your life. You are afraid that if you appear to others as you really are, they won't accept you. This problem can be corrected only by the most careful upbringing, such that your parents correct your behavior in ways that help you feel self-confident rather than undeserving and unworthy.

You are very likely to feel that there is a conflict between what you ought to do in a particular situation and what would be acceptable to the people around you. Often your friendships come into conflict with your parents' intentions for you, which is difficult to resolve. Later in life, you may see your job, career or profession as part of your life that is quite separate from your personal relationships with loved ones. This may cause you to neglect one area in favor of the other, instead of trying to create a balance between them.

This same pattern of thinking may make you believe that you must sacrifice pleasure and enjoyment in order to achieve anything worthwhile in life. Here again you cannot afford to let either aspect of your life triumph over the other. Especially as you get older, you should make a conscious effort to find ways to enjoy yourself, be with your friends and loved ones, and, at the same time, move toward your goals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Social behavior (the Midheaven) and a need for emotional relationships and for peace and harmony (Venus) are not in keeping with one another. We do not know how best to conduct ourselves at work, and have little idea what sort of impression we make on others. The temptation is to avoid the risk of confrontation by being very friendly, but also very superficial and neutral. Our role in the social process is therefore rather unclear, and we may manoeuvre ourselves into a second-rate position because we are shy about competing. Even the natural creative urge bestowed by Venus unsettles us because we do not know how to handle it in a balanced way.

Nevertheless, in general we make an unmistakably friendly impression on others, and this should help us gain in self-confidence. For although, with the inconjunct, we feel insecure in relationships, we can definitely learn to handle them. We can be tossed to and fro for a considerable time, but after a crisis involving someone else - possibly a life partner - we usually see that the root of the problem is a negative expectation pattern grounded in a sense of uncertainty.

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