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Chakra's



Summaries

Pisces Sun ☉ ♊ and ♍ ☾ Virgo Moon man

([852] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Thorough Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Keen, conscientious and resistant;

Negatives: Overreacting, too demonstrative and stubborn;

Perfect partner: Someone who is confident but not pretentious;

Advice: Be honest when someone confronts you about your actions.

Sun ☉ in II 2nd House

([860] i.thehoroscope.co)

Self-confident charmers - Summary:

Strengths: Sensual, intuitive and witty;

Challenges: Possessive and somewhat controlling;

Advice: They shouldn't let their pride cloud their judgment.

Moon ☾ in VIII 8th House

([879] i.thehoroscope.co)

Striking conflict - Summary:

Strengths: Sensual, creative and straightforward;

Challenges: Pushy and controlling;

Advice: Be careful with the risks you are throwing yourself into.

Neutral: Experiencing feelings intensely

Moon ☾ in 12th Nakshatra: Uttara Phalguni

Short Version [2]

Strength: ambitious, productive, industrious, popular, benefits from authority figures, effective communicator, dependable, sociable, focused, loves luxury and comfort, able to enjoy life, sharp concentration, liberal but fixed views, prosperous, socially adept, friendly, courageous, endurance, spiritual advancement.

Weakness: restless, inconsiderate, egotistical, obstinate, self-absorbed, stubborn, aloof, arrogant, fussy, bossy, critical, puts on a happy smile to cover up anger or sadness, lacks confidence, vain, immoral, ungrateful, resentful, overly concerned with status, gives too much.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in fourth pada

(6°40'-10°00' degrees Virgo): Pisces navamsa. Tradition means a lot to you, and you strive to follow the established systems. You recognize the value of something that has been practiced for many years. You are respectful to others and love to be of assistance — you can often be found helping people. You are generally in good spirits and probably have a good sense of humor.

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

Mercury ♀ in ♎ Leo man

([892] i.thehoroscope.co)

No one should dare to contradict him - In a nutshell:

Positives: Persuasive and bold;
Negatives: Contradictory and aggressive;
Soulmate: Someone who has some kind of special-interest;
Life lesson: Not getting too hung up on small disputes or incidents.

Mercury ♀ in VII 7th House

([914] i.thehoroscope.co)

Hard to impress - Summary:

Strengths: Witty, expansive and affectionate;
Challenges: Difficult, vain and indecisive;
Advice: They should try their hand at different activities and not hesitate.

Venus ♀ in ♑ Capricorn man

([939] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Strong and resilient;
Negatives: Superficial and deceitful;
Soulmate: Someone who is affectionate and a good conversationalist;
Life lesson: He shouldn't pay so much attention to those who criticize.

Venus ♀ in XII 12th House

([956] i.thehoroscope.co)

Serious about romance - Summary:

Strengths: Unconventional, friendly and appreciative;
Challenges: Rushed and careless;
Advice: Take the chances that scare you a little.
Neutral: Running away from loneliness

Mars ♂ in ♉ Taurus man

([959] i.thehoroscope.co)

High expectations in life - In a nutshell:

Positives: Passionate and intuitive;

Negatives: Lazy and impatient;
Soulmate: Someone who is refined, tender and attentive;
Life lesson: Not letting a distance interfere between him and close ones.
Neutral: His woman should be refined and devoted

Mars ♂ in IV 4th House

([984] i.thehoroscope.co)

Doing what makes them happiest - Summary:

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♍ Virgo man

([998] i.thehoroscope.co)

Understanding them - In a nutshell:

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

Jupiter ♃ in VIII 8th House

([1012] i.thehoroscope.co)

Not ones to care about limits - Summary:

Strengths: Spiritual, intuitive and warm-hearted;
Challenges: Manipulative and overly emotional;
Advice: They need to stick with the causes they commit to.

Saturn ♄ in ♓ Pisces man

([1028] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Mystical and trustworthy;
Top qualities: Creative, spiritual and endearing;
Challenges: Oversensitive and pessimistic;
Advice: Leaving the past aside will do you great good.

Saturn ♄ in II 2nd House

([1030] i.thehoroscope.co)

Cautious with their finances - Summary:

Strengths: Calculated, imaginative and domestic;
Challenges: Pessimistic, materialistic and cautious;
Advice: They should refrain themselves from thinking that life is only about money.

Uranus ☿ in ♑ Capricorn man

([1050] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Disciplined and patient;
Top qualities: Organized and thoughtful;
Challenges: Pessimistic and aloof;
Advice: Try to get used to and accept disruption.

Uranus ☿ in XII 12th House

([1064] i.thehoroscope.co)

A sociable companion - Summary:

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

Neptune ♃ in ♌ Leo man

([1069] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Visionary and principled;
Top qualities: Idealism, drive and generosity;
Challenges: Arrogance and entitlement;
Advice: There is no need to play the victim in love matters.

Neptune ♃ in VII 7th House

([1083] i.thehoroscope.co)

An altruistic personality - Summary:

Strengths: Dependable, trustworthy and kind;
Challenges: Dreamy, irritable and perfectionistic;
Advice: They should do more of what they love.

Pluto ♇ in ♏ Scorpio man([1096] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Dramatic and challenging;
Top qualities: Responsible, loyal and practical;
Challenges: Manipulative, deceitful and contradictory;
Advice: You might want to be careful to your reaction to change.

Pluto ♇ in X 10th House

([1110] i.thehoroscope.co)

There is no middle ground - Summary:

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

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

North Node ♊ in ♊ Gemini

([1115] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Straightforward, honest and friendly;

Challenges: Unpredictable and too curious

Charming companions, A need to keep changing

South Node ♋ in ♐ Sagittarius

([1133] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, honest, adventurous and witty;

Challenges: Obstinate and insecure;

Their soul can be quite conflicted, Looking at the big picture

North Node ♋ in V 5th House (Leo)

([1117] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Spiritual, objective and adventuresome;

Challenges: Vain, isolated and overly emotional

Working from the shadows, A need of changes and transformations

South Node ♋ in XI 11th House (Aquarius)

([1135] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Supportive, confident and balanced;

Challenges: Criticizing, rushed and harsh;

Conscious of themselves and their purpose, They're outrageous on purpose

(Black Moon) Lilith ♄ in ♏ Scorpio

([1144] elsaelsa.com)

Truth Seer

(Black Moon) Lilith ♄ in X 10th House

([1158] elsaelsa.com)

Dark Reputation

► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (1°01') ♎7 | ♏8

([160] astromatrix.org:) Subconscious Need

Opportunities: 1. Working with Others 2. Creating Your Ideal Family Life
Challenges: 1. Not Overidentifying with Your Emotions 2. Discovering Your True Needs

► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ☾ Moon** - (1°17') 002 | 118

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

Opportunities: 1. Discovering what You Want 2. Gaining Fulfilment from Within
Challenges: 1. Balancing Order and Chaos 2. Having Relationships for the Right Reasons

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°41') 002 | ♃4

([5] astromatrix.org;) The Fighter

Opportunities: 1. Taking on Leadership Roles 2. Taking on Big Challenges
Challenges: 1. Being More Selfless in Relationships 2. Empathy Toward Others

► **Mercury ♿ Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (1°09') ♁7 | 110

([626] astromatrix.org;) The Activist

Opportunities: 1. Accepting overwhelming and raw emotions 2. Nurturing your profound curiosity
Challenges: 1. Maintaining Composure 2. Battling crooked logic

► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ☉ Sun** - (6°21' A) ♁1 | 002

([11] astromatrix.org;) Paparazzi Magnet

Opportunities: 1. Taking on Leadership 2. Overcoming Self-Consciousness
Challenges: 1. Taking Charge of Your Fate 2. Exploring the Mystical

► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (9°42' A) ♁7 | 118

([160] astromatrix.org;) Subconscious Need

Opportunities: 1. Working with Others 2. Creating Your Ideal Family Life
Challenges: 1. Not Overidentifying with Your Emotions 2. Discovering Your True Needs

► **Sun ☉ Opposition ☾ Moon** - (3°21' S) 002 | 118

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

Opportunities: 1. Discovering what You Want 2. Gaining Fulfilment from Within
Challenges: 1. Balancing Order and Chaos 2. Having Relationships for the Right Reasons

► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (8°14' S) ♃4 | 110

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

Opportunities: 1. Deeper understanding of sexual energy 2. Transforming areas of disempowerment
Challenges: 1. Dealing with triggering experiences 2. Postively transforming rage

► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♀ Lilith** - (3°57' S) ♃12 | 110

([641] astromatrix.org:) Honouring your unique gifts

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

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

► **Midheaven MC Trine ☉ Sun** - (5°33' A) ♀5 | ☿2

([309] astromatrix.org:) The Achiever

Opportunities: 1. Reaching Long-Term Goals 2. Being Practical to Achieve Success

Challenges: 1. Learning from Authority Figures 2. Making Independent Decisions

► **Moon ☾ Trine ♂ Mars** - (7°54' A) ♀8 | ♀4

([313] astromatrix.org:) Vitalizing Emotional Energy

Opportunities: 1. Integrating Your Emotions 2. Deepening Your Connections

Challenges: 1. Dealing with Your Disappointments 2. Cultivating Meaning

► **Sun ☉ Quincunx ♀ Mercury** - (0°08' S) ☿2 | ♀7

Extra Source

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

Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☾ Moon** - (1°01') ♎7 | ♏8
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (0°35') ♎11 | ♏8
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ☾ Moon** - (1°17') ♏2 | ♏8
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°41') ♏2 | ♏4
- 5) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°02') ♏2 | ♏2
- 6) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♅ Pluto** - (0°13') ♏2 | ♏10
- 7) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°15') ♏8 | ♏2
- 8) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♅ Pluto** - (1°04') ♏8 | ♏10
- 9) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (1°29') ♏12 | ♏12
- 10) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°43') ♏4 | ♏2
- 11) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°20') ♏4 | ♎7
- 12) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♅ Pluto** - (1°54') ♏4 | ♏10
- 13) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♅ Pluto** - (0°11') ♏2 | ♏10
- 14) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (6°07' A) ♏1 | ♏2
- 15) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (9°42' A) ♎7 | ♏8
- 16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (0°14' A) ♎7 | ♎7
- 17) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (0°14' S) ♏2 | ♏2
- 18) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (4°35' A) ♏8 | ♏8
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (9°28' S) ♏8 | ♎7
- 20) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Uranus** - (1°19' A) ♏12 | ♏12
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ☾ Moon** - (3°21' S) ♏2 | ♏8
- 22) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♃ Jupiter** - (7°56' A) ♏2 | ♏8
- 23) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♆ Neptune** - (6°07' S) ♏2 | ♎7
- 24) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (3°35' S) ♏8 | ♏2
- 25) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♂ Uranus** - (5°23' S) ♎7 | ♏12
- 26) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♅ Pluto** - (7°18' S) ♏4 | ♏10
- 27) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (8°10' A) ♏8 | ♏2

- 28) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Opposition** ♅ **Neptune** - (5°53' S) 002 | 87
- 29) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♅ **Neptune** - (0°34' S) 15 | 87
- 30) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♄ **Pluto** - (0°36' A) 178 | 110
- 31) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Sextile** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°40' S) 87 | 15
- 32) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♄ **Pluto** - (3°59' A) 178 | 110
- 33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°32' S) 002 | 15
- 34) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (3°53' S) 178 | 15
- 35) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Pluto** - (3°49' A) 87 | 110
- 36) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°18' S) 002 | 15
- 37) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (5°35' S) 87 | 15
- 38) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (5°19' A) 15 | 002
- 39) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°54' A) 178 | 4
- 40) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **North-Node** - (6°02' A) 112 | 15
- 41) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (3°19' S) 4 | 178
- 42) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (4°11' A) 002 | 110
- 43) ► **Midheaven** MC **Quincunx** ♀ **Venus** - (1°01' A) 15 | 112
- 44) ► **Midheaven** MC **Quincunx** ♄ **Uranus** - (0°18' A) 15 | 112

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♓ Pisces 4° 10'

(Betty Lundsted)

This is the most theoretical, or the least personal, of the Water signs. It seems that Pisces people arrive in the universe through a difficult birth: the mother may have a long or difficult labor, or the child is born with some 'strange' disease, like eczema. Often Pisces children get a fever or the flu early in life, and several days are spent worrying whether they'll make it through the experience without brain damage. They pick up this worry from their parents because Pisceans are so intuitive. They begin to worry a lot about their health and welfare at an early age.

The mother of a Pisces is a lady who worries a lot and who is afraid of everything: she worries about getting robbed, mugged and killed. She worries about life - and in the middle of all her worry she plays the martyr role. She will accept her fate, she sighs, and the little Pisces child soaks up these vibrations. These children are so intuitive and

allknowing that they often make their parents uncomfortable. One mother of a Pisces confided in me that her brother came for a brief visit when her child was six months old. When the child was about four, the brother reappeared and the Pisces asked uncle where his beard was, since he'd had one the last time the child saw him. The mother couldn't believe what she'd heard. She had no photographs of her brother, and had not discussed his beard with the child. The memory these children have is terrific. Karmic astrologers feel that Pisces types bring a lot of past-life fears, apprehensions and knowledge with them into this life. Perhaps this is why Pisceans are so creative and intuitive. However, the early childhood environment usually creates a fear of developing their intuition - and as spiritual as this sign is, they often fear exploring the occult, the religious or the more spiritual sides of life. It may be that their fear of spirituality or their fear of developing their intuition comes from the fact that they knew too much as children; that every time they came up with some interesting information they were either turned off, disciplined, or made fun of by one of their parents. So Pisceans bury the spiritual self deep inside. The more intuitive they are, the more anti-religion they may be; the more psychic they are, the more they're against the occult in any form.

The more Pisceans reject their natural creativity and reject their natural intuitive abilities and try to become hard, rational adults like some of the other sign types, the more miserable they become. It isn't unusual for them to immerse themselves in alcohol or drugs. They seldom become skid-row alcoholics because they enjoy the easy life too much. They are the 'miraculous' workaholics who drink at night but manage to show up for work every morning. They can be the 'week-end' alcoholics or drug abusers. Sometimes they go for alcohol because they can't cope with their intuitive or psychic experiences. If these experiences don't manifest during the day, they sometimes manifest at night during dreaming. The dream experience can be so overwhelming for Pisceans that they start drinking, since alcohol dulls the dream process. Prophetic dreams can be hard for anyone to take when one doesn't know why one is having them or doesn't know how to work with the energy in a more positive sense.

The Pisces female enters her adult life with many of her mother's expectations and habits. She often resents the power of her mother, and she also resents her father because he didn't stand up for himself in the marital relationship. Pisces picks men that are as weak as her father was, and then resents them for being that way. She tends to choose someone she feels sorry for when she picks her first marriage partner. After she becomes conscious of what she has done, she begins to feel sorry for herself - and a little bit of the martyr begins to come out. She confuses sympathy with love, and doesn't understand that a love relationship can't be shared with someone she feels pity for. Pisces should use her strong altruistic tendencies for work rather than marriage. She suffers a great deal, either with an incompetent lover or husband, or with someone who mistreats her. When she learns to pick better material, and decides that although her mother suffered it isn't necessary for her to, she will get involved in healthy relationships.

The Pisces male makes the same mistakes as the Pisces female. When he is younger,

he also marries a person he feels sorry for. Or, the first 'big' love affair is with someone who needs to be saved from herself or from something else. He soon finds that he has to take care of this woman all the time, and that he doesn't really have anyone to share his life with, and so he tries to get out of the relationship. However, if he fails to work his way out of the martyr syndrome that his mother taught him to be normal behavior, he will continue to make a martyr of himself in any relationship he forms. He will continue to expect to be a martyr, to be mistreated, and to be misused. He needs to learn to talk out his problems. When there are difficulties that need to be worked through in the process of a maturing relationship, he tends to withdraw and suffer. This is a habit he learned from Mom, and he doesn't know any other way to behave. He can, if he wants to, learn how to make a relationship work by giving as much as he expects to get. However, the Water signs have trouble giving in a personal sense. They're more concerned with getting; they worry about how much they'll get from a partnership. They don't get much guidance in their childhood environment to teach them the give-and-take necessary in a relationship.

Since Pisces is a theoretical sign, these people are interested in the theory behind the idea; and, much like the Aquarian, they are an impersonal group of people. They talk about feeling; they talk about spiritual evolvment; they talk about how spiritually evolved and conscious they are. But when the time comes for being understanding or open in their own personal relationships, they tend to be more verbal than actual. They are mother imitators, and whatever the mother gave the father is often what Pisceans give their partner, friends and business associates. Often the mother was a user; and Pisceans can use people too. Sometimes one hears from them only when they need something. They may never ask you how you are, or if you feel ok, but they'll tell you how miserable they feel and how much they need. When one observes Pisceans over a long period of time, one begins to notice that they don't really need that much, that they aren't doing badly, and that they complain more than is necessary. One may even begin to suspect that they enjoy complaining. They are here to learn spiritual awareness. It seems that they bring a lot of knowledge from the 'other side'; but they are here to learn how to put this knowledge into practice.

As far as profession is concerned, Pisceans usually do quite well; they tend to get the breaks in life, and often wind up in positions they don't really have the background or experience for. They're usually drawn to the classical theatre, literature and art, or the humanitarian fields. They are also drawn to the pleasant social-service positions like a maître d' or manager of a great resort hôtel, and positions that make a comfortable living. The creative Pisceans sometimes sell out, electing to take the easy money rather than using their creative energies. When this occurs, they suffer because the energy remains untapped. Some Pisceans may like money so much that the female can be drawn to the oldest profession in the world; she thinks she won't have to work too hard. Again, the spiritual urges in Pisceans hurt when such types of decisions are made, and they suffer later in life.

Pisces children need lots of encouragement in early childhood. They should be exposed to music and dance, and creative endeavors in general. They often live in a fantasy world full of imaginary playmates, creating a universe of their own when the family structure is too harsh for them to cope with. This ability to create fantasy can be channeled in such a way that the child becomes an extremely creative adult, offering wonderful things to the rest of the world. Einstein was a Pisces who used his retreat into the 'windows of the mind' to bring a new perspective to the scientific community. All Pisceans have a piece of this gift, and it's there to be used. However, in order that Pisceans may use their creative energies, they must give up the martyr role - unless, of course, they're going on the stage to act the part of Joan of Arc.

(Haydn Paul)

The Pisces personality tends to be easy-going, sympathetic, trusting, kind, loving, charitable and modest; and not particularly interested in drawing attention to itself. You have a gift of understanding, although this may come about by using a psychic faculty which you can unconsciously rely upon to receive information. You tend to 'merge your mind' with another during communication; and information is transmitted, often bypassing the conscious mind.

Your approach to life and work will be orderly, although your inner states of mind, emotions and being will tend to be very changeable and fluid, reflecting the Piscean water affinity. You may be too impressionable, especially in your youth and early adulthood; and your life can be dominated in several ways by the power of your emotions and imaginative faculties. If you become committed towards supporting an idealistic cause, your involvement is likely to be an intense experience: partly because of the emotional attraction and energy expressed; and partly through the experience of disciplining your nature towards fulfilling any obligations and responsibilities that the 'cause' imposes upon you, and the inevitable inner struggle that usually occurs in such a context.

You may lack firm self-confidence, and are rarely keen to push yourself into situations of competition and aggression, preferring to make efforts to seek a harmonious resolution of problems and conflicts in any confrontational situation. Often, you may inwardly rely upon money and possessions to give you a sense of self-worth, and to enhance your confidence in your abilities to succeed in the world.

Potentially, you can be quite creative if you succeed in finding appropriate channels of expression; and the most attractive areas for you will be music, literature and the arts, especially when responses from your feeling nature are evoked, in addition to your mind. You tend to indulge in daydreams, partly as a form of evasion and escape from the demands of the real world; and you may have to be careful that you do not generate an inner climate of illusions, desires and wishes that prevent you from experiencing your actual reality, or even make you blind as to what is actually occurring; inner unfulfilled

dreams can make you lose appreciation of life.

You appear to be a flexible and malleable person, but there is a strong streak of stubbornness that can emerge when you are provoked, and you are not as open-minded as you can seem. Often you get 'stuck' on ideas, beliefs and attitudes from which you can almost refuse to move; and, in a way, these tend to give you a sense of personal 'centre' amidst the ebbs and flows of your tidal feelings.

You will desire the 'ideal home and family', and chances for success depend upon the degrees of realism or illusion expressed by you in relationships, as your expectations may be too high and not easily attained. You are liable to be emotionally hurt and disappointed. Realistic perceptions of relationships may require prior disillusioning experiences. There is a tendency to initiate changes in relationships or environments which reflect a 'new start, new dreams to create and chase'. You will have a romantic attitude to your love affairs, and can be quite sentimental. Often you can be quite critical of your partner, projecting your qualities of self-doubt and supposed inadequacies or lack of certain qualities onto your partner, looking to him or her to provide you with these qualities that you lack. You need a reliable, methodical and efficient partner; and you will work to make any marriage a success, but you may be tempted to evade confrontation and crises, pushing problems away. You may have difficulty at times making decisions, and can be psychologically dependent on others.

You need to discover an inner faith, finding a clear direction and purpose to your life; and forms of humanitarian service may be a suitable path to look towards.

(Sydney Omarr)

Pisces females

This woman appreciates kindness and consideration above almost anything else: you can win her by being sympathetic. However, once you do, she is apt to be possessive, and has a tendency to 'take over'. In a way, this could be pleasant: Pisces women are lovely, poetic, emotional, giving, generous; to have a woman such as this wanting you all to herself is not hard to take. On the other hand, if you are basically independent you will soon resent her. This brings us to the all-important hint: when dealing with Pisces women, be frank, open and honest to the point of confiding your secrets. This appeals to her and gains her confidence. Once this is established, she is not likely to hold so tight to the reins. The secret hint, in other words, is to give the Pisces lady confidence in herself. She has a tendency toward self-doubt, often expressed in her possessive attitude.

If you want to be happy with a Pisces woman, don't hold back. No matter how terrible the truth, it is better to tell it. This lady is a fighter as well as a poet: she has a few secrets of her own; some contacts or ideas which, if utilized, might well pull you out of difficulties. She is not an easy woman to understand; she often changes with the scenery, with the

situation - as if nature had given her a strange power to face any situation, no matter how pleasant or awful.

You will want to shield her, protect her; but time and again she will prove that she is tough, able to take it. Then, in almost the next moment, she once more will become the gentle, leaning dependent Piscean. One of her great assets is a sense of humor: she will laugh when you most need to hear the sound of laughter. Give her confidence, warmth and love - and you will be amply repaid.

These women are extraordinary when it comes to psychic power: they can see through a falsehood; they can tell what the next move will bring; they can read your motives with crystal clarity. In a way, living with a Pisces woman is similar to living with a lie detector. It is a wonderful feeling of vindication - when the indicator points to 'truth' - but the feeling of depression is severe when the needle points the other way.

One more hint: despite her hunches, her psychic abilities, and her sympathy for the underdog, this woman has plenty of common sense. Don't attempt to play upon her weaknesses.

Pisces males

One of the best hints is to go slow with this man. Don't push or force issues. Be subtle. Plan carefully. Ingratiate yourself with him; make yourself a part of his life and work. He will soon ask your opinions; he will confide in you. He is a sensitive soul if you take it easy. If you push, force, demand, he will stand up to you and show you the door. He is not the easiest man to be with, but he may well be one of the kindest and most considerate.

Gentle methods can capture this man's heart; he does have a tendency to be self-indulgent, and forceful arguments can send him into a protective shell, where he will be quite satisfied to commiserate with himself. If you abhor daydreaming, then find another man. The Pisces male is imaginative; often highly creative; and he is a dreamer if ever there was one.

He is emotional, Neptunian, and at times mediumistic in that he appears to be inspired out of the blue. He has flashes of insight; and these first impressions not only are often correct but ultimately prove profitable! This man is never completely contented. It is important for you to be aware of this trait. Otherwise, the tendency would be for you to blame yourself, or to blame him. The characteristic is ingrained; it is part of the man - it is a healthy discontent. On the highest or most creative plain, it could be termed 'divine discontent'. He is not satisfied to rest on past performance; he strives for improvement. Often he appears abstract: you are tempted to complain that there are problems to be attended to close at home - this instead of dreaming of a Utopia. But you have been forewarned: the Pisces man is a dreamer, but he is not a schemer.

When he decides he loves you, it is with all his heart.

This man's greatest fault, perhaps, is a tendency to be too trusting: he sees persons and situations the way he wishes or would like them to be instead of in actuality. This is part of his charm, however. It is one of the things that could make you love him.

He is wonderfully considerate of those who are weak or ill, or who need help. He will seldom disappoint you when it comes to qualities of integrity or sympathy.

(Skye Alexander)

People who have their Suns in Pisces are usually sensitive, shy, introverted, emotional and compassionate. Peace-loving, kind-hearted and passive, you recoil from all forms of violence, coarseness and aggression. Christianity, for instance, with its emphasis on peace and love, often is considered to be a Piscean religion. Your gentle spirit is easily bruised, and you need regular periods of quiet isolation, to rest, meditate or simply restore your inner balance.

You see your 'role' as the savior / martyr, and frequently help others at your own expense. Because Pisces is a non-personal sign, more concerned with the universal than the individual, you rarely consider yourself first. In fact, you may neglect yourself altogether: either through sacrificing yourself for an ideal, another person or God, through religious asceticism; or through ignoring your health and your body's needs. For this reason, Pisces sometimes is called the sign of self-undoing. At times, it may seem that you follow the most harmful or unproductive course, or get involved with people who aren't good for you. Your ego isn't very strong, and you may lack self-esteem and confidence. Consequently, your attitudes and behavior are sometimes self-destructive.

You are more concerned with others' well-being than your own, and want to save people from themselves. Sympathetic to the plight of the worlds' unfortunates, you'd like to bring home every stray animal and helpless soul you meet. You are easily taken in by a hard-luck story, and often leave yourself open to being used. Tender-hearted and nonjudgemental, you are always there with a shoulder to cry on and a cup of herb tea for a friend in need. Friend and stranger alike tell you of their problems; and you not only commiserate with them, but actually feel their pain. Your sympathetic and supportive nature is a soothing balm for those in need. However, you have to guard against letting others influence you too strongly or take advantage of you.

Your caring nature and concern for the welfare of others may lead you to a career in social services, psychology, nursing, nutrition, veterinary medicine or religion.

Your sensitivity to others allows you to tune into their unconscious sides, and you often seem, to know what they are thinking and feeling. As a result of your keen intuition and

your fascination with the spiritual realm, you may become interested in the psychic or mystical arts.

Most probably, you have an artistic sensibility; and you may possess musical, poetic or other artistic talents. At the very least, you will probably appreciate art and music, and are sensitive to color, tone and rhythm. Overly idealistic, you sometimes find it hard to live in the physical world and deal with the harsh realities of earthly existence. The nonphysical realms may be more real to you than the physical one, and you rarely seem to have both feet on the ground. You might forget to pay the bills, keep appointments or put gas in the car. Your unwillingness to deal with practical issues might cause you to become dependent on others to take care of you physically and / or financially. At times you appear 'spacey' or unfocused, lost in daydreams and fantasies. This can be the source of great imagination and creativity - but it can also be dangerous if carried too far. You have a tendency to retreat into your own fantasy world in order to avoid responsibilities, painful experiences, or other difficult 'real-life' situations. In the extreme, you may escape through alcohol, drugs, insanity or religious isolation.

Your greatest gifts are your compassion and your all-encompassing love for the least as well as the greatest of God's creatures. Your greatest failing usually result from refusing to face facts and learn the lessons of earthly existence.

Pisceans may be multifaceted; sometimes confused; and able to be in touch with both heaven and earth, the spiritual and the material world, and also able to understand all the subtleties of thinking and feeling.

Pisceans are rather unworldly people who have their heads in the clouds and their feet just about anywhere from the ground upwards! Pisceans are gentle creatures who want to make the world a better place than it is now, but who may lack the energy or the mental co-ordination to do so. These subjects invariably choose to work in some kind of caring field, which could take them into anything from politics to animal welfare. They loathe the idea of vivisection, prison, restriction and punishment of any kind; and it is probably this which leads so many of them to find work as nurses, prison visitors or psychiatrists.

It seems that Pisceans grow to adulthood with painful memories which are left over either from their own childhood or possibly from a previous life. This makes them especially sensitive to the pain of others. In most cases, they respond to this by wanting to heal the world and to put right all the wrongs which they come across. Having said this, some Pisceans respond to the pain of others by lashing out and hurting the one who is suffering, presumably in order to push their own pain away in an attempt to relegate it to some far off corner. This kind of syndrome may lead a Piscean man to hit his unhappy wife and then rush out to drown his own painful emotions in the nearest pub. Others have such a need for security that they become desperately mean and penny-pinching or they collect so much junk for a rainy day that they can hardly move

around their homes.

Pisceans are idealistic and, in some cases, unrealistic. They can become very excited by an idea, and set off on a course of action without really thinking it through; but their superb intuition leads them safely and surely in the right direction. In both working circumstances and their personal life, Pisceans benefit by having a steady, practical partner who keeps them from going off on a tangent or from falling into despair. Pisceans can become helpless, out-of-control and terribly depressed at times. However, these subjects have a piquant sense of humour which probably does more to save them from themselves than anything else. They also have amazing powers of recovery, and can bounce back from physical or emotional problems very quickly when they want to.

Pisceans are highly creative and often very artistic, with a strongly visual imagination. This ability to visualise, added to strongly intuitive capabilities, leads many Pisceans to encounter clairvoyant experiences, which means that many of them develop an interest in mystical and mediumistic subjects. Others can be found in all areas of creative or artistic work such as music, painting, film video recording, the creative side of the media, and fashion design. If a Piscean finds a job he really likes, or decides to go into business for himself, his stubborn determination to succeed will take his friends and relatives by surprise. These subjects also have the happy knack of making influential friends who can and do help them get where they want to be in life.

Pisceans are not easy to live with because, although they are very loving and very lovable, their moodiness makes them difficult to understand. These subjects respond to everything in a mystical and sensual manner, so if something in the atmosphere is not right, they will feel it keenly. The Piscean may be uneasy because a storm is on the way, because a neighbour or friend is sick or unhappy, because one of his children has been nasty to him, or because he senses changes coming in his place of work. He may not know what it is that is actually making him depressed, simply because the problem may not yet have occurred, and may only be apparent in the form of a presentiment. Pisceans can be made to suffer by bullies or unscrupulous people, but they do have some forms of defence. They can be surprisingly sarcastic; and can, of course, see straight through to other people's underlying faults and failings regardless of how carefully hidden these may be.

In many ways, these people never grow up but retain the innocence of a child or animal; and, indeed, many of them are happier in the company of children or animals than with adults. Pisceans can be surprisingly resourceful, and can also manage to live on surprisingly little. In the majority of cases, their values are spiritual rather than material, but they like to eat well and to live in comfort. Most of all, they value freedom and hate to feel that they cannot come and go as they like. Some feel uncomfortable when surrounded by the trappings of material goods, but most actually need a nice home and a nice garden, both as a form of security and as a place to which they can retreat. Many are good cooks and homemakers, and most are very loving parents, but this can go

vaguely wrong for strange reasons.

This is such an indefinable sign that it encompasses such varied characters as Paddy Ashdown, the ex-Royal Marine Commando and leader of the U.K. Liberal Democrate party, top surgeons, head-teachers, and down-and-outs who live in cardboard boxes, underneath the arches of a railway line.

Pisceans are generally medium in height, and either slim or slightly rounded in appearance. Many of these subjects have to watch their weight later in life. In white races, the complexion is fair with a good colour, the nose is quite prominent, the eyes are pale and prominent, and the mouth is generous with a large and happy smile. Some have fly-away hair which is hard to handle, while others have a good head of thick, straight hair. Most Pisceans seem to wear glasses, and many need to wear sun-glasses in the summer because their pale eyes let in too much light. Piscean women are often very photogenic due to their strong bones and large features. Pisceans are quite fussy about their appearance, and they may spend quite a lot on clothing. They prefer to buy goodquality clothes which will last; and they always spend a good deal on comfortable shoes. Some Pisceans go for the sporty look, with upmarket track suits and training shoes, while others are 'country casual' in style.

The traditional area of weakness for health is the feet; and Pisceans do have either very good or very bad feet. Pisceans seem to be 'creaking gates' who lurch from one strange ailment to anohter, but who still manage to live long and relatively healthy lives. Pisceans are very sensitive to changes both in the environment and inside their own bodies; and they respond to this by admitting that something is wrong rather than ignoring any symptoms. These subjects are very health-conscious, and may dose themselves with all kinds of alternative medicines or seek out treatment from a variety of alternative practitioners. Some Pisceans drink too much.

Pisceans work in a variety of fields and can be very successful if they are excited by their jobs. However, a great many of them only work because they must, and are content to take jobs which are well below their ability level. Pisceans are not particularly ambitious or materialistic in outlook, and they may save the bulk of their energies for their many and varied pastimes. Having said this, if a Piscean gets the bit between his teeth, he can be extremely successful. My Piscean friend Barbara Ellen recently opened a holistic health centre in Wales; and, through a mixture of faith and determination, is turning this unusual venture into a great success. Pisceans can be found working for themselves as craftsmen or as builders, gardeners and small farmers. Traditionally, Pisceans are supposed to be attracted to work on the sea, fishing, shoe-making and chiropody (through the sign's association with feet). I can't say that I have actually noticed Pisceans being attracted to these trades, whereas the world of art and entertainment is full of them. Other traditional areas are connected to the oil and gas industry and also film and photography. A number of Pisceans are attracted to medical or veterinary work, while still others teach. Pisceans love sports, dancing and movement,

and may be found teaching these subjects. They are restless, and may therefore find work in the travel trade. Philosophy, religion and mysticism attract Pisceans, to a point where many of them find work in these fields. Among my Piscean acquaintances, I know a musician, a builder, a swimming instructor, a flying instructor, a lecturer in history, an executive in an oil and energy company who sells gas; many astrologers, palmists and clairvoyants, healers and medical workers; and one prostitute. Most of the people I have worked with in the psychic field (as opposed to the astrological field) have either their Sun or their Moon in Pisces.

Pisceans can be extremely determined people who will not be deflected from their chosen pathway. Their choice of occupation or road to success may be an unusual one, but this is followed with more tenacity than most other members of the Zodiac but together. If a Piscean decided to open a sheep farm in the middle of Picadilly Circus, he would end up either achieving his aim or dying in the attempt.

Some Pisceans are penny-pinching, but these subjects are often as miserly to themselves as they are towards others. Other Pisceans will spend freely on food and drink for themselves and others, and happily forget all financial constraints if there is any chance of holding a party or festivity of some kind. Under everyday circumstances, Pisceans can be very frugal, saving paper bags, bits of string and slivers of soap for re-use. All Water signs are excellent recyclers, but Pisceans make an art of this. Many Pisceans are poor in a peculiarly romantic style. One example is Sarah, an acquaintance of mine who lives in a garret working as a china restorer, while another has turned her hobby of gardening into a livelihood. This type of Piscean will live for his art or craft rather than do an ordinary job which brings in real money. Despite this, Pisceans worry constantly about money, and could really do with a nice, fat legacy behind them. There is another kind of Piscean who actually does quite well financially but still lives on next-to-nothing and feels just as insecure as his genuinely impecunious cousins. There are yet more Pisceans who live quite normal lives. This is one of those signs which, like its neighbouring sign of Aquarius, is hard to categorise.

Piscean possessions can range from an ocean-going yacht to a few eating utensils and a cat. Many Pisceans don't drive, and those who do usually own beloved old bangers from which they can't bear to be parted. Some Pisceans are very independent where money is concerned, and yet others may be (almost) generous.

Pisceans quite like their own company, and can live happily alone. However, they don't spend all their time in isolation because they usually have many friends. Most Pisceans seem to drift in and out of relationships, perhaps being married for a time, and then slipping away to live with someone else. These subjects may share their homes with friends for a while, or they may choose to live temporarily with a friend in between one set of circumstances and the next (a situation common to Pisceans). There are Pisceans who marry when young and stay with the same partner throughout their lives, but many don't. Pisceans appear soft and malleable, but they are actually rather determined

people. They choose a way of life which suits them; and, whether this is practical or not in financial terms, they stick with their dreams, which means that their partners have to learn to adapt and to live with their special interests. This also means that the Piscean may not earn much money, so they are probably best suited to a partner who can keep them in a reasonable style. Most Pisceans are very proud of their skills and talents, and need a partner who acknowledges this and respects their particular art. If a Piscean's partner ridicules what the Piscean does, the relationship hasn't much chance of surviving. A Pisces friend of mine who is an excellent psychic medium was married for quite a few years to a guy who detested what she did. He eventually told her that she must give up her work and get a job in a shop if she wanted to stay with him; and this spelled the end of the relationship. Life is never dull with these subjects, because they seem to go through a fresh drama every third week. Some partners of Pisceans find this emotional see-saw too much to handle.

A Pisces home can be anything from a squat to a palace. Most Pisceans, after drifting for a while, do try to maintain a place of their own even if they are not always there. This is partly because they are not adaptable enough to live in someone else's space for any length of time, and partly because they see property as a form of security. Most Pisceans do keep their homes nicely; and their gardens are often really beautiful. These subjects are usually good cooks, and they may also be good at making and mending things around the home; but they get bored if they spend too much time indoors, and they have many outside interests. Most Pisceans need to get away to the sea from time to time.

Pisceans are very sociable, and are also keen on short breaks of all kinds, so they need a partner who is as restless as themselves or who doesn't object to them being out of the house a good deal of the time. Some Pisceans are great travellers who work away from home much of the time and only see their families on flying visits, when on leave or between jobs.

Pisces people can be moody and irritable, and occasionally self-pitying and angry, which can make them pretty difficult to live with. Female Pisceans can be draining, demanding and boring, while males can spend much of their time drowning some unexpressed sorrow in the nearest pub.

The thought of a party, a meal out or a holiday by the sea cheers them up immensely. These subjects can be mean in small ways, saving scraps of soap, little pieces of string and paper bags with all the enthusiasm of a refugee; but they can be generous in big ways, good to their friends and families, and always ready to spend out on food and drink. Some Pisceans are loyal and faithful lovers, while others seem to need a change of bedpartner from time to time. If a Piscean's partner decides to take his / her love elsewhere for a while, the Piscean will be aware of it almost immediately, but whether he decides that he can live with this situation or not depends upon his mood and his circumstances. It is no use lying to these people, because they have excellent intuition.

Some Pisceans are very fussy and old-womanish, demanding that everything be done in a certain way and infuriating their partners by creeping around the house double-checking that the doors are locked and that there is enough salt in the cooking. Most Pisceans are very capable in an emergency. Their calmness at such times makes a stark contrast to their usual state of near-panic. These subjects make wonderful nurses, but they become bored if a sick partner complains too much. Pisces partners cannot take too much discord, and they don't enjoy a good row in the way that some other people do. When verbally attacked, they can be surprisingly hurtful because their intuition tells them exactly where their partner's weakest spot is likely to be. Pisceans seem to go out of their way to find difficult people to live with, but they survive these experiences, learning a lot from them and becoming independent and strongly-centred later in life. Pisceans who are devoted to their partners will do all they can to help when problems occur, and can be quite dazzlingly courageous in the face of fierce difficulties. The problem with these people is their unpredictability and their claustrophobic need to escape even from a very good relationship from time to time.

Pisceans are heavily into fantasy, but whether they live these fantasies out in their mind or act them out in the bedroom depends upon the individual. Some Pisceans are happy to live with little or no sex, saving their energy and their imagination for work or creative hobbies, while others are very keen lovers who take every opportunity to experiment. Many fluctuate between periods of intense sexual activity and nothing at all, depending upon their mood and their circumstances. If they find themselves with a co-operative partner, there may be no holds barred. Some Pisceans enjoy making love in strange places; while others like to be in, near or under water. Most find the bathroom an exciting playground. There are Pisceans who enjoy dressing up and acting out a part; and many like to shock their partners or encourage them to be more abandoned than they might otherwise be. Pisceans are quite comfortable with sex in any form, from playing affectionately to reaching for new heights of passion, and they love to instruct or entertain a lover with new love-making experiences. Many Pisceans are total romantics who love Valentine's day, red roses and candle-lit dinners, and consider this as much a part of love-making as the sex act itself.

Pisceans are rather good at relating to friends and relatives, and will keep on good terms with their families and even ex-spouses, wherever possible. These subjects are good listeners and great gossips who can be relied upon to keep their friends and relatives entertained. Pisceans love both feeding people and being taken out for trips and meals; and they enjoy sharing their interests with those around them. They can be quite unpleasant to anyone who sets out to hurt them, but they will do anything to help someone they care for.

As parents, Pisceans can be rather lax and absent-minded. The children of a Piscean woman may spend a good part of their lives being brought up by someone else, whilst Piscean men may drift away from their children as a result of a divorce. When all goes

well, they are very caring parents; but they must have a life of their own, and cannot sacrifice all their time and energy for the sake of their offspring. Pisces parents try to introduce their children to the gentler aspects of life, such as art, music and 'New Age' interests; and they hate arguments and discord.

As children, Pisceans can be dreamy and somewhat ineffectual, needing a strongly caring set of parents to shield them from harsh reality. They may be good at artistic subjects and, oddly enough, mathematics and engineering, because they have a good sense of colour, line and balance. These children are not competitive or ambitious, and they may suffer at the hands of bullying children or teachers. It takes a Piscean a long time to find himself; and childhood is far too early for him to begin to mould his life into any kind of shape. Nevertheless, the Pisces child may get a lot out of his interests and activities, and will make a few good friends among the more adult and tolerant of his schoolfellows along the way.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The symbol of Pisces - two fishes swimming in opposite directions - suggests the main tension in Piscean character: a natural perversity. Kindness joins with keen intuition to make Pisceans the best sort of friends. They are friendly, charitable and self-sacrificing, but their willingness to help others has a drawback in that they too often make it an excuse for failing to exploit their own high potential; they are so busy using their energy on behalf of their family and friends that they have little left for their own affairs.

It is often very difficult for Pisceans to learn to face reality; stronger, caring people should encourage them to do so at every opportunity. The belief that 'whatever will be, will be' can become a veritable trap for them, in the worst cases resulting in complete inaction. Taking the line of least resistance, and deceiving themselves because they don't want to face up to harsh reality, are major faults.

The colorful Piscean imagination, creatively and positively expressed, is an enormous asset, but Pisceans must learn not to allow their imaginations to work negatively, magnifying small problems into major ones. The negative Piscean characteristics will then take over. If they channel their imaginations creatively, finding a specific outlet for them (perhaps in some form of art or craft), they can achieve results which will surprise themselves. Traditionally, Pisces is known as the poet of the zodiac, but take this in the broadest sense - it applies to the creative use of the imagination in any area of life.

The refusal to face reality can emerge in an inability to see things as they really are. This kind of self-deception can be a really dangerous fault, persuading Pisceans to lie because (they tell themselves) the truth will hurt those they love. On the contrary, of course, they are usually only making matters worse. Sun sign Pisceans should strive to develop minds of their own, thus avoiding evasion and indecision whenever major decisions must be made. The position of Mercury (which rules the mind) in the complete

birth chart must be carefully studied.

Piscean emotion is readily poured into an emotional partnership, and loved ones may be overwhelmed with affection. Provided their emotions are kept under control, Pisceans can bring something very special to a partnership; but their feelings are always close to the surface, and surprisingly trivial matters can sometimes trigger a scene. Romantic and sentimental, when they fall in love Pisceans wear permanent rose-colored glasses; they will only dispense with them as the result of bitter experience, when the partner's faults are ruthlessly exposed. A clear view of reality, however, usually enables them to build the relationship on firmer foundations. Not overly passionate, their romantic view of sex can be tenderly and handsomely expressed.

It is vital that the parents of a Piscean child train him or her to be honest and straightforward. This may not be easy, but the tendency to embroider the truth with plenty of imaginative color can mean the less desirable Piscean traits do serious damage. Any interest which fires the imagination positively should be encouraged and praised from an early age. This may also be difficult - Pisceans always know someone who can do things better than them. It is no use denying this; but point out that some children will do things less well. Their confidence must be bolstered at all times, and their powers of concentration must also be sharpened if dreaminess is not to hinder progress. Any scientific flair should certainly be encouraged; science is potentially a good field for them to work in, provided other areas of the chart show that the necessary meticulous concern for detail can be added to their own imagination and inspiration.

Piscean parents are eager to encourage their children, but they can be too easy-going with them; parental vagueness can be even more infuriating to a child than overstrictness. They put their children first wanting them to develop their potential to the fullest.

Ideally, a Piscean's career should bring out the talent for caring which is one of the sign's strongest attributes, so they are admirably suited to work in the caring professions. They are not very good at organization, and usually work selflessly in the background; yet they are often excellent and successful actors. This is because, on stage, they can conceal their own personalities behind those of their characters.

Sun ☉ in 2nd House

(Sepharia)

Gain by superiors and association with persons of rank and title. The native is inclined to extravagance and luxury. Gains by high offices and affairs of government. (Dane Rudhyar)

In the second house, the Sun tends to stimulate the production of inner or outer wealth - that is, the outpouring of collective, ancestral, or social energies into the personality; the result may be that these collective energies - which may manifest as money - will overpower the person's individuality, that they will use him instead of being used by him. Vitality can become possessiveness; 'having' may overcome 'being'. On the other hand, the person may become an eminently successful manager of wealth and fulfill his individual destiny in this way.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Sun in this position is quite favorable. The personality is integrated where needs are concerned. The native is able to distinguish between desire and actual requirements. This position often 'attracts' money.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here the desire for power is concerned with resources, values and material success. With the Sun in the second house there is the power to attract finances and gratitudes. Desire for material success is strong, and desire is potent. There is a strong stubbornness, and with it a stability and a persistence. If they want something, they never give up until it is attained. Because energy, backed by action, is extremely powerful, they usually attain what they want. Where the first house Sun wants recognition on the personality level, the second house Sun is interested in material values. If the Sun is unafflicted, there is security where resources are concerned. If the Sun is afflicted, there is ability to attract money; but often there is no happiness with it.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Concern with values and possessions. The Sun in the second house gives a facility for handling money and an appreciation of the comforts it can buy. There is a tendency to accumulate status symbols, to lavish care and attention upon them, and to adorn the body in ways that indicate refinement and an individualistic sense of style. The person with a second-house Sun can be generous to the point of extravagance, but he likes his good works to be recognized. A great deal of energy goes into making money solely for the sake of spending it again. Benefits are often obtained through the father and through the patronage of superiors.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Sun in the Second House indicates natives who must learn the lesson of stewardship in the correct use of material resources. This will be in relation to the affairs ruled by the sign the Sun is in. They must learn to use money and property

constructively, in ways beneficial to life, and not merely for their personal satisfaction.

The sign position gives an important clue to the way the person will acquire and utilize wealth. For instance, if the Sun is in Gemini in the Second House, the native is likely to earn money and spend it through intellectual pursuits; if the Sun is in Leo in the Second House, the native might earn money in a managerial capacity and spend it in pursuit of theater arts and romantic or social endeavors. In any event, these natives will want to earn money since they have a strong will to attain financial independence.

If the Sun is afflicted in the Second House, the natives may believe they can achieve prestige merely through wealth. They also tend to impose their will on others for purposes of material self-aggrandizement. In addition, they may squander money on expensive luxuries for purposes of display and ego gratification.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Pinpoints the right to establish personal values and the ability to attract monetary success.

(Robert Hand)

You love security, which for you means being surrounded by comfortable and familiar objects. You like to own things - toys, books, whatever - because it makes you feel good. The only problem is that you may try to own more things than you really need, so that your life is cluttered with material possessions. You are likely to be a collector of some sort; and since you have an excellent sense of value, your collection will probably be quite valuable, as long as you are systematic. Otherwise you will be surrounded with vast quantities of junk.

It is difficult for you to part with your possessions; and you may find it difficult to share, but if you want to have good friendships, you will have to learn how. You are even possessive of your friends, and don't like to share them with anyone else. If a friend pays too much attention to someone else while you are together, you are likely to feel jealous. But you have to learn to share that person with others. Your friend can like someone else and still like you.

As you get older, you will have a strong sense of values, which you will not compromise. Just be sure that your values go beyond material objects and that what you value is worthwhile. You have the ability to preserve a strong sense of integrity and security in this changing world.

(John Townley)

Your style of loving is very concrete, and you go out of your way to give your lover

tangible evidence of your affections. A few words of love are not enough without a gift to back them up. You also particularly treasure any tokens of love that your partner gives you, for they represent an assurance that the relationship is thriving. Similarly, the highest values you seek in a lover are faithfulness and loyalty, qualities you are most willing to demonstrate once you have chosen the person you feel is just right for you.

But you don't take a lover hastily; in fact, it takes you quite a while to really settle into a relationship. Once that is done, you are a model of steadfastness and often are the main source of stability in the union. Remember, however, that your partner may not be quite so settled and may require more freedom while still remaining true to you. Therefore, you should try to be more tolerant with your love than you would be with yourself and avoid letting feelings of jealousy hurt your relationship.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The acquisition of possessions is extremely important to the subject, who will feel a great sense of pride in showing these off on every possible occasion. He or she will not simply want to gloat over an ever-increasing bank balance or folio of stocks and shares, but rather will want the world to know of such success.

Generosity is usual unless it is mitigated by other influences (a 'careful' Sun sign, for instance). In some cases, the acquisitive powers can extend into the personal life, with the partner becoming yet another possession. The Taurean tendency is to own; and when the Sun is in the second house the attitude is 'Look - this is mine!' If this happens, problems can arise since the subject is insensitively bulldozing over the real needs of his partner.

Pleasure is important to the individual, such as a concentration on enjoyment of expensive, rich food in glamorous surroundings. All of these tendencies will be encouraged by positive aspects between the Sun and Jupiter, while either an opposition or a square may make the subject go overboard in second house matters.

Venus will not be very far away if the Sun is in the second house - and do not forget that Venus rules this house. If there is an aspect between the Sun and Venus, the influence of the Sun's house position will be increased, especially in relation to the overall influence of Venus itself.

Hard work will always be undertaken to achieve the subject's ever-increasing materialistic needs - his solar vitality will be powered by the material results of his efforts, and he will bask in the light of any glory that comes his way.

(Howard Sasportas)

If the Sun is in the second house, this area of life should be met with vitality and

forcefulness: there is a pressing need to develop personal skills, values and resources to achieve a sense of individuality. They need to find and define what constitutes security for them, rather than relying on other people to provide safety, money or resources. A sense of power and self-worth can be gained through acquiring money and possessions and through the ability to manage and organize the material world. Some may incline towards status-seeking, showiness and extravagance to prove their value and enhance an insecure internal identity. They can be generous with money and possessions, but usually expect some sort of recognition in return. Wherever the Sun is is where the personal ego is seeking acknowledgement. The impeccable, internationally loved singer and actor Maurice Chevalier had the Sun in Virgo in the 2nd: he was born in a slum and died a millionaire.

The nature of whatever planet is in the 2nd house is valued because those qualities offer us security. Therefore, with the Sun in the 2nd, security comes through developing and possessing such attributes as strength, nobility, authority, a sense of specialness, and courage. People with this placement will feel safer in life if they foster these traits, regardless of how much money is in the bank.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With the Sun here there is instinctive good taste, with a feeling for the basic worth of things and the ability to translate this awareness into dollars and cents. There is a need to be surrounded by beauty and quality. These people are strongly attracted to those who can provide them with the environment they seek. Generally 'handy', they are able to create attractive environments, so this is a good position for architects, builders, carpenters, landscapers, and interior decorators, as well as fashion designers, dressmakers, hairstylists, jewelers, perfume and cosmetics manufacturers, and all those who are adept at enhancing the environment or the body.

Very sensual, they have a powerful sexual charisma that enables them to attract others easily. They are usually quite successful at establishing sexual relationships with those they desire. If other aspects frustrate this, it can be a source of great physical and emotional suffering because the desire nature is so powerful. It is very important that there be sufficient love from both parents in infancy and childhood. Otherwise, the need for it may manifest later in agonizing desires and abnormal sex relationships. The stability of a dependable on-going sexual relationship is a real need. They will work hard at a marriage because of this. Separation and divorce only occur when the sexual aspect of the relationship fails.

The desire to be independent of others is a powerful motivating force that can result in success. It can also create difficulties by keeping them from joining partnerships, groups, companies, staffs, or other organizations that are necessary to establish any kind of work / career position in the community. Most women, and some men, with this Sun position are into body culture in some way, frequently dancing, or, if the Sun is in a water

sign, swimming.

Moon ☾ in ♍ Virgo 7° 31'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you want to be perfect in the eyes of others, you may use the Virgo analytical powers to defend your behavior when others question you. When others do not behave according to your expectations, you may feel affronted and react with sarcasm or cold silence. You might withhold helpful opinions and valuable perceptions because you fear criticism from others.

Often, you may refuse to share your internal reactions with a loved one, and unwittingly create a secret barrier. As a result, you sacrifice integrity in order to be accepted, at least momentarily. You may then feel guilty and not know why. Relating superficially deprives others of the value of the Virgo perception and deprives you of the opportunity to feel useful. In violating your code, you undergo severe selfcriticism which, in turn, takes away the security needed.

Dynamic

You can communicate the Virgo standards in a way that confirms your goodness and perfection. When you let go of your standards and notions of what perfect behavior ought to look like (yours or the other person's), you rid yourself of ideas that prevent closeness.

As you empty your mind of the judgements that cause separations, you experience joy and closeness in the communication you want. You can do this by casting aside the need to have others think of you as perfect. This frees you to have faith in your intuition. Then you can tell what, for you, is the truth in the situation expressed as your own point of view.

In releasing scattered pictures of what you think service to others ought to look like, you are able to speak with integrity and transcend superficiality. You first need to sacrifice judgements of your 'rightness' and others' 'wrongness'; then you can discover that what you formerly judged as imperfect behavior in others was only their lack of information needed to put their lives in order. You can satisfy your own need to feel useful in relationships by looking beyond fears of personal rejection and sharing what you see.

When you use the Virgo practical ability for analysis to share your reactions and assist

others in dealing with their emotional systems, you experience a sense of your true ability to serve. This gives you the self-acceptance you need to feel close.

General

You have a gentle humility and the desire to serve. You are concerned with the details of perfection in your work. Thus, you have a tendency to feel that all aspects of your behavior and performance must be perfect before they can be allowed expression. This attitude can interfere with the flow of your charitable deeds in the world.

You are learning to express whatever piece of the puzzle you have at the moment, without having to see the 'whole, complete picture'. When your piece of the puzzle has been added, the larger vision becomes clearer for all concerned, and others can co-operate more easily with you in attaining mutually beneficial results.

You feel that your behavior has to be exemplary - and example of perfection above the behavioral standards of the rest of mankind. You may feel separate from others due to this inflated sense of 'rightness'.

You are learning to relax, to dissolve your rigidities, to trust the perfection of the universal unfoldment of events, and to be responsible for simply doing your part. By freely adding your piece of the puzzle - whether it be a feeling, thought, perception, or momentary desire - without it needing to be perfect before expression, you are cooperating with the people and events that flow through your life. And you become an example of perfection to others by operating from the integrity of expressing yourself fully and innocently, piece by piece, along the way.

(Tracy Marks)

If we have a Virgo Moon, we may be adept at using our minds to defend against unwanted feelings. We need organization and predictability in at least some facets of our lives; we need to experience ourselves as useful, as providers of valued services in our work and our personal activities; we need mentally to assess and structure our experience as well as care for our physical wellbeing. We have high standards for ourselves and others, and must maintain personal integrity at all costs.

If we lose touch with our deeper emotional and instinctual nature, our constructive Virgoan traits may become destructively compulsive. We insist on a degree of order and efficiency which destroys the spontaneity and vitality in and around us; we become workaholics, unable to relax and at the mercy of our compulsion to keep busy at all costs. We fuss, worry, nag and intellectualize incessantly. We subordinate ourselves to others, compelling them to utilize our services. We rip ourselves apart with self-criticism, and likewise are unable to allow imperfection in other people.

Having a Virgo Moon suggests that we experienced a significant degree of Virgoan energy in one or both of our parent figures. A nourishing Virgoan parent may have encouraged our mental development, taught us constructive personal habits, and enabled us to experience a safe and orderly early environment without crushing the spirit of our inner child. Such a parent may have taught us how to use reason and common sense to master rather than repress our feelings and desires, and was probably helpful to us through providing many of the little but significant services of daily living.

On the other hand, a Virgoan parent who was not a positive influence upon us may have exposed us to a degree of super-efficiency, criticism, analysis, perfectionism and / or pettiness which frustrated and inhibited our emotional growth and fragile self-esteem. The 'should system' of our childhood years may have become an internal structure which continues to enslave us as adults. Our sense of not being good enough impairs our ability to function personally and professionally. A subservient slavish parent may have catered to us too frequently; a hypochondriacal parent may have focused so obsessively upon ill-health that we ourselves became sickly or hypochondriacal in order to receive attention and care.

We may need to revise the internal messages we give ourselves, which continue to keep detrimental Virgoan patterns in operation. Our task may be to learn how to experience and value all our feelings and needs while also utilizing our analytical capabilities and creating order and discipline in our experience. We may need to develop new standards for ourselves and others, standards which fully accept our imperfectly human behaviors while also valuing our occasional moments of superhuman goodness or accomplishment. Choosing to love ourselves, choosing to discover the wondrous perfection in our imperfection, may nourish our souls so profoundly that we do indeed become more giving and capable human beings.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Virgo, the Moon position stresses the intellectual approach. Where the Moon in Leo would be content to feel, the Moon here finds it necessary to understand. This native wants his family (and the world could be his family) to adjust to what he can understand!

The astrologer can readily see that this creates some difficulties. He must learn whether the native's range of understanding is narrow or wide. The stress is on sincerity, a job well done, powers of discrimination. The native can be fussy, stubborn and demanding, but he never asks others to do what he himself would not do. He tends to be a censor. If he doesn't feel something is good to read or see, he feels it is logical to assume it is not good for others. The astrologer must work to help the native broaden his vision, open his mind, and welcome new experiences.

The native is excellent when it comes to analyzing. Difficulties arise when he analyzes to such an extent that he is frozen into periods of absolute inaction. He wants to know: but

this drive toward knowledge can shut out the intuitive intellect; it can make the native ultraconservative. Indications here are good for teaching, reporting, analyzing reports, statistics.

He feels tremendously gratified when others ask questions, ask his opinion, or show appreciation for his efforts. He is easily taken advantage of by those shrewd enough to play on his need for affection, appreciation, understanding.

The native is loyal, persistent; he possesses the desire to overcome obstacles and arrive at a goal. Here the astrologer has an important key: the native must have a goal. Nothing discourages him more than aimlessness. He often is intolerant of those who are 'abstract', who do not appear definite enough, or who are 'waiting for the right time'. The Moon in Virgo needs to be busy. He consults, he reports, he makes trips, he writes letters, he arranges meetings. He is a wonderful agent, diagnostician, technician, host - if the party is for a reason.

He wants to be of use. He admires others who are dedicated and tends to ridicule those who can relax. What is the astrologer to stress? Taken alone, he views the Moon in Virgo as an indication of one with tremendous potential. The native can make himself reliable and needed, but can find himself buried in a maze of details, overlooked for the promotions, the 'bigger' things, including the kind of fulfillment which brings greatest personal happiness. The native, reacting negatively, is finicky about food, sex, and new experiences.

He needs to learn to loosen up. Then he becomes discriminating in the best sense: he recognizes quality and enjoys what he has, instead of constantly reaching out for something else.

(Haydn Paul)

With Moon in Virgo, you prefer a life-style that is externally and internally ordered, disciplined, and controlled. You tend to follow repetitive behavior patterns which produce feelings of stability, if only through predictability. While you may rationalize such behavior, or justify it by reference to religious, philosophical, or moral tenets, the hidden impulse behind this self-protection is fear of chaos, or the fear of releasing uncontrollable emotional forces. You may inhibit self-expression, restricting physical, emotional, and mental behavior to whatever you consider socially acceptable.

As part of this self-structuring, intellectual theories and philosophical or religious beliefs attract you, those which seek to impose meaning and order on the mysteries of life. Science may be one approach, or the self-creation of a logical, rational, and objective perspective. The main danger from this is the formation of a rigid mind-set that refuses to accept or allow any different or contradictory worldviews.

A perfectionist streak is likely, often associated with preferring the detail, appearance, and minutiae of things. In focusing on the parts, you may fail to see the whole picture; analysis can be fascinating, but revelation and meaning lies in the act of synthesis.

You can be self-critical and unforgiving, chastizing yourself for failing to meet exacting standards; if you impose these standards on others, this may cause interpersonal friction, as not everyone will consider that your priorities and evaluations are valid for them. Your perfectionism may not always be appropriate, and some may find your attention to detail irritating and unnecessary. As you will be a conscientious and practical hard worker, you may be an exacting taskmaster, but your workaholic tendency and devotion to duty may also stifle comfortable relationships with work colleagues. Trying to contain life energies within categories and efficient order can often strip them of all vitality, turning them into lifeless energies; predictable and controlled, yes, but of reduced future value.

It is important for you to feel you are of use; and you can be one of life's unsung servers due to a quiet, reserved, and retiring nature. With your work ethic, you may find relaxation difficult, and may become obsessively active, attempting to feel useful and to avoid facing other less satisfactory areas of yourself and life. Work can become a time-consuming substitute. Other areas of life that may also reflect obsessive traits are those related to health, diet, and hygiene.

One weak spot is that you often lack feelings and emotions behind a tight intellectualized mental barrier, using your mind as a defence against feelings, denying their validity and trying to ignore their promptings. At worst, you could become a dry and sterile personality as a consequence of prolonged repression; by your losing contact with your feelings, instincts, and emotions, those Virgoan characteristics would present their negative qualities throughout your life, affecting all relationships and your state of mind.

To avoid this, you need to accept your whole nature, not persist in emphasizing mental control and denying physical and instinctual needs. Through self-acceptance, you will expand tolerance and understanding of others, becoming more flexible and able to experience your human nature to the full. Rigidity of thought and worldview can be dropped, and a new universe of potential will emerge, untainted by your attempts at limitation. Acknowledging feelings, emotions and instincts as real and as part of you, and respecting their needs and messages, will offer immense personal dividends.

Rebalancing your nature will lead to wholeness; and blocked inner energies will freely flow again. Initial stages in this may be painful; you may feel threatened by slowly dissolving self-erected barriers and want to reassemble them again, but if you persist, you can be reborn, capable of consciously using the beneficial qualities of Virgo in harmony with the self-nurturing needs of your Moon. Self-esteem will naturally grow through personal development, rather than being a vulnerable and fragile construct protected by various inner defences against the encroachment of world and emotions.

Learning to trust yourself and the world is the first step to take toward progress.

(Skye Alexander)

You are not unemotional, but it is difficult for you to express what you feel. Consequently, others might consider you cold, detached, perhaps a little prudish and stuffy. Actually, you are quite sensitive and your feelings are easily hurt. To hide your vulnerability, however, you try to give the impression of being aloof and coolly professional - even in situations that call for warmth and openness.

Overly critical of yourself (and others), you assume that people will judge you harshly and find you lacking. Whether or not it's true, you probably feel that people don't like you, and may even believe there's not much about you to like. So to avoid the pain and disappointment of rejection, you keep your emotions under wraps and can be quite stingy about sharing them.

Even when your feelings are engaged, your shyness makes it hard for you to be demonstrative with your affections. Instead you express caring by doing things for the people you love: cleaning, mending, repairing a leaky faucet or running errands, for example. You want to make yourself indispensable to your loved ones so they won't be able to get along without you.

You have trouble accepting praise for what you do, and perform your tasks so efficiently and modestly that others - especially your family members - don't always notice how much you do for them. This can cause you to become resentful, and you may feel you are unappreciated. When this happens, you are inclined to become irritable and complaining. You need to realize that because you tend to take on more than your share and don't stand up for yourself, you make it easy for people to take advantage of you. Be careful of falling into the role of martyr, especially with your family members. Because you feel guilty when you refuse to do something for someone else, you may allow your children, parents and / or partner to turn you into their servant.

In truth, you enjoy serving others and derive a sense of satisfaction from being able to help someone else. You are concerned about the welfare of all, particularly those who are most vulnerable or helpless. You are at your best when you are taking care of the sick or needy, and are willing to do even menial chores that most people find distasteful. Hard-working and conscientious, you never shy away from responsibility. Your kindness is not limited to humans, and you are probably an animal lover. Many people with this Moon position put their compassion, practicality and efficiency to work in the healing fields or social services.

As a child, you were probably the one who tried to 'fix' whatever was wrong in your family. If you grew up in a dysfunctional family, you tried to make things right. If your family was poor, you may have begun working at a young age to contribute your share.

If you were the oldest, you may have taken on adult responsibilities or extra chores to help out. As an adult, you're still the one family members call on for assistance, whether it's picking the kids up after school or caring for an elderly parent.

This Moon position usually indicates deep-seated feelings of inadequacy and lack of self-esteem. Perhaps when you were a child, your parents were overly-critical of you or expected you to be perfect. If you feel you haven't lived up to their expectations, you might not be satisfied with yourself or your accomplishments. You may view your mother (or your nurturing parent) as being particularly fault-finding and fussy. You also are critical of her yourself.

With your own children, you can be rather picky. Extremely neat and orderly yourself, you may find their messiness irritating. Though you probably don't care if your home is lavish or beautifully decorated, you want it to be clean and organized; and others (including your family members) might think you're a bit neurotic about it.

It is most likely that you are interested in health and nutrition, and are very particular about your diet and your family's. Some people with this Moon placement are susceptible to allergies and digestive problems, and must be careful about what they eat. Others are fussy eaters.

Your cautious, meticulous and methodical nature enables you to excel at tasks that require neatness, precision and attention to detail. You have a natural aptitude for order and organization that can be utilized in such areas as accounting / bookkeeping, tailoring, woodworking, drafting, needlepoint, model building, dentistry, or working with precision instruments.

Because the Moon is the embodiment of one of the archetypal female energies, women tend to express its characteristics more easily than men do. Thus, women may readily display their Virgoan qualities, while men sometimes project these characteristics onto the women in their lives. Or, they might attract women who are modest, efficient, helpful, meticulous and / or perfectionists. Men with this Moon position also can be quite critical of the women in their lives, and of women in general.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You respond to encouragement and appreciation, and you have a deep hunger for sharing experiences and self-realization with others. However, this makes you emotionally overeager; you may be prone to dictating the course of all your relationships. You are insistent and you can even be petulant. You are generous with your time and service; you want to serve people, but you have trouble understanding their feelings. You want what you want, and just the way you want it.

This placement of the Moon emphasizes your mental qualities, but here the restless

mental qualities of Gemini are replaced by steadiness and practicality. You don't value knowledge for its own sake, but you seek it in order to use and apply it. Your memory is excellent. You analyze and criticize all sense impressions with care. This is not the most sexual position for the Moon.

You have a fondness for science and / or the occult. You can be clairvoyant or psychometric, and you have great intuitive abilities if you choose to develop them.

You can be temperamental at times. You prefer to earn everything by your mental ability and your fertile imagination. Despite the Virgo tendency to be picky and argumentative, you appear quiet, shy and unpretentious. Although you are basically proper and conservative, your religious inclinations surface in a broad-minded way. With this mutable Moon, you have many acquaintances, frequent changes in your life and numerous short trips.

You are an excellent teacher. You do not ask personal questions unless necessary, and your curiosity only surfaces in relation to work and practical affairs. Interested in diet, health and hygiene, you have a tendency to worry and to develop a nervous disposition; your digestion may suffer as a result. This is often known as the 'medicine chest Moon'.

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

You are shrewd, with good business sense and meticulous attention to detail. You could do very well in psychoanalysis or diagnosis of any kind. You should try to counteract fussiness or a lack of self-confidence.

This position of the Moon in a woman's chart often indicates emotional insecurity which expresses itself as a lack of warmth and at times inhibition. In a man's chart it attracts a detached, non-clinging mate, because he does not want emotional demands made upon him.

Your mother may seem critical and cool to you.

(Sasha Fenton)

There is an uneasy alliance between the sign of Virgo and the energy of the Moon. You may find it very difficult to shape your world the way that you would like. It seems that the cardinality of the Moon (cardinality implies action) is halted in mutable, negative Virgo. If you cannot make your job work for you, create the right kind of environment or find the right partner, you could retreat into fiddling about and fidgeting. You may never quite finish decorating your home, you may try out one partner after another, or you could become your own worst enemy at work. If thwarted, you will develop a tendency to meddle, criticize, ruin, lose or destroy the very things which you most need. You could over-analyse yourself and everything around you and then hide your fears and phobias

under a layer of fussiness. Be careful not to fall prey to a psychological need to organize every detail and prepare for every eventuality so that you program out not only life's unexpected problems but also its pleasant surprises.

Virgo is a difficult sign to understand, and the Moon in this placement adds to the complications. Virgo being an earth sign suggests an inner need to serve people in a practical way; therefore, you will prefer to work in a field where you can be useful to others. You feel more comfortable in the workplace than in a social setting, especially if your talents are being used to the limit. Being dutiful and caring towards your family, you show your love for them by helping them in a practical way or by giving them material things, rather than by open displays of affection or of verbal love. You are especially helpful and understanding if they are ill. You are reliable, businesslike, tidy and efficient in all that you do. Being loyal and trustworthy, you would never betray a confidence. Most lunar Virgoans are early risers and seem to be more alert in the morning than in the evening. Your mind is very clear and logical. Your thinking is usually along realistic lines, and you prefer to think before acting. You could be quite imaginative if there were something like Pisces or Leo on your birthchart, but the imagination would be harnessed to some kind of structure - writing poetry, making a garden, or computer programming, for example. You enjoy debating when you are among people with whom you can relax. You never swallow what you are told without verification. Be careful not to spend too much energy on details and miss the main point. Also try not to let problems revolve round in your head growing out of all proportion. Some lunar Virgoans are vigorous social reformers, especially if there is any Aquarius on the birthchart or if the Sun or the Ascendant are in fairly confident, outgoing signs. You can take practical decisions almost instantly, and will go anywhere at the drop of a hat; when decisions have an emotional content, this is not so easy. Oddly enough, although the mind is quick, your bodily movements may be slow. Female lunar Virgoans are good homemakers, often loving their homes, but they need an intellectual outlet and the chance to work and earn money of their own. Although your thought processes are particularly logical, you can be very psychic. There is an acceptable logic to psychic matters which you seem to grasp more easily than many other people. Religion may not interest you overmuch, and blind faith is never acceptable to you.

Virgo being a mutable sign suggests that you can fit yourself in to almost any type of company. You are unlikely to be prejudiced about race, religion, etc., because all people interest you. Lunar Virgoans rarely manipulate others for their own ends. You are shy at first but very sociable when you feel that you can relax. Although hardly likely to be the life and soul of the party, and even less likely to get drunk and make a fool of yourself, you do enjoy socializing, especially in the company of witty and interesting people. Despite being shy, you like to welcome new people, but will sit back and analyse them later on.

I very much doubt whether you see money in terms of the power it may give you; and you have little desire to waste your hard-earned pennies on flashy things - you prefer to pay your bills on time and then have a bit left over for treats. A favourite treat for you

would be a trip out into the country and a nice meal out. You like the fresh air and the seaside; and you enjoy physical exercise of a fairly gentle nature, such as walking, dancing or badminton. Being an Earth sign, you find gardening appeals to you, especially growing your own fruit and vegetables plus filling the house and garden with sweet-smelling flowers. Your senses of taste and smell (and your stomach) are easily upset; therefore good home-grown produce is a favourite with you. Reading and listening to music provide you with a passive form of escapism. One active form of escapism which is very popular among both solar and lunar Virgoans is acting. Here you can forget yourself for a while and take on a completely different personality. This gives you the opportunity of behaving foolishly or even outrageously without having to risk being taken seriously.

Relationships can be a minefield for you; you tend to make yourself useful to your partner and then wonder why you are being used. In a way the most successful relationship for you would be with a partner who has an important and interesting career of his or her own where you could help to smooth their path for them. There must be a mental rapport between you and your partner. Shared interests or work in common will help. You are prepared to make an effort in a relationship. Some of you attach yourselves to a glamorous, glittering personality and enjoy being a part of his / her life. Any relationship based solely on sex wouldn't hold you for long. Many astrology books suggest that solar and lunar Virgoans are sexless; this is just not true; however, there can be some really vicious problems associated with sex and sexual relationships. I think the trouble stems from two sources; the first being that you are easily embarrassed by the apparent ludicrousness of the sex act - you find it hard to relinquish your dignity and make the necessary adjustment which would enable you to surrender to your feelings. The second problem is that you may be ashamed of your own capacity for passion, possibly due to early childhood influences and incidents. Anyone who has any of the personal planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars) placed in Virgo will immediately freeze up if criticized for his or her performance.

You may fill up your time with work in order to avoid dealing with the whole relating and sexual scene. Shyness doesn't help here, but most of this can be overcome if you find yourself a kind, encouraging partner. One thing which does help is your ability to adapt. All mutable signs will try to fit in with other people's requirements; therefore, given a chance and much tender, loving care, you could realize your sexual potential, especially with the 'right' lover. Coarseness puts you off immediately. Criticism will squash you, not only sexually but in every other way. You have intensely critical feelings towards others; but being the lunar, inner side of your nature, they probably are kept to yourself - unless you become very angry, when it all bursts out.

If a relationship goes wrong, you can become desperate, even suicidally depressed. You have to beware of self-fulfilling prophecies where you tell yourself that you are going to be let down and then allow yourself to become so; lack of confidence and too little faith in the future can actually bring this about. You may go too far the other way, keeping

your emotions on such a tight rein that you never allow yourself the luxury of love and romance; this is a shame because you do need a partner and also a family.

You may find it hard to relate to your own children, and may pay too much attention to their practical and educational needs and not enough to their need for love and affection. On the other hand, children may be the ideal outlet for your bottled up love, giving you the opportunity to give and receive affection unreservedly. You may be able to romp, roll around and act out parts for their amusement in a way which you could never do with adults. Teaching comes naturally to you; therefore, you enjoy opening your children's minds to the world of books, museums and nature. Given a secure and loving partnership, you will gain confidence and really begin to blossom.

You have an acute sense of humour, which so often is able to save you from much of the unhappiness associated with this sign. If you can find an intelligent partner to laugh with, then you are really made. Being loyal yourself, and having very high standards of behaviour, you may expect others to be the same with regard to you. If your partner makes a habit of wandering off and leaving you alone whenever you go to a party, you would be most put out. You need to be hugged and comforted, especially if things are not going well for you; and, most of all, you require a feeling of solidarity in your relationships, a feeling that your family circle will stick together and stick up for each other against the world.

The sign of Virgo will dominate the personality in such a way that you identify yourself far more by what you do than what you are. There are enough wasters and losers in this world already; perhaps we could do with a few more lunar Virgoans to prevent us from losing and wasting what is left on our planet. You learn quickly and like to keep your mind and body occupied. Even your leisure pursuits are healthy or useful ones such as working for a charity or a political organization. You have a creative side which can be expressed in sewing, carpentry, cooking or writing because you like problem-solving and the bringing together of separate parts in order to make a whole.

Skills such as typing, driving and accounting come easily to you. You make an exemplary office worker, being neat, efficient, quiet, clean, practical and helpful. Given that your Sun and Ascendant are placed in an outgoing sign, you may enjoy a life in a skilled branch of the armed forces. Learning and coming to grips with highly technical matters would hold no terrors for you.

The whole field of health comes naturally to you. Lunar Virgoans make good nurses, doctors and dieticians. Although unlikely to make much display of your own feelings, you are able to understand the pain of others. Your interest in health is not just in the field of caring and healing, but in that of preventing disease from taking root in the first place; therefore, you advocate diet, exercise and moderate living. You yourself could be a hypochondriac or could genuinely suffer from a series of minor but irritating ailments and nervous disorders. Having a clear, logical and analytical mind, you would be a natural for

computing, accounting, systems analysis, and electronic weighing and measuring. Research, especially in the medical field, would please you. Teaching might appeal - teaching either infants or older students who are highly intelligent, quiet and ready to learn. Maths and science subjects would suit you, but languages may be a problem. You could learn the grammar all right; it is the speaking that would get you down unless you had something fairly uninhibited like Sagittarius on your Ascendant.

It may be difficult for you to manage others because delegating requires confidence in one's own leadership plus in the ability of others to do a good job on your behalf. You tend to become angry when faced with an attitude of uncaring inefficiency. You may not be overly ambitious, but you like to do things well and to be appreciated for it. The success of others doesn't upset you. At best your childhood would have been a fairly cool affair; at worst, it may have had nightmarish qualities. 'Nightmarish is just about right', said Anne, an elegant, divorced systems analyst. 'I used to study my father to judge which rules I should be playing by; and just when I got the hang of the game, he changed the rules. I could never win; my place was always in the wrong.'

To start with, being born wasn't all that easy; therefore the relationship between you and your mother probably started badly. There was a great deal of discipline in your childhood; an emphasis on being on time for meals, washing behind your ears and doing your homework. You may have been compared to other children and told that you were not as good, clever, pretty, tall etc. as them. If you were a diligent child, naturally tidy, quiet, organized and clever at school, you would have pleased your parents and would therefore have had an easier time of it. You may have only been able to win their approval by success in exams or winning medals at sports, dancing, etc.. Some of your self-esteem and lack of confidence results from having been nervous or even afraid of your parents; you found them hard to please. It is even possible that you were a naturally timid child with rather boisterous parents, or one of your parents might have been particularly hard to get on with.

If your parents were born under the signs of Aries, Scorpio or Sagittarius, they would have been far too impatient, lacking in understanding and quick to criticize. This lack of praise and encouragement caused you to feel resentful, worthless, lonely and repressed. You may have been shoved aside for other reasons, such as family problems, a handicapped sibling or a lack of money. You may have learned how to hate early in life. Your hatred of being accused of laziness is a hangover from childhood. Your shyness and repression may have been the result of severe and prolonged illness in childhood rather than awful parents.

There is always the possibility that the Moon's position reflects the mother's experience of life, so the interpretation could be an indication that your mother had a hard time while young.

Both solar and lunar Virgoans are strong and healthy, but the nervous system is

delicated. Ailments include migraine and asthma, allergies, skin conditions and stomach ulcers. Tension and overwork is your enemy, and you must take exercise in order to relax. Severe Virgoan health problems which sometimes arise are appendicitis, typhoid, peritonitis and anaemia. Tall subjects may have back problems.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Some similarities with the characteristics of the Moon in Gemini will be obvious with this placing, inasmuch as the individual will be extremely talkative when nervous or challenged. If anything, however, there will be even greater resources of nervous energy. If this is positively expressed, the individual will have a great deal of practical ability and, because of some extremely quick responses to situations, will be in a good position to keep abreast or ahead of competitors.

Worry and a lack of self-confidence may well be present; and because the worry springs from the deepest instinctive level, the subject can develop rather mysterious stomach upsets or digestive problems without realizing what has caused them. Unconscious concern over a problem will probably be the root cause, affecting the subject in a physical way before he or she is consciously aware of what is wrong. Children with this placing will all too often become ill and have very severe, and indeed real, 'schoolitis' when there are problems (perhaps an unsympathetic teacher may be the cause?)

The subject will be fundamentally rational, but this extremely practical approach and her instincts do not always marry. Her reactions are very quick indeed, which is a great asset, as are the characteristic reliability, a great measure of common sense, and considerable helpfulness.

Literary talent is often present with this placing, and should not be ignored - it is here that any creativity shown in other areas of the chart may be expressed. There is also a critical streak and, especially if the Moon receives a square aspect from Mercury, a tendency to gossip. More positively, because of the sharp reflexes (usually expressed verbally as well as in practical action), there is talent and an incisive quality in debate; in any kind of argument, the individual can stand very firmly on her own two feet.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in the sign of Virgo indicates an exacting, hardworking, practical nature. There is great regard for neatness and cleanliness in personal hygiene and housekeeping. These people are particular about food and diet, and concerned about health. They are good cooks, but health is as important to them as taste.

Natives with the Moon in this sign are usually shy and retiring, preferring to work quietly behind the scenes. They pay attention to detail; they wish to serve. They do not ask personal questions unless necessary; they are curious, but in relation only to their work

or practical affairs.

If the Moon is afflicted in this sign, there can be excessive preoccupation with inconsequential detail, and a carping and critical attitude. Perfectionism about detail can blind these people to larger issues.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a helpful, though potentially critical, soul. You have the need to be clear with and about Other - but this could make the relationship rather sterile. You have the instinct for establishing emotional order - but this could amount to denied feelings. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is clean and efficient, and or sour and restrictive.

You naturally respond towards Other with helpfulness and consideration, with a view to healing his / her ills and solving his / her problems. You respond in a conscientious and attentive fashion, being of great practical value to Other; and in a manner that is mindful of pure and correct behaviour.

Your inner child reacts in a sniffy and carping manner when Other finds your 'help' is more about your own neurotic ends than his / her welfare. It reacts by threatening to withdraw the input with which you have made yourself indispensable; and with aversion or priggishness to anything Other does that is unfamiliar to you.

You gravitate towards Others who are in some sort of fix and who could obviously benefit from your ministrations; towards messy or unhygienic scenes, or, conversely, meticulously ordered ones; and towards relationships where you can operate in a modest fashion or background capacity.

You can get caught up in relationships which become increasingly chaotic, forcing you to be more tolerant or to know where and how to draw the line; in situations where you need to do all the tidying - or learn to be less tidy; and in relationships where Other takes you for granted, forcing you to express your deepest, darkest feelings.

When you are alone, it is because Other has ultimately been unable to meet your exacting requirements of him / her, or you have found yourself not good enough for Other, using the same exacting criteria. Either way, it could be time to change your criteria! But as is always the case with the Moon, there are deeply ingrained habits and maternal conditioning behind such requirements. So you are alone expressly in order to have a good look at yourself, sort your wheat from your chaff, but not be so discriminating as to put yourself permanently out of the running - or, for that matter, to give up on yourself and go downhill with self-neglect by way of over-compensation. However, it has to be said that, as Virgo is the sign of the Hermit, you are rather good at being all on your own - it sort of suits you. But be careful because, unlike the anchorites

of old who would be avoiding the darkness of the Dark Ages they lived in, you would probably just be making a good job of avoiding your own inner darkness. Bring this into the light of consciousness, and stop judging.

(Grant Lewi)

You look upon yourself as an intelligent and useful person, and pretty generally turn out to be that, if not also a great deal more. You have no desire to rule the world or other people, or even to make a great splash before them. In fact, you prefer not to be in the limelight; and if you find yourself in it, it is by accident, because you have earned it by the integrity of your private labors. Your wish is to serve; and in whatever sphere you may be, you will find the chance to do it. Your personality, while strong and stable, does not obtrude itself on others; you don't make loud noises or ask personal questions, yet people feel your presence, value your reserve, and are likely to make you their confidant. You have an acute sense of your own worth which you base in a sense of your own intelligence. Yet you can value other people who are far from intelligent. You are an intellectual snob only so far as you are concerned, and here you apply the theory of noblesse oblige to realms of the mind, demanding of yourself that you belong to the aristocracy of the intellect so that you may better understand all things, and serve those who can't. In fulfilling this quiet and modest picture, you are likely to run into some pleasant surprises. You don't really expect other people to take you very seriously, and are therefore delighted and amazed when they do, and when you see your dreams of yourself coming true in the sight of the whole world.

Moon ☾ in 8th House

With Moon in the eighth house, the mother is associated with tragic loss or suffering. The native may have also seen the mother as dependent or emotionally manipulative. Emotional sensitivity is increased, and particularly with a water or perhaps earth Moon, or an association to Neptune, there may be psychic abilities. The native is likely to feel an intense need for intimate union with another, and be emotionally demanding in relationships. As a result of repeating patterns from childhood, there can be much suffering in relationships and financial matters before the native learns to control their impulses and avoid negative attitudes.

(Howard Sasportas)

This position gives and innate openness and attunement to hidden forces operating personally or collectively, which might express itself as the ability to sense evolving social currents, especially subtle economic or business trends. However, those with the Moon here could, at times, be confused or 'taken over' by powerful unconscious complexes which grip and overwhelm them. As children, they would have been

extremely sensitive to undercurrents in the home environment, especially the mother's deeper feelings, moods and frustrations, which they may still be 'carrying around' inside them. Present relationships will reawaken earlier emotional patterns and there is the need to delve into the past to uncover the roots of these problems.

Early experience with sex or death may have strongly affected the character. Sex or intimacy could be sought primarily for emotional security or as a way of getting the struggles of the world. This placement is usually very responsive to the sexual or emotional needs of the partner and will probably not find it difficult to adapt to these. Very often, there is a natural capacity to help others discover a greater sense of their value and worth.. They may literally 'care for' other people's money, or nurture others through times of trauma and transition.

If the Moon is difficultly aspected, divorces, endings or separations may be messy and fraught with more than the usual degree of anxiety, although hitherto untapped resources and strengths could be discovered through such breakdowns and crises. On a more mundane level, there is the possibility of inheritance of land or property, most likely through the mother or the partner.

Mercury ♀ in ♌ Leo 4° 18'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you are afraid of losing your dramatic impact and the loyalty of others, you might express yourself in ways that appear dictatorial, arrogant, and egotistical. This can result in one-sided communication that inadvertently implies everything you have to say is more important than what anyone else has to say. This unbalanced communication can unintentionally alienate those closest.

Dynamic

By being conscious of the effects you have on others, you may notice that the Leo dramatic ability to communicate can enhance or destroy what you are saying. This talent for communicating with a theatrical impact leaves a lasting impression, for good or ill. When the focus is on conversing with an awareness of shared humanity, you are able to energize the ideas of others with creativity and inspiration. By being aware of your love for others, you can instinctively express yourself in a way that inspires loyalty.

(Grant Lewi)

Your reaction to sense impressions from the outer world is less important than the way you react to the sound of your own voice, the figure you are cutting in the world. You see yourself in everything you see. You're hard to impress, for though you are detached enough in some ways, you haven't got your antennae tuned outward and just don't take in a lot that goes on. Your viewpoint is pretty fixed, and what comes to the senses is related to it. For this reason you aren't a very good observer. The outer world of sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch has to fight its way through a sort of steel plate before it reaches the brain centres and causes a reaction. Your reactions are slow, not because you are stupid, but because you aren't interested. You must cultivate attention, become consciously aware of the world around you, and develop your faculties, which are sound enough but need more exercise than you give them.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Leo, Mercury gives us a native who is apt to be subjective - he takes a known fact and applies it to his own life, thoughts, feelings, personal symbols. He takes the large view, doesn't like to think in bits and pieces, wants to see the project as a whole. He sees persons in relation to their lives, their abilities, their accomplishments. This native sometimes is overwhelmed with the difference in what he thinks he desires and what he actually surrounds himself with - including the people he loves and is loved by. He constantly criticizes himself, quietly, for not having the very best: he never doubts he is capable, but blames this minor mistake, that lack of appreciation, and so on down the line, until the series of links appears endless. Grass usually appears greener to Mercury in Leo, but he feels, somehow, that his ship is coming in, and that in the not too distant future he will be playing the tune and others will be dancing to his rhythms. Takes only time and determination, he feels. He is often arrogant, making others feel he thinks he is superior. He thus pushes people from him and then, so often, wonders why others don't recognize his great charms. It never occurs to him that perhaps he hasn't really been so charming after all!

He often is bored, and doesn't really make too much of a show of trying to appear interested. He feels he has a little extra to offer - and maybe he has. But the astrologer must make him realize that just thinking, feeling, believing are not enough - he must get down to the work of living, of being happy, of creating, of displaying the talents, charms and powers he knows he possesses. This is a very significant Mercury position, and the astrologer's job here is an enormous one.

(Skye Alexander)

Self-expression is one of your major concerns. It is very important for you to express yourself in a dramatic, colorful way and to be recognized for this. You probably have some creative / artistic talent and enjoy expressing yourself through art forms such as painting, design, music, theatre or dance. You may not be especially good with words, but are able to communicate loudly and clearly through visual media.

You enjoy being in the limelight, speaking to crowds of people, sharing your thoughts and visions with the multitudes. Even though your ideas and dreams may be grandiose and unrealistic, you believe they are possible, and your self-confidence and charisma are sometimes great enough to enable you to make your ideas realities.

You can be quite charming, even something of a flatterer when it suits your purposes. You especially love the idea of being in love, of being the lover. The drama of romance appeals to your sense of theatre; and at times your 'lines' sound as if they were taken from an Italian opera. Though your message might be corny, over-blown and heavy-handed, you deliver it with such flair that it usually hits home. For you, love is a game to be enacted on the stage of life, and you relish playing the leading role.

You can be extremely self-centred, and your thoughts are usually focused on yourself and your ideas. It is hard for you to see another's point of view, because in your mind your own opinion is all that counts. That others might not agree with you never even enters your mind. Conversations with you often revolve around your latest accomplishments, projects or activities; and many of your sentences begin with 'I'. You want very much to appear important in the eyes of others. You may try to impress friends and acquaintances with all the famous people you know, and you can be quite a name-dropper.

Even if you are very intelligent, you might not have been a good student, partially because you don't value book-learning and partly because you don't really believe that anyone else knows more than you do. Perhaps you attempted to tell your teachers how to teach their subjects and insisted on doing things your own way. You rely solely on your own natural abilities and won't take advice or instruction from others; consequently, you sometimes shortchange yourself and don't develop your skills to their maximum.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the Fire sign Leo indicates a mind that has a strong will and a fixed purpose. Natives with this position are capable of focused concentration, because here Mercury is disposed by the Sun, which bestows willpower and strength. They like to be regarded as authorities in their chosen fields, and they are aided by a dramatic and forceful manner of speech; but if carried too far, this inclination can produce excessive mental pride and arrogance.

The mental self-confidence indicated by Mercury in Leo makes for positiveness in tackling and solving problems. However, there can be a tendency to deal with things in large, general terms, thereby ignoring details. There can also be a tendency to overlook things that do not relate to the immediate focus of interest. Because Leo is a fixed sign, opinions are formed slowly and changed with reluctance.

People with Mercury in Leo do possess continuity of planning and purpose, which gives them executive ability. There is also ability in teaching and working with the mental development of children.

The theater, investments, the stock market, education, and artistic pursuits are likely to be areas of special interest. This Mercury position may well combine travel for pleasure with travel for work.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Mercury in Leo contributes excellent planning and organizational ability. Tasks of all kinds are approached in a practical and rather conventional way; and while there is often considerable ability to think creatively, there is a tendency to be stubborn and inflexible, which often emerges in the young. The subject has plenty of determination, and considerable mental and nervous energy. Usually there are good powers of concentration, especially when studying. Speech can be dramatic, sometimes with a tendency to exaggerate. There is no lack of enthusiasm; and unless a pessimistic outlook strongly emerges from other areas of the chart (negative aspects between the Moon and Saturn, for instance), the individual will be very optimistic. Powers of communication are good, but can at times be marred by a rather condescending manner, which should be mentioned to the individual since usually he or she is totally unaware of it. This placing, because it assists the organizational ability, encourages helpfulness to others, giving much flair in assessing and helping to solve their problems. However, dogmatic tendencies and bossiness can also be present.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, the outlook is positive and organizational ability is increased. There will be less tendency to worry irrationally, but the subject can be surprisingly bossy. Tenacity is enhanced, with the individual able to make long-term plans and stick to them. The thinking processes will be less purely intuitive, with ideas formulated constructively and then acted upon when the time is right. The Cancerian tendency to look to the past is kept under control - there will be no nostalgia longing for 'the good old days' - but there will be sentimentality. Enthusiasm will help the subject to overcome apprehension.

If the Sun sign is Leo, Leo fiery enthusiasm and optimism will be enhanced by positive thinking and increase organizational ability. However, the individual must be aware that bossiness and a dogmatic attitude can mar many of his or her positive qualities. The powers of leadership and ability to get things done are strong points; and dramatic flair when communicating ideas, expressing opinions and describing events will be very colorful and often exaggerated. Flexibility must be developed since stubbornness can be quite a problem.

If the Sun sign is Virgo, the strong Virgoan tendency to worry will be countered here; and because Mercury rules Virgo it will work very powerfully for the individual, in many cases

also helping to temper the Virgoan lack of self-confidence and giving him or her a more positive and optimistic outlook. The Virgoan preoccupation with detail is less dominant; and there is usually a better grasp of an overall situation. Critical carping - a common Virgoan fault - can be colored by bossiness, but there is the ability to think creatively, and often considerable potential for creative craftwork. Literary flair can be present.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a creative, though potentially vain, mind.

You see life in terms of having a strong, informed opinion that enables you to plan ahead and in a big way. And so Other is impressed and reassured by what you have to say. You also see life in terms of being respected for what you think, say and do, and giving due respect to Other for the same - so mutual respect is important for listening and being listened to.

You tend not to see the finer but important details that are Other's concern, which when taken for granted could be used against you. You also tend not to see the point that Other is making unless it flatters your ego. This can include the objective facts of a critical situation which you could choose to ignore at your peril.

(John Townley)

This position is ideal for an easygoing relationship. You don't bother with the kind of highly detailed self-analysis that can get in the way of a natural love affair. Too much thinking spoils the spontaneity for you.

On the other hand, in a more involved or complex relationship, you may overlook or ignore the real problems that have to be dealt with in detail to keep the affair on an even keel. It is wise for you to avoid tangled relationships in which you have to unravel many problems. If you do get into a complicated affair, rely on your partner or a close friend to help straighten it out.

Your idea of a good time with your lover is simple and direct - you prefer spontaneous pleasures to complex plans and arrangements, which tend to get in the way of a happy outing or celebration. The only caution here is that your mind may outdistance your body in capacity for enjoyment, which can lead to exhaustion.

(Robert Hand)

You are very sure that your ideas are right, and you like to make others think the way you do. You can think about new ideas and make them part of your own thinking, as long as no-one is pressurising you to do so. You are quite stubborn, and your pride is involved in everything you think or believe. If someone challenges your beliefs, you feel

he / she is challenging you. But at the same time, your pride in your opinions makes you want to get at the truth. You aren't likely to believe something simply because it is pleasant or because everyone else agrees. You consider it very important to be right, which is fine as long as you make sure that you are.

You like to organize and direct others. You put a lot of energy into planning, so your plans usually work out well. You like to have people come to you for advice, which you are happy to give. Be sure that they really want your opinion, however, and try not to get a reputation for being a 'know-it-all', because then nobody will take your ideas seriously. Above all, when you are talking to someone, try not to act arrogant. If you do, the other person will resist your argument, even if you are right.

Whenever you have to solve a problem, you put a great deal of energy into it, and the more important the problem, the more energy you invest. However, you may ignore problems that don't seem important enough, when actually they are quite important.

(Freda Edis)

Those people who have Mercury placed in the sign of Leo are likely to have a strongwilled and authoritative form of mental expression. Like Apollo, they may be frank and outspoken, assertive when solving problems, wanting others to think well of their efforts. Sometimes they overstep limits when displaying these traits, becoming obstinate and impatient, and are then seen as arrogant and overly dramatic in speech and action. Usually self-confident and intuitively aware of the generosity of their thoughts, these people can sometimes overlook the need for detailed planning, content to concentrate on broad, general issues. They can become self-involved with their own mental processes, and excessively proud of their achievements in the world of ideas. Humility and tact are qualities which would help to balance some of the negative traits of this placement.

We see something of this, yet again, in Hermes's relationship with the leonine hero of Greek mythology, Herakles. He was renowned for putting himself through adventures which required all the personal resources he could muster. Sometimes, though, his foresight failed him. When he descended into Tartaros to capture the dog, Cerberos, his nerves were shattered by the ghosts of Meleager and Medusa; he aimed an arrow at Meleager and drew his sword on Medusa. It was Hermes who had to reassure him that they were only ghosts. Heroes find it very difficult to deal with the world of shadows with anything but their usual blunt self-confidence. In the lands of the dead, Hermes's rationality usefully came to Herakles's aid; the laws there are different from the ones above ground, and neither Meleager nor Medusa could die a second time. It meant that Herakles had to accept the underworld reality of their ghosts and had to find other ways past the terrors of the dark places. He fairly quickly let Hermes take the lead for the next part of the journey, learning, it seems, some humility in the process.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Bold ideas are cogently and enthusiastically presented.

Symbol: A statesman makes a speech into a battery of microphones.

The Mercurial Leonian is articulate because he really wants to impart his ideas and to elucidate the concepts behind these ideas. He impresses his audience with the warmth of his personality as well as with the pertinacity of the information he conveys. As an executive, he can make broad statements and summarize facts in such a way as to convince others that his is the only admissible point of view. He identifies with his beliefs so wholeheartedly that he may regard disagreement as a form of personal disloyalty. Consequently, he needs to be careful not to surround himself with 'yes men' merely to satisfy his ego.

This is an intellectually dynamic placement, since versatile Mercury distributes the Sun's light and makes it widely known. The effect is that of power from a central source flowing through many channels out into the world. The vitality of the sign combined with the verbal virtuosity of the planet of the mind to communicate concepts cogently. If restraint is lacking, there may be conceit and an inclination to propound dogmatic statements of opinion. However, since Leo is a Fire sign and Mercury is an Air planet, the two can blend compatibility, providing they do not produce a lot of hot air.

When the Sun is in Cancer and Mercury is in Leo, there will be a lively interest in programs for the common welfare, despite a basically retiring temperament. An individual with this combination will be drawn out of himself because of his desire to nurture the ideals with which he identifies, and to see them popularly accepted.

If the Sun and Mercury are both in Leo, a desire for prominence is coupled with a flair for conveying thoughts vividly and imaginatively. This combination favors artistic accomplishment as well as social success and recognition as a unique personality. Many short journeys may be undertaken out of a desire to work closely with others rather than to rely on the telephone or mail.

If the Sun has gone ahead of Mercury into Virgo, an ability for fine craftsmanship is enhanced by skill in formulating useful techniques. This individual is not so eager for renown as he is to make his methods known. Believing that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, he wants to see the system with which he identifies given its rightful due. There may be a special interest in the healing arts and in the power of prayer to alleviate distressing physical conditions. In this case, the Sun and Mercury are in mutual reception, which is the equivalent of a conjunction. Mind and heart co-operate to produce objects whose beauty lies in their utility.

The Mercurial Leonian is usually so persuasive that he can sell his ideas, his handiwork, or himself, any time he really puts his heart into it. He has a distinctive style, yet there is

seldom any desire on his part to be so different as to court obscurity. He wants to be understood and approved, and will go to great lengths to make his ideas presentable. The person with this combination feels that he has too much to say to hide his light under a bushel, and he likes to be reminded of that fact by the cheers of an appreciative audience.

(Isabel Hickey)

Mercury is the perpetual adolescent; and her the solar force makes a man out of him. Adds heart to brain; and brain without heart is the essence of all devilishness. A great deal of ambition; and, if afflicted, can be rigid and opinionated in viewpoint. Apt to be lazy in mental activity; and there is a need to cultivate more attention and exercise the mind. Gives a dignity and a sense of innate refinement. This nature, when purified, can be of very great worth when taken away from the personal levels, and given in service for Love's sake.

(Bernice Grebner)

If the Sun sign is Cancer:

Fire and Water. What a combination. What a difference Mercury makes. These people have basic retiring natures, but because of their great enthusiasm for community welfare and their foresighted and enthusiastic thinking, they will overcome their shy natures much more easily than Sun Cancer / Mercury Cancer.

The Sun in Cancer influence gives these people a talent for knowing what the public wants and needs at any given moment; and as a result, with the persuasiveness of the Mercury in Leo they can sell the public anything whether material objects, ideas or causes. When the ego is down, as the Cancer Sun is given to be at times, or when hurt, it can put a damper on the Mercury enthusiasm, putting the fire out temporarily. The Mercury in Leo fire cannot stay down or out for very long, for it is the nature of Leo to flare and excite, and when that happens Sun in Cancer egos go full speed ahead in a heat of steam.

Water has a way of winning out most of the time, but not with this combination of Mercury in Leo. The fixed proud Fire sign will not give in easily. We are referring to their ideas, foresight, and sense of drama; and coupled with Leo's ability for fun and games, life is mostly enjoyable for these people. With their Cancer perception and instinctive knowledge of public desires, and the Leo's ability to easily describe trends and popular concepts, they end up becoming very popular in any field with which they get enthused. They may communicate a sense of freedom, but behind this outward expression of freedom there is a strong sense of attachment and possessiveness.

Where their emotional life is concerned, they may be inclined to be overly enthusiastic,

and then at another given moment swing to the other extreme. At times they are highly unpredictable. Once they believe in someone or something, they can be extremely dedicated and loyal. Life with them is never dull or unexciting.

They can have very dramatic appeal, can be humorous with the intent of being entertaining to the nth degree. However, behind this rather entertaining demeanor is a very sensitive emotional nature. The mind is full of fire and forges forward, and in many instances drags the ego Sun behind. The mind is fast, and sees way ahead; but there is a period of passive indifference caused by the Cancer Sun's emotional need to stay put in a given situation. Much will depend upon other planetary positions, as to how this will come out in the final accounting. Either this gives either steam, full speed ahead, or the Water Sun puts out the Mercury Fire. If the Fire is put out (ideas), then Mercury Leo has to start all over again with new ideas. However, do not discount Mercury in Leo's ability to transform an idea. These people have a lot of experiences with life, and so many starts and stops.

If the Sun sign is Leo:

This influence makes for very dramatic people. It gives quite a flair for words and expressions. They have a strong drive for achieving attention wherever they go. Whether they actually become actresses and actors on a stage or whether they just become recognized as social kings and queens, their mark will be made. You can bet on it. They love a good time and have a way of making each person they contact feel important. Despite how Leo has been interpreted in the past as egocentric, this combination of Sun Leo / Mercury Leo when on the positive wave length cares for others, can get close to people, and can make others feel wanted and needed.

They are magnificent and magnanimous when operating at their best. The talent they have for educating young people is par excellence. When they deal with people they care about, they prefer the physical presence of the person so they can experience first hand this physical, expressional exchange. Above all, they like center stage for it is instinctive with them to please and enjoy not only for self but for as many others as possible. As a result, there are many facets to their personalities, for they can easily sense an atmosphere and play the right part. If there is any difficulty with this placing, it is that they must be sure they are performing and expressing for the comfort and well-being of those they are relating to, and not for their own ego satisfaction alone. In other words, 'look; I am pleasing you', but, above all, 'look how great I am'. In many ways they can lord it over others, but not always are they doing this consciously. A man with this combination may be doing it consciously, but a woman may not be projecting ego consciously.

Unlike Aquarius, they do not want to present ideas that are too individualistic, or ideas that can be equated with the masses. They want their ideas to be thoroughly accepted by others, but feel competitive if someone else tries to present the same ideas. Do not

assume, however, that they will be humble, because they will not be. If they need applause from the crowd, it is so they can be further encouraged rather than just for ego satisfaction. Ego satisfaction is just an outward stance. Underneath this ego is the need for encouragement. This combination is full of fire and can never be completely humble, unless playing the part of humility can win a point. It is their nature to try to get to the top of the heap.

You will always know they are around. They love a good time with laughter and games of all kinds. They are anything but dull. If you see someone who is the life of the party, that person no doubt has this combination.

Also, never discount their need for power. It is always a question of degree as to how much power toward which they direct their energy. All depends upon other aspects from other planets to this Sun and Mercury. This is Fire, undiluted so they are very forward in their drive, never looking back once they have left. They cannot easily be delayed, for their sights are on going forward with gusto conquering new grounds.

It is surprising to find how many famous people have Sun Leo / Mercury Leo. It is a rather fearless combination with much daring. Other configurations that have as much fearless daring are Sun Aries / Mercury Aries, Sun Sagittarius / Mercury Sagittarius. It is the undiluted Fire signs that progress and hew out new territories with mind, spirit, and physical lands.

If the Sun sign is Virgo:

This influence can produce fine craftsmen, those skilled in perfecting an object that both is artistic and also has practical utility. The Virgo Sun can be rather humble and not so inclined to be egotistical. The expression of Leo represents the ability to express and perfect a method, or a technique that can also work for others. This combination indicates a mutual reception which adds to a fine integration of detail, utilitarian purpose and enthusiasm and foresight. They are much more fearless because their thinking will not allow them to take a back seat. Granted they are still not going to be overly egotistical, but they will move forward faster in life than other combinations of Mercury to the Virgo Sun. Leo rules this position's mind and thinking, and Virgo represents the purpose of service and workmanship which will be expressed in an enthusiastic manner, making them much more capable of instilling in others an interest in their techniques. Another thing, they will enjoy what they are doing for it may be work to others but to them it is also entertaining.

They may have a sense of service to children and young people. This influence also gives a talent for teaching, but teaching in the context of expertise on a given principle or method. They would be more likely to be giving a class on how to become an expert in a given vocational sense (developing technique). They are experts in combining fun and games with practical utilitarian teaching or study. Perhaps, also, they find fun in service,

or any place they can help.

This is Earth and Fire. The mind may come up with some very enthusiastic ideas at times, but the practical Earth ego will extinguish the Fire either as being unpractical or as being premature. In a positive fashion, Virgo will force the thinking to become much more thorough. Much will depend upon what the third house sign is in the person's chart. The third house sign will indicate what experiences the person will have to face.

Look at what the Virgo Sun represents. Virgo represents service to their fellowman, becoming the best kind of technician in their craft. They are the trouble shooters, those who easily get things back into a system after an upheaval. Virgo represents dealing with the everyday world of work, duty, and achievement. They build brick by brick until the structure is finished. It is the sign that causes the person to seek being a technician in some area. It is their destiny to take something and make it as good as humanly possible. When we deal with Leo, Leo always wants to make his presence known; but Virgo is rather a back seat person most of the time, so how does this go together? It represents a person who has a fine balance between humility and ego status. This Leo Mercury helps give much more enthusiasm to a Virgo Sun that is exceptionally critical and sometimes too realistic. There is much more constructive vision that ultimately leads to a great deal of success.

Mercury ♀ in 7th House

(Freda Edis)

When Mercury is in the seventh house it can indicate how a person develops an awareness of others, much as Hermes began to do in his relationship with Aphrodite. With this placement, a person may need intellectual stimulation in marriage or close partnerships. Much depends on the aspects to Mercury and whether it conjuncts the Descendant. Time may be spent in analysing or discussing the relationship; and these people may be unconsciously restless and critical in marriage themselves, or they choose partners who openly display these characteristics. They may display great understanding of other people's intellectual needs, or feel bored and frustrated if these are not forthcoming.

This was certainly Hermes's way with women on his travels through Greek mythology. He was one of the Bachelor gods of the pantheon, and his adventures with women, even with Aphrodite, were short-lived. The sedate, house-husband role was not for Zeus's messenger. It meant that he missed out on the opportunities to form long-lasting relationships and to watch them change over time. Though this is sometimes a painful process, it is not always so, but immature Hermes has none of the judicious staying power of Libra, which knows that perseverance supplies the conditions for the proper

assessment of a process. Hermes was often too eager to be on his way.

The sign on the house cusp of the seventh will affect the operation of Mercury. With Pisces on the cusp, the planet may allow people the capacity to talk through emotional difficulties with a partner, though not without some vacillation between conflicting emotions. Mercury with Gemini here can lead to underestimating emotional needs. These people may delude themselves by thinking that all difficulties can be worked out rationally, or they may pick partners who show these traits. Aspects of Mercury to any seventh-house planets will also affect the quality of the relationship.

Over time, people with this placement may discover an urge to become more conscious of the manner in which they co-operate or collude with significant partners, bearing in mind that the underlying meaning is a desire to achieve balance between their own needs and those of their partners. They have the ability to develop an understanding of the nature of their projections and the qualities for which they choose partners. This could help them to appreciate the emotional content of partnerships, developing the detachment and the intimacy necessary to maintain a long-standing involvement. It is where the spirit of Mercury may be profitably active in the alchemical coniunctio. Only at this stage of the work on the psyche can the sacred marriage take place, a complete relationship between two opposing principles which allows for future progeny. In the seventh house, Mercury may help with the conscious recognition of both partners' needs, emotional and intellectual.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Those with Mercury in the seventh have a great interest in people in general, and in what makes them tick. They want to experience the gamut of human relationships. Much here will depend on the aspects to Mercury. If trines and sextiles predominate, they will be the most pleasant and understanding of companions. With chiefly hard aspects, difficulties will be defined by the planets involved. Usually they are pleasant, even exciting, in one-to-one relationships. With oppositions, squares, and inconjuncts, they may have trouble with the way they relate to groups. They may be paranoid, think too much about what others are doing or saying, and worry too much about how they appear to others. They may originate rumors or stir up trouble, usually in an anxious effort to discover opinions about themselves.

This interest in people usually results in an understanding of others, not so much by empathy, which would require other placements, as by knowing so many different types that repetitions are bound to occur, so that there finally develops a clinical knowledge of the ins and outs of the human psyche.

These people can't be accused of being locked up in themselves. They look to others in order to know and understand themselves. On the path to self-knowledge, they may give themselves over completely to a teacher at some point, or go from teacher to teacher,

ever seeking self-revelation. They are not usually secure enough in their egos to seek the limelight.

They are usually restless, without as well as within, seeking an ideal place to dwell, and will travel a lot, or go from one living place to another. They may even try to change themselves totally in some way once or twice by moving away from home, changing their names, and so on.

They are not particularly faithful to mates; but if a mate leaves them, or is unfaithful, they will suffer agonies. They are forever seeking a place or a group that can reflect back a good image of the self. They may complain bitterly if things are not just right; yet they cannot bear to hear others complain.

(Bill Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: Mercury in the 7th shows the relatedness to be the 'start-up motor' for personal thinking. You are not self-generating in mental activity. Instead, it is through connection with others that you become stimulated to use your intelligence, to develop rationales for solving your own puzzles. Naturally, you will be attracted to people you see as intelligent or clear thinkers. The pitfall lies in a kind of inadvertent plagiarism. Don't adopt another person's mode of thought, no matter how brilliant it may seem. Rise to the challenge of using the mental stimulation that arises through relationship to develop thought-forms you can truly call your own.

Equal partnerships: Your curiosity is a great asset for connecting with others; and you spend a lot of time thinking about relationships. The pitfall, curiously enough, centers around difficulties in communication. There is a tendency for you to be too passive in your efforts to reach your partner. You tend to wait, thinking all the while, but stewing, hoping that your partner will initiate communication. If you want your relationships to live vibrantly, to be interesting and exciting, you have to be willing to stimulate them, not simply wait for them to stimulate you. The challenge involves studying one-to-one relationships. Observe every relationship in your own life and in the lives of those around you. Learn how they work, why some succeed and others fail. Become an expert.

Contracts, commitments: Commitments are formed only after exhaustive analysis. You look at every possibility, examining the relationship from every angle before making a firm commitment to it. And even then it continues to change. You love the nuts and bolts of designing contracts; structures of agreement are fascinating for you. And though it may seem paradoxical, disagreement is equally fascinating, at least in the sense of nervous stimulation. The pitfall is that information is endless; you can't possibly know all the factors. The challenge is to allow yourself analysis first, but then to comprehend the importance of decision. Each phase of the process if necessary. One without the other is not only unproductive, but boring, a cause of broken commitments and ruined relationships.

Co-operation: You are compelled not so much by co-operation as by ongoing negotiations. You are not always co-operative, but you're more than willing to discuss the possibility, sometimes endlessly. You're stimulated by differences more than by togetherness. The pitfall is remaining in a never-ending series of negotiations, setting up the rules, defining the exceptions, tallying what's already been decided, etc., without ever co-operating productively. You're susceptible to logical argument, however, and can be convinced by a silver tongue, so remember the challenge of coming back to yourself, or you discover yourself creating something with which you don't even agree.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner has active, visible intelligence, a person who is curious, stimulating, and communicative. Your mate must be of high intelligence, at least in your eyes, and must be interested in a broad range of human events and experiences.

A natural partnership has a mobile, quicksilver nature. It should be free-ranging in association, with many outside friends and much socializing; and it must be a source of mental stimulation, opening your mind to new and exciting fields of inquiry of which you were formerly unaware. The image is a fast car weaving through the back streets and wide boundaries of a crowded city.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your need for communication brings you into close personal contact with the public; and you know that your opportunities for development will come from this sector. To make the right decisions about your career and personal relationships, you need the help and advice of a trusted associate. You are indeed qualified to help people with their problems because you understand their needs. Once you've convinced them of their potential, you can help them exploit their creative talents. The resulting exchange of ideas is mutually beneficial, for your greatest opportunities will come through such contacts. You might choose a career in which you are a catalyst for people who are unaware of their talents. You may consider becoming a vocational adviser, even though you sometimes need advice yourself. In all probability, you will meet your future partner through this field.

You are a fascinating conversationalist; and people are generally attentive when you speak. Your sparkling presentation arouses interest in the subject at hand. You also listen willingly to people with problems, and are equally attentive to their ideas. They appreciate your efforts to help them derive lasting benefits from their ideas. You can usually count on them to help you gladly when you need help, for they remember how instrumental you were in helping them plan their future goals.

Your most urgent priority is learning to be more self-sufficient and have enough confidence to make personal decisions. you are too easily intimidated by competition, so that you don't assert yourself enough. you should compromise only as much as your

career requires. You are at a crossroads, and there is tension between your early conditioning and your aspirations. Making the right decisions for yourself, in spite of your parents' opinions, will be a critical factor in determining your destiny. To fulfill your personal desires, you must either concur with parental suggestions or risk alienation. Your task is to help people establish a foundation on which they can successfully build their ambitions.

You need to be reassured that you can help people cope with their problems. If you persist, your earnings will grow as your experience expands. In your desire for increased earnings, you might make the mistake of expanding your operations and becoming excessively fatigued. While it is important to grow, you shouldn't exceed safe limits. Don't worry that you aren't doing all you can to fulfill your obligations to those you serve. The chances are, you have the highest motivation, which produces many rewards for others and spiritual enrichment for yourself.

The worst thing you can do is deny others the benefit of your ideas and your ability to solve problems. It would also be a mistake to focus your actions mainly on financial benefits with little attention to doing something worthwhile. This also applies to choosing a marriage partner. The best motive is love rather than financial gain, but the choice is yours to make. Marrying for love would give you the best of both worlds, for if you are happy in your personal relationship you will put your best efforts into succeeding in your career, which will benefit both of you. With your wealth of ideas, there are unlimited ways in which you can apply your skills to achieve your goals and gain the security you need.

(Howard Sasportas)

Mercury's dual function of gathering information and then distributing it again operates clearly when this planet is housed in the 7th: there is an enormous amount to learn through being with other people, but there is just as much to teach and share with them. Mercury in the 7th naturally desires to communicate and exchange ideas with many different types of people. Assessing and understanding how and what others think is a favourite pastime. Telling them one's own thoughts and opinions runs a close second.

Mercury in the 7th shops around for a partner who is intellectually stimulating. Of course, they may find so many people who are interesting in different ways that it is difficult to settle on just one. Then again, there may be no-one ever interesting enough. Nor is Mercury in the 7th immune to the pitfalls of projection: some may try to import another person to do their thinking, talking and decision-making for them. Or they may attract someone who is non-committal, unreliable, or tricky to pin down. As hurtful as this might be, there is the secondary gain of having escaped being pinned down themselves.

While being careful not to approach the whole delicate and mysterious area of relationship too much 'from the head', some degree of objectivity and detachment is required to sustain a long-term involvement. With Mercury in the 7th, many problems

can be 'worked through' if they are discussed and analysed. Some people with this placement may be fairly (or should I say 'unfairly'?) critical and judgemental about 'those little things' which their partners do that annoy them. Fortunately, the antics of the god Mercury remind us that a sense of humour about such things is the great balancer.

Venus ♀ in ♄ Capricorn 27° 36'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might place too much value on your projection to others of being absolutely on top of everything. This may stifle your special ability to exemplify and share awareness of social appropriateness. If you neglect demonstrating such knowledge, you may feel self-doubt and lack of control when others reflect your ineptitude.

When relationships are used for the purpose of ensuring your social position, people can become mere objects on the way toward your prestigious or sensual ends. Thus, the spirit of true relationships may be lost in pursuit of materialism that eventually leaves you alone with only your tangible assets for company.

You might deny your special ability to achieve material success in every area of your life because of giving in to fears of social rejection if you fail. This may lead to feeling sorry for yourself. You might lose your sense of self-worth if your values are not accepted and praised by others and are not reflected through material success.

Dynamic

You possess the ability to demonstrate social appropriateness as a means toward attaining a desired social position. You can express your unique gifts by sharing your perception and encouraging others to execute their intentions in a practical way. This produces a result that brings you a solid sense of your own worth.

You have the ability to use the social and material values of others for your own goals. Thus, in attaining material success you set an example and demonstrate your awareness of social values. This assists others in tangibly expressing their talents and intentions at the highest level of public acceptance.

You are able to establish a firm, reliable sense of self-worth when you share with others your understanding of how to manipulate the material world toward one's intended ends. Above all, you become an inspirational example when you demonstrate your natural knowledge of social suitability, utilizing those standards in a creative way to produce the desired results.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Love is a serious business for Venus in any of the Earth signs; but for Venus in Capricorn it is deadlily serious. These people will be extremely cautious about getting involved. They will take a long time getting to know a prospective partner and checking out his or her credentials. Unless the prognosis for the relationship is good, they would rather not embark. Ever-practical and achievement-orientated, they do not want to waste their time on something that is not going somewhere.

Someone with Venus in Capricorn will want and offer to make a major commitment if a relationship feels right to him or her, and will probably not begin to open up to his or her more sensual side until this is established. He / she wants to be sure of his / her partner, and will not want to invest him- / herself emotionally until then.

Within a relationship, practical security will be very important. People with Venus in Capricorn need to feel that the things around them are stable, in order for them to relax. They are not happy if conditions are uncomfortable. They may expect a partner to provide a stable, secure situation for them, or at least not to threaten one that they have already created for themselves. Hence, a partner's financial situation may be important to them. Venus in Capricorn has a reputation for marrying for money, which is not as mercenary as it sounds when it is realized that these people are attracted by stability and security.

People with Venus in Capricorn can also be drawn to someone who has a certain status or reputation they find desirable. They may gain status themselves through their relationships. They may be attracted by someone who has a dignified air or is distinguished in some way. Their own dignity will be very important to them, and they will be careful not to compromise it. Even in an established relationship, they will always behave with restraint and propriety in public. They make very good partners for ambitious people who need someone prepared to do the necessary formal socializing. They will be in tune with how important this aspect of life can be for someone in getting on, and can be extremely supportive of their partner's ambitions and useful to them in many practical ways.

(Skye Alexander)

Although this sign position doesn't in itself signify artistic talent, if other factors in your chart denote creative ability you probably will express it in a traditional, conservative or practical manner. Your tastes are conventional and reserved, and you look to the past for inspiration, using forms and techniques that are 'tried and true'. Perhaps you will not discover or express your artistic interests until later in life; and you may have to overcome blocks of some kind that stand in the way of your creativity - family responsibilities, financial concerns, lack of education, or fear of failure.

It is important for you to create something material and tangible, that is useful and will endure for generations to come. Thus, your preferred art form could be architecture. Or, you might be a collector of art, an investor in antiques and / or 'old masters' (rather than someone who takes a chance on unknown artists). Another possibility is that you would make a business of art.

In relationships, you are cautious, practical and traditional. You seek stability and permanence in both romantic and business partnerships. Not one to take relationships lightly, if you make a commitment to another person you stick by it faithfully. One-night stands and brief affairs don't interest you much. You like constancy, predictability, and the security that comes from an established partnership with clearly defined parameters and patterns. Therefore, your relationships have a better chance than most of enduring. However, your desire for stability and permanence can cause you to stay in a relationship that is no longer satisfying, or one that has ceased to grow and develop. People with this placement can let themselves and their relationships get 'in a rut' and become more of a habit than a joy.

When it comes to matters of the heart, you are a realist, a pragmatist. You aren't the type to fall head-over-heels in love with someone; and usually you want to know your lover for a long time before making a commitment. You may even view love relationships as a business arrangement, and are more likely to marry for money, status, security or convenience than out of passion. Therefore, others might consider you cold-blooded or mercenary. You aren't very romantic or affectionate, and tend to be reserved and constrained when it comes to expressing your feelings for your partner. What you lack in romance, however, you make up for in loyalty. Duty-conscious and reliable, you won't shirk your responsibilities to your loved ones or dump your partner of many years for a younger, prettier face.

Though you appear to be aloof, unfeeling or superior in love matters, in truth you are terribly shy and sensitive. You often hesitate to make a move for fear of being rejected. Perhaps there is some obstacle - physical, emotional, financial or otherwise - that keeps you from involving yourself in love relationships. You undervalue your attractiveness, and are afraid that others don't like you. Because love to you is serious business, you usually won't take a chance if you aren't certain of the outcome beforehand. Thus, you may miss out on many romantic opportunities or wait until rather late in life to form a love relationship.

Women with Venus in Capricorn view maturity and wisdom as desirable qualities in a woman; and, therefore, are less likely than others to dread growing older. You also tend to be career-oriented, and might place work ahead of marriage and children. Being successful professionally makes you feel good about yourself as a woman; and you certainly don't believe that businesswomen are less feminine than homemakers. However, your attitudes toward love and relationships are traditional and somewhat

old-fashioned, so you may have difficulty reconciling your professional ambitions with your conservative views about male-female partnerships.

Men with this planetary position are most interested in women who are mature, refined, no-nonsense types. Your ideal woman looks as if she just stepped out of *Town and Country* magazine. Her public image is proper and dignified, but in private she's sensual and passionate. Classic beauties with old-fashioned values and blue-chip stocks are the stuff of which your romantic fantasies are made. You also might be attracted to women who are older than you.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Capricorn indicates those who need material status and wealth in order to achieve emotional security. Often they seek to improve their status by marrying above their station in life, with the attitude that one might as well fall in love with someone wealthy. In dating and courtship, they are attracted to those who will take them to expensive restaurants and prestigious places of entertainment. Proud and reserved in their public behavior, they dislike overt public displays of emotion and affection, considering such conduct beneath them. Their dignified air can be based on their desire to feel superior to the common lot; sometimes this is resented by others as snobbishness.

Because of the Saturn rulership of Capricorn, people with this Venus position can repress their emotions and sexuality, as does Venus in Virgo; but they are capable of being very sensual in private. They attract sympathy through their quiet personal dignity and refinement. There is also a sense of aloneness about them, which generates a subtle mystique that appeals to others. The classic chiseled features of Greek beauty are typical of Venus in Capricorn.

People with this position of Venus, if they marry young, seek older, more mature partners. However, if they marry later in life, they choose younger mates whom they can stabilize and provide with security in return for affection. Though not openly demonstrative, they are loyal and steadfast to those they love, because they innately sense the personal responsibility in important relationships.

In art, these people have a strong sense of composition and structure; like Venus in Sagittarius, this position endows them with an attraction to classical music and other traditional art forms that have preserved their value through the test of time. Since they have business and managerial ability in matters related to art, they may become antique dealers, museum curators, and art gallery directors.

If Venus is afflicted in Capricorn, there can be emotional coldness and overconcern with property and material goods. Calculating and ulterior motives may supersede affections; marriage can be made for money and status, and love can go a-begging.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus is in the domain of Saturn in this sign so there is an entirely different expression of the love nature and emotions from that in the sign of Sagittarius. Here will be the seriousness, caution and pride of Saturn. Intensifies ambition and a desire for prestige and status. Behind an outer assurance is a timidity in love and reserve in expressing feelings. There is a fear of giving too much of oneself, and a desire to shield the self from hurt. Disappointments in love during the youth, especially if Venus is afflicted, can be overcome by willingness to go the way of love and hold no bitterness or resentment toward the one who brought the suffering. Fear and selfishness must be overcome; and Venus in Capricorn has the strength and patience to do it.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Although the worldly ambition associated with Capricorn does not easily blend with the Venusian need to relate and love, when the planet is placed in this sign it gives someone who will, once committed, want to remain faithful and constant. Because of the differing characteristics of the sign and principles of the planet, there can be inhibition in the full expression of feeling, so it is important that, while there may be no desire to gush forth with affirmations of love, the partner really knows how much he or she is loved. Sometimes, in order to make worldly progress, a partner will be chosen as a status symbol of some kind. However, true, constant love should be the aim, with the Capricorn ambition geared towards joint development of the partnership, materially and emotionally. Here is a faithful friend who likes to create an impression. Money is spent in a calculated way, often to show off; yet a careful streak will also be evident.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this Venus placement links the deep intensity and passion of Scorpio with the cool calculation of Capricorn. Here are people who will get what they want, but may not consider a partner's feelings carefully or sympathetically. They are demanding friends who will encourage others in their ambitions. Ruthlessness in all areas of life must be countered. Business- and money-making abilities are excellent.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this Venus placement calms the passion of Sagittarius; and the love life is taken seriously. The subject is thoughtful and fairly constant (more so than other members of this Sun sign), but there can be conflict between the Sagittarian need for freedom of expression within a relationship and the Capricorn urge to do the right thing. Here is a friend who enjoys demanding challenges. Financial growth can occur through clever and calculated risk-taking.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, faithfulness and loyalty join with a reserved expression of feeling. The general characteristics of Venus in Capricorn detailed above will be very evident. Ambition for material progress must not be so great that the partner and children are neglected as a result.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, the very independent Aquarian lifestyle will cause a reluctance to be committed to an emotional relationship. The romantic tendencies often present in this Sun sign may be suppressed. The impression given is cool and distant, but there are magnetic powers of attraction. Here is a good, faithful friend, but someone who will be difficult to know really well. The management of finances may or may not be good, so balance is needed.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, the blending of Earth (Capricorn) and Water (Pisces) is excellent, since Venus will help steady the gush of Piscean emotion. If a practical approach to love can be achieved, there should be no conflict, but the coolness of Venus must be recognized as a positive factor, helping to channel and give an element of caution and common sense in this sphere of life. Here is a kind friend who will offer plenty of sensible suggestions when called upon to help. There will be some fiscal ability but, if Mercury is also in Pisces, professional financial advice is to be recommended.

(Grant Lewi)

You are wise beyond your years where emotions are concerned, accept naturally the dictates of society, and will rarely be found in a compromising position. Emotional response will genuinely be along the lines of conventions, sometimes even of the main chance; you won't marry beneath you. You could love more easily where moeny is involved. Since your emotions are geared to your defence and ambition responses, you will rarely find yourself struggling between love and duty, desire and ambition; they automatically work together. Your emotions are not so much controlled as they are natural adjuncts to practical wishes; you instinctively do the right thing, make the tactful response, refuse to be hurt, and easily refrain from doing things that hurt others. Emotional response is self-repressed and may even become selfish. If you have a lot of trouble with your emotions, it is from something else in your Vitasphere, and not from Venus in Capricorn.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Capricorn, Venus tells of a native who is adaptable, moves with the times, is able to make adjustments, and strives to make his loved ones happy and secure. There are basic disappointments, but he thrives on them and accepts them as challenges - nevertheless, he does not go unscathed. Gain is indicated from foreign travel and legacies. He must be wary of those who 'talk a good game' but have little to offer. Otherwise, he becomes involved with individuals who use and insult him, and then complain because he appears cold or indifferent.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a dutiful, though potentially inhibited, lover. Love for you is something that has

to be tried to be true, and so you favour the conventional values of fidelity and duty, the passing of time through commitment, and probably the enduring institution of marriage, in order to establish a relationship or Other as reliable and worthwhile. When carried too far, however, such hide-bound relating can cause you to want some sort of release; but be careful this is not merely some fancy.

You attract with a serious and considered attitude which bespeaks dependability and substance; with commitment and involvement with matters besides Other, such as a profession or worthwhile goal; and with a resourcefulness and possible affluence that promises ease in the material world.

You repel with an inhibited and distrustful approach towards emotional matters; with a cold self-containment that betrays the fact that Other is just another responsibility in a life full of duties and commitments; and by putting money and status above feelings, especially those of and for Other.

You are attracted to a mature, responsible and utterly trustworthy Other; to an Other who has an elusive or mysterious quality that you cannot put your finger on - or control, for that matter; and to an Other who is a firm, recognizable member of your social or cultural group.

You are repelled by sloppy, irresolute types who are looking for someone to use as a step up life's ladder; by those too eager to fit in with your plans and opinions, for in truth you only trust and respect an Other who is his / her own person; and by situations where you feel ill-at-ease because there are too many 'unknowns'.

When you are alone, it is because you have not trusted anyone to come close enough to discover the real you. This is not to do with making yourself known as a personality with all your various strengths and weaknesses too, but more a case of revealing your very soul to Other, and trusting him / her with it in a real way. You can be very adept at presenting yourself in an apparently candid fashion, but this can be a bit like paying lipservice to emotional honesty. In other words, for all your apparently straight dealing, you always hold back the very part of yourself that is chaotic and lost, or at least is what you regard as such. This is the part that love and love only can heal, but it is love that you ultimately do not trust. You too often mistake the formalities and conditions placed upon love for love itself - so it is no wonder you do not trust it and find yourself alone.

(John Townley)

Your tastes in sexuality tend to be simple, even austere, for you feel that too many complications get in the way of and distract from the course of events. You do not require a great deal of physical attention, for you can glean plenty of substance from what seems little to others, and fine meaning where many would overlook it.

You may find satisfaction in a relationship in which one partner dominates the other or in which each person's realm of authority is very clearly delineated within an overall balance. At any rate, clarity is essential, for a muddled relationship will not allow you to fully enjoy your sexuality.

A partner who is quite a bit older or younger, probably older, best suits your sexual style. This is not so much for the sake of knowledge and experience but for the quality of distance mixed with intimacy that often characterizes such a relationship.

Although you want sure and certain affection from your lover, you prefer someone who is fairly discreet and treats your relationship not frivolously but with respect and decorum.

(Robert Hand)

You keep your feelings under control, and at times you may find it difficult to make friends. This is because you express your feelings more seriously than most people your age. For this reason, you may prefer being with older people or people who can teach you about how to get along in the world. You very much need to respect the people you like. However, make sure that your relationships are not based solely on what others can do for you, because sometimes people with this placement of Venus use friendship and love to get ahead in the world. If you use your friends in this way, you won't learn what love and friendship are really about.

You are not self-indulgent, and you can control your desires quite well, so you are not likely to waste money or other resources. You will plan very carefully how to be rather thrifty. Your eating and drinking habits will also be moderate; in fact, you are at your best doing everything in moderation. And you don't especially like people who go overboard, particularly in expressing their feelings.

(Donna van Toen)

This placing gets almost as much bad press as Venus in Virgo. Again, while slow to warm up, it's not devoid of passion; it just doesn't place sex quite so high on its list of priorities as do some of the other signs. You need a purpose in life; and the object of your affections must be able to fit himself / herself into this purpose. It's been said that Venus in Capricorn is inclined to marry for money or prestige. While this may have been true once upon a time, I've yet to see anyone with this placing who puts money or prestige at the top of his / her list of needs. But while you don't expect your mate / lover to necessarily improve your material or social standing, you won't allow him / her to interfere with it or cause it to deteriorate either. You need a mate who understands that an ivy-covered cottage teeming with kiddies just isn't enough for you, no matter how much love you get there. To feel worthy of love, you must feel you're doing something to deserve it. For you, that means proving yourself in the business world, or in your community, in some way, by earning the respect of those beyond your four walls. But it

also means you have a need to be sure of your mate / lover's respect and support. To work so hard only to have your partner undermine or belittle your efforts would be a crushing blow for you.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Steadfast, creative, ambitious, image-conscious, responsible.

Capricorn, the cardinal Earth sign symbolised by a goat ascending a mountain, is, along with Scorpio, the workaholic of the zodiac. Just as the persevering, goal-orientated mountain goat climbs slowly but surely until it reaches the top, people with Venus in Capricorn leave no stone unturned in their never-ending exploration of their creativity and money-making potential. Because Saturn-ruled Capricorn represents discipline, structure and the foresight needed to bring budding ideas to fruition, Venus will add creativity and co-operation to whatever they attempt, be it in the corporate, governmental or artistic arena.

Since their self-esteem is intrinsically rooted in the successful fulfilment of their ambitions (to be president of a company or to buy a beautiful home), marriage is often postponed until they feel themselves well established. Conversely, they may choose emotionally supportive, financially comfortable or socially connected partners to help them to achieve their goals. Due to the single-minded sense of achievement that Venus in Capricorn people demand of themselves (and, as a result, of others), they usually do not rush headlong into a relationship. In fact, they devote so much time and energy to building a career that their partners must recognise that success is essential for their self-esteem and, therefore, their capacity for love.

Serious and dutiful, Venus in Capricorn individuals require professional and personal partners who will provide the support, devotion and security they need to continue climbing the ladder of success. Because Capricorn is such a conservative and prudent sign, men with this placement still exhibit many traditional attitudes towards women's roles both in the workplace and at home. By the same token, Venus in Capricorn women may be attracted to strong, successful and protective men.

If Venus in Capricorn is well aspected, these individuals are quite confident and place enormous value on friendships and relationships. While not always verbally expressive, they are none the less loyal and offer unconditional support to their loved ones - and expect the same in return. If Venus is poorly aspected, there may be an insecurity regarding their position or ability to fulfil ambitions, thereby placing a strain on their home life. Their expectations of complete loyalty from personal and professional partners coupled with their obsessive drive to succeed can make them resent any time not utilised in their behalf or in pursuit of common goals.

At times, students of astrology tend to forget that, like all Earth signs, sober, judicious

Capricorn is also sensual and, as a result, Venus in the sign of the mountain goat represents one of the most ardent positions of the zodiac. It obviously takes a long time for individuals with this placement to fall in love as they are preoccupied with their careers and / or do not approach any facet of their lives - especially love and commitment - lightly or superficially. When these perfectionists ultimately surrender to love, they will not settle for anything less than a long-term commitment - unlike, for instance, Venus in Aries people, who half expect their relationships to fail. In fact, Venus in Capricorn people have feelings that run so deep they can even lead to obsession and jealousy - in extreme cases. While their public displays of affection are minimal, their sexuality is, in fact, exceedingly intense; and their commitment to relationships is loyal and steadfast.

The intensity, devotion and pervading sexuality of Venus in Capricorn is typified by show business personalities.

Very often, Venus in Capricorn people who have truly obtained self-worth from their careers do have committed, long-term relationships founded on love and admiration for their partner, both personally and professionally.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual experiences the faithful quality of enduring love. His feelings are deep and lasting, his loyalties growing secure and richer with the passing years, with an outlook on life to conserve and preserve that which he solidly builds. Having a strongly practical love nature, he tends to be conservative and restrictive, experiencing great difficulties in expressing his feelings. Thus, rather than using up his storehouse of love, he puts limits on how much he will allow himself to feel. In essence, he holds back and withdraws hermit-like into himself as if to find a safe hiding place for his squirrel-like sensitivities which are always seeking future security.

This is an especially difficult placement for Venus, as the individual's love nature is often so burdened with worries, insecurities, and karmic self-doubts that it is few and far between moments when he actually feels his attunement with life. He tends to be overprotective, with a narrow-closed outlook which is unduly concerned with social acceptance. As a result, he has a tendency to be susceptible to marrying for convenience, money, social status, prestige or other motives less than love.

The Saturnian influence here tends to crystalize emotions, delay love, create attractions to an older or conventional partner, and inhibit the free flow of feeling which is the very essence of life's fulfillment. The individual's ability to love is often hidden behind a selfprotective wall. And, it is this very wall that must be overcome if he is to experience fulfillment in life.

The Yod to this Venus placement is formed by the signs Gemini and Leo; and it is from

these two signs that the individual learns his greatest lessons about love.

From the sign Gemini, he learns how to put activity and motion into his life. The inhibited feelings of the Capricorn Venus become loosened, and the person discovers his ability to express his love to others. The social qualities of Gemini teach him about adaptability. He learns to break the rigidity of his overly-structured love nature, lighten up his serious and often somber attitude towards life, and realize that he can have a youthful sense of presence which enables him to be as much attuned to his current feelings as he is to the conventional past patterns in which he tends to dwell.

The communicative inclinations of Gemini help teach this individual how to tell his feelings to another. He realizes that the cold sense of isolation that he assumes to be his prison is absolved by understanding how his innermost sensitivities are commonly shared with others. In this way, he establishes his link to humanity.

From the sign Leo, he learns how to come out of his shell, gathering the courage and boldness to break through his fears and inhibitions, and actually taste what life is like. Leo symbolizes generosity and an openly honest expansively warm nature. From this sign, the individual must realize that if he is to experience the fulfillment of love he is seeking, he must first overcome his 'miser-like' tendencies which on all levels enclose his life in the meager proportions of a fearful and limited imagination. He learns that the courage it takes to show his feelings and openly give his affections not only becomes the very essence of his ability to feel life, but also puts him in touch with the one force that overcomes karma.

The sextile from Gemini to Leo encourages the individual to participate in the active sunshine of life. Rather than forcing others to pry into his shell, expanding their efforts to understand his blocked-in feelings, or perhaps even testing their ability to earn his love, he begins to realize how the reciprocity of open exchange (Gemini) and the expansive generosity of a giving nature (Leo) bring him to experience the warmth and acceptance he is seeking.

Once the lessons of the Yod are learned, this individual begins to understand the true beauty of the Venus in Capricorn placement. He finds that by openly and honestly sharing his inner feelings, he receives not only the acceptance he so strongly needs, but also the encouragement to discover the niche in life through which most of his energies will filter. It is through this niche that he will devote his endearing loyalties towards a purpose with meaning; a dedicated mission of devotion towards a lifetime that will not only stand for something important in the society his love is helping to establish, but also have the enduring quality to outlast him.

His very special Gift of Love will come from his ability to communicate and expressively show the beauty of this sense of lasting value to others.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Affections are serious but restrained.

Symbol: A beautiful woman buttons herself into an old-fashioned dress.

Although Venus is in many ways agreeably situated in Capricorn, people born with this configuration have some very contradictory impulses to resolve. Much depends on whether the higher or lower side of the combination prevails. If Saturn's chill hardens the heart and restricts the Venusian capacity for love, this position can betray the calculating ambition of one who marries for money and trades on sentiment for the sake of personal gain. A need to fortify the ego by surrounding it with possessions of demonstrable value crushes the tender emotions of Venus under the wheels of the Capricornian drive for power. Sexual inhibitions may grow out of fears instilled by strict social taboos, or there may be a rather mechanical approach to sex in which erotic techniques are substituted for the simple capacity to love.

When well aspected, Venus in Capricorn is loyal, trustworthy, and steadfast. Feelings may be more profoundly experienced as a result of being held in reserve and not wasted in casual demonstrations of affection. Sometimes a desire for security, combined with a fear of being rebuffed, delays marriage and tempers ardor with caution. One way or another, love is hedged round with practical considerations. The necessity for restraint, although frustrating in youth, pays unexpected dividends as the years pass. Saturn needs time to mellow before it can show itself at its best.

In women, this combination can bestow a becoming reticence which may be extremely appealing. When young, they often have a demureness associated with the old-fashioned virtues of modesty and chastity. In later years, they come into their own and frequently rise to positions of authority. Since Saturn represents the father, they may dedicate their lives to the male parent and bear the burden of his ideals. Often they marry an older man.

Men of this type tend to be self-abnegating; and their romantic impulses are subordinated to their professional duties. Such men wed for a variety of practical reasons, but, in reality, their first love is their work. Often their wives help them in their business, a practice which may benefit both marriage and career.

In the lives of immature people or of those driven mainly by physical appetites, this blending of influences can have a coarsening effect. Venus panders to the senses while Saturn hardens the ego, intensifying the materiality of an Earth planet in an Earth sign. For mature individuals, this same position can be remarkably productive. It gives a sense of order and proportion which contributes to the success of their endeavors in whatever field they make their own. If a thing is to be done at all, they will take the time and care to see that it is done right.

Venus in Capricorn translates personal affections into emotional discipline. True love must have time to grow. It endures patiently, suffers uncomplainingly, and remains faithful to the finish. Ultimately, this abiding devotion justifies all the vicissitudes of a life lived for others, and serves as an example of the highest moral precepts held forth by the teachers of the race.

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern, the Venus in Capricorn people have learned to be very cautious and controlled in how they express themselves and relate to other people. This external pattern is a reflection of how they have learned to inwardly relate to themselves: the Venus in Capricorn people have very deep feelings and needs that take time to surface into their conscious awareness. Even when they do surface, these individuals require time to make sure, and feel secure, that what they are feeling, or needing, is correct. Even then, they can be very slow to relate, share, or communicate these feelings and / or needs to others because of a pre-existing fear of rejection and / or false judgement. This pre-existing fear has occurred because these individuals have experienced rejection and / or wrong judgement all too often early in their life, from one or both of their biological parents.

The nature of Capricorn, as an archetype, correlates to the phenomena of time and space, and how time and space are structured or organized. It correlates to the phenomena of finitude and mortality, and to the nature of how collectives of people organize themselves into structured groups or societies with consensus-formed, man-made laws, regulations, norms, taboos, and customs. This in turn creates social expectations of how people should integrate and conduct themselves within the group or society (the expectation to conform) which, in turn, becomes the basis of social judgements. And when the expectation to conform to what the consensus expects does not occur, this becomes the basis of guilt.

In addition, Capricorn correlates to the structure and nature of consciousness in human form, to the nature of structure in any form, and to the use of form. It also points to the need to change the nature of structural form when that form has become counterproductive to necessary change - that is, when it has served its use and become crystallized. In psychological terms, Capricorn correlates to the function of conscious reflection which allows for a simultaneous awareness of the overall state of our beingness and what we need to change, inwardly and outwardly, in order to grow. Because of Capricorn's correlation to time and space, finitude, and mortality, it also correlates to psychological / emotional maturation, aging, defining the focus of our life via goals and ambitions, and the self-determination that this requires. Negatively speaking, this can produce the psychology of futility, pessimism, fatalism, and self-defeat.

The Venus in Capricorn person has typically been born into family structures in which

the parental reality has been defined by the consensus of the society in which they live. Consequently, the parental reality has typically had a heavy undertone in which the child has been expected to conform to the parental value system. When the child deviated from these expectations to conform, he or she was made to feel guilty in covert or overt ways through the use of judgement. A related dynamic within the general pattern of expectation to conform to parental values is one wherein the parents have projected on the child a rigid code of conduct that the child is expected to adhere to even when the parents themselves do not. The cliché 'Do as I say, not as I do' applies here. This creates the very real perception in the child of hypocrisy and double standards. Within this, the very way in which the parents related to themselves has typically been very rigid, controlled, emotionally distant, and perfunctory. There is a lack of spontaneity, and a lack of any real demonstrations of affection or love between them. Quite the contrary: the parents are generally very controlled in their emotional interrelatedness with one another. The nature of their relationship is commonly defined by predictable routine and order which each parent expects the other to adhere to and maintain. There is also a mutual fear of being too vulnerable with one another; and their sexual life is either blocked or distorted in some way. All of this has served to 'imprint' the overall psychology and emotional reality of the Venus in Capricorn child.

As a result of this, the Venus in Capricorn individual learned as a child to deeply compress and protect his / her feelings. These children learned that their needs could not be acknowledged, supported, or nurtured by their parents. As a result, they learned to either conceal or suppress their needs. This process of learning to control their emotional demonstrations is a reflection of the survival instinct. It is based on the situation in which the parents expected the Venus in Capricorn child to act almost like miniature adults, to shoulder many duties and responsibilities - in short, to control or suppress the normal behavior of the child. This undermines and stifles the child's true nature and activities.

Because there has been no real emotional support or nurturing relative to their actual needs and desires, there is a deep wellspring of insecurity that is born out of this type of parental environment. Thus, the normal emotions and needs of the child have become buried deep into the subconscious of many individuals who have Venus in Capricorn. These emotions and needs become psychologically displaced, and surface later on in their adult life. This is important to understand, because whatever any of us supposes, for whatever reasons, becomes distorted. Thus, the emotions and needs of these individuals have typically become distorted as adults because of the psychological displacement caused when they were children.

One of the displaced emotions that can surface in a distorted way concerns the nature of authority. Because of the typically authoritarian nature of the parental environment, the Venus in Capricorn people have had their own inner sense of authority fractured, suppressed, or crushed. In adulthood, this displaced emotion can manifest in a few different ways depending on the overall nature of the person in question, as seen in the

totality of his / her birth chart. For some, their underlying insecurity will manifest as a very timid, shy, reserved, and fearful way of relating to other people in general. In their intimate relationships, this type will typically attract controlling, dominating, willful, judgemental, hypocritical and authoritarian individuals who more or less expect the Venus in Capricorn people to be vicarious extensions of their own reality and to be dependent on them. This type of Venus in Capricorn person would have had almost no sense of being emotionally nurtured as a child. Thus, this additional displaced emotion now manifests as wanting to be taken care of by this type of partner: to be dependent in order to feel safe and secure.

For others, this will manifest in an almost opposite way. These types have so thoroughly imprinted the nature of the authoritarian parental environment that they become very intense, authoritarian types who perpetually need to assert and project their own sense of authority in order to feel secure. The underlying insecurity that haunts all Venus in Capricorn individuals becomes compensated for in this way. As a result, these types are instinctively fearful of losing their authority, and will do almost anything to sustain it. To them, the end justifies the means. They will typically feel afraid of anyone else who has legitimate authority, and will generally challenge, or in some way attempt to undermine, the authority of such people, in order to sustain their own. The means most commonly used are contrived and harsh negative judgements and pronouncements, and power plays in which they attempt to block or thwart the goals and ambitions of others. This type, even if they have no actual authority, will attempt to associate with others that do. Their sense of authority is thus created through vicarious association. In their general relatedness patterns with others, they will appear stoic and controlled, project an authoritarian stance, and attempt to control others through the use of judgement in one way or another. An example of this point could be the person who was the co-author of a book, who continuously reminded the other author that it was important to keep their names in the public eye in one way or another - the implied judgement being that if they did not, then no-one would give them any interest or attention. On an inner basis, this type is emotionally frozen and fearful of his / her vulnerability.

In their intimate relationships, these types attract one of two types of partners. One type will be just as oriented to outward success, appearances, and social ambition as they are. Their inner life will be just as emotionally frozen as well. They may relate well through the commonality of their external goals and ambitions; yet their inner emotional relatedness will be slim to none. The other type will be just the opposite: a very emotionally needy individual who is essentially looking for a de facto parent to whom to be in relationship. This type will be very dependent, and essentially attempt to live through the Venus in Capricorn's identity and reality. They will have no real life of their own, and subconsciously feel safe in being dominated and controlled. When this type of Venus in Capricorn attracts that type of partner, it is really a reflection of his / her own subconscious desire to lose control, to be cared for, and to be nurtured more or less like a baby. Of course, they would never admit to this even though it is true. This subconscious desire reflects yet another form of the displaced emotions of childhood

that were conditioned by living in the antithesis of a warm, caring, and supportive emotional environment.

Within all Venus in Capricorn individuals lies a very deep and reflective consciousness. To others, this can create the appearance of a withdrawn, quiet, reserved, conservative, and serious person. One of the potential causes for this reflective, inward-looking focus is the fact that many Venus in Capricorn people are born with an unresolved grief, or a grief that has been created in their early life which is also unresolved in adulthood. As a result of this, the Venus in Capricorn people can seem as if they are in a perpetual or cyclic state of mourning. Their hearts seem to be burdened and sad. There can be many causes of this condition. The typical causes are childhoods in which there was not real love, caring, or nurturing; adult relationships that were devoid of any real emotional interaction, love, or support; the witnessing and experiencing of political or religious upheavals in which many people were hurt or destroyed; and / or political or environmental conditions in which great plagues, famine, or physical destitution occurred. Another typical cause can be a situation where the Venus in Capricorn person was, or is, in a relationship lacking in any real inner relatedness with the partner and which, in turn, created an attraction to another who could or would give them what they needed. Yet, because the Venus in Capricorn people are inherently oriented to honoring their commitments based on their sense of obligation, duty, and being responsible, the attraction to another has been typically suppressed and not acted on. Thus, this creates a deep inner suffering leading to a state of grief or mourning. The results of whatever the causes have been have produced a more or less traumatized heart, and an emotional structure that lies deeply buried within these individuals. In the Anton Chekhov play 'The Seagull', there was a character that was always dressed in black. A person asked her why she always dressed this way. Her answer was 'because I am in mourning for my life!' This character symbolizes the heavy heart of Venus in Capricorn people until they are unblocked.

This is a rather sad state of affairs because, in reality, the Venus in Capricorn individual is a highly emotional person. Deep within themselves they are intrinsically warm, caring, nurturing, and sensual. Yet because they have learned to protect themselves due to the fear of being vulnerable and wrongly judged, and because their emotional body is essentially traumatized due to the above causes, it requires a very special kind of person to help them unlock their emotional nature. This kind of person must be very patient and gentle in encouraging the Venus in Capricorn people to access their feelings and needs. He / she must be the type of person who can help them understand the basis of what constitutes their own inner judgemental patterns, and to help them be free of those patterns. Within this, this type of person must have a deep understanding of the nature of societal and parental imprinting, and how it has caused the Venus in Capricorn people to conceal and suppress their natural emotional needs. He / she must be able to teach these individuals that it is necessary for them to learn how to relate, express, and communicate themselves freely and openly - to ask for what they need. This is essential, because all too often the Venus in Capricorn people silently expect that their partner

should just know what they need without asking. In this way they recycle their sense of disappointment linked with childhood - the inner child's disappointment in its parents' unwillingness to give to it what it needed.

All of this must be done through positive reinforcement and non-judgement. Over time, this approach will help the Venus in Capricorn people hear differently. Instead of hearing and being over-sensitive to judgemental, critical, and authoritarian words which reflect the nature of their childhood imprinting, they will now hear words of acceptance, empowerment, and encouragement. They will hear that they are good and loving people who do not need to feel guilty for who they are. They will accept encouragement to define their own unique values, and to structure their life accordingly. They will begin to examine the nature of their conditioning patterns, and, in so doing, to be as free from those patterns as possible. Above all, the Venus in Capricorn people need another who will hold and touch them so that the early lack of nurturing in their early environment can be healed in adulthood. In fact, the key to unlocking the Venus in Capricorn people occurs through touch. Once they feel a sense of safety in this way, the Venus in Capricorn people will naturally begin to open up in a very slow and methodical way.

Venus ♀ in 12th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: compassionate, secretive, indulgent, reclusive.

Like Venus in the twelfth sign of Pisces, its exalted position, the planet's appearance in the twelfth house endows its recipients with a gentle, loving and sympathetic nature - recalling the more tender qualities of the Love and Fertility Goddesses. Because individuals with this placement possess an abundance of warmth, soft-heartedness and compassion, they often feel compelled to sacrifice their own desires and give of themselves in order to feel validated and worthy of love. The need to give and receive love is, at times, so overpowering that their affection is bestowed upon undeserving recipients. Deriving their self-worth from helping those in emotional and / or financial need, these tireless workers and selfless volunteers must learn to preserve their own mental health by leaving work at the office.

While their willingness to help others is certainly a virtue, the insecurity and fragility associated with the twelfth house often produce in them a compulsion to befriend and even romance unstable or addictive personalities in order to reaffirm their own selfworth. While there is a genuine wish to see partners improve or recover, they often become 'enablers' who unintentionally maintain, rather than curb, their partners' illnesses. Should their companions improve and their role as helpmate no longer be required, the optimism and overwhelming creative instincts supplied by Venus in the twelfth house must be utilised to redirect the course of the relationship.

Extremely compassionate and highly imaginative, these individuals are attracted to the emotionally demanding professions of social work, nursing and medicine, as well as to the creative fields of the visual and performing arts (such as film, dance and drama). In order to succeed, however, they must put aside their personal dilemmas and channel their emotions into their work. (This is more likely to occur if the chart also displays either a preponderance of Earth and Fire signs or a strongly aspected Sun, Mars and / or Saturn.)

A lack of confidence and fear of criticism inherent in people with Venus in the twelfth house frequently prevent their imaginative ideas from finding a productive, creative outlet; instead, these ideas are dissipated by escapist behaviour. They have also been known to conceal or repress their emotions, which can result in clandestine, ill-fated love affairs or, at its most extreme, a reclusive lifestyle.

These people may have been awkward, bashful or lonely as children; and their adult behaviour patterns often stem from these deep-seated insecurities. Due to the sense of alienation that lies at the very core of people with this placement, they do not understand the meaning of sharing - regarding it as something that is being taken away from them. While they often look to a relationship to bring them out of their shell, it is important for their partners to recognise that their need for privacy and solitude must nevertheless be respected.

If Venus is well-aspected, the hidden quality of personality may involve meditation, creativity or helping others who are either lonely, hospitalised, institutionalised or imprisoned. If Venus is poorly aspected, there is an accompanying inability to open up to others and, at its worst extreme, a failure to form close relationships at all. Ironically, however, it is this alienation that aids in the quest to help others in favour of confronting the complexities of interpersonal relationships.

While the twelfth house is the domain of physical or emotional confinement, this area of the chart, according to Hindu (Vedic) astrology, also governs expenditure and spending habits. The placement of Venus in this house accentuates the planet's affinity with opulence, resulting in the purchase of beautiful, costly and often frivolous items. If Venus is poorly aspected, however, these individuals will measure their self-esteem by their earning power and will try to impress others with their expensive possessions, resulting in extravagant, wasteful spending, borrowing and, if taken to the utmost degree, perpetual debt.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

For someone with Venus in the twelfth house, love and sacrifice become intertwined. These people are capable of caring for others in a selfless and compassionate way. Their own needs may not be apparent to them, let alone to others, so they can easily be

overlooked. This will inevitably lead to complicated scenarios. Their fulfilment can come from an undemanding devotion to someone else. They may experience a vicarious happiness through suffering, and may find pleasure in being a victim of martyr in love.

They can try to be all things to all people, which gets them into considerable confusion in their relationships. As they lack clarity, they frequently find themselves enmeshed in tangled emotional situations. This is an externalization, a making actual, of their own inner muddle. They do not properly understand their own needs; hence this leads them into complicated scenarios.

They can therefore have very unhappy love lives that involve a lot of personal sacrifice. They may want someone who will make sacrifices from them too. They may love someone to whom they can never declare their love - someone unavailable for one reason or another, whom they can only ever love in secret. This could be someone they know, who is in their life in some way but has no idea of how they feel, or someone they have never actually met, someone famous perhaps, a remote fantasy figure.

They are also susceptible to having affairs - usually clandestine because of others involved who must not find out. They may be people who would, anyway, want to keep their love feelings private. They may be naturally undemonstrative except in totally private situations.

They may choose to remain uninvolved. This might be a conscious choice to be celibate. They may long for a 'pure' spiritual or mystical love experience. Or they may prefer to be alone with a fantasy rather than to be in any real relationship. While this can be a lonely option, their fantasies around love can remain ideal; untinged by reality, they can create the perfect love in their mind.

They lack discrimination in love, and can have their feelings played on. They are often extremely sympathetic and compassionate people, and can be drawn into loving out of pity.

Happiness might come from being a part of an institution which involves a sacrifice of personal love and comfort for a wider and selfless good.

They can also be people who enjoy their privacy and spending time by themselves. These could be people who take the phone off the hook and have long, lazy, scented baths and generally find pleasure in pampering themselves. Someone with Venus in the twelfth could be extremely self-indulgent, capable of creating a self-sufficient world of pleasure.

(Martin Schulman)

Here, in the last House of the zodiac, where Venus is in its exaltation, man becomes

aware of his ability to perceive the natural flow of inner beauty whose essence is filling his life with divine love. The individual seeks the finer meaning of harmony as he learns how the pureness of love's infinite healing power is capable of transcending the finite limitations of mundane life. Thus, his feelings are sensitive to the subtle nuances in nature, the timelessness of eternity and the vast inner regions of ethereal beauty. He is deeply compassionate, richly creative and soulfully inspired. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, he can have many confused feelings which make it difficult for him to express himself.

Much of what he perceives is just below the threshold of his conscious awareness. As a result of this, he often has to imagine his feelings instead of being clearly in touch with them. If the focus of his life is not inspired by the Divine creative source of all beauty, then his inner vision can become clouded by the murky waters of self-doubt. He can imagine himself to be unloved or unwanted, creating negative fantasies, while drifting in unrealistic dreams and illusions, all coming from a weak opinion of his own worth. Thus, he can easily lose himself in a sea of despair, hopelessly suffering from self-pity while lazily wallowing in his own ineffectiveness.

He can become so hurt by the ease with which others impose upon him, taking advantage of his kind and gentle nature, that it forces him to seek solitude, withdrawing into seclusion. In essence, he becomes protective of his feelings, defensively hiding within his dream of love's eternal beauty. He can dissipate himself through the mystique of hidden love affairs, confuse himself in mysteriously vague and superstitious beliefs, or even scare himself through the intriguing allure of occult or psychic phenomena. Yet, in each of these, it is his search for hidden value, eternal meaning and cosmic worth that is behind all of his feelings. Nevertheless, it is important if the individual is to find this inner worth that he achieve a sense of psychic balance first.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, the individual has a great awakening. Instead of hiding his inner being, he awakens to the power of God's holy river of love pouring through him in everything he does. Many with this placement are so sensitive to nature's harmony and so attuned to the wonder of inner aesthetic beauty that their lives become a special cosmic devotion manifesting love's blessings through richly artistic or creative expression. There is a deep sense of compassion to those he considers less fortunate than himself. Thus, the individual begins to feel a sense of mission through which he brings harmony, peace and love to those who cannot find it for themselves.

He receives his nourishment from an inner source. In fact, for many with this placement, the inner source is a past life love carried deep within them, whose special sense of caring guides the individual in all he feels in the current life.

The Twelfth House symbolizes the completion of past karma. With Venus here, the individual has earned the love he will experience in the current life. As this love becomes

one with his inner partner, he discovers the true ethereal beauty of how man's feelings can transcend both time and space. From this, he finds the infinite cosmic flow which makes all lifetimes one.

His very special Gift of Love is his ability to realize his personal covenant with God, through which love's divine blessings are feeding him the balanced harmony of inner value and worth which helps him to put more beauty into the world.

(Howard Sasportas)

According to Greek myth, Aphrodite had a rather unusual beginning to her life. Saturn castrated his father Uranus and cast into the sea the dismembered phallus, which floated on the waters and produced a white foam from which Aphrodite rose. At first it seems strange that the goddess of love and beauty is born as a result of such a ghastly and despicable conflict; but it is this side of Venus which is often evinced in the 12th. Sometimes it is through pain, wounding, suffering and loss that we grow more beautiful, tender, poised and loving.

Also rippling through the 12th house is the urge to transcend separateness and merge with something greater than the self. Venus in this house suggests a love of letting go, of abandoning the self to something numinous, unbounded and divine. (Plato once said that 'Love is the pursuit of the whole.') In the 12th, Venus thirsts for an undefinable and immeasurable kind of beauty, something which offers total fulfillment, or perhaps a remembrance of a bliss long past.

Trying to quench this thirst by looking for this kind of love and beauty with another person, those with Venus in the 12th yearn to give themselves to a lover as one would to a god or goddess. Besides being a lot to ask of anybody, something deep inside still nags that adoration of just one person is not enough. With Venus in the 12th, a love that knows no boundaries is needed. Roberto Assagioli, the founder of Psychosynthesis, once said something which might help Venus in the 12th out of her predicament: 'If you appreciate everything, you remain free'. In that case, if you lose a person or it is not opportune to have the thing you love, there is always something else you can enjoy. Perhaps this is the task of Venus in the natural house of Neptune and Pisces - to love everything.

Venus in the 12th also suggests the love of anything subtle, hidden, intangible or hard to grasp. Spend a rainy afternoon listening to Debussy, and you will glimpse something of the nature of this placement. Some may literally fall in love with a person who isn't free, and in true 12th house fashion the relationship may have to be kept hidden, lived within restrictions, or ultimately given up. (In the 12th, Venus loves to make sacrifices for love.) Venus in the 12th also denotes the love of what other people reject; the love of the downtrodden, the underdog, the criminal who really has a heart of gold, the person nobody else understands, etc..

On a more mundane level, Venus in this house favours associations with institutions. Some may work in art galleries or museums, while others administer to those less fortunate in hospitals. In two instances of Venus in the 12th I have seen, one worked as a drama therapist and the other as an art therapist helping people to recover after severe breakdowns. In another case, I did the chart of a woman with Venus in the 12th who said her three years recuperating in a mental home were some of the happiest in her life. Sometimes it is within the confines of prison walls that people discover a talent for painting, writing or sculpting. Venus in the 12th can also work behind-the-scenes designing sets or costumes, or putting on the star's make-up.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here matters ruled by Venus will bring sorrow in some form. Those benefits brought by the other houses are either denied or overdone, depending on the aspects to Venus (oppositions and inconjuncts deny, everything else overdoes). The search for love and pleasure can go to extremes, bringing scandal, sorrow, health problems, and, if Mars or Uranus is aspected, violence and trouble with the law.

People with this location of Venus must learn to approach love, sex, and partying with extreme caution, because these pleasures have a way of turning around on them, causing a great deal of grief and trouble. Their hearts will be broken by sad love affairs, or a secret love must remain hidden for many years, or there will be something that gives them an excuse to give way to drinking out of self-pity. They are inclined to get involved with the wrong people or give their affections to someone who is bad for them. Location in the sexually oriented signs with bad aspects to Saturn, Pluto and Uranus could indicate promiscuity, sadomasochism, venereal disease, or sexual abuse in childhood or youth. This is frequently the sign of the abused or neglected child, still seeking compensation in adult life for what was lacking in childhood, and, with bad aspects, wreaking vengeance on a world felt to be cold, cruel, and rejecting.

With strong supportive aspects and a generally well-balanced chart, these difficulties may manifest chiefly in youth, maturity bringing self-knowledge, inner healing, and wisdom. Even so, matters of the heart will always be problematic. The best use of Venus in the twelfth is to direct the love nature towards helping those less fortunate, although healing society at large cannot truly compensate for a lack of healing within.

This is an excellent position for fiction writers, as writing fiction can provide a harmless outlet for these turbulent energies, perhaps even a means of harnessing them for profit. The closer Venus is to the ascendant, the more attractive they will be, and the more frequently, intense, and outward the romantic and sexual events of the life will be; but as long as Venus is in the twelfth, it will bring problems.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Venus in the 12th reveals that fantasy is a continuing source of pleasure for you. It may be too pleasurable, so that you prefer fantasy to reality. Dreams revolve around personal love and ideal femaleness. In real life, love has many pitfalls. You fall in love with undeveloped beauty, or you're seduced by comely but cosmetic images. Others are seduced by your invisible radiance. Don't become a fantasy object for individuals whose love is damaged. The challenge is to allow your fantasies without undue indulgence, and to communicate to the world the importance of devoted care. In shepherding this dream without succumbing to its siren lures, you add to our understanding of love.

Unfocused intuition: In order for your intuition to operate effectively, you 'fall in love' with whatever (or whomever) you tune into. This is not forced; it's the natural way you work. But be in love with the source of intuitive messages only while you're receiving information, then disconnect and move on to the next 'romance'. The pitfall involves fixating on the object of the transmission. You become so enamored with some intuitive messengers that you attempt to create relationships with them. This is not to your advantage, and often ends in disappointment. The challenge is to let your love move with the flows of your intuition, like a bee skipping from flower to flower, cross-pollinating the world.

Withdrawal or isolation: You withdraw to experience satisfaction, and you've learned to enjoy your own company for long stretches. Since love comes to you not from within the world, but from beyond it, there are separations in personal relationships. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, as does time spent alone with your beloved. The pitfall involves the sense of being cut off from life; and when isolation or separation surrounds the issue of love, suffering becomes more private and poignant. The challenge is to use your withdrawals not as escapes, but as forays or explorations. Hunt for feminine receptivity in the transparency of isolation; and when you find it, bring her lovingness out into the world.

Selfless giving: Personal love is subordinate to universal love - giving with no thought of return. You wish to love more than be loved; and you're more devotional than your personality may reveal. Universal love flows from higher concentrations to lower. As a conduit for this flow, you're directed toward those who lack love. If you insist on operating through attached or 'chemical' love, you still have romances, but these relationships result in great pain once the purpose is fulfilled and you've been disconnected from the object of your affections. In that case, you learn about grief. The challenge is to love openly, fully, but lightly, with grace and style. The love you feel is real; but don't cling to specific people. Trust that your beauty will be recognized not merely by one, but by all.

'Past lives': Your relationships with women are karmic, as are the issues of care and affection. Receptivity and pleasure are not yet understood. Your own femaleness is

influenced by past lives; and when women are your love objects, they are beings with whom you've had significant past life contacts. Examine your images and expectations about womanhood. Is it the source of all joy, all pleasure, all aesthetic beauty? If it is, then you're fixated, and asking for trouble. Is love subject to recurring patterns of failure through seduction and betrayal? Your challenge is to recognize and release karmic rhythms in love or receptivity, letting them be healed, cleansed, and grounded.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are sensitive to other people's needs, and always ready to offer assistance, which means that some people will try to take advantage of your generosity. You are imaginative and confident of your ability to make a worthwhile life for yourself once you've established a solid foundation. Then all you need is the opportunity to grow and expand as your needs indicate. Luckily, your parents probably understood your need to go about your business in your own way. Once free to seek your destiny, you may turn your attention to satisfying your personal desires in a relationship. You want to be a good companion as well as a lover to your partner, but you are turned off by pressure to commit yourself in a binding alliance.

Your temperament is well-suited to dealing with people in your daily affairs, both in your profession and in personal relationships. You are willing to make concessions to succeed; and the people you are competing with usually co-operate. You work quietly until you feel confident that your plans for the future are working. In this way, you are more sure of reaching your goals and having the means to buy all the finer things in life. The people you've helped won't forget you; and you don't forget those who helped you when you were struggling to succeed.

You realize how important it is to be well-informed about many subjects; and this will improve your chance of achieving lasting success. You deplore the fact that some people bend the law to reach their goals, for you know this can jeopardize the gains that have been made. You reach your goals by carefully implementing your ideas without letting your plans intimidate those around you. Your skill in getting the co-operation you need attests to your communicative ability. Also you are effective in dealing with disharmony among the people who are working with or for you, restoring order so that your daily affairs run smoothly.

You attract people who expect favors from you; and you may feel that everyone with severe problems comes to you. The fact is, you are a comfort to others when the going gets rough, and anything you can do for them will be helpful. This can be trying; but even your competitors are impressed with your ability to solve most of your problems. You don't mind indulging someone to whom you are romantically attracted, because you know the investment may bring about a happy relationship. You invested just as much time and energy to develop your creative talents, which will enable you to derive the results you want for the future.

You want to be secure enough to retire early if you decide to, but the chances are you won't. You never assume that you have extended yourself enough, either in quantity or in quality of effort, and you keep trying to reach your maximum output. You hope that others will be enriched by your accomplishments; and it is highly likely that they will be. However, it would be senseless to make yourself the victim by following a course that nourishes others while leaving you with psychological malnutrition and social starvation. That would make you useless to the world and to yourself. It's simply a matter of exercising thoughtful restraint, knowing when to share and when to insist that others make a genuine effort to help themselves.

Mars in Taurus 15° 25'

(Donna Van Toen)

You have high-to-adequate practical and emotional energies, but low mental and physical energies. Your energy is stable, controlled and persistent. If it often channeled into keeping things as they are, building (both literal and figurative types), and accumulating things. Your strengths are stability, craftsmanship and loyalty. You lack flexibility, inner drive and physical energy.

You're much slower to act and much more patient than someone with Mars in Aries. Anger can be a problem for you. You tend to hold it in for too long, so when you do blow up it's often over something trivial, and your anger is totally out of proportion to the circumstances. You're quite conservative in your actions and ambitions otherwise. In the health area, there's some danger of throat problems, particularly if Mars is under stress or in the 6th house.

You have a powerful sex drive, and can be quite sensuous and earthy. Men with this placement have a tendency to want their women to feel obligated to them; they therefore aim to please, and also often aim to procreate. Women with this placement tend to deal easily with the requirements of marriage and family life, including sex. They do, however, take a while to 'warm up', and don't like to be rushed into lovemaking.

You want money. You also want physical demonstrations of love, and possibly tangible tokens of affection. You exude a strong sexuality, but it's low-keyed rather than overwhelming. It tantalizes at the background of your personality. Though your wants at first glance may seem unromantic, you're not asking for something you're not willing to give yourself. You may very well enjoy expressing your love by giving gifts, making things, or doing practical things for your loved ones. And you're also probably physical in your romantic expression. You undoubtedly like to give - and get - hugs, kisses, and cuddles in addition to sex itself. You'd be happiest with a mate who has Venus in an Earth sign, Venus in the 2nd house, or Venus sextile your Mars.

You aren't too well-suited to business partnerships - partly because of a self-indulgent streak that can cause resentment and, ultimately, friction; and partly because of your stubborn streak. So you're better off to work for yourself or to work somewhere where you're allowed to do pretty much as you please. You're a hard worker as long as you see rewards on the horizon, but a life of all work and no play is definitely not a part of your game plan - you like the occasional long lunch, a decent vacation, and a good salary with which to get a fair number of life's goodies. With proper training, the following career areas could meet your needs: finance, banking, art, music, architecture, building, cattle breeding, farming, routine office work (if the pay is good and there's potential advancement).

Your motivation is highest when it comes to practical opportunities. Your style is to work hard and play hard. Art, music, and working with growing things can steer you towards success provided you don't close your eyes to new trends that might affect your work. (You are, at times, a trifle negative about change.) Romance can provide tangibly good opportunities at times. Building construction or decorating can also be a lucky theme in your life.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by judging or ignoring their values in order to confirm your own sense of self-worth. This mental competitiveness may bring about defeat by cutting off others on a material or sensual level. You can lose the energy needed to establish your worth if you refuse to allow the experience of others to be incorporated into a rigid Taurean value system.

Dynamic

You can constructively interact with others by allowing them to contribute their ideas and values in a way that is supportive in manifesting material results. When you commit yourself to participating actively in the world, a solid foundation for material security can be established. Your values can be transformed and translated into greater material and sensual results by viewing others as your resources.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Someone with Mars in Taurus will have a good connection to his / her instinctual, physical needs. This will be a strong, no-nonsense person with a matter of fact attitude towards sex; someone who gets enormous enjoyment from his / her sexual relationships, and with wide tastes. These people could be into sex for its own sake, as pure physical pleasure, with no trimmings. They are comfortable with their own bodies

and physical desires. More genteel types could find them positively crude.

With Mars in any of the Earth signs, there is the propensity to split love and sex; but someone with Mars in Taurus is most prone to this, simply because his / her desire nature is so strong. These are not people who can easily be celibate, so if there is no one in their lives who really matters to them, they are still going to look for sexual partners. They may take a pragmatic view of these liaisons, unaware of their own double standards, as when they are deeply involved with someone on a feeling level their values change dramatically.

Taurus is arguably the most possessive sign of the zodiac, and someone with Mars in Taurus may claim total ownership rights over his / her sexual partner. This differs from the emotional possessiveness of someone with Mars in Scorpio, as with Taurus the partner becomes a prized object in which a part of the self is invested. Infidelity is so completely threatening to these people that it is intolerable. They will value their partners highly, treat them as a possession, as an extension of themselves, and expect and demand absolute faithfulness. To say that they are jealous and possessive of loved ones is an understatement.

This is a very primitive Mars placement; we are dealing with a neolithic man / woman here. The rest of the world may have developed more liberated attitudes to relationships, but these will not have filtered through to a Mars in Taurus person. This is someone who has traditional expectations, and is likely to want to play a traditional role in relationships.

The Mars in Taurus person will build a relationship slowly. These people do not rush into things, and will take their time to get to know a prospective partner. A sexual involvement does not necessarily mean to them that a relationship is underway. They will evaluate a potential relationship in a pragmatic way. Once involved, they are loyal and reliable, and are not afraid of making a commitment. They are at their best when in a secure relationship.

(Skye Alexander)

Rather than chasing madly after your goals, you pursue them with dogged determination. You may take longer than some to achieve your desires, and you might not do it with so much flair and daring; but your accomplishments are more enduring. Once you decide you want something, you are not easily discouraged, and you often succeed because of your persistence and single-mindedness.

One thing you are likely to pursue is wealth; and you'll invest all your energy to this end. Material possessions and creature comforts are important to you; and you'll do whatever you have to do you can have them in abundance.

Another area in which you might choose to focus your energy is the arts. Taurus

stabilizes Martian energy, giving you the patience and perseverance to spend years developing and perfecting your talent. Architecture and interior or furniture design in particular might interest you. You appreciate beautiful things; and even if you don't have much talent, you probably enjoy art and might collect it.

This Mars placement indicates great sensuality and sexuality; and satisfying your physical desires is probably first on your list of priorities. No-one understands the pleasures of the flesh as you do. Sex is never far from your thoughts; and you have a tendency to be led around by your libido. You invest so much time and energy into fulfilling your body's appetites that you might overlook other areas of life. Your approach to sex is straightforward and uncomplicated, devoid of fantasies or fetishes. Your only sexual problems might be insatiability and lack of discrimination.

You don't radiate with energy the way people who have Mars in Fire signs do; and unless you have several planets in Aries or Sagittarius, you probably aren't very athletic. However, you have tremendous endurance and muscle strength, and are capable of doing more physical work than almost anyone. Even if you appear rather lethargic and overweight, you are remarkably powerful; and beating you in a fight is much more difficult than it looks. You're a lover, not a fighter, though; and it takes a lot to make you mad. You also have great resistance to illness and stress.

Though you can be stubborn, you are generally easy-going and co-operative, and are able to set your ego aside when teamwork or compromise is needed.

Men with this position pride themselves on their sexual prowess. Your measure of a man is how many times he can make love in a night. Earning lots of money and owning expensive and shoy things also makes you feel good about yourself as a man.

Women with this planetary placement might be attracted to teddy bear-like men who are both strong and gentle. You want someone who is affectionate, sensual, goodnatured and down-to-earth. No James Dean types for you. Your masculine ideal is dependable, stable and a good provider; someone who'll praise your cooking and keep you warm at night. A man who enjoys doing the cooking himself is even better.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Since Mars in the sign Taurus shows a strong desire for money, much energy is exerted to acquire money and material possessions. This position of Mars indicates practicality, so that the energy is channeled into useful tasks that will produce concrete results.

Mars in Taurus is the sign of its detriment, being opposite the sign Scorpio, which Mars rules. The energy and action of Mars, therefore, will be slowed down by material obstacles and limitations. As Taurus is an Earth sign, the dense material plane does not respond as quickly as Mars would like to. People with this Mars position are slow to act,

but possess great determination and perseverance once a course of action has been chosen. Although they are not especially aggressive, if they are forced to fight then this position will make them strong and unyielding.

Mars in Taurus can produce craftsmen and skilled artisans capable of great patience and precision in the use of words. They create objects that are lovely and durable. Often they use solid, permanent materials such as metal and stone.

If Mars in Taurus is afflicted, there can be a preoccupation with sex and sensuality and an excessive attachment to money and material goods. These people can be jealous and possessive, especially where love and sex are concerned. The violence arising from sexual jealousy with Mars in Taurus can be just as intense as with Mars in Scorpio.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

There is plenty of passion here, and an abundant sex-drive will be expressed with Taurean warmth. Here is a sensuous and affectionate lover who is sometimes possessive. If Mars is unafflicted, there will be plenty of energy, used in a controlled, steady way.

Once anger is aroused, the rage of these subjects is only too obvious. It will take much provocation to reach this state, for Taurean patience will steady the Martian influence; but, because Mars quickens action, once their adrenalin is flowing those angry and heated feelings will be shown in no uncertain terms. These people must understand that, while such outbursts may be justified, they can cause great damage to those on the receiving end, for their feelings may be expressed far more passionately than they realize.

At its best, this placing adds determination, firmness and the ability to work very hard and tenaciously at both career and spare-time interests. Sometimes these qualities can develop into stubbornness; and Mars will definitely increase it if this trait is indicated elsewhere. In a chart dominated by Earth signs, the more adventurous side of Mars is slowed down, so it is important to look out for any tendency to get stuck in a rut. Overadherence to routine (even with a lively planet such as this) and a Taurean need for emotional and financial security will both be evident. A great deal of energy will be spent in making and spending money.

This is a marvellous placing for those who participate in heavy team games or the heavier sports in general - boxing, wrestling or weightlifting, for instance. Thinking of the Venus influence on Taurus, this will be a good, strong placing for a dancer, since discipline and routine are essential for such a profession; and, for the men, a great deal of weightlifting is involved - ballerinas are, after all, very much flesh and blood! The effect on health will be a tendency to feverishness and a vulnerability to throat infections.

(Grant Lewi)

You work most naturally along lines related to security, and are your best self only when this is assured. Worry over money throws you off-balance: you need to be able to take for granted at least the essential comforts of life, and can get to demand a good deal more on the luxury side. You may get, have, spend and lose much property in your lifetime; conservatism in finances is not well-marked, and you have to learn it by sheer force of strength. In a deep sense, you relate security to emotional as well as financial matters, are ardent and stable in love, and require (and generally get) plenty of sex satisfaction. Yet in this, as in money, your energies can run away into prodigality and excesses. You are 'set in your ways', know how you want to do things, and generally manage to do them that way. You are not exactly aggressive in your search for independence; you don't make a big fuss about it, but you get what you want. Your motto is, 'I don't want to fight; just let's do it my way'; and with or without the consent of the governed, you generally prevail. You are a master of the art of passive aggression and passive resistance; whether your habits are right or wrong, good or bad, constructive or destructive, you keep ploughing along in the same furrow; and those who would oppose you generally stand to one side or get mowed down. Love and finances alike can fall before you; and your constant aim in life should be to stand aside from your own desires, your own intuition, and the things you take for granted, in order that you may judge objectively the value of your fixation and your effort.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Taurus, Mars points to passion, giving vent to emotions and involvement with those who balk him by appealing to those emotions. The native's chief asset is perseverance. He works for security and drives toward his goals, real or imagined. Keeping on the move, he alienates many because he seems self-centered. He should strive for a more tactful approach and adopt an attitude of tolerance for others' foibles. He often thinks of love and money together - he is inclined to the physical, the creature comforts, and feels others must be worthy of his attentions. He must be taught not to bear grudges or brood about injustices.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a sensuous, though potentially jealous, suitor. Energy is created and maintained over a drawn-out period as long as you have a material goal. Laid-back initially, you take a lot to be turned on; but once aroused you take even more to turn you off. The same applies to your temper: if you are frustrated in pursuit of possession of what you desire, it is like a red rag to a Bull; what was previously steady and productive devolves into a destructive and hard-to-subdue anger.

You attract with an earthy, sensuous and throbbing sexuality; great stamina; with an advantageous material position, or at least, a sound ability and commitment regarding

such things; and with a solid dependability that stands its ground and defends you and yours.

You repel with a jealous and possessive nature that is blind to reason and won't let up; with an opportunistic obsession with the physical / material aspects of life that bar any appreciation of the spiritual or intangible; and with a stubborn, intractable and unrelenting attitude that is its own worst enemy.

You are attracted to Others who promise stability of some kind or other, who have substance, and who produce solid results; to traditionally sexual types and situations, perhaps even where chauvinism has a place, to some degree; and to physical permanence and unhurriedness.

You are repelled by material insufficiency and promises that are not met; by wooly, newfangled ideas concerning sexual roles (or that do not have a discernibly practical purpose); and by Others or relationships that are prone to change and upset.

When you are alone, it is, for one reason, because you have to take stock of yourself physically and materially, and learn to be your own master where such matters are concerned. Conversely (or possibly as an eventuality of the first reason), the almost excessive importance that you place upon money and physical gratification could have isolated you from fruitful relationship, and maybe made you rather sluggish or complacent too. Ultimately then, in either respect, you may have to take some fall in the form of losing what or whom you hold most dear. This would force you to focus upon issues of physical and / or material satisfaction in order to appreciate their true value or limitations. If you have always, or for some time, been alone, then this states that such a revaluation is a priority concerning what you want and how you go about getting it.

(John Townley)

You take a while to warm up to lovemaking; but once in gear, you sustain a steady and unfaltering pace that allows plenty of time for full sexual expression. You should give careful consideration to your lover's rhythms and timing so that you do not either wear out or exasperate your partner. At times, even though you are still enjoying yourself, you should move on to something different, just to provide sufficient variety for your partner's swifter tastes. If you find a lover who can lingeringly savor each development, as you do, you will be in luck.

Your regular sexual drive needs consistent outlets to keep in balance, so you are best off with a regular partner, not depending on the vagaries of changing social contacts to find a lover.

You may enjoy expressing your love by making things by hand for your lover. This physical love-labor can be especially meaningful, lending the gift far more impact than

store-bought merchandise. This is particularly true with love toys and bedroom accoutrements when you want a personal touch rather than more sterile machinemade products.

You are quite frank in your expression of affection, and you want a partner who does not intellectualize love too much but encourages you to manifest it directly in a manner that you both understand without words.

(Robert Hand)

You work carefully and rather slowly; but your results are almost always good, because your thoroughness makes up for lack of speed. You are also quite stubborn, and will resist anyone's efforts to speed you up or change your direction. You are not a quitter, and will stick to any task until it is done.

You have a strong desire to own things; and your possessions are very important to you. If you decide you want something, you will work very hard to get it. The only problem is that you may acquire so much stuff that your possessions get in your way. Your room may look like a packrat's nest.

You may have a problem with jealousy, tending to be very possessive of the people you love. You have to allow your friends some independence, or you will lose them. People cannot be owned like objects.

Whenever you work on something creative, you may be rather slow, but your taste and concern with craftsmanship are better than average. Even if you cannot do beautiful work yourself, you will respect others' work.

Anger can be a problem for you, because you have difficulty expressing it until it builds to the point that you lose control. It is all right to express this anger as long as you don't hurt anyone in the process. The problem is that other people may try to take advantage of your apparent patience, not realizing that you are really angry. It is up to you to let them know how you feel.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Energy is utilised in practical, persevering ways.

Symbol: A bulldozer razes a site for an industrial development.

Since Taurus is the bull and Mars is the colour red, Mars in Taurus can be expected to produce displays of temper or 'seeing red'. Yet the word 'temper' means more than a fiery outburst or sudden tantrum. A blade of steel is tempered by fire into an effective cutting instrument. Justice is tempered by mercy to make it psychologically equitable. Thus, the individual whose disposition is tempered by Mars in Taurus may have to

decide whether he will smoulder with resentment over real or fancied injustices, or whether he will burn with zeal to right wrongs and to shape the rude clay of Earth into more adequate forms.

Despite the harshness of the impact of Mars upon the obdurate material of Taurus, this is a felicitous combination for worldly achievement. It impels an individual to plough through resistance and to test his strength against obstacles, even though he may be forced to confront his antagonists by having his bridges burned behind him. Sometimes he feels that he has been compelled to fight for everything he gains; and in moments of discouragement may wonder if his victories have been worth the struggle. Nevertheless, he has the courage to endure, regardless of privations.

The person with Mars in Taurus prefers practical tasks to those of an abstract nature. He wants to move mountains, to make money, and to construct an impregnable bastion of security. Not for him are moralising, philosophising, and rationalising debates as to what to do or not to do. Once he sees the need for action, he will push with bulldozer-like persistence toward a successful outcome to his endeavours. Yet all too often, having obtained the desired objective, he unwittingly allows it to slip from his grasp. Even in his lowest moments, however, he finds that, just as there are fires smouldering deep in the heart of the earth which periodically blaze into activity, he too can summon up a resurgence of the will-to-win which enables him to move resolutely forward again.

Any Mars-Venus combination is liable to produce a strongly sexed individual. In this case, where the erotic energy of Mars is grounded in the earthy nature of Venusruled Taurus, the instinctive drive of the planet can be subverted into overbearing arrogance, unreasoning jealousy, and fierce possessiveness. The effect of Mars in Taurus can be like an underground explosion which, by churning up the emotions, destroys the hope of attaining the most coveted rewards by undermining the stable foundation upon which all accomplishment must rest. The compulsion to obtain and retain material things often betrays a power complex. Such a person may be extremely generous, but only as long as the reins of authority are in his hands and he is undisputed lord over that which he considers to be his own.

While Venus in Taurus inclines to co-operate with nature, Mars in Taurus determines to conquer it. These people court challenges, and have the rugged strength to meet them. Engineering, construction work, and enterprises which reshape the contours of the earth absorb their attention. Men with this combination are builders of tunnels, dams, highways, factories, and skyscrapers. Women often have numerous physical labours to perform such as moving households and belongings to keep up with a peripatetic mate. The job of civilising small children or a recalcitrant husband brings out the martial side of their temperament and calls forth their reserves of stamina.

All planets in detriment imply contradictory behaviour. Mars in Taurus can be alternately peaceful and aggressive, stoical and self-indulgent, generous and grasping. Control is

possible, however, if the person with this turn-about temperament can remain steadfast in the conviction that the only really worthwhile possessions is his own mind and soul. He has the strength of character to achieve his basic objectives. Therefore, it is especially important for him to understand the deeper desires which motivate him to action, and to make sure that the goals he seeks justify the effort expended in reaching them.

(Isabel Hickey)

Mars is not well placed in Taurus, where it is in detriment. Mars is persistent and patient in this sign, but also extremely stubborn, jealous and possessive. Money and sex are important. values need refining for they are of the earth, earthy. Security, whether invested in money or people, is important. Acquisitiveness is strong, as is pride. If Mars is afflicted, there is a tendency to resentfulness. Selfishness and too strong a possessiveness must be overcome. Sharing must be cultivated as a quality. Apt to be penurious.

(Jeff Green)

Mars in Taurus reflects a desire that seeks to become self-sustaining and self-reliant. This placement will correlate to a Soul that desires to discover, actualise, and establish its own value system and the meaning of a life reflected in those values. As a result, there is an instinctual resistance to accepting or adopting the value systems of anyone else, including the value system of the existing society that the Soul is born into. Mars in Taurus correlates to a deeply internalised focus that generates a defiant stance of separateness and independence from the overall circumstantial conditions of society. Remaining instinctively separate from those conditions allows the Mars in Taurus person to become aware of the types of desires they need to act upon that will allow for an actualisation of the values that most perfectly reflect the meaning of the current life. Great rewards will come through sustained efforts focused on the goals and objectives that will lead the Soul forward in its evolutionary requirements. The house that Mars in Taurus is in, the house that the sign Taurus is on, the aspects that Mars makes to other planets, and the houses that those planets are in will correlate to the specific focus in subjective consciousness in which the Soul actualises the individual sense of meaning for its life, and the value system that reflects that meaning. Self-reliance will be learned through these dynamics.

Sexually, Mars in Taurus reflects a desire nature that seeks to use sexual energy as a vehicle for the metamorphosis of emotional and psychological limitations. In order to accomplish this, the Soul will create sexually confrontational situations in which the emotional and psychological reality, and the needs that reflect this reality, surface into awareness. At worst, this can manifest as sexual violence in one form or another. Relative to the desire to become self-reliant, Mars in Taurus can manifest as strong masturbatory tendencies. As a result, the sexual nature is strong and constant.

The Mars in Taurus soul is strongly grounded in the body, manifesting a strong physical and sexual magnetism that is instinctive. This magnetism creates a vibration of attraction that creates the necessary sexual experiences through which the Soul learns about the nature of sexual energy, and the proper or improper use of it. On the one hand, the sexual nature can be quite primitive in the sense that Mars in Taurus can focus on sex for its own sake - a desire for intense physical stimulation only, as if the Soul is somehow separate from the body and emotions. On the other hand, the intensity of sexual experience that the Mars in Taurus creates instinctively unlocks the depths of the emotions that lead to the Soul. Therefore, a progressive dissatisfaction will occur when sexual energy is limited to just physical intensity. This dissatisfaction reflects the Mars in Taurus people's core desire for a total connection to their Soul and to the Soul of the sexual partner. By experiencing the limitation of just physical sex, the Mars in Taurus person evolves into sexual desires that seek total absorption with the sexual partner, and thus absorption to the Soul within.

Until this is realised, the dynamics of sex as power, control, manipulation, and being attracted to others as sexual objects, or others being attracted to the Mars in Taurus person as a sexual object, will occur. When this occurs, the dynamics of sexual addiction, sexual slavery, sexual infidelity, and relationships that are created for sexual reasons only, will occur. The real lesson begins when Mars in Taurus transmutes profane sex to sacred sex. These people must transform themselves from the prostitute or gigolo to the pure state achieved when the Soul and body are united through sacred sexual practices. The specific types of desires that reflect his archetype are determined by the house that Mars is in, the house that the sign Taurus is on, the aspects Mars is making to other planets, and the houses that they are in.

As their lives evolve, these individuals must eventually embrace the Scorpio polarity. In essence, this means to create a desire to focus on the nature of their motivations, desires, intentions, and overall psychological dynamics. They need to move from 'this is just the way I am' to 'this is why I am this way'. This polarity demands that such individuals allow themselves to grow, from the limitations that the instinct of selfisolation imposes to a reality that allows acceptance of reality as relative. Thus, they see that other people's values, beliefs, ways of being, etc. are just as important and valid as their own.

Mars in 4th House

(Donna van Toen)

You may have sudden, inexplicably touchy spells. You're a hard worker in your home and / or for your loved ones, and are normally energetic (although if Mars is in a Water sign your energy may be more emotional than physical). Possibly you lost a parent in

childhood or came from a home where fighting was common. Early on in your life, strong desires for independence and security came to the fore. These are what motivate you; and no doubt what you gain in these areas will be retained well into old age and perhaps throughout your life. Sometimes people with this aspect prefer not to marry; but they nearly always want their own home. Mars here under stress can be a troublemaker, a disturber of the status quo. Watch that!

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

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

People with Mars in the fourth often have periods when they feel the need to withdraw

from relationships altogether. They are affected at a deep level, and therefore need time alone to restore themselves after a relationship has ended. This allows feelings and memories to surface so that they can digest and reassess them.

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

A secure home is also a vital necessity for their security. They need to feel in control of where they live, and will fight fiercely to keep it. Obtaining and maintaining their own living space is a powerful motivating factor; and they will focus a great deal of energy on this. A lot of effort is put into getting their home exactly as they want it; and they tend to be frequently reorganizing and redecorating it. Doing things around the home is restoring and energizing to them.

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

Emotional imprints: Your imprints were probably more event-oriented than would be the

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

'Inner-link' parent: Here we see a contradiction, a masculine symbol in the mother's area. It can indicate a number of distinctly different possibilities. If your mother was feminine on the surface, you still felt her masculinity assert itself often. She might have been a woman of high energies, the natural ruler of the roost, someone who could easily have moved her talents into the external world of cultural power. On the other hand, your father may have taken over some of the classical duties of motherhood. Or you could have imprinted on the urgency of your relationship for him, with desire spilling over into interaction. This placement sometimes indicates long-standing disputes or bitterness with parents, often resulting from a conflict in the parent-child roles. However, even when that is the case, there is a sense of strength that pervades the imprints.

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

When most people come home to roost after a hard day's work, they just want to take off their shoes, mix a drink, put their feet up and watch television. But for those with Mars in the 4th, it is after they've 'clocked off' that their day begins. It is within the home sphere

and personal life that they are likely to evince their greatest drive and enterprise, not to mention their domineering and aggressive streaks. In this respect, they are not unlike a certain type of creature called a cichlid fish. These war-like fish need other fish on whom they can vent their aggression. If a pair of them is isolated from a tank containing other fish, then the male will turn his aggression to wards his spouse and offspring. Similarly, those with Mars in teh 4th may displaces the anger they feel but don't express to other people onto those innocently waiting for them back at home. Well-mannered and docile at work, they may come home spoiling for a fight. Aggression can be displaced in other ways however: digging in the garden, building an extension on the house, provoking someone to get angry at them, or falling down the stairs, etc..

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

Your greatest difficulties will come when you face reversals or rejection in your career. Establishing goals within reaonably safe limits will allow you to gain experience and

proficiency in your field. Don't try to fulfill your parents' expectations, for the only potentials you must live up to are your own. Once you are independent, you are accountable only to yourself. Take advantage of opportunities offered by your associates, and learn why your competitors sometimes fail. Your partner could be a valuable source of creative imagination if you listen to his or her ideas. You are stimulated when your mate admires your successes, and comforted by support when things go wrong.

Be very careful of friends who are always asking favors. See to it that you help only those who deserve it. Work out a program of action designed to give you the security you need for your later years. You will be guided by the sound ethical standards you learned in your formative years. Getting an education will extend the limits of your goals and give you the necessary leverage to successfully meet any challenge without having to resort to questionable practices.

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

own children, due to pent-up anger or grief.

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

This may not be the easiest location for Mars, but it can act as a goad, prodding them toward self-mastery and accomplishment, if only to escape or rise above the early home environment. It forces them to consider basic values, to decide what is real versus what isn't, to set priorities, and to act upon them. It is the sign of those who must pull themselves up by their bootstraps. It is a sort of 'make or break' factor; they will either succumb and allow life to turn them into something they themselves cannot respect, or they will fight to improve themselves and their lot. In the one case, they will be self-pitying, filled with anger and blame and inclined to take out their feelings on those weaker; in the other, they will be philosophical, feel pity for those who mistreated or neglected them, and be kind and tender to those weaker than themselves.

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

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

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♍ Virgo 12° 6'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

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

(Marilyn Waram)

The individual with Jupiter in Virgo has quite a pull between her outgoing, expansive and future-focused Jupiter side and the reserved, work- and detail-focused Virgo part of her nature. If she combines the two, Jupiter can add great value to - and quite possibly overvalue - the importance of procedure, detail, day-to-day work and competency in function. She may therefore be a valuable worker who catches the little mistakes others miss, or the office fussbudget who cannot tolerate a pencil out of place and thinks the janitors don't do a decent job. She may be a tremendous help, given the right environment and job, or a nonstop critic who applies her skill to not only her work, but her co-workers as well, alienating them and causing much friction. Naturally, if this placement is projected, she will think her co-workers are too critical of her or far too fussy and picky in their work.

If she remains caught in the pull, she may vacillate back and forth between precision and carelessness, often doing each at exactly the wrong time. It can be a frustrating combination, because the cavalier attitude represented by Jupiter may undermine all the careful attention to detail symbolized by Virgo. The Jupiter side will live frustrated and feel impatient, tied down, and held back, while the Virgo side will live dismayed and distressed that all those important details have been overlooked yet again, and the mistakes seem legion. Her ability to discriminate between what should be treated with care and what does not need much attention often seems to be entirely backward, and she can treat an inconsequential matter with intense caution and meticulousness. She

can also feel very critical of her periodic tendency to break free and overlook minutiae. She may judge these lapses of attention as laziness or a deficient part of her character, and be very harsh with herself over them.

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

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

Jupiter placed in Virgo is a sign that problems with faith, values and expectations may be related to having too much trust in hard work and the 'realities' of life, and not enough respect for vision and imagination. An individual with Jupiter in Virgo, however, often reconfirms the tremendous intrinsic value of what might be called the Spartan values: commitment to productivity, willingness to use whatever works in a situation (resourcefulness), pure and simple diet, frugality, prudence and sincerity. She has the practical skills necessary to make something which begins with a vision into a substantial reality. She reminds us that nothing lasting gets accomplished unless somebody takes care of details, one step at a time.

(Skye Alexander)

Through helping others, you expand your knowledge and awareness of yourself and the world in which you live. You achieve personal growth by providing others with some sort of service, and you might excel in fields such as medicine, nutrition and animal welfare, or through assisting the underprivileged or the handicapped. Menial work that others may find unpleasant offers you a sense of satisfaction, and you enjoy knowing that what you do benefits humanity. Perhaps you will even achieve recognition for your efforts,

even though fame and fortune are not what you seek.

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

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in Virgo is in the sign of its detriment, because it is opposite Pisces, of which Jupiter is co-ruler. This is not an unfavorable position, since natives value work and will offer practical service to others.

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

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

of the relative importance of various factors involved in work and service, especially the human factor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

Considerable literary skill often accompanies this placing. Here is the patience and dedication of a meticulous writer with the intelligence to develop the technique

necessary if he is to put down on paper precisely and directly just what is in his mind. This placing also contributes technical and scientific ability, along with tremendous practical flair for working with machinery. Healthy scepticism and critical acumen are also present.

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Virgo, one seeks to grow and to improve oneself through spontaneous helpfulness, dutiful service, and a disciplined approach to self-development. One humbly stays open to grace from a higher power, and naturally trusts the value of regular work and self-discipline. One's expansive need for perfection motivates openness to self-improvement. Over-attention to detail can inhibit connection with a larger order, but one usually has a well-developed critical faculty without excessive pettiness. One has an innate understanding of the appropriate use of one's analytical and discriminative abilities.

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

concerns.

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

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

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

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

(Syndey Omarr)

In Virgo, Jupiter paints a picture of one who is discriminating when it comes to friends

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

You believe that life is based upon reason, so you hold that good thoughts and deeds will eventually attract good fortune, and bad thoughts and deeds will ultimately result in bad fortune. Through appealing to this philosophy - your sense of reason, Other can get you to accept, enthuse over or forgive most things.

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

When you are alone, it is most likely to be because you really need or actually want to be. Virgo is the sign of the Hermit; so, with the planet of growth here, it is during times of being on your own that you can get to do what you want or have to do. Everyday or incidental patches of being alone with yourself for relatively short periods of time should be cherished and made good use of. Actually being alone, in the sense of being without a mate or companion, could mean that you are being forced to get down to that project

or task you have been putting off. or possibly to consider in solitude the meaning for your existence, especially in terms of the work you do or are supposed to be doing, and what kind of relationship you would wish to be in. Fate is utterly intelligent; it does not leave you all on your own just for the hell of it. A darker reason for your being alone, which we have to consider, is that you are simply a misanthrope, that you dislike people generally. If so, you are alone to see the error of your ways - for you too are a person, one of the people.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

On the other hand, you can be very helpful to others, and you feel best when you have something important to do. You respect work, even if you do not enjoy it; and when you neglect to do something you are supposed to you feel guilty. In fact, you often tend to

feel guilty about indulging yourself. You have to justify your activities by knowing that they are important on a larger scale, apart from yourself. You cannot justify doing something simply because you want to. But this may lead you to become very good at rationalizing, believing that some activity is socially useful, when you are really doing it only because you want to. It is better to recognize that you do want it yourself and not blame your actions on some 'higher purpose'.

Jupiter ♃ in 8th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Emotional and soul security.

The above keywords encompass the innumerable modes of expression that eighth house energies take. Generalizations are difficult to make when discussing eighth house factors, for it is a rather daunting task to attempt a summing up of such a profound field of experience that can manifest on so many levels. In addition, the nature of the eighth house is so private, not to mention intentionally secretive, that finding prominent people with this placement has not been the easiest of tasks. Although such individuals seek power and / or deeper knowledge, they do not generally seek publicity.

These people tend to have an enthusiasm for exploring the deeper laws of life, even if their search leads them to confront 'taboo' areas of experience. In fact, far from having any fear of the eighth house matters which so fascinate - but also terrify - most people (sex, death, power, psychic and occult laws, etc.), these folks deliberately and honestly face these taboo subjects, and often feel an exhilaration and inner freedom from having done so. They have an inner conviction that they are morally right to follow their individual path of discovery, even if society frowns on it. And their optimism about confronting the dark side of life is often remarkable. For example, in her later years, one older lady with Sagittarius rising, and her ruling planet Jupiter in the eighth house conjunct the Sun and Neptune, told her daughter, 'Dying sounds like a great adventure, doesn't it?'

Those with Jupiter in the eighth house need time alone to explore things that are hidden, whether involved with their own inner life or with various types of research or investigative work. They are dominated by overriding yearnings to find well-being through a search into the deeper forces that seem to them (depending on their level of consciousness) to be at the core of life's processes: physical laws (such as chemists, doctors, engineers or surgeons have to learn); psychic or occult laws; biological / emotional energies (sex and concomitant emotional urges to merge with another); financial / economic laws; or universally true religious principles.

In fact, the religious needs of those with Jupiter in the eighth are never completely orthodox. Their religious yearnings are satisfied only by deep inquiry.

One unifying factor that explains something of the eighth house mystery is once again found in the writings of Charles Carter. He points out that the Ascendant has much to do with vitality, the sixth house with the 'tissues' (and - I would add - the general state of health, especially as an expression of attitude and the nervous system), and the eighth house with the state of health of the 'large aqueous content of the body'. This is perhaps a far more profound statement than Carter even realized when he wrote it. For example, the impact on the overall health of the emotions has only really been explored in the latter half of the 20th century. Carter goes on to observe that the eighth house, somewhat like the sixth, influences the moods and the general temperament. Carter's connection of the eighth with the aqueous (or watery) element in human nature correlates perfectly not only with the intuitive expressions of the eighth house, but also with the profound 'urge to merge' with others that one finds in those with an eighth house emphasis, whether that urge is manifesting through sexual expression, emotional experimentation, or devotion to some esoteric path.

For those with Jupiter in the eighth, sexuality must be seen within a larger context of broader meaning, not simply as a physical instinct; and there is often a certain emotional turbulence experienced as the individual seeks to understand these powerful, but often warring, urges.

We cannot leave the discussion of the eighth house without also mentioning its correlation with business and investment, another expression of seeking security through accruing behind-the-scenes power and / or wealth. Moore and Douglas use the keywords 'financial finesse' for this position, which aptly describes the abilities of many who have this placement. They describe such a person as a 'shrewd operator' who 'can salvage and turn to profit the waste which other people discard'. These people recognize value where most people don't see it; and they often have strongly-felt intuitions about where current trends will lead in the future. These 'gut-feelings' often turn out to be strikingly accurate, which is one of the keys to the investment success of people who have Jupiter here.

(Marilyn Waram)

Jupiter in the eighth house is a likely indication that the individual has a general attitude of optimism toward emotionally intimate relationships, self-transformation and joint resources. She may have a strong drive to study and increase her understanding of the dynamics of marriage and other very close relationships. She could place a lot of faith in the fulfillment to be found in such relationships, and expect it to lift her out of herself, or she could place that trust in jointly owned finances and possessions, or those owned by other people. She will tend to extend a generous amount of goodwill to her mate, to think the best of him and to assume his goodwill in return.

If her focus is on relationships, she might experience a restless need to explore more and more possibilities in that area of life. This may make her go from relationship to relationship on her search; or she may look for ways to improve the one she is in, if committed to it. Possibly she will be motivated to teach others what she learns. She will tend to place a great deal of value on emotional intensity, candid in-depth sharing, mutual support and rapport, and may be miserably dissatisfied unless she can achieve this. Her tendency in early life will be to expect too much from herself in the relationship, too much from her partner, and / or too much ultimate satisfaction from the relationship itself. If she allows a love relationship to become an ultimate value, she may protect it at all costs, even to her own detriment. She is a likely candidate for the co-dependency type of relationship, if she needs to be in one at almost any cost!

She will also tend to need, more than most, to feel her partner shares and appreciates her values, beliefs and moral standards, especially toward self-improvement and personal growth. She may go overboard and begin to tell her spouse what he should believe and how he should conduct himself, in an attempt to make him meet her standards. If her standards are unrealistic, her approach harsh or her demands insistent, she has little chance that he will co-operate or grow as she wishes. People prefer to change according to their own timetable; but the nature Jupiter symbolizes does not respect this, unless other chart factors are strong enough to hold in check the misplaced enthusiasm or exaggerated expectation. This may all be done personally, or could be projected so that the spouse is perceived to behave this way. Then the individual is upset about a spouse's tendency to pontificate, demand his needs with no respect for her own, or to think he is God.

She may, rather than being the person with all the answers, expect her partner to be the great teacher and guru and look to him with wide-eyed, probably inappropriate, adoration. At the extreme end of the negative scale, she may expect herself to be totally perfect within the relationship, to always be there for her mate, to have all the answers, to save him from any and all misfortunes, and to be cheerful in the face of adversity. Or she could expect and demand this from him, and take it for granted when she gets it, or self-righteously push him harder if he cannot provide it.

Again, either of these extremes can be projected, in which case the mate may expect the impossible from himself, or arrogantly demand it from her. The first is a manifestation of the 'I should be more like God' attitude; and the second is an acting out of the 'I am God and you should be better than you are' belief. One woman with Jupiter in the eighth told of an incident in which her husband, whom she has since divorced, told her an argument they had had was entirely her fault, as she had not handled his insults and abusive behavior 'the right way'! If both share the Jupiter energy, which is often the case, they can do any or all of these behaviors to each other.

On the positive side, they can enjoy long, involved and wide-ranging philosophical

discussions. They may get a kick out of solving the world's problems, at least in theory. They may also enjoy intense discussions on comparative religion, education and other issues which involve large segments of the society. They may need to find a higher meaning and purpose to the relationship than companionship, or even than love. Excessive talking may be something of a problem in the relationship; and they could, if not alert to this, encourage each other in judgemental attitudes.

The sexual side of the relationship will usually be similarly important. There may be an expectation of some kind of ultimate fulfillment from sex. Some people will react to this attitude by wanting a lot of sexual activity, perhaps even a lot of partners. They tend to expect too much from sex, and may demand too much from their partner(s). Others will feel satisfied to experience great reverence for the intimacy, sensitivity and trust required to create a deep, powerful bond through love-making. Still others may project and find their mate extremely demanding, or chronically unfaithful, or both; and sexuality then becomes an arena for great disappointment.

In religious matters, she may tend to have a strong interest in life after death, reincarnation and spiritualism. These can seem natural and logical to her as they give even the greatest personal transformation, death, a positive connotation. She may find within herself a solid faith that death is not the final step! This is a constructive way to use the Jupiter belief that there is always more to discover and understand. She may, however, go overboard here too, and respect the supposed wisdom of discarnate spirits more than that of living beings who just might have more relevant advice.

There is always the danger, with Jupiter in the eighth house, of attaching such intense emotions to beliefs that she uses - and feels justified in the use of - power, and underhanded and / or manipulative tactics to propound those beliefs. Power begets the same, so power struggles over religious, philosophical, political or intellectual beliefs are a possibility. Naturally, the individual who expresses Jupiter will assume her own rightness automatically; and the willfulness associated with the eighth house makes it difficult for her to back away or to change her position with grace.

On a psychological level, she may develop a compelling interest in self-transformation and self-mastery, forever taking herself to higher levels of understanding, insight and all-encompassing wisdom. As she grows more experienced, she may develop a powerful insight into what motivates other people to act the way they do, especially their unconscious motivation. She may write about these, or teach, or both.

She could value depth psychology, confrontational therapy; deep-tissue bodywork therapy, internal herbal purges, and other penetrating but intrusive modes of healing. She may adopt the attitude that these are the only therapies which have value, because of the powerful regenerative effect they can have, but in the process may ignore or deride the right of others to work with more gentle means. She could attempt to take on too much in one or more of these therapies, use them too frequently, use them in

inappropriate situations, or believe they offer far more wide-ranging effects than they actually do. She may go to extremes and preach that all people need these procedures, and imply or openly state that only the morally inferior would balk at them.

These could all be projected, as well, and seen to be the qualities in the mate; or they could be shared with the mate, constructively or destructively. Other areas which may be intensively studied, valued or overvalued, or expected to provide ultimate fulfillment include archaeology, joint resources and finances, ecology, recycling, research, detective or other research-type activities, investment, and personal and emotional power. The latter may be used to control oneself and to work intensively toward self-transformation, or to control others for the sake of apparent emotional security. If projected, any or all of these may describe the mate.

Because of the ceaseless and churning mental activity associated with this position, the individual will be most likely to experience the best of it if she finds a partner who is similarly inclined and who will share her intense thirst for self-mastery, knowledge, understanding and Truth. She will have to make sure she engages in these herself, rather than finding a mate to do them. Shared, there is far less need to impose it; but the individual with Jupiter in the eighth house will always need to remain alert to her tendency to leap in, either to rescue or to make more perfect, and to remember that either impulse is a prescription for extreme unhappiness in a relationship.

This is another position with a strong potential for turning the marriage relationship into a path of spiritual growth. That is, either or both individuals could realize that a close relationship provides them with many opportunities to grow through learning things about themselves.

Our mates mirror back to us many traits and issues with which we need to reacquaint ourselves, if we are able to become more whole. If we are truly committed to taking full responsibility for ourselves, interaction with a partner will provide us with lots of chances to do so. The seventh and eighth houses are the most likely places in the chart to indicate projected qualities: thus, marriage can be seen to be a fertile area for learning to see those projections in action. The more we take back our projections, the more wisdom and self-understanding we require. If Jupiter's finer expression of honesty is used carefully, in the seventh and eighth houses it can indicate a powerful path of growth into consciousness.

The prescription for happiness with Jupiter in the eighth consists of a strong respect for a partner's growth timetable, the adoption of well-thought-out and reasonable standards for what is acceptable in the relationship, and a healthy respect for the potency and impact of the individual's weaknesses on other people.

Saturn ♄ in ♓ Pisces 3° 56'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might seek to justify your lack of alignment with any worldly purpose because nothing measures up to your ideals of service. This may result in frustration from failing to undertake action that contributes to bringing these Pisces ideals into manifestation. When you feel helpless in bringing about your visions and ideals, you may lose a sense of having a constructive purpose in society.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility for bringing your private dream and ideals into the world. By acknowledging yourself as creator of your private visions and dreams, you can gain confidence in the ability to bring about a true manifestation of what has already been created in your imagination.

You have the power to demonstrate your private dreams. By committing yourself unconditionally to manifesting those dreams that serve humanity, you can accept the opportunities that are currently available. Through consistent, daily demonstration for your spiritual ideals, no matter how seemingly insignificant, you can gain a sense of achievement. This leaves you with the knowledge that you have contributed to the manifestation of society's ideals in a realistic way.

General

It is time for you to dissolve ego identification with accomplishments. You can become immersed in feelings of value frustration and helplessness that keep you from manifesting your dreams. This is because the vision is changing: the old cycle of identity is dissolving, and the new is not yet on the threshold. But visions of a new identity and what the new cycle of manifestation will be like do occur.

It can be frustrating when you try to implement the new vision. This is because your destiny is to allow the vision of the new to give you enough confidence to release old forms of ego expression that are not working. In this way, you can become identified with the source, rather than activity, and your destiny is fulfilled.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Pisces is a natural sextile; but, as with the other natural sextile in Scorpio, there can be challenges. Pisces shares the search for the absolute with Sagittarius, but the Pisces search is more at the subconscious level, driven by the mystic's hunger for infinite love and beauty, for oneness with the Whole. Piscean professions can include

many service careers as healer or in spiritual work. They can range from guarding prisoners to using the capacity for beauty in artistic fields or in persuading people that some product or activity will make their life more ideal. Work with chemicals, drugs, or fluids is possible with all of the Water sides of life.

Security needs are strong in Earth-Water mixtures, so faith is very important. Individuals who lack faith in a Higher Power can be plagued by anxiety, fears or phobias. Though a successful career is always important and helpful wherever Saturn is placed in one's horoscope, individuals with Saturn in Pisces also need faith in something beyond this world. Though orthodox religions can sometimes be helpful, personal mystical experiences are likely to be more so. As with Saturn in Sagittarius, Saturn in Pisces may point to lessons in faith, which can range from extreme atheism to extreme gullibility. Saturn always calls for a 'reality' check. Ethics may be unrealistically high or low to the point of endangering the society.

If the faith is placed in a fragment of life, it is a kind of idolatry, and we usually lose the idol to force us to find a bigger God. In the early life, the father or other authority figures will be connected in some way with the principle of Pisces. The details can range from an adored, idealized parent to one who 'should' have been 'god' and given us a perfect life but let us down by being human. The parent could have been an artist, a savior, or a victim. A missing parent is common, whether really gone searching for his own beautiful dream or physically there but emotionally closed off. Even in Pisces, the call of Saturn remains the same. We can't do it all. God won't do it all. We have to do our share in making a more ideal world.

(Skye Alexander)

You are extraordinarily sensitive - to people, your environment, the psychic realms - but your sensitivity may frighten you and make you feel vulnerable or defenceless. At times, you can be a bit paranoid and depressive, and have a tendency to look on the dark side. Perhaps you believe others are out to get you and that you are helpless; or, you might focus on life's evils and think that the world is an awful place. Thin-skinned and easily hurt, you fear that nothing you do will make things better, so you simply give up without trying. Too often, you play the role of the victim or martyr; and unless you have Fire signs prominent in your chart or a strongly-placed Sun and / or Jupiter, you can become stuck in a morbid and self-destructive rut. One of your life lessons could be how you use your sensitivity.

A more constructive way would be to channel your sensitivity into artistic, spiritual or psychic work. You have the ability to tap into energies of which other people aren't aware, and could bring those energies down to Earth and use them to benefit humanity. This planetary placement can give you the grounding and focus to utilize your heightened awareness in some practical manner.

Your spiritual beliefs might be very important to you; perhaps your religion is the cornerstone of your life and provides you with a sense of security and structure. Conservative and traditional in your beliefs, you are inclined to follow one of the more orthodox and established faiths. Or, you could go to the opposite extreme and reject religion altogether because it isn't practical and can't be proved.

Perhaps you never had an opportunity to develop your artistic or musical talent fully. Or, you might have been discouraged or kept from expressing it, maybe by parents who believed that being an artist wasn't a practical or suitable occupation. Thus, you may feel you are inadequate in this area, and can be quite sensitive to criticism. Most probably, you are a perfectionist and overly critical of yourself; therefore, if your efforts fall short, you quickly give up in discouragement. You need to use the perseverance of Saturn and work diligently to develop your skills. Another possibility is that you are afraid of getting in touch with your subconscious self - the source of your creativity - and as a result, you block the flow of artistic energy and inspiration. Your test in this life might be finding ways to open up the channel between your conscious and subconscious.

Your sensitivity enables you to feel a kinship with all living things; and because of your keen awareness of other realms and dimensions you understand your connection to everything else in the Universe. You can't bear to see any creature suffer, and might work in some way to alleviate pain in the world. Perhaps you embrace one of the nature religions, or are involved in efforts to save our planet from pollution and bring peace to the world. With this placement in your chart, you have the ability to combine compassion with pragmatism and find workable ways to manifest the Divine on Earth.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Pisces is a difficult position because here the karmic planet is in the karmic sign. The natives have a tendency to become trapped in their memories of the past. An overactive, fearful imagination generates all types of anxieties and neuroses. Consequently, it is difficult for these people to deal effectively with the demands of the present. In extreme cases, the imagination creates personal slights and problems that do not really exist.

On the positive side, Saturn in Pisces can give these people emotional understanding, humility, and the willingness to work on behalf of those less fortunate than themselves. If the rest of the horoscope indicates mental clarity, there also can be psychological insight into others.

If Saturn is well aspected, these people are capable of deep meditation. This steadies the psyche and makes possible profound spiritual understanding.

An afflicted Saturn in Pisces can result in paranoia, excessive worry, fretfulness, and regret over past mistakes and misfortunes. When carried too far, these reactions can

result in neurotic or psychotic tendencies leading to incarceration in mental institutions or other places of confinement. In some cases, the neurotic problems are manifested in physical illness and hospital confinement, especially with oppositions to Saturn in Pisces from Virgo, the sign of health.

These people need a certain amount of quiet and solitude in order to tap their inner resources. They should also spend some time actively participating in the affairs of the world, to avoid moroseness and excessive introversion. If Saturn is afflicted in Pisces, they should make strong efforts to avoid self-pity.

Vain regretting of the past can become a cancerous growth on the soul, destroying happiness, creativity, and usefulness to self and others. This position demands objective, critical self-analysis so that the natives can discover their personal worth and abilities - as well as defects - and thus find a way out of their difficulties. They must learn to let go of the past and take constructive action in the present.

This position of Saturn often indicates that work will be done behind the scenes in large institutions - hospitals, asylums, universities, or government agencies.

(Grant Lewi)

This position causes you to seek confirmation within yourself. Your struggle with the world is the inner struggle between the good and the bad within you; and you are capable of being content with self-approval when you have mastered yourself. If from this point introspection goes deeper, you realize that self-approval is not enough, and require that self-approval shall be further served by the approval of others. Your defence against the hardships of life (and life does seem hard to you) lies not in open struggle with it, but in struggle within yourself to make life seem less difficult. This in its worst form results in introversion, withdrawal, brooding, giving up the struggle, and holding up alone to feel sorry for yourself. In its middle form, you fight off the lethargy and the withdrawal and find the key to your problems within yourself. In its advanced and best form, you improve your doleful outlook, redirect your energies outward, discover your virtues and your abilities, and make complete self-approval wait till you have won some objective testimony of your worth. This is a difficult position, but, being flexible, gives great inner strength. You are moody and tend to fluctuate from heights of being pleased with yourself and the world to depths in which you and everything else is at sixes and sevens. Your reaction to experience is almost wholly subjective: sunshine is shadow if you're feeling bad; and clouds are harbingers of joy if you're feeling good. You are one of the people who thinks a rainstorm was sent solely to destroy your outing, and who rebels personally against the weather. In acute form, this leads on to delusions of persecution or some minor neurosis. But your capacity for knowing yourself is great, and once you have learned the trick of self-analysis, you can lead your temperament into creative and constructive channels to become one of the most useful members of society.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Pisces represents a native who appears bewildered by the outside world. He wants to break loose, to feel free, to express himself. But, often, he acts in an opposite manner; he gets 'tied up' with institutions, organizations, commitments beyond his financial capabilities: he thus restricts himself to an even greater extent. The astrologer's job is to help him perceive the folly of some of his actions. It is important that the native realize he defeats his own purpose by accepting a defeatist attitude as a way of life. He can be identified as a chronic complainer and fatalist.

On the positive side, he can be a responsible member of the community who strives to improve conditions for the mentally ill, for the economically depressed. The key to greater happiness here is self-knowledge - acceptance of responsibility instead of being resigned to fate.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The self-sacrificing qualities of Pisces will be present in those who have Saturn in this sign. There is humility, sympathy and increased intuition, which should be controlled and expressed with caution, but definitely not ignored. Often there is also very little selfconfidence, and it may be that the subject will be his or her own worst enemy, since the inclination to hold back may become disproportionate. As a result, he or she will constantly do him- / herself down.

At its best, this trait makes a person attractively self-effacing; but sadly its influence is usually too strong, so that shyness and inhibition dominate. Sometimes the outlook on life is rather depressing; and under stress there can be an inclination to give up hope. Despite this, the influence of the rest of the chart may act as a strong counter to these negative tendencies, so be very careful not to overinterpret them. They will probably only be present if a negative outlook is indicated in other totally independent areas of the chart.

It is important for the subject to realize that she possesses a powerful imaginative force which should be put to creative use. It certainly needs to be given some sort of concrete shape; and the nature of a suitable means of expression may be indicated in other areas of the chart - a flair for handicrafts, perhaps, or writing skills. If not, and your subject is hesitant about developing this excellent source of potentially, it may be that long-term encouragement given by the partner will help her find a suitable outlet and eventually develop it to the full.

Quite severe changes of mood are usual, as is a tendency to worry (especially if this is shown in other areas of the chart, or if Saturn receives negative aspects from the Moon). One result can be hypochondria. The inner authoritative voice can sound like the Ugly Sisters talking to Cinderella! If that rings a bell with your subject, don't forget to say that

Cinderella did, after all, marry her Prince!

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a subtle rock, though may suffer a sensitivity block. Your tasks and obligations include having the discipline to admit to weakness and blind-spots - but not being selfeffacing; taking / allowing the time to appreciate the subtle and elusive - thus preventing misunderstandings; and building relationships that are based upon mutual acceptance - yet do not foster evasiveness.

You can get stuck with Others who are slippery, vague, hopeless cases who are hard to pin down; with Others who are ruled by logic and deny the existence of anything mystical or scientifically unexplainable; and with Others who are safe but boring, and / or who seek oblivion in drink or drugs.

You are learning to be of selfless help to Other, which may include having to be very tough on him / her; to look into and develop the more mystical and illogical side of life and yourself, yet making sure that you are not being fanciful; and to take a good look at how you are possible avoiding your own issues.

You commit to an Other with whom you feel subtle but undeniable ties that probably involve the making of some kind of sacrifice; to an Other who accepts you unconditionally, has no ulterior motives and does not play on your feelings; and to an Other who is creative, sensitive and spiritual, and / or quiet and gentle.

You are or should be wary of Others who have a hard luck story that appeals to your sense of guilt or worthlessness which may be posing as your wanting to 'save' Other; of confidence tricksters, recognizable by their appeal to your sympathy or idealism; and of loud, brash, flashy types who make all manner of unrealistic claims and promises.

When you are alone, it is very likely to be because you have yet to come to the realization that there is a subtle, spiritual dimension to relationships - or that there ought to be. Because you are inclined to deny the invisible and scientifically unverifiable in life and yourself, you also try to keep your relationships simpler and more straightforward than it is possible for them to be. You may very well attempt to keep them simple to the point of them being purely physical or 'nothing serious', or with someone who agrees with or embodies your acceptable vision of existence, but who is unacceptably dull, coarse or insensitive. So aloneness for you is really a testament to your denial of your own sensitivity and what you see as the emotional chaos that such sensitivity implies. But it is only through admitting and accepting your soul and its sensitivity that you will attract a kindred spirit. And that kindred spirit will be able to soothe those chaotic emotions and help you to accept yourself, while you find yourself bringing a subtle but powerful meaning to his / her life too.

(John Townley)

For you, the greatest security is achieved through consistent emotional attention from a sensitive and devoted partner, rather than through financial stability. In a way, you feed on emotional communication and will feel starved if you are not involved in an active love relationship.

As a result of this talent plus considerable emotional experience, you may become a good judge of emotions. When you understand what is real and what is not, the false will not suffice. You will demand great sincerity and sensitivity in a partner.

When you find the right partner with these qualities, you will go to extremes of selfsacrifice to keep the relationship going. This is an admirable trait, but it should not be a substitute for the two of you facing your problems together. In an emotionally difficult situation, you should not let love blind you to the need for painful growth; every relationship goes through such phases.

As for more concrete concerns, you will be most comfortable with a partner who is more practical than you are. Before making a physical or financial commitment, consult with your lover, who may be a stabilizing influence.

(Robert Hand)

This effect will be strong only if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. This can be one of the more difficult placements of Saturn, because the energy of Saturn wants to make everything orderly, neat, concrete and predictable, which doesn't combine easily with the fantasy-prone and idealistic nature of Pisces. For one thing, you may feel that you cannot do much in life, that you are more limited than you really are. You may also feel obliged to satisfy other people's needs before your own so that you never achieve satisfaction. And you may deny yourself in many other ways as well, because you believe that having too many material possessions interferes with your life. Above all else, you need simplicity.

Finding a balance between the rigidity of Saturn and the vagueness, flexibility and idealism of Pisces may cause some difficulties in developing beliefs by which to govern your behavior. You may be too idealistic about the people who serve as your guides, those after whom you pattern yourself, so that you can't accept any kind of weakness or frailty in them. When you discover their weaknesses, you may be disappointed, and eventually you won't believe in anyone. Scale down your expectations and realize that you can learn something useful from everyone, even those who appear very flawed.

Don't let yourself fall into the habit of thinking that your life is not under your control. You shape your own life, and you must take responsibility for yourself.

Saturn ♄ in 2nd House

(Liz Greene)

The second house is traditionally that of acquisition and possessions. From it one may assess the individual's capacity to earn a livelihood, his attitude toward those things which he defines as security, and the manner in which his income is likely to be derived. This is a fixed and earthy house; and the emotional need of a secure foundation is suggested, a desire rather than the outcome of desire. All of the houses connected with the fixed signs appear to have some bearing on one's values, on the desire nature, and on instinctual reactions of a habitual kind. They have little bearing on events or objects. If this group of houses is considered as the reflection of man's desire nature, it would appear that greater depth of meaning exists in relation to the second house and that it is not merely the house of possessions. Possessions are merely a simple and tangible form of satisfying desire.

The urge to possess something outside oneself and make it a permanent possession appears to be a collective need whether the desired 'something' is a person, a value, a state of consciousness, or an automobile. It is then man's possession, in a deeper sense than physical ownership, because he values it. It is of worth to him, and therefore it has meaning. That which is desired through the second house only applies to material things if these have value; and although the majority of people at present place the highest value on these things, it has not always been the case, nor will it necessarily continue to be so as the collective consciousness of man develops.

The second house may apply as much to relationships as it does to money in the bank, since possession of a valued object is often closely connected to what we define as love. In the end, however, the possession of worth which is truly a permanent possession can only be a quality within the individual himself. There is nothing else in life which is permanent and unalterable except those attributes which we term spiritual. Everything else may be lost, destroyed, taken away, or devalued. It seems that the desire for values, not only tangible but mental, emotional, and spiritual as well, is more representative of the second house than possession.

It is the definition of value - a nebulous and relative term - which becomes important when planets are located in the second house, for the meaning or expression of each planet then becomes a value. Of all the planets, only Saturn appears to have an exclusively material value; but as we have seen, this is deceptive because his function is to demonstrate the relativity of all tangible values. Through Saturn, everything on the material plane takes on new meaning because it is seen as a symbol for an inner quality or state of being. Security may be defined very differently when viewed in this way.

The simplest reading of Saturn in the second house is fear of poverty; and certainly this placement frequently accompanies a childhood spent in want where the luxuries of material life, and sometimes even the necessities, are lacking. This is Saturn on his most literal level where he denies a material quality necessary to the individual's well-being so that later in life there is a constant need to fill the gap. We have all come into contact with the self-made man who has struggled from the bottom of the heap by his own dogged efforts and has finally succeeded in accumulating some money in the bank, a house, an automobile or two, and other symbols which society has taught him to interpret as security. Saturn in his most unconscious form is eminently conventional in these matters; and Saturn in the second house has a penchant for accepting as values only those which society accepts and therefore makes apparently stable. Yet the self-made man with a second-house Saturn is often so frightened of losing what he has so laboriously acquired that he may not be able fully to enjoy what he has. He may be terrified of loss and display the remarkable facility - because he thinks about it so much - of attracting loss through his own bad judgement. He is frightened of the responsibility of ownership because he knows the pain of losing that which he owns, yet he is compulsively drawn toward collecting more and more. No amount is sufficient in the end to make him feel fully secure, and indeed he is not fully secure because forces larger than he can overturn his life and leave him bankrupt. He has invested wholly material things with value because he has never had them before and pays the price of trying to make an inner quality tangible.

There is another kind of pattern with Saturn in the second house which is outwardly opposite yet inwardly the same. This is the person who may have been perfectly comfortable as a child on the material plane, yet who is denied a different kind of possession, a sense of inner values and of personal worth. One cannot blame this, or any other characteristic, wholly on the attitude of the parents, however, for the individual has chosen his environment in the first place and moreover would not be sensitive to certain values and not others if a similar note were not resonated within his own inner structure. So we will often see a person who, literally or symbolically, will sell himself for security because he has no other sense of values and in the end does not value himself. He judges himself and others by how much he has, not by what he is.

This kind of individual is often difficult to understand; for some of the most unpleasant Saturnian manifestations may accompany Saturn in the second house - not because the position is a 'bad' one, but because it tends to concur with obvious, tangible characteristics which are not easily hidden. To an unconscious person with this placement, the end often justifies the means, and avarice and greed may be very evident. The inner strength of self-sustenance which Saturn in his more conscious expression symbolises here may be apparently quite absent from the man's temperament; and he may lean heavily on others financially - the apparent opposite of our previously mentioned self-made man who will often rather starve than owe anybody anything. But these two extremes are the same psychological state, for they both

embody fear and the characteristic ambivalence of wanting and needing desperately yet attempting to reject the desired object. These states are both, in the end, phases of development, however, for either way the dependency is upon external values rather than inner ones, and Saturn the taskmaster will surely, at some point in the life, accompany experiences which teach the individual to shift his level of evaluation. He attracts these experiences himself because it is the desire of the total self to develop a sense of reality about values which is the intention, on a more esoteric level, of a second-house Saturn.

There is another common manifestation of Saturn in the second house, and this is the individual who has denied all involvement with material things. This is overcompensation at work in a different direction. Like the man with Saturn in the eighth house - another fixed house which deals fundamentally with values and emotional attitudes - who cloaks his fear of deeper emotional and sexual encounter with a moral or religious reason why it would be sinful to do so, the man with Saturn in the second house frequently considers money as evil. He has a dim awareness of the fact that greed is as much a part of his own psyche as it is of others', but he cannot express tolerance toward his own humanity and therefore becomes intolerant of the apparent greed of others. He is frequently not merely content to be austere in his own life style. Instead, he feels that it is his responsibility to criticise others for not following the same path, because he cannot put his guilt to rest but also cannot confront himself. This is classic unconscious projection of the casebook kind: what we hate in others is unconsciously living within us.

This pattern of projection is extremely common with Saturn, for he is the dark shadow of the bright, differentiated conscious personality, and he certainly includes some of our nastier and less attractive human qualities. These, however, are qualities which are not inherently evil; they have simply been outgrown or are not part of our conscious plan for development at any given time. It is only our harsh judgement of ourselves, based on people's morality, that causes us to push these qualities into the unconscious where they form the shadowy figure of the Dweller on the Threshold. Psychic energy does not vanish, but simply takes another channel; and with Saturn it is that of projection - we do not see others as they are; rather, we see in certain of their behaviour characteristics the reflection of our own negative qualities.

The sinfulness of worldly goods has always been the prerogative of the devout adherents of orthodox Christianity, which has always had a difficult time in reconciling the opposites in a harmonious and constructive way; however, with the advent of a new age and the consequent emergence of new symbols and a new growth in spiritual and psychic directions, the old values and concepts of God warring with the Devil, Lord of Matter, have appeared in a curious modern form. These values, which when put badly and stripped of their glamour are often of the 'if I can't have it then you shouldn't either' variety, are now being coupled with political ideologies which have very little connection with the real distribution of resources and opportunities. It would appear that projection still runs rampant among us, and it is fashionable once again to consider worldly goods

as being synonymous with evil. It is no longer fashionable to consider sexual expression in this light, because of the advent of psychoanalysis; but we have no similar revelation in the realm of commerce and material wealth. This trend may, however, be seen as the first rough and uncut demonstration of a fundamentally positive change toward a new set of values.

When seen from the more esoteric point of view, matter is an expression of spirit which contains in symbolic guise the blueprint for mind, emotion, and the inner purpose for which the vehicle has been created. This is a more ambiguous but possibly more productive way of looking at matter, and may be applied to the second house. Following this thread is unquestionably like plunging into a labyrinth, for what eventually emerges is that the second house has nothing to do with objects at all. The 'pearl of great price' appears to lie at the heart of the labyrinth; but persistence is required to reach it. The task of this Saturn placement is to find this central and unalterable value whose definition cannot be properly articulated but whose reality, to the man who has subjectively experienced it, is not to be questioned.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-worth: Saturn in the 2nd house indicates that good feelings about yourself are necessarily restrained, in order that they may be concentrated and correctly developed over time. You may feel inadequate as an individual, somehow innately flawed; but your work is to build a solid foundation for good feeling. The challenge is to patiently learn the discipline of suspending harsh judgements about yourself, and to move toward positiveness in small steps, sustained efforts that persevere throughout the entire life.

Possession: Ownership is a very serious question, a problem often linked with feelings of shame or unworthiness. You tend to resent the difficulty in acquiring and holding possessions or property. Keep the focus of your efforts on permanence and quality; transient possessions or shabby goods are not worth having. The challenge is to realize that ownership is not a given; in your life, it must be earned and attentively maintained through careful and enduring effort. Build your estate slowly.

Money: You must be disciplined, pragmatic, and patient with regard to money. The issue is not necessarily lack of money, although that may seem the case, but rather the serious responsibilities you must shoulder, however much wealth is produced. Do not spend foolishly; but once the decision is made to buy something, remember to enjoy it. Don't go for the quick buck or the big score - follow through with plans. Sustained application and cautious strategies are the key, with an emphasis on blue chip investments that will be permanent, stable, and solid. Money cannot buy happiness, but disciplined effort can promote eventual fulfillment. Concentrate on the process, the means rather than the end. The challenge is to recognize and deal with the belief that money is more important than it really is; so maintain perspective. Manage your attitudes as well as your dollars.

Self-exertion: You are generally a tireless worker, well-suited for efforts requiring strength, stamina, and perfection. You have the ability to grind away like the mills of God, eventually reducing even the most Herculean mountain to rubble through sustained and disciplined effort. There is often the presence of an inner 'supervisor' whose only job is to push the 'worker' toward greater productivity. Your attitude is 'pay now, fly later'; but too often you pay full price without ever taking the vacation. Duty is formidable and everpresent; and you risk the pitfall of blowout through discouragement. The challenge is to work slowly, recognizing progress, and to reward yourself for effort. Quality is important, but putting in your time also counts for something.

Sensuality: You are so sensitive to physical stimulus that it often results in sensory overload and a blunting of pleasure. You could alternate between denial of the body and an inordinate lust for pure physical sensation. In both cases, you risk being trapped in the pitfall of diminished appreciation. The challenge is to understand that your body is indeed a temple, and to honor the temple through a gradual evolution of mastery and worship, proceeding one step at a time to slowly increase the density of pleasure and the enjoyment of touch. Chew the world slowly, not so much because it's good for you as because it enhances the taste of reality.

Uranus ♅ in ♑ Capricorn 28° 55'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Uranus in Capricorn have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind ways to establish a new social order. Experiences include insights of innovative ways to organize society in a collective whole. Disruption occurs by hanging on to old forms of society's governmental structures.

(Joan Negus)

Although Uranus in Capricorn may not be as free or flexible as it is in Sagittarius, its impact is clearer and more tangible, not only in the examples given in the Uranus in Sagittarius section, but also in a number of other mundane events. The devastating San Francisco earthquakes of 1906 and 1989 both had Uranus in Capricorn; and at the time of each quake Uranus was also conjunct the San Francisco Midheaven (MC). But San Francisco is not the only place where earthquakes have occurred. There were an inordinate number of major earthquakes all around the world over the years of Uranus's tenancy of Capricorn from 1988 to 1996.

Another type of Uranus in Capricorn activity evident during the earlier Uranus in Capricorn period (1904-1912) was that the unions gained power through protection of

the labor force. Strikes by workers - in protest of conditions - were becoming more frequent because of the strength of the unions. This fits well with the concept of authority associated with Capricorn. And with Uranus in Capricorn you would expect that it is easier to rebel if you have a group representing some form of authority supporting you and giving you a sense of security.

The idea of authority was also obvious in the American political arena. Theodore Roosevelt, in his first annual message to Congress, announced that in accordance with the Monroe Doctrine, the United States would deal with any problems which foreign countries had with countries in the Western Hemisphere. In his words, 'Chronic wrongdoing... may force the United States... to the exercise of international police power'. In 1905, he was called upon to fulfill his promise when the US government began to supervise the Dominican Republic's payment of national and international debts.

Again in 1906, the United States assumed the role of authority in another country in the western hemisphere when the Cuban president asked the United States for assistance in quelling a rebellion. William Howard Taft was sent to head a provisional government; and the United States dominated Cuba for three years. It is interesting to note that in the late 1980s, relations with Central American countries and the degree of the United States intervention there came again in the foreground of American politics as Uranus repeated its transit through Capricorn.

There are other mundane examples of Uranus in Capricorn that could be mentioned, but the flavor of this placement should be clear from the illustrations already given. In fact, the earthquakes alone project an image that epitomizes the essence of Uranus in Capricorn. The earth literally split apart suddenly, indicating that the revolutionary qualities associated with Uranus can produce visible results in the sign of Capricorn. However, although the occurrence itself was abrupt, the conditions of the earth had to build over many, many years to a point of the eruption. Therefore, we lived with the knowledge that an earthquake could take place at any time, but the exact moment was unpredictable, and the devastating results a shock.

Applied to the individual, if you have Uranus in Capricorn, you probably live with the knowledge that if you start a revolution you can make a difference. The question will be 'Is it worth your time and effort?' Therefore, your spontaneity is tempered by the need to evaluate and plan. You will probably rehearse and memorize your actions before you 'suddenly' move. And, when you do take action, it will probably be noticed.

Not only are your 'spontaneous' acts most probably planned, but the route you take to reach your goal is probably not original. You will find it easier to rebel if there is precedence to follow. It may not be difficult to run the world with Uranus in Capricorn, but, before you start the revolution, you want to know that you have the capability of overthrowing the present régime. Secondly, you want to make sure that you have

subjects who will follow you when you do take over.

In other words, with Uranus in Capricorn, drastic action will rarely be taken without investigation and having precedents to refer to, which facilitates you making decisions in terms of revolutionary action. While the motivation for rebelling with Uranus in Sagittarius is usually fairness and justice, the reasons for such movement with Uranus in Capricorn are law and order, and paternalism. Roosevelt's announcement that we will police our own indicates the stern father approach, and the unions watching over and protecting the workers reiterates this idea.

Both these examples seem to have law and order as a factor. Roosevelt's attitude was to keep the Dominican Republic and Cuba in line; the unions wanted laws passed to protect the workers. But there is another example which is even more impressive. In 1910, as Uranus was coming to the end of Capricorn, a revolution broke out in Mexico. The reason for the uprising was that Mexican dictator Porfirio Diaz and his friends were becoming rich by robbing the poor. When Taft investigated, he ignored the mistreatment of the poor. Instead he praised Diaz for his ability to maintain 'law and order'. He also stated that backing up the dictator was necessary to protect the large amount of capital that the United States had invested in the country. Support of the ruthless government of Mexico continued until 1914 when Uranus was in the sign of Aquarius.

(Skye Alexander)

In the last century, Uranus was in Capricorn from December 1904 to January 1912, and from September to November 1912. In February 1988, Uranus once again entered this sign, and stayed there until January 1996.

Capricorn is the sign of structures, traditions, big business, the established order, patriarchal authority, the physical world and its boundaries, and responsibilities, controls and limitations. These things, therefore, are what your 'mini-generation' will be involved with changing, in order to bring about more openness and equality. During Uranus's previous passage through Capricorn, for example, Albert Einstein introduced his theory of relativity (1905), which changed our concept of matter and the structure of the universe.

Your Uranus-group probably will be concerned with the influence big business has on the democratic system, and could witness or be involved with breaking up its control over individual lives and world freedom. The practices and policies of large, multinational corporations came under attack during this period, and the public insisted that banks and other powerful institutions disclose their activities. This was a chaotic time, as monetary systems and the institutions that control the world's financial structures were upset. The stock market crash of 1987 and the corresponding fluctuations in world currencies were a precursor to the changes Uranus brought.

In these years, we saw a loosening of the rigid structure of the status quo so that it became easier for more people - especially women and minorities - to obtain a 'piece of the pie'. Conflicts between the 'haves' and 'have nots' were likely, and countries where the disparity between rich and poor is great experienced severe disturbances. The struggle raging in South Africa was a good example. There were even revolutions or attempts to overthrow the ruling authorities in some parts of the world, or at least movements to revise the established order. Whether the changes were accomplished easily or through violence and turmoil depended on how willing those in authority were to relinquish some of their control. As those of you who were born with Uranus in Capricorn reach adulthood, you might bring about greater equality and openness, in both business and politics.

During the previous passage of Uranus through Capricorn, there were wars and disputes throughout Europe, Russia, Turkey and Japan, and the conflicts that eventually escalated into World War I began boiling. These wars not only toppled old ruling powers, but also resulted in the realignment of national borders.

Capricorn is also the sign of traditions and conservative beliefs; and as Uranus travelled through this sign again recently it upset and reordered many of the traditions and attitudes that had held sway in the past. Conservative religious and social ideologies came under attack. Even the foundations on which societies are established were subject to being altered significantly. Those of you with this planetary position in your birth charts may believe in destroying all traditions and structures, and might embrace anarchy. You believe that the individual is more important than society, and are an advocate of personal rights and freedoms. In the extreme, you could rebel against all types of social responsibility and duty.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in Capricorn indicates a generation of people who will effect important changes in the governmental and business power structures. They wish to change the status quo in order to ensure greater security for the future, but they must be careful to do so in a practical way, building the new on the foundations of the old. They seek constructive change, yet are reluctant to release the past completely.

These people have strong ambitions and a desire to succeed. They have original ideas in science and business, which they use to advance their careers or improve their status. They are also able to develop old ideas in new or unusual ways.

If Uranus in Capricorn is afflicted, they are likely to be overambitious, and tend to overextend themselves in pursuit of professional advancement.

(Grant Lewi)

Capricorn is the so-called World sign, and it is natural that the genius Uranus therein should produce people that will upset old traditions. With this position, you are likely to feel that you are giving expression to your truest genius in rebellion against things as they are, or as they were, for you will always remember the revolt against conventions that occupy your youth, when to be part of the general iconoclasm is considered personally daring. Mass individualism is the product of Uranus in Capricorn. To progress from the conventional unconventionality to truly finding yourself and your individual expression is quite a task. When you find it, you will discover that your great contribution must be along lines of social progress, probably quite conservative in aim, even if unusual in method. You seek not to destroy the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them with all vigor and individualism.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Uranus will give a rational, cool outlook and the ability to put problems into a coherent and logical perspective. However, Capricorn is the sign most sympathetic to conventional behavior and to doing 'the right and proper thing', and Uranus is exactly the opposite, often encouraging shock tactics and perverse and unpredictable actions. Conflict will be the result. In most cases, it is to be hoped, there will be a weighing up of the contrasting possibilities when the occasion demands, and the subject will take the sensible line of action, neither causing embarrassment nor cramping his or her style. This is a generation influence, so these traits will not be strongly emphasized in everyone born over a seven-year period. Nevertheless, if someone of this generation consults you for astrological advice in a few years' time, and you mention something along these lines, he or she will understand and perhaps may be able to add some additional and incisive comments.

A certain hardness is present, but the humanitarian side of Uranus will emerge in a very practical, down-to-earth way, and this generation will continue to improve the environment and cope with the problems of its time. Study the power of the Uranian influence in the child's chart to see if she will be a leader of her generation. You should also refer to both Saturn and Neptune in Capricorn, and to the Saturn / Uranus conjunction. All these planets' positions, and possibly the above-mentioned conjunction, could be present in the chart on which you are working.

Uranus ♅ in 12th House

(Joan Negus)

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

easily combine imagination with your creativity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

As mentioned in the beginning of this section, if your creativity and individuality were encouraged when you were a child, you probably grew up with the ability to openly

display your uniqueness confidently, without concern for rejection or repercussions. Your creativity, too, will flow quite easily. Keep this in mind when you are intimately involved with children who have Uranus in the twelfth house. Work on helping to cultivate Uranian themes in their lives.

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

There is a parallel between your psychological health and that of society, through the connections of the collective and individual unconscious mind. Often you will be pulled back towards the past, both because of the influence that it has on your current life, and as an escape from the present moment. Emotionally, you probably have 'unfinished business' with the past, and perhaps with parental relationships. There will be a need to free yourself from this preoccupation, and to resolve the stresses and splits that make you look back; such an integration could become essential for your psychological well-being, and if problems develop related to your mental interpretation of human 'reality', you may need psychotherapy (even self-directed) to enable you to release the unconscious pressures, and to shine a liberating light clarifying and making the unconscious conscious. Forms of self-evasion and deception may work at covering up inner splits and problems for a time, but eventually they will stand revealed, as the personality-structure fragments under the strain of living an illusion.

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

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

(Jeff Green)

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

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

Anatomically, Uranus here increases the amount of electrical energy impacting on the pineal gland within the brain. Increasing the amount of melatonin produced from this gland promotes the weakening of the non-material barrier separating the interface between the conscious and unconscious. It is the conscious merging of conscious and unconscious that allows for the transference in the centre of gravity within the total consciousness to take place: from the ego of the personality, which is subjective and is perceived as singular and separate from the Creation, to the soul, which has its own conscious centre. The conscious centre of the soul can only be made consciously available to the egocentric structure of personality by dissolving the barrier separating the unconscious from the subjective consciousness reflected as personality in each life.

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

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

Liberation and freedom from the known occur when these individuals allow themselves to actualise their total natures, to step outside the times they are living within. It occurs by their examining, in some way, the causes or bases of their fear of losing control, of the fear of being overwhelmed by undefined forces. It occurs by their examining the nature of their dreams, the nature of their illusions or delusions as projected possible realities, the nature of their personal ideals that remain as unfulfilled expectations. Liberation and freedom occur in many by their accepting the individual lifestyles of those who are perceived to be so very different from themselves. Liberation and freedom occur when these individuals can design strategies that will allow them to expand their sense of reality. It will occur when many of these people learn to act upon the ideas that seem to be pulling them away from the immediacy of their existing reality and all the commitments that this reality induces.

A natural stress can occur in the endocrine system, thymus gland, and immune system. The various problems, conditions, or diseases associated with these areas can result because of this stress. The body can require a constant and above normal amount of vitamin C, fluids, and 'sweats' in order to maintain the integrity of these systems, and the thymus gland. A natural stress can occur within the pineal gland that promotes the accelerated secretion of melatonin, a hormone that increases the sensitivity of not only the anatomy and physiology but also the consciousness of the living organism itself. The increased sensitivity of the anatomy and physiology produces abnormal reactions to extremes of anything that goes into the body or interfaces with the skin or biosphere.

(etheric) of the body. There can be an abnormal sensitivity to sunlight, as an example, that leads to discoloration of the skin through the rapid production of melanin. This, of course, can progress into skin cancers such as melanoma. Internal stress can produce melanemia, or an unnaturally dark colour of blood. There can be a heightened reaction to impurities or chemical additives in foods, as well as to synthetic drugs and their side effects. Because of the natural polarity between the coccyx chakra and the crown chakra (pineal), a certain percentage of these individuals can experience puberty quite early in their lives.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

With Uranus in the twelfth house, there is always a moral crisis of some sort. Circumstances will force these people to study issues of right and wrong and to take a stand. If they don't, and they just allow things to take their natural course, life is going to batter them pretty badly. Some choose early, some late, but all must choose. Once they have chosen right over wrong, they are able to ride out the storm.

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

(Howard Sasportas)

The 12th house represents the collective sea out of which we all emerge. Those with Uranus in the 12th need to take a deep breath and jump in, not forgetting to bring along

their best diving equipment and research apparatus. Through exploring the unconscious it is possible for them to regain a sense of continuity with evolutionary and historic processes and glimpse the guiding patterns on which their lives are based. It's not everyone's cup of tea, but in whatever house Uranus is placed, we have to take risks and be different.

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

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

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

A deep-seated reluctance to relinquish their independence can make it difficult for them to settle down or take root. One part of them might desperately want closeness and security but somehow they manage to thwart this happening. Exploring their own unconscious motivations can free them from this conundrum and help alleviate a lingering sense of loneliness and isolation.

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

Until you focus on providing a unique service, your progress will be slow. To learn the necessary skills, you must get a good education. You can't hope to succeed on your intuitive gifts alone; and formal training will help you find the best way to apply yourself. Your insight gives you an advantage over your competition and enables you to solve many problems that baffle others. You are keyed to the social problems in your immediate surroundings; and your finger is on the pulse of the major problems of the larger society. You should have little difficulty attracting patrons for your service, and as your reputation grows so will your patronage. It will be to your advantage to seek a career that allows you self-determination and opportunities to grow and develop to your maximum potential.

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

You carry a heavy burden of social responsibility, because you are so aware of society's problems, and you have the talent to help solve them. This responsibility you cannot ignore. The freedom you enjoy depends on your willingness to share your skills with

those who do not have such freedom. You have the resources people need to lead them out of the darkness of their ignorance. Later you will feel very proud when you reflect on how much your efforts meant to those who benefitted from them.

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

Withdrawal or isolation: Others see you as unique, even odd, but you struggle to identify what makes you different. You withdraw from life to find the 'real' you. Privately, you're interested in arcane and unusual pursuits, especially mental explorations. The more in touch you are with your secret self, the more tension you feel about revealing it to others. The challenge is to take selected individuals into your private world. As your trust increases so you're safe to be yourself with them, gradually move your private world towards the public realm. The goal is to merge the 'outlaw' self with the 'normal' self, so that there is finally only one self, acceptable but special.

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

'Past Lives': Independence has come up in life after life. You may have been such a non-conformist that you alienated others. There were broken commitments, sudden

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

Neptune ♆ in ♌ Leo 28° 3'

No interpretation.

Neptune ♆ in 7th House

(Marilyn Waram)

This is another of those 'loaded' positions, because these (the seventh and eighth) are the most likely houses from which to project planetary energies, and Neptune, a transpersonal planet, is not easily welcomed into one's personal repertoire, thus making it an excellent candidate for projection. The result is that Neptune in either the seventh or the eighth house is most often not expressed personally but must be dealt with, at least initially, as if it comes from someone else. The usual and most likely someone else is the spouse, that special person whom we promise to love for better and for worse. The 'worse' definitely includes the special agony of projection when we are married to some of our least comfortable traits.

On the positive side, Neptune in the seventh is another of the artistic combinations. This one may lean particularly toward graphic arts, but any revenue of artistic expression is possible. It is especially positive if spouses can both be artistic, and particularly if they can share this without letting competitiveness spoil it. However, it is most important for the person with Neptune in the seventh to find an artistic outlet for otherwise it is easy to project and expect the spouse to be wonderfully artistic and creative, whether she wishes to be so or not.

Neptune in the seventh or eighth house is an excellent combination for counselling potential. Neptune in the seventh or eighth can be attuned to others on a deep emotional level which may even be psychic. There is an inherent talent for psychological studies and for the ability to share innermost thoughts and feelings.

It is often quite natural for a person with this placement to be at ease with emotional intimacy, with closeness and with a feeling of connectedness. In many cases, Neptune in the seventh or eighth expresses itself as a naturally strong valuation on close, warm relationships, and the individual will feel motivated to create and sustain such relationships. Again, if only one spouse wishes to pursue this, it is most important that it be the one with Neptune in these houses. It is his need; it is up to him to fulfill it. The partner will, however, need to acknowledge that this is a vitally important part of the individual's life, and will need to share at least some part of it with him.

Another positive expression of Neptune in the seventh or eighth is when spouses share a spiritual quest. They may read and study together, meditate together or support each other in exploration of occult concepts or in deep inner seeking. At any time, one may be more heavily involved, but the other is willing to give sincere support and to share and perhaps to contribute to discoveries. This is one case where a single spouse is not likely to be able to do it all. As one learns and grows and changes, the dynamics of the relationship will change. The partner who is not involved in the growth will be terribly threatened by this and usually seeks to stop the changes, which means undermining or blocking the growth. This rarely works, however, since most people, having once seen a richer way to live, cannot go back. Unless both partners have some say in how the dynamics change, or both agree to keep it the same, the relationship usually grinds to a halt.

Being so prone to projection, the negative possibilities for Neptune in the seventh or eighth are legion. Most obvious is the expectation that one will have a perfect mate, or a perfect marriage, or that one is perfect in the marriage. With Neptune in these houses the individual tends to really buy into the Walt Disney stories of the princess and the handsome, rescuing prince, and the way they supposedly lived 'happily ever after'. Neptune loves a good rescue(r). Neptune also loves a good fantasy. This can simply work out as a very romantic streak, with a deep and abiding trust in the partner, but it may develop into a full-fledged expectation that the mate will fulfil all the individual's deepest needs, will provide unconditional love and support under all circumstances, and will be charming and lovely at all times. This is not exaggerated. One well-known psychologist has written about the shock and utter disappointment he experienced the first time he saw his new bride blow her nose.!

Such blind faith in the ability of the partner to be the embodiment of all that is beautiful and delightful is an illusion. It is an invitation to frustration for both partners. The one with the expectations, unwritten of course, will feel betrayed when the mate starts to look distressingly human and capable of obnoxious behavior. The mate will feel the burden of the partner's expectations and feels responsible for letting down the partner. Yet this feels unfair because usually the behaviour which has disappointed the partner so much was something minor. The strange truth is that Neptunian partners are often amazingly noble and forgiving over the major incidents which break up many marriages, yet are unable to tolerate day-to-day differences and disappointments with any degree of grace.

Some Neptunian partners manage to maintain the illusion of the perfect partner, often in the face of an astounding amount of evidence to the contrary. They will overlook ignorant behavior, make excuses for immaturity, protect a weak mate, and generally do whatever is necessary to protect their image of their mate. This may be motivated by a need to have a perfect mate, no matter what the cost, or it may be the result of the Neptunian ability to see the best in others. Often both dynamics are at work. The individual with Neptune in the seventh or eighth who is protecting such an illusion will not give it up until ready to do so on her own. Usually the mate's behavior has to clash violently with some other cherished value before the Neptunian partner begins to see the problem.

It is worth mentioning that the Neptunian who faces the cracking pieces of this illusion suffers a particularly terrible inner pain. It can be survived, if the Neptunian can acknowledge that he built the illusion personally. Otherwise he is likely to feel forever betrayed and become bitter, hopeless and miserable. If the illusion can be seen as a personally constructed fib-to-the-self, the Neptunian can grieve for the lost dream, can rage at the unfairness of it all and at his own foolishness, and can then let go of it. After a time, peace will settle and the Neptunian can begin to get to know the person he married and to reconstruct a relationship, this time based on honesty.

One constructive choice for the individual who simply cannot give up on the need for a perfect partner, perfect devotion, perfect union and so on, is devotion to the ultimate partner: God. This can be achieved through the ministry, priesthood or sisterhood, or through missionary service. It is a choice which needs to be carefully considered, however, for it is all too easy for Neptune to be overwhelmingly drawn to such a life without consideration for the individual's more worldly needs. On the other hand, some people find that with the devotion to a life of service, pressure is taken off their need for a perfect mate and they can approach relationships with more compassion and acceptance of the human condition. Then again, some simply become more committed to otherworldly perfection and are less able to accept human foibles and differences in needs.

With Neptune in the seventh or eighth, there are all sorts of possibilities for the victim / saviour game to be played. The Neptunian with a strong chart will usually try the saviour role, which means a victim is required. This is a semiconscious procedure; few people deliberately saddle themselves with a frustrating burden. The saviour usually simply falls in love with someone who seems so deliciously vulnerable and needy, someone who just needs a little propping up here and there in order to be perfect. Only when the illusion begins to crack does the saviour see that the struggling actress wrecks her chances for success with her addiction to drugs; that the talented singer blows his auditions by refusing to co-operate with managers; that the inspired writer won't stick to deadlines; that the sweet, vulnerable creature who is too gentle and loving to hurt anyone is a walking time bomb of repressed anger just waiting to get into another

accident; that the charming, childlike waif is determined to remain helpless and actually manages to avoid a great deal of unpleasant responsibility.

Eventually, under the burden of relationships with such victims, the potential saviour often becomes a martyr. Many a sickly, bedridden spouse has outlived her caretaker mate!

The Neptunian with a less strong chart will often choose the victim role. Again, the choice is unconscious. Usually the chosen role looks romantic or spiritually worthwhile to the Neptunian, who only wants to create a loving and perfect world. The pitfalls are not apparent ahead of time. The choice which looks like one of sweetness and Christian generosity of spirit may lead to dangerous repression of personal needs and the resultant illnesses, lack of energy, or accidents. The repressed energy is bottled up and the god or goddess is angered - the energy turns inward. The choice which looks like one of loving sacrifice for a troubled partner may well lead to an abusive relationship. The choice which looks like dedication to an ideal may well turn out to be an evasion of worldly responsibilities which is motivated by fear.

The victim / saviour relationship is not always unhealthy. In counselling relationships, it is to be hoped that the counsellor has enough training, experience and mental stability to gradually empower the client to grow out of the victim role. In marriage, this is extremely difficult to accomplish, although it can be done. It requires that at least one partner be psychologically and spiritually very aware, very patient and very, very strong. Each partner must be willing to take responsibility for his / her own behaviour, attitudes and beliefs, be able and willing to grow and to interpret pain as a measure of change which is needed, not a measure of the partner's failure. This very difficult path can only succeed when the roles are alternated to some degree - in other words, each partner takes a turn as saviour and a turn as victim, until both can leave these roles behind.

In short, it is an extremely difficult path and it is not recommended. People who need help usually benefit most from a helping relationship with a professional, or at least with someone with whom they are not in love. The helper inevitably becomes the target of the 'victim's' anger and frustration at some point, which is extremely destructive in mate relationships. Few mates, especially Neptunian ones, can understand why they get continually punished, verbally attacked and emotionally blackmailed when all they offered was loving help. They expect loving gratitude but generally end up with a rare fury directed at them, as the 'victims' lash out in fear and agony at the people who are 'forcing' them to change.

When an individual has Neptune in the seventh or eighth houses, he will need to become conscious of his illusions regarding marriage, his partner, his own role and the satisfactions which are possible from a marriage. He will almost certainly tend to expect too much, and may place unrealistic burdens upon his mate. He will need to be alert for the appearance of saviour / victim games in his close relationships, games which can

lead to abuse and an unimaginable kind of hell. He will need to take responsibility for his own spiritual and creative needs, and to take steps to express them for himself, rather than wishing the mate would provide the experience. He will also need to take responsibility for the strength and importance of his need to have a mate who can share or at least value and honour his needs for spiritual growth, artistic expression, psychological exploration or all of the above.

The individual with Neptune in the seventh or eighth house possesses a rare talent for intimacy, perception and insight into others - including the ability to fathom their pain, and the ability to inspire the partner to develop spiritually. With acceptance of personal responsibility for emotional, artistic or spiritual fulfilment, all of these can be shared with a mate to create a truly special relationship with rich rewards for both partners.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position of Neptune inclined toward self-dramatisation. These people see themselves as heroes of fiction, living through dramatic events. It is very hard for them to see themselves clearly, to perceive what it is they mean to others. They continually strive to be heroic and play their roles to the hilt but, until they have a clear idea of what their roles should be, they often fail and then suffer terribly from their own sense of failure.

The ordinary roles of child, student, mate, parent, and worker are dull to them.. They seek to spice them up with other considerations and, as a result, can make their lives, and the lives of their friends, families and co-workers, chaotic. They are frequently attracted to those who inspire their romantic fantasies. They are never practical about relationships, always preferring romance and excitement to practical concerns.

As they seek to play a heroic role in a partnership, they may find themselves giving far more than they are getting. If Neptune is in a fixed sign, they may continue this role to the finish. If it is in a cardinal or mutable sign, they will probably tire of it at some point and seek a more balanced relationship. Their romantic cravings can get them involved in some very peculiar emotional and / or sexual situations, from which they may find it very hard to extricate themselves. They tend to think of themselves as heroically independent, one who gives and doesn't need, but they desperately need clear-sighted, inner-directed people to work with and for, to keep them in balance and aimed at a goal, or else they lose momentum and lose sight of priorities.

They will throw themselves into projects, get tired when things don't work out and just let them lie, then go back to them when their enthusiasm returns. This off-again on-again approach means that their plans take a long time to develop (if ever they do). They are inspirational to others and can be of use by cheering them on, encouraging others to do right and develop themselves; but they themselves often set a poor example by their fluctuating energies and enthusiasms. They can do very well if tied in with an individual

or group that is practical and down-to-earth and can keep them moving forward. Their great contribution to any enterprise is their innate optimism and ability to inspire others.

Pluto ♅ in ♏ Scorpio 8° 7'

(Steven Forrest)

Pluto 'rules' Scorpio, which simply means that Pluto is very much at home in this sign. Thus, the combination is particularly heady. As you might imagine, the key word here is intensity. Squared.

In Scorpio, Pluto has a passion for ferreting out whatever is comfortably hidden behind a web of fear, lies and ignorance. It is hungry for the bracing, edgy spark that comes from looking the devil straight in the eye.

We must emphasize here that ultimately all planets are about consciousness, and that a sharp distinction can be drawn between pure negativity and the consciousness of pure negativity, which is Pluto-in-Scorpio's real domain. Only when mortally twisted does this energy descend into an identification with the dark.

To the fainthearted, the style of Pluto in Scorpio appears to be bleak, self-serious, even morbid. We humans have always had an ambivalent relationship with life's frightening aspects: on one hand, fascination. On the other, horror. You can observe this phenomenon rather comically while watching a horror flick in a movie theatre. Maybe there's a gruesome shocker of a scene about which everyone has been warned. Half the audience will have their hands over their eyes, but they are still watching the screen fixedly through spread fingers. The same behavior occurs reliably at the scene of an automobile accident: onlookers slow down and stare, hoping - and fearing - that they'll see bloody carnage.

In essence, the style of Pluto in Scorpio centres on a compelling curiosity about everything that makes us uncomfortable. Thus, during Scorpio's most recent passage through this sign (essentially 1983-95) there was an exploding preoccupation with childhood wounds, sexual abuse, and psychology in general. Twelve-step groups multiplied exponentially. There was a corresponding swell in the sales of horror fiction and films. The vampire - a classic creature of the dark - became the 'national bird' of the collective unconscious.

A graveyard mood of desolation arises... and contains a lot of wisdom. Black is the color. Unflinching perspective on the truth is the goal. More precisely, the goal lies in generating consciousness regarding certain particular truths: those which make people squirm. Other, happier truths about the human condition may get ignored. But, laser-like,

the Pluto-in-Scorpio vibration ties us resonantly with the collective Shadow. And by elevating consciousness there, we rob it of some of its power to run our lives.

Pessimists, by their natures, excel at recognizing problems. Psychologists, through their training and experience, develop a knack for sniffing out psychopathology. Doctors look for disease. Private detectives and police officers learn to treat everyone as a suspect. All these roles are necessary in the world, and many of use have had our lives saved or at least made better through contact with such people. But imagine what it would feel like to have those attitudes and perceptual faculties rolled up into one big ball inside your head! The mind would then operate like a filter, and what would not pass through it into awareness would be the sweetness, health and nobility woven into every human being. We would miss the bright sense of possibility that exists for every person, every situation, even for the human future. In our 'realism', we would succumb to despair - and ironically lose track of a significant dimension of what is actually real.

That is the blind spot for Pluto-in-Scorpio. In essence, it boils down to one word: hopelessness. And that hopelessness is often complicated by a self-righteous sense of one's own superior wisdom and moral courage. Imagine a foolish, arrogant psychotherapist who blindly views every difference of opinion as evidence of 'your resistance'. That's the Pluto-in-Scorpio blind spot.

Most of us know such psychotherapists, be they professionals or of the self-appointed variety. Thus, the individual who has fallen into this trap is profoundly resistant to help; he or she dismisses every notion of a broader, brighter, more hopeful attitude as 'denial'. As a result, he or she may very well rot for a long while in a self-absorbed, imploded state of isolation, impossibility, and grim anticipation.

Evil has a terrible gravity. Anyone who has ever glanced at the news understands the horrible way that atrocities breed atrocities. 'They did it first!' - that's the eternal defence. It's the saddest human paradox: so often we 'punish evil' by becoming evil ourselves. This disease is always with us; we humans carry it like the common cold. But when Pluto is passing through Scorpio, we all become more vulnerable.

Vengeance is heady; we've all been caught up in the emotions of a film or book where the bad guys finally 'get theirs'. That same paradox again: give us a plausible 'moral justification' and the violent 'dispensing of justice' becomes exciting business. Although we give the process noble names, the simple truth is that something in us finds it absolutely intoxicating to free the Shadow into full, wild expression.

With all the acts of darkness committed in this bleeding world, how many are done by people who imagine themselves to be evil? Not many, I suspect. In the majority of cases, there's a self-righteous 'reason'; and the 'reason' is almost always along the lines of 'I was the victim first'.

With Pluto in Scorpio, this victim-psychology can run rampant and trigger an escalating cycle of hatred, passionate self-righteousness and blind violence.

The Shadow scares us. Most of us would prefer to be decent human beings. When the dark looms up loudly, there is another road we may be tempted to take, almost equally dark in the end. In our fear of our own capacity for despair and destruction, we may try to take refuge in a Pollyanna view of life in which 'negative thoughts' become the demons to be avoided.

Thinking positively is in many ways the soul of wisdom, but like any strong force it has a powerful dark side. And its dark side is the shallowness and voluntary ignorance upon which real darkness always thrives. Thus, another modern Pluto-in-Scorpio scenario: the 'positive-thinking New Age person' who is shocked to discover that his child has been on cocaine for five years, shocked to discover that she has a cancer that could have been cured two years ago, shocked to go through a divorce, shocked that the 'spiritual teacher' has problems with zipper control.

Ultimately, Pluto in Scorpio is about generating consciousness of the dark. And no form of consciousness is in and of itself ever evil. As always, the Shadow of Pluto in Scorpio is at its core a distortion of a positive principle. Emotional courage, psychological understanding, a willingness to face our own hurts and also to recognize the hurt we have done to others - these are the saving graces of this intense, brooding energy.

(Skye Alexander)

Pluto entered its own sign, Scorpio, at the end of 1983 and stayed there until May 1984. The planet returned to this sign in September 1984, and remained there (except for a brief period between January and April 1995) until November 1995. Both Pluto and Scorpio have similar characteristics, so when the planet is positioned here its expression is intensified.

It is interesting, though not surprising, that George Orwell chose the title 1984 for his famous novel; that date corresponds to Pluto's entry into Scorpio, and the book aptly depicts the dark Plutonic forces at work. Though Orwell's portrayal of this Pluto-in-Scorpio period is perhaps an extreme one, we nonetheless saw an increase in government domination and pervasiveness at this time, and a public willingness to sacrifice freedom to 'Big Brother' out of fear. In the United States, mandatory drug testing was one example of Plutonic / Scorpionic prying. The expanded power of multinational corporations and banks, and the effect this has on the world's financial situation, is another example of Plutonic / Scorpionic domination.

At the opposite end of the spectrum (for this planetary position indicates extremes) are the political and social reforms that took place in the U.S.S.R. and the People's Republic of China. Known for their controlling, restrictive governments, these two nations showed

signs of opening up and interacting with the rest of the world.

Power issues of all kinds are connected with Pluto and Scorpio; therefore, those of you who have this planetary position in your birth charts may be obsessed with having power. You might attempt to control and manipulate other people - or the forces of nature. When your generation reaches adulthood, we may experience a time of government opposition, cruel and powerful dictators, or other conditions that strictly limit freedoms.

Nuclear power and nuclear weapons are also associated with Pluto and Scorpio, and this planetary combination forced this issue into public awareness. Power struggles between nations and the buildup of nuclear arsenals were highlighted during this period, as we began to realize we must change our attitudes about war or face annihilation. The reactor incident at Chernobyl, U.S.S.R forced the world to reconsider the issue of nuclear power. During Pluto's transit of Scorpio, nuclear and toxic wastes could no longer be ignored either; and the problem of what to do with these wastes, as well as the threats to health and the environment, became more poignant and pressing.

These issues could be of major significance to those of you with this planetary position in your birthcharts. Perhaps your generation will establish peace in the world and do away with war and power struggles. Or, you may be the survivors of a nuclear holocaust and be responsible for reconstructing life on Earth. It is quite likely that your generation will face the problem of cleaning up the environment and getting rid of nuclear and toxic wastes. Or, you could suffer plagues, famine and pestilence as a result of damage done to the environment. On the brighter side, your Pluto-group might discover a problem-free source of power and energy for the planet, making nuclear power unnecessary.

Sex, and the taboos, fears and secretiveness surrounding it, are related to Scorpio and Pluto. Both the planet and the sign also are linked with death. Therefore, the connection between this planetary placement and the appearance of the venereal disease AIDS is obvious. In true Pluto-in-Scorpio fashion, fear of this mysterious and devastating disease has led to cruelty, suspicion, and attempts to isolate AIDS victims and deprive them of their rights, especially the right to privacy. Pluto always drags skeletons out of the closet and makes us take a good, hard look at our secret fears. AIDS has forced us to deal with the issue of sex and the taboos surrounding it - particularly homosexuality. Attention has been focused on other Plutonic problems during this period, too, such as the sexual abuse of children, the connection between such abuse and violent criminal behavior in adulthood, sex and violence in movies and television, rape, sex education and pornography.

For those of you born during this time, sexuality will be extremely important. Perhaps you will harbor intense fears about your sexuality or see sexuality as an instrument of power. Or, your generation could be responsible for transforming negative attitudes toward sexual expression. You might find a link between sexual repression and illness

and seek to approach certain diseases like cancer on this basis. By the time you reach adulthood it may be essential to limit population growth, and your sexual and reproductive freedom might be curtailed sharply. More frightening is the opposite possibility: that a devastating war could make it necessary for your Pluto-group to repopulate the Earth. Or, your generation could be plagued by sterility or birth defects as a result of nuclear and / or toxic pollution.

One of Pluto and Scorpio's principal themes is death and rebirth; and public awareness was attuned to this during the Pluto-in-Scorpio period. Reincarnation became more widely accepted in the West than ever before, and past-life regression and channeling were popular. Concerns about the right to die led many states in the U.S. to pass laws that allow individuals to make decisions about medical intervention in life-or-death situations before the fact.

Those of you who have this planetary placement in your birth charts are practically obsessed with the issue of death and the possibility of life after death. Your generation will be intrigued with the concept of reincarnation and, as you reach adulthood, we may see a period of intense interest in all matters pertaining to death and the hereafter. Your Pluto-group might make startling discoveries about life after death and other worlds beyond this one, or even witness the 'Second Coming'. Your generation also could be responsible for discovering new 'miracle' cures that will extend the human life span significantly. It is also possible that you will experience cataclysmic events during your lifetime that destroy much of the Earth's life, such as the one that killed the dinosaurs, or the Biblical flood, or the sinking of Atlantis. Perhaps you could be responsible for a nuclear accident or war that brings us to the brink of destruction. It is difficult to predict how this energy will manifest, but undoubtedly death will be an important issue for your generation.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

With Pluto in Scorpio, worldwide conflict was likely to reach a peak of intensity. 'Regenerate or die' was the order of the day, because Pluto rules Scorpio, the sign of death and regeneration. There is no other planetary sign position of such potency. This period marked the final death-gasp of the Piscean age; time has run out on human folly, and there is no choice left but to face the consequences.

Pluto has its fastest orbital motion while going through Libra and Scorpio. As the biblical Book of Revelation says, 'Unless these times were shortened there would be no flesh saved'. The greatest danger of plague, famine, and atomic and biological warfare occurred during 20 of the last 25 years of the 20th century. From 1975, Uranus was in Scorpio, and from 1984 until 1995 Pluto was there. In this period, the human race was forced by dire necessity to regenerate itself in preparation for the Aquarian age.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Pluto's entry into Scorpio had its effects on those born with Neptune in Scorpio (1956-1970/1). They made their presence felt in increasingly powerful positions.

But perhaps the most Scorpionic of all effects was the appearance of AIDS - a sexually transmitted disease; and Pluto's influence is very much a part of our sexuality. Remember that Pluto is at home in Scorpio, so its strength is increased. It is to be hoped that the situation will be controlled and Pluto's influence, having brought the scourge to the surface, will later be curative. Here, lessons are learned the hard way. The light on the horizon was from the influence of the other generation planet, Neptune, working from Capricorn. Uranus was also in that sign, and Saturn transitting Capricorn between 1988 and the end of 1990 was also a curative influence. We must not forget the financial implications of Pluto from its own sign. The desire to make more money and the even-increasing implications of the expansion of world markets are very much part of this physically tiny but important planet (Pluto).

In the birth chart, this position adds an intensity and sense of purpose; but if Pluto receives negative aspects from the Sun, Moon or ruling planet there may be psychological problems. These must be resolved if the individual is fully to develop potential and make positive use of increased emotion and intuition. There will be a much stronger source of emotional and physical energy if Scorpio is also the Sun, Moon or Ascendant sign; and this must be channeled positive. Make sure your subject's parents are aware of this, since using it through competitive sport and in reaction to very demanding challenges is essential. The earlier parents start to encourage it in their offspring, the better, or otherwise they could possibly have a difficult, restless and unfulfilled child on their hands. If Pluto is conjunct the Midheaven and / or placed in the tenth house, the expression of power, and identification with everything that is strong and powerful, will be present.

(Grant Lewi)

Astrologers have assigned Pluto's rulership to Scorpio; and while opinions occasionally differ, notably Carl Payne Tobey's that Pluto rules Aries, the symbolic meanings of Pluto and Scorpio do have much in common. Pluto travels its fastest in Scorpio, spending only 12 years in that sign, where it spends up to thirty years in the other signs. The planet Earth experienced perihelion between the Sun and Pluto in September of 1989, or its closest contact with that planet, during which time Pluto actually orbited on the inside of Neptune for a while. Here we have felt Pluto at its strongest. This is a convincing argument in itself that Pluto rules Scorpio.

Sexual matters are the main manifestation of Pluto in Scorpio. There was an alarming spread of the AIDS virus. Questions arose and demanded consideration about what constitutes safe, responsible sex. Free mores of the 1960s and '70s had revealed a need to concern ourselves with the implications of what we still welcome as more open

attitudes about sex.

Sexual violence and rape also came to the fore. Hardly a day went by when there was not some story, great or small, in the newspaper. Pluto in Scorpio challenges people to deal with tension in productive ways. Unfortunately, perpetrators of physical violation find their outlet through aggressive outbursts. Pluto in Scorpio also calls self-esteem into question, with a general helplessness the result. Defences are down all around.

Pluto in Scorpio also had a dramatic impact on religion. Notice the number of cases of sexual abuse that were highlighted within the church. Also notice, on a more positive note, people's increasing interest in discovering the common thread in their fellow human beings and nurturing it for the better rather than, like their ancestors, using it as a noose.

We are challenged to be more responsible toward the welfare of each other without losing our respect for ourselves. A mixture of directness and compassion is the subtle key. It is an alchemical process, whereby we find the right proportion of allegiance and maverickness, producing wisdom.

(John Townley)

You may find that your generation puts a premium on intensity in a relationship. Love, like other aspects of life, is considered an all-or-nothing proposal. If this is in line with your personal style, you will feel catapulted along by the times you live in. Your love relationships will be both stressful and very rewarding, often at the same time.

However, if you are more easygoing, then you may find that your partners expect more energy and conflict in a relationship than you want or can deliver. In that case, you should look for a lover whose temperament is similar, even though you may be attracted to those who are very different from you. In the long run, you will be happiest with someone who keeps your pace and does not run you ragged emotionally, even though that may seem like the most exciting direction.

No matter what kind of relationship you are in, however, the level of intensity will be heightened just by the attitudes and expectations of those around you. If this is not your preference, it might be better to postpone a permanent relationship. Those in the next generation (Pluto in Sagittarius), about ten years younger than you, will approach love in a radically different and much simpler way. That style may be more to your liking.

(Robert Hand)

This period was a time of change that was intense even by 20th century standards. Many astrologers believe that this is the sign that is ruled by Pluto. The children of this era should be much more concerned with the forces underlying the surface of reality.

They will put their intelligence to investigating all kinds of phenomena, and it is just possible that they will bring the arts and sciences out of stagnation to a new period of dynamic activity.

Pluto ♅ in 10th House

(Ginger Chalford)

With Pluto in the house of the more obviously dominant parent (usually the mother in childhood), the early patterns involve extremes in the parent-child relationship. This Pluto child sees his / her mother as overbearing, possibly impatient, smouldering with anger at him / her; an exceptionally special person who inspires extremes of love and hate. To be included in the special grace of her magnetic energy is what this child desires most, and therefore the child is willing to follow the mother's dictums and do whatever is necessary to receive that powerful blessing. Of course, as these Pluto tenth house individuals grow into middle and late childhood, the inner psychic touch and intense love-hate bond with the mother will prove to be a threat to the growth of personal independence. A crisis occurs in which these children must choose between the security of getting along with her by obedience to her social training and expectations, and the insecurity of rebellion, knowing nothing of what might come next. Most children will opt for the security, for they fear that if they are rebellious then mother will get angry, and the relationship will end. And this particular relationship is a powerful one, for these Pluto children will never at any time be able to ignore their mother. The connection is just too magnetic and intense! The only way to get out of the aura of such a strong parent is to be physically separated from her over great distances. Even though there may be no communication between the adult Pluto tenth house people and their mothers, the impact of this parent lives with them, creating profound attitudes about personal fulfilment, status and success. It is in the tenth house that people are able to get the rewards for their own essential lovability; and it is usually the mother who originally makes the child aware of this factor. She indicates through her actions whether her children are lovable or not, giving them an idea of what being loved means, or what not being loved can do to one's life. This factor can show up later in calamitous business and personal decisions that are based on the low levels of self-love and lovability that Pluto people believe they possess and deserve. Insecurity over this factor can cause children and later adults to toe the line, giving up the need to be free agents, to think and feel for themselves. This is reflected by children who grow through adolescence without the usual rebellion or clash of wills that is so common in that stage of development - only to have it happen later, much later! A few rare individuals never break with this position of powerlessness before the parent, authority or society. Most who don't make the break in adolescence, however, will experience it in their thirties, at the latest. Some children or adolescents rebel earlier; and the clash of wills with the mother is a daily struggle. These people often believe that she is standing in their way,

preventing them from loving themselves; or that because of her their life is not as fun and lively as they think they deserve. They become resistant to any form of suggestion or command, and decide that they know much more than the teachers they encounter at school. Expressions of personal anger can be scary with these individuals, for it was never allowed in childhood (although mother and father both seem to have given themselves ample room for this disruptive emotion). Because people with this Pluto placement are insecure in expressing their anger, they may become self-righteous, and refuse to listen to what anyone else says - particularly a teacher or any other authority figure - for fear that anger could erupt through open disagreement and become destructive, destroying relationships around them. The early confrontation with personal will, and the decision whether to develop or deny it, leads to career extremes in adulthood. Often these people can be found in low income or bottom of the ladder-type jobs, because they have allowed their parents and then society to assume the power over their lives. Their bosses are people to be feared, drawing out the same responses that mother did years before. They quietly do their job, smouldering with resentment, in anguish because their uniqueness or special destiny is not being fulfilled. They may be considered poor employees, because their temperament generates clashes with their fellow workers. They may suddenly quit, or get injured on the job and receive disability payments. Or they may just up and disappear without notice. They may continue in some unfulfilling work to punish themselves for their independent thoughts, sacrificing their career to prove mother wrong (or possibly out of misguided love for her). Others with undeveloped Plutonian energy decide to have the best revenge on their mother, by making themselves more important than she was to them. These people become bosses, and treat their employees with a punishing attitude originally developed in childhood as a response to the mother (or father). They can drive themselves unrelentingly, and deal harshly with any sign of weakness on the part of an employee. They have a hard time delegating responsibility, and wish to have power over other people's lives. They can be very possessive toward their employees, who seldom go beyond the call of duty because their extra efforts are neither rewarded nor even remembered. Seldom will those with this Pluto placement ever ask for help or admit that anything is beyond their competence. Fiascos can result from too much posturing and too little knowledge; and strange circumstances may befall these people. They have a desire to move beyond their current status, whatever that is, and expand it to include more and more of society - and more power too, of course. In fact, they'd like to change society, and they're sure they know just how it should be done. If they don't get some kind of public power, they'll certainly use whatever power they have on the people who are available to them. Playing 'top dog' can take many a nasty turn - extreme egotism is ultimately self-defeating. They demand attention; whether negative or positive makes no difference. Whatever helps to fill that void within them which makes them feel so unloved and powerless. Some Plutonians do manage to take their own power and lovability back from outside themselves. This usually occurs in the late twenties, when there is time to develop a feeling of self-sufficiency. Despite their intense relationship with the mother, they still realise that they create their own reality, even if it is still very limited in scope. A desire for public power comes with this placement, but it doesn't necessarily have to take

a destructive path. The sense of purpose and personal destiny that this placement portends can be fully realised, but only if the Pluto person invests less energy in confrontations with the mother or other authority figures, and applies it to a passion for work and life. This passion is then channeled into the career, making work a personally fulfilling activity, reinforcing the feelings of self-esteem and self-love that are already there. There must be a gut-level desire to do whatever it is they're doing, for these people to be at all satisfied with themselves. Whenever they get involved in something, they will move to the top of it and understand it in a way that few others could. They are entrepreneurs, successful executives, or fulfilled parents. This placement is found in the horoscopes of all kinds of leaders, because it emphasises reaching large numbers of people, expanding awareness on a large scale, and utilising the most advanced technology of the day. These people are born scientists (physicists in particular), but they are fully capable of being great teachers, healers or mystics if they want. They do not have to demand respect and authority, for they magnetically attract these things. Those who come in contact with them don't have to be convinced of that! Once these individuals learn to deal with the mother (authority figure) without and the mother (internalised parent) within, they have learned the essence of self-nurturing, and this brings them a great feeling of inner security. They know they will always survive and prosper. They know too that they will always be able to magnetise significant improvements into their life, as if by magic. (And incidentally, this magic will work in the business sphere too. It would come as no surprise to find one of these people lighting ceremonial candles at home over a big business deal planned for the next day.) The outer results of the positive or negative use of Pluto in the tenth house are obvious. Either these individuals are successful in some way, or they are not. Success in this case is measured by the amount of personal satisfaction they get out of the life work they have chosen to do. This satisfaction is the result of personal passion, a love of the self that is expressed through being as well as doing. With the development of self-love comes the willingness to forgive and let go of the past, which includes surrendering the habit of blaming others for personal failures. Letting go of the past also means that mother in particular is forgiven, and the seemingly countless disagreeable things she did during the person's childhood are for the most part forgotten. The new, mature relationship with the mother re-establishes itself in these Pluto children's maturity, bringing out the loving quality of that powerful inner bond which has been untapped for so long. When Pluto transits this house, however, major changes in the way people think about themselves are bound to take place. A crisis of self-image or self-love can create upsets in love, home and career. Powerful career interests from the past no longer hold the same sway in the psyche. There needs to be a new expression through career or love fulfilment that reflects the change in self-image which is taking place. During this time, difficulties with mother or any other powerful authoritarian figure in the life can take on the intense love-hate polarity developed in childhood. Transformation of relationships requires much attention, and a lot of struggle too. The reason for all this overhaul is that Pluto, planet of perspective, has just reached the very zenith of the chart, and is expanding the individual's perception on a very deep and personal level. Old inner psychic programs from the past are regurgitated into the conscious mind at this time,

and must be dealt with and discarded. Failure to do this willingly results in many an unpleasant crisis. Extreme resistance to dealing with the crises at this time can create death - death of the self or of someone significantly close to the individual affected. If a close death occurs, the person will have to re-evaluate life; and therein lies the hope that a new perspective may make life more meaningful and fulfilling in the future. This crisis of self-love will bring out the individual's capacity for self-healing, to let go of things and people that don't work any longer, and thereby to create self-love and passion. If there are no obvious visible effects when Pluto transits across the cusp of the tenth house, then often the birthtime used for the chart is incorrect. If the time is truly correct and the individual still experiences little or nothing, then simply wait. It sometimes happens that Pluto energy, although shifting at this time, is in the process of building up 'from the bottom', so to speak, into a major shift later on. It will deal with issues from the initial hit (the time period coinciding with the transit across the tenth house cusp). Know that deep changes are still being made, and that the outer appearance of these changes, even though it may be delayed, will still be significant. Also, any work done on personal growth at this time could result in much greater success in all areas of life, which could forestall the need for a crisis-style awakening. If you are experiencing the negative effects of Pluto in your tenth house, whether by transit or natively, you can only overcome them by forgiving your mother or other tenth house parent figure. Become aware of how you project your mother's image onto other people who aren't your mother, who don't look like her, and who are unique in their own right. Refer to the visualisation instructions at the end of the fourth house Pluto section for a parental forgiveness technique. What you must do at this time is to let go of the emotional image of your mother as a parent. Let her become a real person, with failings, weaknesses, strengths and a unique personality all her own. Don't make generalisations about her any more. Even if you would never choose her as a personal acquaintance had she not been your mother, now is the time to let her become your equal, and you hers. Give her the freedom to be herself, and in the process you will invariably begin freeing yourself also. When you forgive her, don't expect any response from her now that your image of her is different from what it has always been. Even if she is still alive and playing the same old mind games with you, don't concern yourself with her attitudes about you. You need only be concerned with your attitudes about her! You see, when you change your own attitudes, the reality around you changes. This is seldom as apparent as when Pluto is in the tenth house. When you change, then your mother will change also, whether she is alive or not. The inner image of your mother, that person within your memory, will change. Your attitude about her changes, and so does your past with her. You are literally giving yourself the change to rewrite your past, creating in it a successful mother-child relationship! I'm not making any guarantees here, but I have often observed that people who truly forgive their mother are able to transcend many old emotional barriers and hang-ups. Despite your having a seemingly resistant and manipulative mother, the relationship actually changes! You could be giving yourself the greatest gift possible; a new and positive relationship with your mother, and therefore a renewed, inspired love for your inner self. You will have succeeded in the Plutonian challenge of transformation, and you're bound to find your own personal fulfilment as an outgrowth of this change.

(Haydn Paul)

The compulsive nature of the Pluto energy mediated through the 10th house focuses on the nature and expression of authority. You are likely to aspire to positions of power and authority, with the recognition that this implies. You will try to develop your natural will-power and harness it to your drive to be a success, enabling you to rise to prominence in some social or career area that you are aiming towards.

This search for authority is partially derived from a search to define your own sense of separate identity, to be known as 'someone', rather than to be an anonymous 'nobody'. You also tend to believe that those at the top are there because of right and suitability, that essentially they are superior to others, and that support of the status quo and an élitist establishment is necessary for social stability. You will be able to understand the ways of authority, and have the ability to work successfully with people in positions of power; this can aid a possible career in politics, government and local affairs involving hierarchies and bureaucracies.

If you find that you cannot personally rise to heights of social and public prestige, then you will attempt to maintain contact with those who have, so that power by association can be experienced. Other ways to express this compulsion are either to oppose the Establishment, by having extreme revolutionary or libertarian views, or to use any influence and power that you have in order to reform existing structures of authority. The way of direct confrontation is likely to be merely a replacement of an existing system which is disliked, by a new one which is just another personal or group preference. Either is usually an imposition on the majority by a powerful minority, and historically never works as well in real life as it does in theory; and in general the new régime becomes as dictatorial as the previous one, stamping out all dissent. Any attempt by you to initiate change will create controversy, and polarise your supporters and opponents; and you could often feel quite misunderstood. Much will depend upon how you deal with people, because that is likely to sow your seeds of future success or failure. You will need to evaluate your personal motives and values in the light of any public fame or success, to free yourself of any glamour and illusions concerning authority and power, and from the need to tie your sense of identity in so strongly with your ambitions. Pluto, acting as a transformative and subverting energy, will use such aspects of your life to force you to discover new ways of understanding. If your personal identity is supported by being in a position of power, then be ready for Pluto to erode your influence and reputation, perhaps stripping you of it altogether. You need to have a deeper perception of the social responsibilities of authority, and how to use it correctly and in a socially beneficial manner; even if the immediate sphere of influence is limited to your immediate family, the same applies.

The abuse of authority is seen throughout history; the self-creation of leaders and those who follow is a common picture. To enter any 'New Age', each individual has to release

his own inner light, and learn to follow his own path in co-operation with others who have achieved the same, in a unanimity of purpose and freedom - not as leaders and followers, and by the imposition of a self-serving authoritarian élite.

(Donna Cunningham)

These placements show very difficult conditions with authority figures and most probably a parent who was oppressive, controlling, and perhaps even abusive. The result is deep-seated resentment toward people in power (maybe toward the whole world) and a determination never to be under the control of someone else. The bind is that these people are also very success-oriented, and it is difficult to succeed if they are forever setting up battles with the powers that be. The scorpion's sting means that they are usually the ones who wind up getting hurt. They may be playing with the Big Guys, who are born strategists, while their own resentments lead them to make ill-considered moves.

Parents with this position who are not able to be powerful in the world may act out power needs on their children, repeating, in fact, what was done to them. Pluto in the tenth shows a critical, highly ambitious parent who respected nothing but BIG success and was never pleased with child-sized successes. The parental curse 'You'll never amount to anything' may have been frequently heard; and this Plutonian may go through repeated humiliating public failures in order to get even. This depth and degree of the fail for spite game is not fun! These people may be stubbornly resistant to healing, because all healing in some way represents being under someone else's power. Possibly it is best taken alone. Working through exercises on resentment could be very important. A healing career is quite possible - and they will have to heal themselves in the course of their studies! People who are freed from the negative manifestations of this placement, who are able to work with power in a clean way, can have a strong impact on the world, bringing about healing and reform.

(Howard Sasportas)

If we take the tenth house to represent the mother, then those with Pluto here may see her as dark, threatening and possessing the ability to destroy them. She can be experienced as a witch, or someone who is primeval, ruthless and manipulative. They may sense a seething anger and pent-up frustration or sexuality emanating from her. They feel as if she is always there, somehow watching them, even if she is not physically present. In short, she is felt to be dangerous and untrustworthy. However, in reality, she may not be this sort of person at all, but the child with Pluto here, in certain cases, may experience her predominantly this way. Or sometimes the early death or loss of the mother is the root of later problems in life. As covered in the general discussion of the 10th house, our earlier experiences of the mother (our first container) will contribute to the way in which we relate to the larger container of society. If the image associated with a negative Plutonic mother is projected onto the world, then these people will fear that

the world is a dangerous place intent on destroying them. Some with this placement may react to this by withdrawing from society and having as little to do with the world as possible. Others may compensate for their dread of being devoured with an obsessional need for power and control over others. Attempting to regain a lost sense of infantile omnipotence, they strive to extend their territory of influence to include as much of the world as they can. If they are in control, if they are the ones in authority, then they feel safe. Their need for power can be so consuming that any means will justify achieving those ends. Also, there is a distrust of anyone who has authority over them, a desire to dethrone or destroy those in charge before it's too late. For all these reasons, those with Pluto in the 10th need to re-evaluate and come to a deeper understanding of their underlying psychological motives for ambition, power or worldly success.

Of course, the above description is a one-sided explanation of Pluto projected in a negative light. It is possible that the mother may carry a positive Pluto association. She could be viewed as the great bestower of life, and experienced as an exceptionally capable source of comfort and support through all the contingencies of daily life. Some people I know with this placement have watched the mother struggle successfully with a personal crisis or a severe life trauma, and were most impressed with her ability to manage hard times and come out the other side renewed and regenerated. She then become a positive prototype for later challenging experiences with which they had to contend. In this way, as adults with Pluto in the 10th they model qualities of strength, will and endurance to other people. Pluto's placement in the chart is where we periodically tear down, destroy or alter existing circumstances in order to create new ones. It is where we may be reduced to nothing in order to rise again. In some cases, Pluto here may indicate the loss or leaving behind of an established career and the necessity to embark on a new vocation of an altogether different nature.

Those with Pluto in the 10th ultimately require a career which is deeply engaging, meaningful, and exciting. Either the work is of a 'Plutonian' nature or they approach the whole area of work with the kind of intensity and complexity associated with this planet. Some may be responsible for reforming existing institutions of society which are outworn or outdated. Other fields related to Pluto are those of medicine, psychology, and occult or psychic work, investigative science and journalism, politics, mining, atomic research, etc.. I have done charts for two people with Pluto in the 10th who were in jobs in which they were not allowed to reveal the exact nature of their work. Some may engage in careers which reflect society's shadowy side - such as prostitution, crime or underworld involvement. Occasionally, I have come across people with Pluto in the 10th who tell me that they have no ambition. After my talking with them for a while, it becomes clear that they still see themselves as 'small' compared to the big, powerful world (mother) out there. Usually, on some level, they are frustrated by the lack of influence they wield, or the unchallenging job they are already in. In certain cases, it strikes me that some people with Pluto in the 10th may not find their true vocation until they are more capable of using their power wisely and for the good of the larger whole, rather than for purely personal ends.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are disturbed by your knowledge of what's wrong with society, and you know who must be held accountable for the problems. If you had the chance, you know you could help reverse those conditions. In fact, it is part of your destiny to pursue that goal in addition to satisfying your personal ambitions. Your career will give you sufficient leverage to help determine how society will evolve. You know how to solve problems, especially those of large groups of people. You exert the right pressure to achieve your objectives; and no-one is better at applying creative skills for that purpose. You naturally attract the attention of important people. By effectively using your financial resources, you can influence the right people to help create a better world. This talent assures that you will have the financial security you need so you can indulge yourself in this important pursuit.

You are deeply sensitive to the problems of society and to people who are victims of political, social or economic injustice. Because you understand people's individual difficulties and problems, you are better able to cope with larger social issues. You use any tool you need to help those who cannot help themselves. Privately you feel that you are destined to serve society by fulfilling this obligation and that in the future you must be dedicated to serving others.

Relations between you and your parents were probably strained; but you resolved to succeed in spite of that fact. You may have sublimated some of your resentment and decided to prove that you could succeed without their support. This is probably why you want to improve the quality of life for others while improving your own life. You are impatient with people who lack the courage of their convictions or who have no convictions. You are happy to help those who are willing to help themselves. Your mate must share your enthusiasm for your goals and support you, even though your career may cause problems between you at times. You realise that your gains will be overcome by losses if you aren't ready to accept all the responsibilities that go with an important position of trust.

With knowledge comes power as well as the responsibility for upholding the highest standards of using that power. You have an opportunity to satisfy the most pressing needs of society, because of your talent for getting people interested in the programs you start for their benefit. You have the power to do whatever is necessary to have them accepted. Because you are devoted to the task, you will win the support you need to achieve your goals and help others achieve theirs. You are demanding of your children, and you expect them to take full advantage of the benefits you have provided to succeed in their own lives. The demands of your career may intrude on your romantic interests, but that is how you established your priorities. You have the power to accomplish your objectives and to decide how abundant or austere life will be for those who are under your care.

You have the great privilege and awesome responsibility of helping to determine how social conditions will evolve. Don't forget those who helped you when you needed it. One good turn deserves another; and you will have many opportunities to repay the favours you received when you needed them.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Extremely single-minded in doing what they want to do, those with Pluto in the tenth will let nothing stand in their way once they have decided what they want to do and be. Sometimes this shows as a firm determination not to do what others want them to do, particularly in youth, before they know what it is they want. It is hard for them to know what they want in youth because it is often something very unique that rises out of the socio-economic-psychological nature of the times. No failures, however crushing; no sidetracks, however tortuous and time-consuming; no handicaps, however, crippling, can deter them from their ultimate goal once they have determined what it is. Their will grips onto the image of themselves in a certain role; and nothing, not even their own good sense, can change it. Their imagination builds castles in the air that they must drive themselves to make real.

They are far-seeing, both back into the past and ahead into the future; and this can set them apart from their fellows and make them appear peculiar to others with more ordinary or immediate goals. There is apt to be quite a bit of loneliness along the way until they find others who understand; and even when they do, the demands of their fate often require that they part company.

This often testifies to a difficult start in life; the early loss of one or both parents, or similar external circumstances that shatter the peace and calm of the family and set them on their own, psychologically if not physically, at an early age. They are rarely seekers of power for its own sake, tending to be shy and constrained in front of groups; but they may seek it as a means to their own personal ends. They are capable of disregarding any and all ordinary demands placed on them by society, but are also capable of working nonstop around the clock for years toward their own personal goals, putting up with situations that would deter most others, if they feel that it will ultimately lead to their destiny.

It is a partial testimony to a long, healthy life, particularly when their goal is one that cannot be reached in one lifetime, as though they can't take time out for sickness or death. If fate or fortune allows them to achieve their goal fairly early, they may die young. If there are oppositions to Pluto from the fourth, from the Sun, Mars, or Pluto's dispositor, they may die before their goal has been reached, or before they have found out what it is; but this is usually more due to the psychological stress of being so unique and lonely than to frustration over barriers in their path. They have magnificent imagination, almost a sixth sense about the nature of reality, that enables them to grasp the possibilities

inherent in whatever it is that interests them. They have passionate love natures. Their lives may be filled with unique love affairs which may be long and drawn out. They may have to overcome barriers to possess their beloved; and this may go into old age, or happen more than once.

(Bill Herbst)

Collective responsibility: Collective responsibility is like the water around the fish, everpresent but never seen. Much of your life may be spent searching for ways to make it visible, to find a successful form for your longing to grow up. On occasion, you'll find yourself in a situation where all your power is called forth. When this happens, let it come. Allow ego concerns to be washed away in a flood of communion with larger issues. You are the troops held in reserve, to be used only when the battle reaches its peak and the outcome is in doubt. Then you're called forth to save the day, hurled into the fray, a cavalry change, a secret weapon, an ace up the sleeve. Your challenge is to be prepared.

Professional ambition: Ambition is powerful but complex. You may wander about for long periods, aware of intense ambition but unable to find suitable expression. Or you may be thrust into a position of authority in a profession for which you did not consciously prepare. Also, you may abruptly change professions at critical points in your life. It can appear that you've burned your bridges behind you. You'll know, however, that you are still being faithful to an inner calling, that you simply had to destroy old forms in search of better avenues of expression. Negatively, you can be ruthless, secretive, and underhanded in ambition, and you must guard against the tendency to become despotic. These tactics may bring you great power, but they sow the seeds for destruction of your reputation, something you could overlook. Your challenge is to use power rather than abuse it.

Missions and messages: Your life shows that there are deeper energies coursing through our personalities, deeper than we know or can control. We learn from your life about being driven by an emotion, obsessed by an image, compelled by an idea. We see the power latent in every human being, and we remember the importance of releasing that power in ways that transform us for the better. We see the presence of profound goodness and horrible evil, and we learn about the necessity of making conscious choices to consecrate our lives to the good in ourselves, even as we must acknowledge and occasionally succumb to the dark. Finally, we see in you evidence that life can change totally. We remember that we can rid ourselves of what is no longer vital to begin again, fresh and new.

'Outer-link' parent: Your father may have been a powerful force in the community. He may have ruled with an iron hand, brooking no challenges to his authority. Or he might have been distant, driven by work and professional responsibilities. In any event, you didn't know him well, and possibly not at all. He could have changed in a fundamental way, becoming a different person as you moved through your childhood. Your imprints with him are a mystery to you. There are huge chunks of

your background still buried. You need to unearth your father once you reach adulthood, to excavate your memories, and even late in life you may still have major realisations about the man and his effect on you.

Authority: You're very sensitive to the issue of control over others, and their control over you. Your personal authority has great emotional depth; and others are polarised: either drawn hypnotically to obey completely or likely to resist with their full power. Either way, your effect is potent. Understand that this power is real, even if it's invisible to you. Unconscious power can indeed corrupt the best of us, so work diligently to purify your motives, open your emotions, and monitor your behaviour.

(Steven Forrest)

In the tradition... ..the tenth house is often named 'The House of Honour'. An astrologer of five hundred years ago might receive an enquiry, "Am I in good odour with the Duke of Burgundy?" That mediaeval astrologer would then rightly consult the condition of the client's tenth house and provide an answer: "Nay, he aims to behead ye, and your firstborn besides". The specifics of the foregoing dialogue are marked indelibly with the spirit of a bygone culture, but let's translate it into modern terms. At a cocktail party, two people meet and begin the eternal process of sizing each other up. Here's one question almost guaranteed to appear: "By the way, what do you do for a living?" Read: 'what is your status?'. Translate back into the mediaeval lexicon: 'are you in good odour with the Duke?'. Translate again: 'where are you in the tribal hierarchy?'. We humans are intensely social creatures. And society is always structured and hierarchical to some degree. From the 'ruling élite' down to the 'cool kids at school', we observe the tendency of our species to establish pecking orders. There is much that is emotionally and philosophically difficult about this reality; and my purpose here is not to condemn or defend it, merely to say that concern with status is part of the human picture and that astrology describes it through tenth house symbolism.

But astrology goes further. While status and reputation are inextricably bound to the tenth house, and 'career' is one of the central ways in which we establish those valuations for ourselves, much more is at stake here. Doing something for the human community, publicly representing some principle or ideal, are also tenth house concerns. Navigated consciously, this house provides a sense of mission or destiny in one's life. Personally, I encode the tenth house as one's 'Cosmic Job Description' - your 'job' as the Great Spirit would define it. If the IRS agrees, so much the better. Then you've accomplished one of the great coups of conscious tenth house work: you've figured how to get paid for doing your spiritual work. What if you were born with Pluto here? Your High Destiny: Truth hurts: the reality of that notion is hard to escape. Certainly, we human beings are fond of rationalisation and denial. But there's another observation to sit next to the first one: avoiding the truth hurts even worse. That pair of ideas summarises much of what we need to understand about Pluto in general.

Truth-avoidance is a popular sport not only on the level of individual psychology. Communities and nations practise it blithely as well. In cynical moments I sometimes think our electoral process boils down to a talent contest in that regard. We might say the same for what often happens in churches.

Lies catch up with us sooner or later, whether we're individuals or countries. And then we go down in flames reading inspirational literature, or we deal bravely with what is actually real. For a community or a nation to follow the higher road, it requires leadership. It requires a courageous man or woman to speak out clearly about popular lies and their costs - and to define a better way. Such a person may or may not be 'charismatic'; he or she may or may not radiate self-confidence and authority. The message matters more than the messenger at such times. And the community that person addresses may be a town or a nation, or more commonly a segment of the population. basically, the tenth house terrain begins where your personal relationships end, and extends from there out toward the horizons of the global village: it may or may not, in other words, involve what we commonly call 'fame'. But it always involves touching the lives of people whom we do not really know on a personal level. And for you, your high destiny involves touching that larger community in a Plutonian way: representing some fierce truth, and fighting the trench wars for its communal realisation.

Your Distorting Wound: Since you were small, you have felt (correctly!) that you were born 'to do something big and important'. Pluto, at its best, is concerned only with those activities which are capable of imparting a palpable sense of meaning and purpose to life, and which fill us with fiery intensity. Anything less is boring and empty. It is this pattern of motive and ideal that shapes your healthiest perspective on career. How well-supported was ambition at that scale when you were small? Your wound lies in this region. As always, life's dark side can touch us a multitude of ways, and not everyone with the same configuration will have the same story - or at least the symmetry will not always be immediately apparent. Let's consider some wounding scenarios: Maybe one or both of your parents suffered deadening kinds of work, and could not imagine any alternatives. Their attitudes conveyed to you, unconsciously or overtly, an image of the 'Big World' as a jungle in which mere survival was the best for which one could hope.

A variation: maybe parents or other significant role models in your youth were truly limited in their ability to find rewarding, spirit-charging careers due to social prejudice, political dislocations, or economic troubles. Still, the same attitude of limitation and impossibility would be transmitted to you. Perhaps you were born female in a culture displaying a distinct shortage of imagination regarding 'a woman's place'. Built into that reality is an unconscious, systematic disempowering of a girl-child's self-confidence regarding career. After a generation of feminist activism, these are familiar thoughts, but they still sometimes wield considerable potency in shaping women's images of their place in the big world. Perhaps you were born male in a culture displaying a distinct shortage of imagination regarding 'a man's place'. This is discussed less than the feminists' perspective, but it's every bit as powerful - and limiting - a force. The pressure

on men blindly to achieve conventional status is enormous. We are taught to experience pride or shame in proportion to our accrual of power and / or money. To what extent could such concerns have robbed you of space for the fuller expression of individuality and creativity in terms of your work? Underlying all these wounding scenarios is a dark Plutonian image of the Community as an inhospitable place, resistant to the expression of anything truly exciting or individual, and affording at best a struggle to remain alive.

Let's carry our analysis of the Wound a step further. Kids in general don't know much about the realities of the world. When we ask children what they want to be when they grow up, we take their answers with a grain of salt. What child would say, 'An insurance salesman'? (But the real world has more than a few contented insurance salespeople, I suspect.) While there are sometimes fascinating exceptions, a pretty good rule of thumb is that a child's answer will at best provide a kind of veiled metaphor - the little boy, for example, who will become an aeronautical engineer may say 'Astronaut!'. His nose is pointing in the right direction, and his soul guides him by offering grandiose exaggerations of the life he will actually create. It's a delicate mechanism, even a sacred one. With your Plutonian tenth house, you truly do have a high destiny... and in youth the unconscious mind would tend to produce exaggerated metaphors of even that. Thus: 'When I grow up I will be a famous movie star'. Or even: 'When I grow up I will save the world'. Loving adults may have felt that they needed to 'help' you adjust to the real world by 'grounding' you. Unwittingly they sabotaged the grand mechanism by which your deep Self was preparing foundations in your imagination for the realisation of what you were actually born to do. What is at stake here is simple to say: for the realisation of certain adult destinies, a degree of ungrounded grandiosity in youth is a psychological prerequisite.

Your Navigational Error: Would you stroll across a sunlit meadow for a million dollars? Not to put thoughts in your head, but I feel a high degree of confidence in my ability to predict your answer. What if the meadow contained nine deadly buried land mines? Now your answer enters more distinctly into the realm of individuality. My guess is that some of you would abruptly change your minds about the stroll, while others would start balancing the joyful prospect of the cash against the probabilities of more cataclysmic eventualities. Let's add a third condition: there is a hungry Tyrannosaurus Rex pursuing you. Across the meadow lies your only escape. Suddenly taking your chances with those land mines has more appeal. Before we add a fourth condition, let's sit with the image for a moment. There you are, nervously light-footing it across the sunny grass, torn between the scrutiny of each footfall and jittery over-the-shoulder considerations of our Jurassic friend. Are you appreciating the sheer beauty of the meadow? Are you mentally designing the dream-home you might build there with the million bucks? (Do you even remember the million bucks?) Probably not. Under that kind of pressure, more aesthetic, creative interests recede into the background. Our fourth condition: the dinosaur is a fake, one of Spielberg's clever illusions. There are no buried land mines; it was a lie. Your behaviour in the meadow makes sense, but only on the basis of the information you believe. If we stopped you and said, 'You know, when you get that

money, I'm seeing a Frank Lloyd Wright design up there on that rise-', you'd look at us as though we were utterly mad. You would be perfectly convinced that you were behaving in the only possible way, given the threatening realities. The illusory realities.

Your Navigational Error lies in imagining too many land mines and hungry dinosaurs. You could fear the world too much, and thereby rob yourself - and the community - of the fruits of your destiny. For the community, those fruits mean some kind of healing, leadership, or inspiration. And for you, they mean Plutonian heat, intensity, and vision in your life. The human world is inherently dangerous and negative in many ways; what you might leave out of the equations is the full realisation of your own power to cope with those obstacles. And that distorts your sense of the scope of your possibilities here. If you succumb, you may find yourself in a career or social position you find shamefully out-of-kilter with your own values. The bleaker Plutonian possibility here lies in still finding yourself wielding the social power we associate with this planet, but swept along in a current of events that leave you working for the 'bad guys', perhaps in a glitzy role. If you are brave enough to admit that to yourself, you feel cynicism, shame, and helplessness. If you're not brave enough to admit it, you'll become a tyrant in that role as you unconsciously attempt to justify your own poor choice with the sheer volume of your voice.

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

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

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

These laws and customs may evolve naturally over time, may be established through a consensus of the society's members or they may be imposed upon the society by those

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

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

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

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

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

A majority of people with Pluto in the Tenth House or Capricorn have desired positions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yet another evolutionary lesson of the Tenth House Pluto is to learn how to be responsible for one's own actions. Individuals who have manipulated others to achieve their own ends will come into this life with subconscious guilt patterns as a result of prior

errors. The same principle applies to nations. Even today the German people feel guilt in their national Soul because of the holocaust created by Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. Hitler had an Eighth House Pluto in Gemini conjunct Neptune. His South Node was in Capricorn in the Third House conjunct Jupiter and the Moon. The ruler of the South Node, Saturn, was in the Tenth House in Leo. The North Node was in Cancer in the Ninth House, ruled by the Capricorn Moon conjunct Jupiter and the South Node. Later, I will use Hitler's chart to illustrate the points covered in the first two chapters.

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

Commonly, then, many Tenth House Pluto individuals will come into this life with a deep sense of inherent guilt that cannot be rationally explained by current life experiences. This situation will only occur when there have been negative or misguided behavioral responses to the evolutionary impulse of the Tenth House Pluto. This guilt can have a very profound inhibiting effect in the current incarnation, so much so, that these individuals often feel that they do not deserve anything beyond what they already have. They feel resigned to their lot in life. In this way, they are punishing themselves for prior "mistakes" and attempting to atone for prior sins. The greatest frustration occurs because many do not know why they find themselves in this condition. Karmically, many will be blocked by society from fulfilling their goals. The doors seem to be closed. Others block themselves, and close their own doors. This condition enforces reflection, through which the individual can become aware of the inner motivations or dynamics that created this situation. Reflection can lead to deep depression and feelings of futility, of an utter lack of power, an utter lack of being in control of life. Often these individuals will draw to themselves a family situation in which one or both of the parents will be stern disciplinarians, imposing rigid standards of conduct on these individuals as children. Or they may have a parent who leaves the scene, or rejects the responsibility of parenting. This situation leads the individual early on to reflect upon the actions of one or both parents, and reflects their own evolutionary and karmic need to judge themselves relative to their own standards of conduct. Often these individuals have been heavily judgemental in the past, judging others against whatever standards of conduct and behavior they identified with at the time.

A primary lesson of the Tenth House Pluto has also been self-determination and self-discipline. Self-determination means identifying one's goals, abilities, capacities and desires and actualizing them through one's own efforts. The need is to identify one's function Taurus in the Ninth House, and its planetary ruler, Venus, in Sagittarius in the Fourth House conjunct Mercury. The world role that he was destined to play took him to many lands in order to bridge cultural gaps through the teachings that he expressed. With an opposition from Pluto to Venus, it is interesting to note that he had a deep

personal desire to seclude himself in the Himalayas that went unresolved in his lifetime. He made the statement that after leaving this life he would reincarnate hundreds of years later to fulfill that unresolved desire. Another example of a Tenth House Pluto individual whose life and work transcended national borders, albeit on a different level, is Agatha Christie. Christie also had Pluto conjunct Neptune in the Tenth House with the South Node in Sagittarius in the Fourth House conjunct Mars. The planetary ruler of the North Node, Jupiter, was in Aquarius retrograde in the Fifth House. The ruler of the North Node in Gemini in the Tenth House, Mercury, was in Libra in the Second House. Many of her mystery novels had international settings and her books have been published in dozens of languages all over the world. Intrinsic to a mystery is the theme of right and wrong and the assumption that what is just and right will prevail in the end. Christie's writings expressed such standards of right and wrong.

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

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

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

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

pessimism: "What's the point?". Positively, it produces the motivations required to accomplish what the individual is here to do.

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

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

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(Jeff Green) (contd.)

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

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

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

These individuals have commonly had a parent or parents who support, encourage and understand what they must do with their lives. Sometimes one parent is supportive and the other is not. Sometimes the one that isn't eventually comes around to see that the path that the individual must travel is right for him or her, even if it does not conform to the parent's wishes. In addition, the Tenth House and Capricorn are the archetypes through which we all come face to face with our own mortality, and with time and space itself. These archetypes produce the awareness that we have a certain time span in which to fulfil our destinies. Consequently, Tenth House Pluto individuals feel this awareness more acutely than those who do not have Pluto in this house or sign.

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

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way, these individuals will learn how to reorganise themselves and create a new self-image that is not dependent upon career or social function. They will learn to accept responsibility for their own actions and the conditions of their lives and reality. In this way they can progressively learn to internalise their security needs and eventually develop an attitude that if everything is taken from them, they will still be okay. The more these lessons are realised, the faster potential blocks to a meaningful career will be removed. Their need for social recognition and power can then be met effortlessly through whatever social function their evolutionary and karmic capacity requires.

As these lessons are put in motion, these individuals can achieve a balance wherein their 'down' or private time meshes with their external duties and responsibilities. They will learn that the values and beliefs that condition their ideas about what life is and how it should be lived are purely subjective; their judgements apply only to themselves in relation to their own standards of conduct. Consequently, they will learn not to judge negatively the values and beliefs of others. They will learn to accept responsibility of their own lives, and the duties and obligations that accompany them. In so doing, they can motivate and inspire others in the same way. Through self-determination they will be able to realise their goals and ambitions in honest and non-manipulative ways and encourage others to do the same. If they have children, they will learn to become responsible parents who are intensely productive and giving, even if the child is a 'problem' child. Common characteristics of Pluto in the Tenth House include: cycles of emotional withdrawal, need for social recognition and power, good organisers unless interfered with by other factors, natural leaders, deep and penetrating understanding of how 'systems' work, being ambitious, being serious, being pragmatic, being anxiety-prone, being given to cycles of depression, being autocratic, and being hypocritical.

(Ulla Palomaki)

Pluto's position on the highest point of the birth chart signifies that its transformative power is directed mostly to work, career and social position. Because of Pluto's demanding nature, career expectations may be very high, even megalomaniac. The individual expects that he will reach some exceptional goals, and often does realise them. Parental expectations about the career of the child may be in a central position. Perhaps they demand too much of the child, possibly to realise something they themselves didn't do. Parental ambitions may be a heavy burden on the child, who feels pressured to do something grandiose in the eyes of the parents. Parental ambitions are felt in the unconscious of the child as: "I must be somebody", "I must have power or a high social position", "Life depends on social position". Sometimes the attitude is much more negative: "I oppose all authorities", or "I fear people in power". Regarding social position there is often a love-hate relationship with emotional involvement. Questions of authority and control are strong, and influence the destiny of the individual. Hatred toward controlling individuals inherited from childhood may lead to a powerful desire for control so that nobody will be able to control him any more. The power complex is related to this aspect. The individual may not realise its mechanism and how it influences his

choices and directions in life. He may admit that he has a peculiar attitude toward people who are in positions of authority. This power complex and all the causes underneath should be examined to avoid career complications. A subconscious power complex may lead to avoidance of all contact with authorities, so that professional self-realisation becomes difficult. Because Pluto leads easily to extremes, the individual often feels that social position is hard to get. He blames everybody else and society for that. It may seem that fate denies social position and status. Drastic changes happen sometimes. To improve the situation, it is important to find the roots of the problem and to find a personal motivation for work. Usually Pluto's position on the Midheaven signifies strong ambition and the ability to build a successful career. In fact, the attitude toward career may be rather obsessive. The individual has a tendency to identify himself with his career or social image. (Pluto is sometimes very symbiotic.) The collective nature of Pluto indicates that some individuals will have a large sphere of influence - a large audience with or without a transformative impact. Surprisingly, their role may be rather superficial. In show business there are many influential people with this aspect. One of the most famous television show hosts in France has it, and he has kept his position for years. An influential position in show business today means a lot of power. That's why it is so appealing to many Pluto in the tenth house people. At best, professional life is related to secrets, revealing or digging up the unconscious. Working with nuclear energy is Plutonian but questionable. According to a French astrologer, Jean-Pierre Nicholas, the person may be 'hierophant of the unexplained'. This is a suitable planetary position for healers, therapists and those who function as channels for change. The individual's fate may include scandals and revelations, sometimes caused by evil practices, immoral actions and manipulation; but sometimes the person is not at fault.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☽ Moon** - (1°01') ♎7 | ♏8
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (0°35') ♎11 | ♏8
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel ☽ Moon** - (1°17') ♏2 | ♏8
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°41') ♏2 | ♏4
- 5) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°02') ♏2 | ♏2
- 6) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°13') ♏2 | ♏10
- 7) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°15') ♏8 | ♏2
- 8) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°04') ♏8 | ♏10
- 9) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (1°29') ♏12 | ♏12
- 10) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°43') ♏4 | ♏2
- 11) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°20') ♏4 | ♎7
- 12) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°54') ♏4 | ♏10
- 13) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°11') ♏2 | ♏10
- 14) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (6°07' A) ♏1 | ♏2
- 15) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☽ Moon** - (9°42' A) ♎7 | ♏8
- 16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (0°14' A) ♎7 | ♎7
- 17) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (0°14' S) ♏2 | ♏2
- 18) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (4°35' A) ♏8 | ♏8
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (9°28' S) ♏8 | ♎7
- 20) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Uranus** - (1°19' A) ♏12 | ♏12
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ☽ Moon** - (3°21' S) ♏2 | ♏8
- 22) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♃ Jupiter** - (7°56' A) ♏2 | ♏8
- 23) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♆ Neptune** - (6°07' S) ♏2 | ♎7
- 24) ► **Moon ☾ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (3°35' S) ♏8 | ♏2
- 25) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♂ Uranus** - (5°23' S) ♎7 | ♏12
- 26) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♇ Pluto** - (7°18' S) ♏4 | ♏10
- 27) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (8°10' A) ♏8 | ♏2
- 28) ► **Saturn ♄ Opposition ♆ Neptune** - (5°53' S) ♏2 | ♎7
- 29) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♆ Neptune** - (0°34' S) ♏5 | ♎7
- 30) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (0°36' A) ♏8 | ♏10
- 31) ► **Mercury ☿ Sextile ♎ North-Node** - (0°40' S) ♎7 | ♏5
- 32) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (3°59' A) ♏8 | ♏10
- 33) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♎ North-Node** - (0°32' S) ♏2 | ♏5
- 34) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♎ North-Node** - (3°53' S) ♏8 | ♏5

- 35) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Pluto** - (3°49' A) ♎7 | ♍10
- 36) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♋ **North-Node** - (0°18' S) ♋2 | ♎5
- 37) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ♋ **North-Node** - (5°35' S) ♎7 | ♎5
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- 42) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (4°11' A) ♋2 | ♍10
- 43) ► **Midheaven** MC **Quincunx** ♀ **Venus** - (1°01' A) ♎5 | ♎12
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- 1) ► **Descendant** DC **Parallel** ☾ **Moon** - (1°01') ♎7 | ♎8

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

(Sue Tompkins)

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

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

Sometimes the early mother figure was experienced more as a wife, either to the child or to the other parent, and it is from this situation that a mother-spouse linkage is formed. In any event, mother issues and relationship seem even more intermingled than usual with this combination.

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

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

Moon square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

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

The Moon, as the principle of changeability, can make us moody for reasons not immediately apparent to the outside world, and this can produce a vicious spiral in which we feel hurt, retire into ourselves, get no sympathy, feel hurt, withdraw, etc., etc.. Yet

that is the last thing we require, since the Moon / Ascendant aspect gives us a need for emotional interaction with our environment.

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

(Betty Lundsted)

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

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

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

2) ► *Imum-Coeli* IC *Parallel* ♃ *Jupiter* - (0°35') ☿11 | ♀8

(Robert Hand)

Your home and family are very important to you as a refuge that you can retreat to when the outer world is too harsh. You will always remember your childhood as one of the best times of your life, and you will have great respect for your parents, especially the one who gave you the most emotional support.

As you get older, you will remember what you had when you were younger, and you will love anything that reminds you of home. Wherever you go, you will try to find a community like the one you grew up in. And if you can't find such a community, you will seek one in which people are as close as they were where you grew up. All your life, you will have great respect for traditions and customs, even if they are very different from

your own, not because you are narrowly conservative, but because you know they give people positive emotional support. Temperamentally you are quite liberal, and you enjoy the experience of new places and different worlds.

All of your life you will prefer rather large and elegant homes surrounded by lots of open space. You hate to be cramped, physically or emotionally, so you avoid close relationships with people who are very jealous or possessive, because they would restrict your inner freedom.

Normally this aspects signifies a high degree of emotional security, which enables you to withstand any difficult times and even offer help to others when they are in trouble.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Jupiter on the IC inevitably will have come from a background whose chief preoccupation was education, religion (or some other belief system) or travel. The individual will often have come from a 'good' family and often a large home. People with Jupiter on both sides of this axis themselves often want and obtain a mansion-like residence. There is a need for 'space' on the domestic sphere on all levels, and a hope that one can be hospitable to all. Jupiter-IC people are often quite confident individuals; the confidence and faith is less obvious than with Jupiter rising, but it is usually much more solid and underpins everything the person does.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect is favorable for people dealing in real estate or in businesses related to the construction and improvement of homes. It also favors farming or those businesses related to the growing of food.

The natives usually live in large homes with large families, and unless other factors contradict parental relationships are good. The home is often the site of religious and educational activity. In the last half of their lives, natives are prosperous, comfortable, even opulent.

Jupiter square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We must take care not to overdo things when we have tense aspects between Jupiter and the Midheaven. We throw ourselves enthusiastically and impetuously into all kinds of things, seize fresh opportunities, and like to be active. Given our self-image, we tend to overestimate our abilities and possibilities and to underestimate difficulties - hence the

repeated deadlocks, from which, with Jupiter's incorrigible enthusiasm (and sometimes ill-founded optimism), we can usually break free either in whole or in part.

With these tense aspects we are not very good listeners (even though we may think we are), but like to speed things up. Therefore others see us as difficult and arrogant; and sometimes, when we sally forth starry-eyed on some perilous adventure, as childishy naive. 'Look before you leap' is a useful motto for people with this combination.

Because we rely largely on our own judgement, we are liable not only to think we know best, but also (given the least excuse) to say so out loud with a wag of a finger. We tend to beat the drum in and out of season, and this usually brings conflict with others. Nevertheless, these aspects also give enthusiasm, cordiality, cheerfulness, hospitality, joviality and warmth; and when we learn to season our optimism with a little caution, we shall have a great deal in our favor.

3) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ☾ **Moon** - (1°17') 002 | 178

(Robert Pelletier)

The sun opposition the Moon shows that there are difficulties between you and the people you deal with. You have a natural conflict between your emotions and your ego, and you unconsciously communicate this psychological hang-up to your associates, family, friends, and even your romantic partners. You often act in a hesitant spurt of enthusiasm, which is followed by anguish that your action may have been ill-advised. When you try to assert your own individuality, you are often torn by loyalty to those closest to you. You would prefer to have their full support so you could avoid the painful explanations and guilt that seem to accompany anything you want to do.

Relationships mean a great deal to you, and you long for someone with whom you can totally identify. Although you enjoy casual contacts, they never sufficiently satisfy your need to belong. You want a person who will fulfill your every need: love, friendship, sustaining you in your goals, sharing in your setbacks, fortifying you in your weakness, inspiring you in exploiting your creative talents, and sharing the full benefits of your combined efforts. A tall order, to be sure, and you will have to make concessions to obtain that kind of partner. You will have to be more giving than receiving, more compromising than obstinate, and more humble than arrogant. This too may be a tall order, but you can do it, or at least give it a good try. Any progress will prove beneficial.

Your greatest handicap is your unwillingness to let go of the past. Don't be afraid that people will consider you indifferent and unfeeling - you could never be unemotional. Make a realistic appraisal of what you want from your life, and file a plan with yourself to achieve it. Don't wait for people to open doors for you. Some things you must do for yourself, even if it means you have to indulge in yourself.

You will experience some problems with partnerships until you know where you stand and can state your position honestly. You might feel sorry for yourself or become bitter when matters don't progress exactly the way you want them to, but that's life. The hard knocks are what make the success that follows so precious. Try to maintain a moderate physical pace, for you can't get away with burning the candle at both ends.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that there are likely to be two main challenging areas in your life. One involves your relationship with social and intimate partnerships, and your ability to adjust to the demands of the external world; and the second is concerned with inner tensions associated with conflict and contradiction between your conscious egoic will and your unconscious mind, feelings and emotions. Studying the nature of the specific houses of this planetary opposition can offer valuable indications as to the spheres of life that are likely to be especially influenced.

You will probably feel internal division, with opposing messages and impulses rising from the differing Sun and Moon tendencies, and this creates stress and confusion regarding which inner voice you should follow. What may be experienced is one inner voice encouraging you to follow an adult path of career, vocation and progress (the Sun), and another more instinctual voice (the Moon) trying to make you pay more attention to your emotional needs for personal nourishment. Pulled in two directions, looking towards those individual future aims and desires, while also turning towards the secure and familiar past, you become unsure of what to do. The Moon's instinctive responses may reject the egoic ambitions of the Sun, and the Sun refuses to allow time and attention to satisfy the Moon's need for emotional nourishment as this does not conform to an adult self-image of independent maturity.

One consequence of this inner polarisation is a diminution of vitality and energy, which are burnt away by the friction caused by tension and internal fighting over supremacy. Diminishing both the expression of Sun and Moon reduces your opportunities for satisfaction in either sphere of life; ambitions may fail to be realised, and relationships fail to fulfil your emotional needs. Over time, there develops a pattern of oscillation as your inner balance between Sun and Moon tilts to favour either one or the other; if the balance is regularly in favour of one planet, then the qualities of the other planet are repressed into the unconscious mind. The tendency may be to repress the deeper energies of the Moon back into the unconscious due to their natural affinity there, but in elevating and listening only to the Sun many personal emotional needs are denied, and this will eventually stimulate later problems of integration and will burst through under pressure in later love relationships.

In opposition aspects, often part of the planetary polarity which is less expressed and integrated is projected externally onto the world and people, and it is likely that the existence of your inner conflict will be unconsciously transmitted to others, who then

serve to mirror back your unintegrated aspect. Stress in the psyche is reflected by relationship difficulties, and this is likely to be an ongoing challenge for you to resolve, and may spill over into domestic, financial, romantic and marital situations. Continual tension may create ill health and deplete your vitality, and one sign of this may be experiences of restlessness, nervous agitation and psychosomatic illness. Changes of moods and emotional responses may occur, ranging from an exhilaration and sense of purpose, meaning and self-confidence to deep depressions, feelings of being unloved, and loss of individual stability. These may be triggered by movement within your inner polarity of Sun-Moon, when the balance of energy flows erratically.

This unstable energy flow can be noted in times when you commence a new project or change direction with great enthusiasm and will, and then suddenly everything appears to be a waste of time and a mistake as your energy level wanes. Scattered and uncompleted schemes, projects and ideas may litter your life. Relationships too could follow a similar pattern, starting as 'the love of your life' and then collapsing into an unsatisfactory withdrawal as feelings change and disillusionment sets in.

Underlying your relationships lie those deep Moon needs and desires; fulfilling these is the root of relationship difficulties. You tend to hold an image of a loving partner being able to satisfy all your needs, even needs that you often deny or choose not to even acknowledge to yourself, someone in whom you can almost become lost and rely on totally. These are probably reflections of previous childhood patterns where your parents proved unable to fully satisfy your childhood needs; now you search for another adult to do so. For you, a partner has to be a lover, friend and companion, sustaining you, healing your conflicts, tending to your needs, and offering clear directions in life. There are dependency needs entangled in this pattern, needs of belonging which temporary short-lived affairs will fail to satisfy. You hope to find someone who either takes charge of things, or help you to develop your own potential; somehow you feel inadequate to do this on your own.

Your difficulty lies in a tendency to project your inner stresses on to your close relationships, with phases of dissension, confrontation and argument occurring as a means of releasing energies. Compromise may need more development, and learning how to give rather than just take is essential. Balance and moderation is one approach to consider, instead of reacting to contradictory feelings and responding only to the temporary dominating voice. Take time to determine what are your most consistent aims in life, make a realistic appraisal of your qualities, talents and potentials, and try to discover how the voices of Sun and Moon can be united and integrated into a common message to follow. Break out of that subjective prison, unfold a sense of objectivity, and refuse to blame the environment or people for the obstacles that stand in the way of progress.

While part of this personality pattern may have developed during childhood, with you perceiving your parents as offering you two sets of opposing messages, or perhaps

losing one of them due to divorce or death, it is your adult responsibility to transcend this difficulty rather than perpetuate it again. Integrating the principles of Sun and Moon in your psyche may not be easy, and a careful balance of listening and honouring both voices needs to be achieved, but discovering a way to do this may be essential to your well-being, emerging after a period of losing life meaning and purpose. A change in consciousness and integration of those deeper and ignored Moon needs can be achieved, if you generate the will to do so. Pursuing humanistic self-therapy techniques designed to liberate repressed feelings and individual desires / needs may be appropriate at such a stage, and looking towards psychosynthesis, gestalt, encounter and co-counselling groups may be beneficial. These can all help to stimulate the integrative quality of both lunar and solar centres, leading to inner balance and freedom of expression.

Sun square or opposition Moon

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The uncertainty generated by the square arises from the fact that the conscious behavior (Sun) conflicts with the behavior needed to give a sense of security (Moon). Therefore a square between Sun and Moon can make the native very unsettled, especially if the background of the elements is tense.

In the opposition, the kind of uncertainty is different. This opposition makes us painfully aware of our duality. Conscious behavior and unconscious reaction patterns clash with one another, yet always have something in common because the signs in which they are posited lie on the same axis. Therefore, when they are in opposition, the Sun and Moon can complement one another well once they make common cause. Until such time as they do (and this may take quite a while), the native will suffer from a nagging sense of discomfort and insecurity.

In either case, the native is inclined to adopt a certain form of behavior to the virtual exclusion of its alternative, and so the latter seeks to express itself indirectly. But if he does give both forms of behavior a chance, he generally ends up feeling like 'two individuals rolled into one' with first one, then the other in the forefront. Those around him never know what to expect, and the native feels plagued by inner instability. Usually he has an identity problem and often wonders which character is the real him, to which the answer is 'both of you'.

The uncertainty can result in many things being left half done, or in perpetual changes of opinion, or in general dissatisfaction with one's performance; in short, a great deal of energy has to be expended on tackling inner insecurity before the native can begin to solve external problems.

Nevertheless, hard Sun-Moon aspects do have considerable energy at their disposal. The uncertainties and the obstacles produced by their tension compel the native, sooner or later, to start sorting things out. The tension between the Sun and Moon send him in search of answers to such questions as 'Who am I?', 'What is really implied by the difference between male and female?' and 'What is significant in a relationship?'

It is not uncommon for conflicts between the Sun and Moon to present problems with the life partner. Since, among other things, the Moon represents what a man is looking for in a woman, and the Sun represents what a woman is looking for in a man, the native tends to fall in love with somebody who jars him or her in some way. At the same time, the hard aspects provide sufficient energy to deal with any problems that may arise. The latter are usually caught in time because, being so insecure, the native is quite sensitive to them and is prepared to work hard to stop them escalating. Therefore it is entirely possible for people with a square between the Sun and the Moon to make happy marriages.

4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°41') 002 | ♃4

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun conjunct Mars gives you a sense of power in asserting your will. You don't feel that you have to compromise in your dealings with anyone. Since you project your will forcefully and with undeniable intensity, your presence may unintentionally threaten less hardy individuals. You are ambitious to be recognized, not so much for your achievements, but simply for yourself. But this may antagonize others, who will resent your assumption of superiority without having any achievements to justify it. It is difficult to determine whether you are driven by egocentricity or merely by having energy to spare. In any case, you respond quickly to competition and use every skill at your command to win. Because you find status quo conditions intolerable and apathy unforgivable, you stimulate people to take action when they might have indolently failed to do anything. Your considerable physical strength sustains you in expressing your boundless enthusiasm.

You have enormous creative ability and can excel in any leadership capacity. The kind of work you do isn't as important as the manner in which you accomplish your objectives. Intolerant of insubordination, you react violently to criticism. you tend to be uncompromising with people whose opinions differ from yours, and you are blunt in reprimanding them for it. You feel that anyone who expresses a different opinion is making a direct, personal attack on your credibility.

Your temperament is suitable for competitive occupations in which hazard and danger are commonplace. Sports, racing, exploration, military service, working with machinery, or hunting would provide good means for creative expression, as would more intellectual

pursuits, such as medicine, surgery, law, or police work.

Your insistence on asserting your own desires with no consideration for others is a distinct liability. In evaluating the facts before taking action, you often disregard common sense, which makes it necessary to repeat the work later. You are inefficient in managing your energies and waste a lot of effort in unrewarding enterprises. A trusted adviser could help you plan your tactical moves, serve as your spokesperson in disputes, and restrain you from destructive impulsive action.

Your powerful libido urges you to violence when your desires are not satisfied. not only that, but you are insensitive to the feelings of others; you must learn to make adjustments for those whose feelings are not as intense as your own. Because you react impulsively when you are angered, the chance of physically hurting yourself is increased. You waste large amounts of energy in fruitless effort that could be utilized constructively. Being hyperactive, you need sufficient rest to preserve your health.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates the presence of an energy that is 'masculine' in essence, being highly vitalised, vigorous, forceful and assertive. The application and exploitation of your powerful will becomes a major impulse that demands expression, often resulting in a more self-centred level of preoccupation, focused on satisfying your desires and ambitions.

You may have an aggressive, combative temperament, which can respond quickly to any hint of a threat or potentially competitive situations, seeing these as an opportunity to display your force and innate abilities and talents. You will feel a need to prove yourself to the world through achieving, or at least rise to a higher social profile than the majority. You may tend to assume attitudes of superiority, which is often derived from a sense of self-confidence, and inwardly you hold a self-image as a leader in some capacity. An urge to battle lies near the surface of your personality, and you can approach life as if it is a challenge, almost provoking encounters by 'throwing down the gauntlet' as a testing of your strength and power.

To some, you may seem overly assertive, and your presence may threaten them by its forceful vibration. You may acquire several adversaries in the course of your journey through life, especially as you are liable to be insensitive to others' feelings. This may occur particularly within your employment or business life, where you are likely to contact other powerful individuals. You intensely enjoy applying your will-power, and may need to pay extra attention to your relationship manner and style of expression, as this could become a source of contention and downfall if it is misapplied. A liability to anger quickly may need some control too, or words spoken in haste may ruin relationships or friendships.

You react against limitations and restrictions, and find adherence to the status quo or repetitive routines anathema to your volatile spirit. You love action, and the adrenaline rush of physical or dangerous sports and activities is highly appealing. Your enthusiasms can be spontaneous and impulsive, and you prefer to leave space in your lifestyle for sudden decisions and changes of direction which can renew vitality and add a touch of freshness when life becomes jaded and familiar. You may be attracted to share this love of life and excess energy with others, stimulating them to break free of their self-imposed ruts and shake off their apathy. Some may not appreciate your endeavours though, and you may need to recognise when your efforts will fall on stony ground.

There is an opinionated streak in your character that can take offence if anyone challenges your attitudes, values, thoughts or beliefs, and you take this as a personal attack, rather than a sharing of differing points of view. You can adopt an attitude of 'I'm right, and you're wrong' in such encounters, and refuse to consider alternative perceptions; this can be a restriction of your openness to life's many wonders and infinite variety of perceptions.

In relationships, you do not easily compromise, as you tend to be self-centred and concerned about reaching for your desires; this could become a problem unless it is carefully modified, or you have an extremely passive and supportive partner. A strong sexual drive and inflamed passions are likely factors in your relationships, and you may be especially attracted to sudden love affairs, particularly if that theme of 'conquest' is paramount in your nature.

While you are likely to possess considerable creative abilities, you may have difficulties in focusing these constructively and consistently, and despite your high level of activity you may waste energy that could be more positively applied. Part of this is due to an impulsiveness that prefers action to forethought and planning, and this tendency may need tempering by better managements of your resources and less haste in charging towards your objectives. Listen to the advice of others, or take professional suggestions; you may not always know best.

Your focus is power through action, and the main areas that this can be released through are the conjunction house, and the houses ruled by both Sun and Mars in your chart. Look at these, as they may offer additional opportunities for a successful use of your talents and energies, especially when you begin to handle them with greater self-understanding.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two active planets join forces here, signifying a ready identification of the self (Sun) with ambition, executive ability and leadership (Mars). Often the individual is rather pugnacious, competitive and fond of sport. Such a fiery combination as the Sun and Mars can make for great liveliness and enthusiasm. There is a capacity for hard work

and the native's sights are set on solid achievement - also on the honors that go with it.

Mars is inflammable and, when conjunct the Sun, can give a very volatile personality. The native is excitable and subject to bursts of enthusiasm; sometimes being shorttempered and aggressive into the bargain. Because Mars is uncompromising, the individual is one of those go-getting, turbulent people who display scant consideration for others and are intent on making the most of their own opportunities. The person with a Sun / Mars conjunction pulls no punches and is not easily thwarted. But, though quick to flare up, he or she is not usually one to bear a grudge.

The Sun conjunct Mars frequently opens up opportunities in sport, but the native also treats everyday life as something of a sporting event. Excellent outlets are sports such as boxing, fencing, wrestling, or sports that require explosions of energy. Frequently there is a fondness for high-risk sports and for sports demanding courage and speed. The Sun conjunct Mars can warn of violence, but only when there are insufficient outlets for the enormous amounts of energy generated by this aspect.

People with this conjunction know where they stand and are not afraid to make their position clear. Others may be apprehensive of them because they seldom mince words. The native is more forceful than he or she realizes, and unintentional and unwanted ruptures with others can occur. So restraint is advisable, especially as there is a tendency to act before thinking.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect should be read in the context of other aspects that involve the Sun-Mars conjunction. Mars heats up everything that it touches, so it tends to give energy and spontaneity. When Mars conjuncts the Sun, the personality is acted out; it can be volatile; it can be quick to act and react. When reading this aspect it's important to remember in what sign the conjunction takes place in order to evaluate how the energy will express. Mars adds intensity to the Sun so there is a stronger vitality than without the presence of Mars. Well aspected conjunctions of Sun and Mars give added energy, but, when other planets are involved, how those aspects affect the Sun must be considered.

(Charles Carter)

I do not think that this can be differentiated from the trine and sextile (q.v.), except that it usually denotes some danger of physical injury or disease - usually the former. It makes the native tremendously hard-working, and he / she may toil on the verge of break-down year after year. On the whole it is beneficial, unless the conjunction itself receives other important bad aspects, in which case it will bring some of the deleterious effects of the bad aspects into the life.

5) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°02') 002 | 002

(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.

6) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♌ **Pluto** - (0°13') 002 | 11 10

(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.

7) ► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°15') ♎8 | 002

(Haydn Paul)

It is probable that the restrictions and limitations which you encounter are mainly derived from other people or environmental pressures, and that relationship difficulties will occur.

Childhood experiences and parental or social conditioning will have greatly affected you; and your attitudes and worldview are likely to have been moulded by duty, obligation, and responsibility. You see their requirements as necessary for the socially mature individual, but, instead of gradually developing as a result of real maturation, these have been imposed on you, probably during childhood before you were able to properly integrate them. Parental pressure or environmental circumstances may have forced you to 'act grown up' before you were ready, having to conform to these demands. You may have reacted against the discipline of restraining attitudes and imposed rigid behaviour, and may have seen your parents as lacking love or understanding for you.

Life presents a vista of duty and obligation; it is viewed as a serious affair in which 'doing the right thing' becomes important, even if this means ignoring your feelings, instincts, and emotions... or so it seems to you. One result could have been a controlling of childhood feelings, exuberance, and enthusiasm, of not being allowed time for childish play and 'silliness', acting out imaginative fantasies, or refusing to conform.

By adult life, this may have consequences of moodiness, bleak depressions, and negativity. You may display emotional inflexibility, endure phases of stagnation, and have fears of people, experiences, and situations. If this occurs, it is symptomatic of unconscious emotional repression, which now influences your everyday consciousness and reality through interference. Sensing this repression, others may avoid closeness with you, as they sense that your social stiffness inhibits relationships; as your vibration is that of a loner, they may feel uncomfortable.

Negative attitudes can become restrictive and limiting; opportunities can be lost through refusing to take chances, or relationships denied through social unease or fear of emotional intimacy. If you can redirect your attitudes in a more positive and constructive direction, things will open up; making such a shift is likely to prove difficult, yet, if achieved, will be highly rewarding.

Clarifying your life direction is important, enabling energies to be targeted at achieving specific personal aims. While the 'duty and obligation' program dominates you, there can be antagonism toward authority figures such as employers or managers, especially if they provoke your feelings or wound your sensitivity. If you chose not to become self-employed, then work related to medicine, research, social welfare, community service, law, or government may attract.

Relationships can prove problematic. You find difficulty letting down your emotional drawbridge to others, and struggle to express feelings. Sometimes embryonic relationships are destroyed by your allowing previous relationship experiences to interfere, by prejudging people according to past disillusionments. Emotions are protected; and this can prevent intimacy from developing. Older partners may attract, as may those who display a maturity which you believe you lack.

Be careful of becoming dependent on others. It may be inevitable that you fall in love with someone who displays affection but not love for you. This leaves you emotionally vulnerable; and powerful but painful feelings are encountered. Such experiences could prove uncomfortable and traumatic, yet releasing emotions is the healthiest action. If a relationship develops, then you may become less defensive, and your hidden potential may unfold with a loving partner.

Children may help to open you, providing a relationship into which you can pour love, helping you to feel at ease with displaying feelings in a less threatening context. You may find that family obligations create limitations, due to financial constraints and parenting responsibilities. A balanced approach to fulfilling responsibilities in a more relaxed, emotionally responsive manner is required; and much depends on transforming attitudes and feelings. If this is achieved, limitations will progressively dissolve as emotional stress is released, and a new feeling of liberation grows. With emotional freedom comes the dismantling of those inner barriers which have prohibited creativity and imagination; and taking these steps may reveal previously unexplored and unrecognized talents and abilities.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon opposition Saturn confers depth of understanding, but it also indicates periods of considerable pessimism and depression. These periods develop because of your emotional reactions - you are inclined to be apprehensive and fearful about people and events. You take life seriously, and no event or relationship is ever casual or superficial. In your early formative years, you were strongly conditioned to accept duty and responsibility as an essential part of growing up. However, you found it difficult to accept such pressure, and your emotional sensitivity made you assume that perhaps you were not loved or were being rejected.

You relate better to older people, and even in youth you associated more easily with

adults than with those your own age. This may have caused you some loneliness, especially if older groups would not accept you because of your age. It would not be surprising if you had become a loner.

Your professional opportunities may be limited unless you can become more optimistic. Although you accept duty, it is never without some bitter reminder of the parental influences of your childhood. You tend to project this bitterness in your relations with your superiors, so that getting along with them may be a problem. You will function better if you can be self-employed or can at least exercise selfdetermination in performing tasks. It is important that you establish your own goals and construct a plan of action to realize them.

You could find expression in medicine (especially geriatrics), human research, welfare programs, education, law, hotel and restaurant management, or government service. Learn your craft well, and don't belittle those who can teach you what you need to know. Keep your feelings anchored in professional activities.

If you are still influenced by your early conditioning, you will choose a mate who is an extension of one of your parents. You will probably seek a person who is strong in character, self-disciplined, and demanding. But you would derive more emotional satisfaction from a relationship with someone who can compensate for the austerity of your parents. If you have successfully modified your attitude toward people so that you aren't on the defensive, you would enjoy having a liberal-minded mate who could help you exploit your potentials to their fullest.

Whichever sort of mate you choose, it is unlikely that your own family environment will be a replay of your childhood. You will want greater flexibility for your children to enable them to become secure, independent adults.

Avoid eating cold lunches, if you can, and use salt in moderation. Frequent rest is advised, and try to get away occasionally from the pressure of everyday routine. Digestion may be a problem if you allow tension to build up, especially from emotional stress.

Moon square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects draw attention more strongly to vulnerable aspects of a personality. When people have the hard aspects, each time they look for comfort and safety (Moon), they are inevitably confronted with their weaknesses, fears, and uncertainties (Saturn). Emotional inhibitions and difficulties with emotional expression are quite common under these aspects. These people struggle with a sense of loneliness and often with an inferiority complex as well.

Anxiety and possibly mistrust will affect behavior. They take a rather gloomy view of everything, preferring to expect the worst because then the unexpected will always be an improvement; and, in fact, are particularly prone to do so where the emotional world (Moon) and the need for security are concerned.

For women, these are difficult aspects. Their femininity is not easy for them to handle. Even though many can create the impression of being superwomen, they lack inner composure. Another mode of expression is very mannish behavior. Saturn's hard aspects can lead to extremes.

Self-control is considerable with these aspects, also the capacity for hard work, selfdiscipline and level-headedness. People with conflicts between the Moon and Saturn can be very creative in fashioning things. Their inferiority feelings, and their fears that what they make will never be perfect, are likely to haunt them to some extent; but they can produce first-class work once they set their minds to it. Although these are active aspects (which the tense aspects always are), Saturn can be so inhibitive that either the natives' activities are paralysed at the very beginning or they avoid spreading their interests. Given their sensitivity, they cannot afford to risk making too many mistakes. Shyness is common in these aspects, while the persistent search for some ideal form in which to express themselves makes them initially impractical and inefficient: owing to uncertainty they try their hand at all sorts of things when they are young, being unable to settle down anywhere. Dread of the unknown can keep them static and clinging to pet ideas; therefore they strike others as hard and unbending.

However, once these people have made the effort to break out of their hard shells they will be all the tougher for the experience, well equipped to patiently withstand the adversities life may bring, and they will work successfully under the most trying circumstances. For durability and staying power are Saturn's good side, which falls within their reach once we have come to terms with it.

(Charles Carter)

The inner side of these contacts is usually inefficiency, the native being a bad leader and organiser, without set purpose or policy, often not intelligent and confused in his methods, giving himself and others unnecessary trouble. He is careless and imprudent, weak and obstinate, cunning and silly; astute in details, but blind in main issues. Sometimes it causes laziness; sometimes energy without persistence. Depression and discontent are common. Shyness is common also.

With depression there is often a lack of real self-reliance, and the native may be a prey to fear and foreboding, and a feeling of general inadequacy in respect of his obligations and duties. He is apt sometimes to rely on the material supports of life rather than on character.

The entire feminine side of the nature is limited by this contact, and unless other aspects come to the assistance of the Moon, much unhappiness and emotional inhibition may occur. Even the good aspects of the Moon and Saturn sometimes tend to dourness and rigidity, and a dislike of, or inability to partake in, pleasures, particularly if Venus be weak.

On the circumstantial side, which will be the more evident in many cases, there is a dislike of hardship, particularly in early and in late life. The native may easily be misunderstood, and have to endure harshness, severity, and lack of emotional satisfaction.

The relations with the mother are rarely happy; she may be unfortunate, or may die young, be unhealthy, or be a burden to the native; or she may be dominating and stern in her attitude. The home is seldom imbued with a genial atmosphere such as a child needs.

In marriage these aspects tend to unions between persons of diverse ages; sometimes there are social differences and the parents either prevent marriage or urge unsatisfactory alliances based on Saturnian considerations of duty, advantage, and so forth. There are rarely many children.

A correspondent writes from personal experience: 'The main effect is frustration, or victory without pleasure, or unrewarded efforts, probably to teach the native selfless application to duty. The good side of this aspect seems to lie in helping to build inner strength, an ability to sense adversity before it comes, and patience to endure it when it arrives.'

The native may come into contact with violence and ill-health. The opposition seems very potent in this respect. Sometimes there is unpopularity, especially with women and with the masses; sometimes there is a rather senseless popularity that does not last.

8) ► **Moon** ☾ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (1°04') ♎8 | ♏10

(Haydn Paul)

You may experience emotional blockages which inhibit sharing feelings. Emotional energies which cannot find suitable release may accumulate. You maintain tight inner controls which influence relationships, as others may sense an atmosphere of repressed violence and passion. At times, you can be like a coiled snake waiting to strike a target, just so you can unload excess emotional energy.

This tension and pressure can make it difficult for others to relax in your company. Relationships are uneasy, and are not helped by your suspicion of others. You rarely

allow access into the sanctum of your personal life, so this distancing suits you. Domestically, you dislike intrusion, and take offence whenever anyone is patronising or attempts to dictate to you; if anyone is going to dominate, it has to be you! You prefer to control your family and anyone else you can, yet dislike having to acknowledge others in positions of authority. You may just barely accept them if they truly deserve such positions, but otherwise show little respect and may even actively undermine their influence. It follows that you are never the ideal employee!

You can find consistency difficult in intimate relationships; not in the sense of loving, but more in how you express feelings. This is due to emotional blockages and control needs; you may appear to 'blow hot and cold' to your partner; yet this simply reflects how your emotional world is at any given time, rather than indicating the depth of love you feel for your partner.

You will be emotionally sensitive, and feel really hurt when another does not respond to your advances; you have a low threshold for emotional pain, which amplifies mood swings. You tend to store pain; and this increases inner pressure over time, which in turn affects domestic relations, and so on, in a vicious circle. Frustration occurs from your high expectations of intimacy and life; and yet this is often caused by your inner state that inhibits receiving and enjoying as much as you should. Contact with the outer world is through feelings; and as the primary impact is emotional, this colours your perception of life.

There may be disputes concerning finances or family inheritance, and certainly over the question of family authority, and those you intend to win. You do not often welcome others' advice, seeing this as interference or attempted domination; and you intend to make independent decisions and choose your own way. Even if this appears to take you in the wrong direction, the path is still your decision and choice, and, in that fact alone, it is 'right'.

You need to acknowledge others' rights, and their importance in your life. Again, compromise is a necessary virtue to acquire or, through sheer obstinacy, you could lose more than you gain through lack of moderation. Learn to value your partner, become less insistent upon your will and desires, and listen to others more. Inner changes could allow considerable benefits to emerge, ones which cost far less than you imagine and which do not really change you except positively. These can also help redirect emotional energy which otherwise may cause problems if unreleased.

Instead of trying to remake your family and close friends, turn this impulse inward and use it to change yourself for more social harmony, as this is the Plutonic transformation which awaits.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon opposition Pluto shows you are very demonstrative in your affections and easily hurt if your love is not returned. You may try to get even by using daring methods to dramatize your pain. Your tolerance for emotional pain is very low, and you never seem to get what you want without much hardship. Perhaps you have a memory of some punishment associated with your parents that has left unhealed scars. This could produce bitterness and resentment toward anyone who attempts to control you. You are suspicious of anyone who tries to get too close to you and resent intrusion into your private life.

You are naturally defiant of authority and may have difficulty in dealing with the general public, although your job may require such contact. Try to have consideration for the feelings of those you serve. If you aren't careful you may become cranky and hard to get along with, although you won't realize it.

Because of your strong physical needs, you tend to be somewhat careless in seeking satisfaction. Examine every lover's credentials carefully, or you may find yourself involved with dubious characters who could cause serious trouble and embarrassment to your job, your home, and your reputation. It isn't easy for you to accept advice, but at least try.

In a romantic partnership you tend to be argumentative over money, joint resources, and positions of authority in the home. You are aggressive in love and can alienate a partner whose identity you have challenged. You must learn to be more passive.

You demand a great deal of life and the permanent relationship you seek. It is imperative that you compromise in your expectations, or you will search far and wide to no avail. Don't assume that others only want to use you; you attract all kinds of individuals - good, bad, and indifferent. It is up to you to choose wisely.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon symbolizes the physical mother, how she reacts to life when the native is forming his or her emotional self. The mother is not comfortable with her environment when this child is very young, for the Pluto opposition indicates that the mother feels she has to control everyone. A lack of spontaneity, feelings being manipulated, outsmarting the rest of the family in order to maintain control - these are the symptoms of the opposition.

This child learns manipulation and control because it is done to him - so it must be 'normal'. The mother may feel that raising a child is an overwhelming responsibility. She may be in the throes of an unstable marriage, not knowing where she stands. Whatever the cause, she smothers those around her. The child becomes an adult who 'smother-likes', who obsesses over people and feelings, who falls apart emotionally when he feels the reins of control slipping away. One can't truly resent a person with this aspect, for the

actions taken on an emotional basis are seldom conscious, and the person who smother-likes doesn't know any other way to behave. He must consciously learn new behavior patterns, for he doesn't know how to respond emotionally without the Pluto controls.

Pluto also represents the mass consciousness and it usually remains in the psyche on an unconscious level. As the opposition energy develops, it can result in disassociation from the peer group for it hears 'a different drummer'. This person may avoid groups or crowds because he doesn't feel in control of himself in a crowd. A fear of crowds, a fear of being trampled by the masses, pertain to all the hard aspects (conjunction, square and opposition) of Pluto to the Moon.

Before one can use the creative energy of the Pluto-Moon opposition, the control and obsessive needs must become conscious and released. It's important to learn to love people without helping them so much that they become helpless. Obsessive love patterns need to change. If other aspects in the chart warrant it, this individual may draw a partner who is also controlling and who drains him. The battle of the two strong individuals is interesting to watch.

When we give up, when we let go, the creative self can emerge, and we no longer have to live our lives guarding the 'Boulder Dam' of our emotional selves. When we realize this, the Pluto energy brings wonderful blessings.

Moon square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard Moon / Pluto aspects have very intense and forceful forms of expression. Whenever we look for security, we have a painful sense of insecurity. All kinds of unconscious and repressed contents obtrude themselves or, at any rate, affect the emotional health, and this is very unsettling.

More strongly than we would with the harmonious aspects, we feel impelled to ferret out whatever is hidden, to discover the source of things; and often we run up against very deep problems in ourselves and others. Since the hard aspects activate us, we feel impelled to do something. We may want to be maternal, but without having to expose our feelings - like a kind of Mother Superior. In everyday life, this aspect can express itself, for example, in the desire to accept, help and emotionally support everyone, while perhaps being very stoical and self-denying.

There is also a penchant for breaking taboos of every kind. Taboos always restrict freedom of action, or so we believe. Transforming Pluto makes us want to do away with limitations in order to rule the situation ourselves. Like the aspects of Uranus, these aspects have something provocative about them, but in a more subtle way. We oscillate

between inferiority and superiority feelings, and this turns us into restless seekers. We are not very easy to get along with in our emotional contacts: although we may be utterly devoted to someone, we can be equally demanding. Pluto is never satisfied. Probably the search will extend to the impersonal realm of mystery, the esoteric, the veiled and the invisible. It is possible for us to travel very far in this realm.

We can get people's backs up with our endless demands, and sometimes with our over-direct (even brazen) interest. Folk feel spied on and manipulated; yet we can benefit from our hassles with them, which give us insight into our own behavior as well as that of others, and also teach us about how we interact.

9) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♂ **Uranus** - (1°29') ♄12 | ♄12

(Haydn Paul)

Aspects made between Venus and Uranus emphasise the spheres of social and intimate relationships, with the energy focus turned towards exploring the outer world through an extroverted personality.

The dominating influence will be the urge for excitement, the stimulation of the unknown and the thirst for the richness of life's experiences. You will not be an introvert; and your main preoccupation will be ensuring that your life is 'interesting', occupying yourself with a multitude of interests and explorations so that there is no time or space left for inner enquiry.

The Uranian influence is the stronger partner of the two, and its agitating vibration will give you an inner restlessness, which you try to release in social activity and interaction with friends. However, the development of your creative, artistic, unorthodox individuality may lead to adaptation problems in mainstream society, where you react against being employed in mundane, repetitive jobs, or refuse to feel imprisoned in traditional social attitudes, beliefs and lifestyles.

You insist on being free to be yourself, and to do as you please. At times, this can reflect an immature, seemingly adolescent attitude, which can be too self-centred and lack real awareness of others. Also, your definition of your self is inconsistent and dependent on the attractions of the moment. This develops the appearance of unpredictability and lack of continuity, which others often see as a lack of responsibility and commitment.

This will affect your intimate relationships; and you will probably have difficulties in maintaining lasting partnerships, either because the relationships collapse through a withdrawal of interest, or because there are too many inner desires and conflicts which trigger stormy, emotionally distressing confrontations. These may arise because of your insistence upon having your own way, which can clash with a partner's views, needs and desires. You see your need for freedom to be important, and so you tend to resist any

attempt to make you give a serious commitment. Your emotions may only be touched on a superficial level, and rarely fully engaged with another, which can also lead to periods when you are tempted to become promiscuous in a search for variety and new experience. Sudden affairs are quite possible, and also satisfy that urge for excitement and even danger, where you can express yourself even more freely than usual. Certainly your love life will have an erratic quality, similar to the flow of your sex drive, which will confuse others. Your disdain for traditional forms of relationship can lead you along many different paths; join this with the fascination that the unusual has for you, and your life could develop like a multi-coloured weaving, some colours harmonising, others clashing.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus conjunct Uranus, you have a sparkling, effervescent personaality. Popular and sociable almost to an extreme, you have a dynamic zest for living a full, unrestricted life. You seek every kind of human encounter in order to fully explore life in all its dimensions. You tend to disregard socially acceptable relationships unless they are exciting enough for you to feel uninhibited.

You are best suited to occupations that involve novelty and in which you can function in your own uniquely creative way. You don't take easily to routine, and a daily schedule of repetitious work would be unbearably boring. Professions dealing with the public are more in line with your sociable temperament. Public relations, party planning, social functions, fashion shows, investment counseling, and interior decorating are some of the fields that can give you the mobility and creative expression you need.

In your personal relationships, you demand unlimited freedom so you can detach yourself without guilt when you lose interest. If a person continues to fascinate you, you form strong ties. But you may sever those ties suddenly if you meet someone whose unusual qualities gain your attention.

It may be difficult for you to establish a permanent relationship, since you are outgoing and probably career-oriented. It is better to defer marriage until you've had the opportunity to try making it on your own. Because your romantic responses are unpredictable, you would be well advised to be engaged for a reasonable time before marrying. If you marry on impulse, it probably won't be permanent. Only strong Saturn or earth qualities, determined elsewhere in your analysis, can reverse this trend. Your responsibility is somewhat lacking, indicating that enduring ties are unlikely.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Venus, representing the need for harmony and warmth, teams up here with Uranus, the need for individuality, freedom and a life of our own. As it happens, the two tend to clash; especially as Uranus causes enough disruption to drive us off the well-beaten track in

order to find ourselves. That is why Venus / Uranus aspects, and especially the conjunction and the hard aspects, are traditionally associated with homosexuality, perversity, and so on. However, these are the extreme, and are by no means the universal rule in real life.

Nevertheless, it is true to say that with these aspects we take to people who boldly go their own way or, at least, are somehow different - maybe eccentric or reformist. In friendships and love life, we seek the stimulus of change and variety, and are not particularly stable. The restlessness of Uranus affects feelings. Being highly strung and having an overpowering desire for personal freedom, we experience difficulty in forming firm friendships. Friendships make us tense, nervous, and insecure - because we are doing our best to stay unfettered while trying to build up harmonious relationships, and this requires concessions on our part. Sometimes we prefer being cool, with an emphasis on externals and the avoidance of any deep emotional expression. Only in the extreme case, when all the rest of the chart points in the same direction, can perversion or sexual aberration show itself.

With a conjunction between Venus and Uranus, we resist becoming fully domesticated; yet the relationship with our partners can still be fine as long as we are not hemmed in by conventional rules, have scope for development, and above all are living with a partner who is unconventionally stimulating.

(Betty Lundsted)

When these two planets are conjunct, it indicates some kind of tie between the psychological effect of the mother and the behavior pattern that she manifests during the individual's formative years. It is indicative of some kind of eccentric or erratic behavior on her part. She may have been tremendously creative or self-willed. The Uranus-Venus conjunction indicates that the mother presents herself to the native in some sudden and erratic manner which the native cannot relate to; even so, the native forms a similar behavior pattern because of the mother's behavior. This behavior pattern affects the part of life that has to do with the intellectual concept of love, how one is able to appreciate love, to receive love or to communicate it to others. This tie can bring out unusual talents as well as unusual perceptions of what love is, so it can manifest either in creative energy or in an abrupt attitude regarding affairs of the heart. This individual may make impetuous decisions and cause unnecessary pain to those around him. He will have to learn how to 'play fair' since his early childhood experience taught that decisions are made before talking things over with the partner.

The aspect indicates that this individual may fall in love impetuously and fall out of love the same way. The concept of love will be unusual, unorthodox, and the lover may seem to be a very different type from the norm. Because the image of woman in the psyche is an unusual one, the loved one may be an unusual Uranian type who may not seem suited to this individual's outer personality. This conjunction may signify a lack of

communication, for all decisions regarding love may be made in an abrupt manner and without consulting anyone else. When a relationship problem needs to be solved, a person with this aspect thinks it through, makes a decision, and when any discussion of the problem takes place it is merely a social courtesy, for as far as he is concerned the decision is done. Relationships are ended with no warning, and the partner may be left in a state of shock.

Men with this aspect may leave a woman, with little idea or no feeling about the emotional trauma caused to her. Women with this aspect may be an enigma to the men with whom they are in contact. The aspect is harder on the female than the male because she may reject her biological role. The mother may have resented the responsibilities of motherhood when this person was young, and the memory in the subconscious mind recalls some plaguing fear about childbirth, or distaste for the responsibilities of child raising to such a degree that this woman may avoid ever getting pregnant. The biological role can be reconsidered when the aspect is analyzed from a conscious point. She is not required to be like her mother or to have the attitudes of her mothers. The damaged image in the psyche can be healed through good counselling or therapy.

(Charles Carter)

The inner effect is a high state of emotional tension, with a craving for peace, perfection, and the realisation of beauty in the life and surroundings. From this, we may get great genius, but always accompanied by self-will, waywardness, and a lack of practical common sense and balance, unless indeed the horoscope powerfully supports the aspect with steadying influences. In an ordinary chart, it inclines to wildness, excitability, and recklessness in incurring personal risks, both physical and in the way of reputation.

Exteriorly, it tends to danger of violence, attacks, or accidents, if the rest of the nativity is of this kind.

10) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Saturn** - (1°43') ♃4 | 002

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars conjunct Saturn shows that you are fortunate in being able to use your energy constructively. The normal desire to assert yourself on impulse is balanced by realization of the consequences of such an action. This quality of restraint can mean great accomplishments for you because you don't waste energy on unproductive efforts. Your sense of economy and efficiency are characteristics of success; you know how to use your talents purposefully for specific objectives.. You are realistic in applying good judgement before taking any action.

Your early training enabled you to take on major responsibilities without difficulty.

Knowing your limitations, you rarely go beyond them. You are prudent and yet fearless, cautious and yet aggressive, hard-working and yet able to accomplish a great deal with economy of effort. Although you are a complex person, you use the most simplistic approach in solving problems. You represent the ideal in terms of a balance between aggression and self-control.

You are never indifferent to the feelings of others, but can become angry when others try to interfere with you. Frustration brings out the most dangerous kind of energy in you. You are not accustomed to having your plans challenged, and can launch vicious attacks against your adversaries, even resorting to physical violence. Other factors in your chart may indicate whether you would go to this extreme, but the potential for it exists in this planetary combination. Many professional pursuits are possible with this combination. Especially suitable are occupations requiring physical endurance and stamina, such as archaeology, exploration, geographic surveys, and forestry service. In the industrial field, research and development seem appropriate. Military service would be another means of expression for your controlled energy.

In your romantic pursuits, you easily play the roles of both prey and predator. You carefully evaluate the partner's line of least resistance in order to decide which techniques you will use. The remark 'pursued until you caught the pursuer' is descriptive of your method.

It is very important not to become chilled when indulging in physical activities. Cool off gradually and avoid cold liquids to prevent cramps. Use as little salt as possible when not doing strenuous physical work.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A Mars / Saturn conjunction gives problems with our expenditure of energy. The enthusiasm, fervor, energy and executive ability of Mars are restricted by the tenacity and confining action of Saturn. At best, this produces well-thought-out activities, but generally speaking there are difficulties to overcome. Saturn tends to hold us back whenever we feel the urge to make our presence felt (Mars); and yet Saturn itself promotes a form of ambition born of the desire for greater security. So, on the one hand, there is the fear of being too forward which may express itself in a withdrawn or passive attitude, and, on the other hand and by way of overcompensation, there is possibly a determination to prove ourselves or to outshine everyone else come what may. In the second case, the assertiveness is great, but the motivation is really an enormous vulnerability.

Strange as it may seem, both forms of expression can be found in one person, and stop-go is characteristic of many with this conjunction. Sometimes they are busy moving mountains; at other times, a fire lit beneath their chairs would hardly rouse them.

Mars has much to do with resilience, and, when it is conjunct Saturn, mental and physical resilience are not always very strong.

Usually, with this conjunction, we pass through one or more difficult periods during life, when we are hampered by internal or external causes and are tied hand and foot by (for example) too much responsibility, too heavy a work load or mental pressures of some kind. But the conjunction of the two planets also supplies the strength to break these shackles. Saturn can apply the energy of Mars to a certain goal or project with great concentration for a very long time - which is the other, very profitable, side of the coin with this conjunction.

(Betty Lundsted)

The 'I act' principle is affected by the influence of the individual's father. Mars indicates the ability to act out the energy of the Sun. The conjunction indicates that the actions may be limited or restricted because of something the father does while the individual's personality is forming (age 0-3). This influence inhibits the person's ability to react constructively and to feel confident about the action he takes. The conjunction usually has some effect on the sex drive.

Saturn says 'I take seriously', and conjunct Mars means 'I take my actions seriously'. This can serve to inhibit or restrict any action taken; it can indicate harsh action, for Saturn symbolizes the concept of law in each individual, causing this person to act out (Mars) the law (Saturn). This energy is sometimes used for law enforcement and can indicate a person who will enjoy a career that involves enforcing the law. This energy can create a sure-footed, slow-moving individual who moves cautiously in life; or an extremely hard individual who becomes an enforcer of the law regardless of the circumstances. It is wise to consider the other aspects to this conjunction for it will give a broader picture of how the personality will operate.

In a personal sense, the conjunction can indicate a serious outlook regarding sexual expression. It can limit sexuality, cause one to avoid sexuality, indicate symptoms of frigidity in both the male and female, make one afraid of sexual expression, or cause one to attempt to force sexual standards on others. The Mars-Saturn conjunction indicates that the father inhibited the individual's sexual concepts or perhaps his early sexual expression in some manner. What he did is an unknown factor, but he did something. Other aspects to the conjunction may tell more about what happened.

It seems that this type of individual is rarely chemically attracted to another. The sexual difficulties cause guilt, and then the conscious mind decides to have a sexual relationship because the prospective lover will be 'good for me'. Or, because the individual is so rarely physically attracted to another, when the chemistry does happen he jumps into bed without going through the normal courtship period. Then the guilt begins because he feels he responded too quickly. This individual can respond sexually

to the right person but he finds few people appealing.

The father may have had his own guilt about his sex drive; the father may have had a harsh attitude as the small child explored his body as all small children do. The rest of the chart will help tell the story. The pressure of the aspect can be relieved when this person investigates the relationship between sexual expression and universal law. Sex is not unhealthy; only people are.

(Charles Carter)

A very powerful and in some cases dangerous combination. If other influences agree, there may be a distinct danger of unusual physical suffering. It occurs in the nativities of several victims of violence. All inharmonious combinations of these planets appear to point this way. In one case (conj. in Virgo in 2nd) there was great suffering from eczematous gout with chronic irritation. In two more instances there were severe burns, illustrating the marked tendency of this combination to cause injury to the skin, said by some to be ruled by Saturn as the signifier of the limits of the body. Blows, cuts and stabs sometimes occur, often as the result of falls.

Although this configuration must be regarded as of serious import, it is necessary to judge it carefully, and to give full weight to possible counteracting influences.

11) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°20') ♃4 | ♆7

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition is focused more on your outer relationships with people, although inner projections are often the key to their problematic nature. As with the square aspect, there is the presence of the unconscious mind being activated by a frustrated Neptune, which lead to distortions in action and expression. Inner motivation is often unclear in respect of its true nature, and often compulsive desires are hidden behind a façade so effectively that even you are often essentially unconscious of why you act in certain ways and way is actually making those decisive choices for you. Self-clarity can be difficult to achieve, especially in the areas of emotional and sexual desire, which can have a compulsive quality to them, and which can dominate your options. Those areas may become highly emphasised in your life, excessively so and out of a healthy proportion and perspective.

You probably lack trust and faith in life. Suspicion is a constant companion, and you see others through such a filter, yet this is often mainly composed of your own nature projected out like a shadow over the world. How can you trust yourself when you do not fully comprehend your own motivations and desires for actions? Yet you often mean well, but yare let down by your own tendencies of secrecy and manipulation. Your own attitudes are reflected back at you, so that mutual suspicion is often created, and you

lose even more trust in people. Sometimes you tend to withdraw from social activity due to this. A refinement in how you choose to assert yourself may be necessary, as well as a withdrawal of these conditioning negative characteristics.

Confronting reality is essential, so that, by acceptance, a more realistic balance in relationships can emerge - one where your desires are less dominant and threatening, and where the emotional dimension is more integrated and explored. This will help to modify and redirect the blocked Neptune energy so that relationships become deeper, more satisfying and a bridge to renew your experience of social relating. Evaluating your ambitions in life can be more productive once the projections are being withdrawn, and using intellect and common sense can be more effective in realising them than following a path of glamour and compulsive desires which, whilst perhaps temporarily exciting, leads to a dissipation of your self and your objectives. Avoidance of unnecessary stimulants is also wise, as these will not help; and a more perceptive insight into the nature of glamour and illusion will also be highly beneficial. This is especially so if you have become involved in the occult or spiritual realms of life, where there are always many candidates to take advantage of those who are more gullible and susceptible to the power of 'secret knowledge'. Those who have the desire to be 'special' are often abused physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

The nature and quality of your relationships can be transformed, provided that you deal with those problematic areas of your inner nature, trust, emotions, sexuality and illusions. Perceiving how you can negatively condition your experience is the key to realising how you can positively transform it too.

12) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (1°54') ♃4 | ♎10

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect should give you considerable physical energy and vitality which you can apply to tasks requiring persistence, determination and endurance. You are able to direct a potent will towards realising your aims; and your innate vitality when rightly directed will be the means by which you steer your life course.

The energy can tend to amplify any self-centred tendencies in you, stimulating your desire nature and setting goals to achieve which would be primarily for your own personal benefit and satisfaction. You may like to create challenges for yourself, as a test for the efficacy of your 'powers'. If this tendency is allowed to dictate life choices, then you may become dominated by an insatiable desire compulsion, which is rarely fulfilled; this can reflect a certain naivety or innocence in your outlook which is essentially selfish and adolescent in quality; and the 'I want' syndrome may need more conscious moderation in order for you to regain control.

Often you will prefer to assert your individuality, sometimes even as a compulsive

expression despite the reactions of others. You may not always think things through enough, or consider the possible implications of your actions and words prior to committing yourself. This can obviously create some difficulties for you; it is similar to the behaviour of an adolescent, which as most parents discover can lead to considerable family friction.

You will have a dislike of restrictions imposed upon you, always having a need for as much freedom as possible. If you feel that your energy is imprisoned, then you will be looking for the way out, feeling that before too long your energy will explode, and this can be quite uncomfortable. To minimise this, you should try to develop your life so that your choices of partner and work are reasonably compatible with your needs, if only to avoid unnecessary inner friction.

In your intimate relationships, you may be too forceful and aggressive. The Pluto energy will tend to make you too possessive and demanding of a partner; and you may attempt to dominate by your sexual expression. Sexual experiences will hold great meaning for you; and you will try to release much of your physical vigour on the physical level in an intense and potentially transforming manner. You may need to gain greater control over this aspect of yourself, to avoid it becoming obsessive or too extreme and violent in approach or tone.

As you mature more, you may discover an increasing interest in and awareness of social concerns; and this can be a fruitful channel through which to express your vitality and talents. You can be quite useful in encouraging others to apply their positions of power and influence to work for greater social benefit; and your ability to resolve difficult situations by strength of will can be creatively positive.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mars and Pluto shows that you have a strong desire nature, with the persistence and determination to get what you want. You may often find, when you get it, that you didn't really want what you were pursuing after all; that it was merely an exercise to prove to yourself you could. Satisfaction is the only motive for many of your pursuits. You may easily mistake willfulness for desire in your motivations.

In a crisis, you can contain yourself until the right moment occurs to act. Then you will use all your energy to cope with and resolve the crisis. You have enormous compulsions to assert yourself, especially if you suspect that anyone is trying to restrict you in any way. You don't tolerate domination, although you do respect authority if it is fairly administered.

In your personal relationships, you tend to be the aggressor, which may make others apprehensive about getting too close to you. You are possessive in love and demanding even of your friends. Your desire nature precedes you, stimulating others either to

anticipate your physical charms or to feel threatened and avoid you. Your physical needs are strong, and your ambitions could induce you to use sex as a device for achieving your goals. You often justify your methods as being the only way to gain your objectives.

You are aware of the social problems in your environment and can be extremely useful in urging others to make the necessary changes to solve these problems. However, you are able to persuade others, because your demands have a threatening quality. You have the courage to take on the most difficult tasks fearlessly, and are resourceful in gaining financial support for your enterprises. You need to find a way to express yourself through constructive activities.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When there is a conjunction between two planets that both have to do with the wish for self-expression, with the wish to prove oneself and to make one's mark, then there is an almost compulsive need to show off combined with enormous will-power. Pluto intensifies the executive force of Mars and puts us in possession of an almost inexhaustible supply of energy and incredible resilience. The craving for power (Pluto), on the other hand, is activated by Mars so that we really want to take the reins in our hands and are fired by boundless ambition.

We can usually look after ourselves; we do not brook the least opposition but ram opinions down people's throats and go our own way without fear or favor. The aspect has been termed destructive, but need not be so provided we have an outlet for our strong drive and ambition. A splendid way of using energy constructively is in competitive sport; politics is another option. We do not spare ourselves. Whatever we engage in - politics, science, sport, occultism, etc. - we throw ourselves into it heart and soul, outstripping many of our rivals and making a name for ourselves. Life's challenge attracts us, and we get a kick out of playing for high stakes.

The activity of Mars is enhanced by Pluto, and we are quick to push ourselves into precarious situations. In more placid times, we can eagerly mastermind a strategy for pulling off some coup or other. The person with a Mars / Pluto conjunction has a strong, extremely inflexible will, and is not to be balked. We will run our lives without reference to current rules and regulations. If we are thwarted, we can go to extremes; sometimes gradually cutting ourselves off from everybody.

(Betty Lundsted)

The 'I act' principle may be overwhelmed by the power of Pluto's energy. This may indicate an individual who takes 'controlled action'. Action may be manipulative of either self or others, or both. This individual may be unconsciously angered, for Pluto indicates unconscious motivation and Mars can symbolize anger. Action taken based on an unconscious motivation may not be responsible action, and it might be harmful to others.

Action may be caused by anger or control needs. It may be that this individual is influenced by the symbols of the collective unconscious; that the images in the psyche interfere with any physical action taken. It indicates (because of the energy coming from the psyche) that action taken can be inspired by the mythic images of the collective unconscious. Action may be extremely creative. Before the creative potential can really be expressed, however, the anger must be worked out.

If this person has other aspects that indicate problems expressing sexuality, this conjunction may indicate a set-up for sexual violence. Sexual violence may range from having sex that hurts self or others, to possibly indicating the rapist, the masochist, or the person who may draw sexual violence to him.

An astrologer once told me that hard aspects between Mars-Pluto combinations implied a need to develop conscious responsibility for action taken. She recommended the study of metaphysics.

13) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°11') 002 | 10

(Haydn Paul)

Saturn implies restrictions and limitations, which serve as a barrier to progress until certain changes are made or lessons learnt; and when in association with Pluto, the way forward is conditioned by the need for an inner transformation to occur. With this aspect, it is likely that you will experience some degree of frustration in achieving your objectives, or a sense of invisible blockages facing you that require you to discover some way to pass them or dissolve them through penetration.

As you have a strong ambitious nature, you will need to make full use of all the resources available to you, applying accumulated knowledge and experience to a determined persistent effort to succeed. Patience will be an essential quality for you to develop, as it is unlikely that you will have rapid immediate success in your objectives. Usually you have to wait, and undergo the experience of frustration and not knowing if your goals will be realised; and this can be a testing and transformative phase, especially as it is likely to be repeated periodically throughout your life.

You will be attracted towards power and status, although it may be that instead of reaching a position where you 'possess' such attributes, you are required to gain a new perspective and understanding of influence in the world, rather than demonstrating it yourself. Much depends upon your ability to apply your talents and resources practically; potentially, your ideas and schemes can have a noticeable impact upon the world and your immediate environment, especially when you are working through an established structure and social system. This is because you feel more naturally in tune with existing organisations, preferring traditional approaches and attitudes as a reflection of 'stability and foundation'. You often resist accepting new trends or social changes, as you are

inherently wary of them, preferring to follow your established path unless the impulse for change is naturally arising within yourself; and even then the likelihood is that you will attempt to resist and block its movement as a reaction to its unsettling effect. You will have a conservative nature and perception of life, respecting traditions and the consensus social attitudes, being suspicious of those who need to experiment and challenge accepted attitudes.

The socially subversive nature of Pluto is unlikely to be too evident, as Saturn will overlay it too much, although it can erupt in your inner and personal life, potentially stimulating a collapse in your 'secure foundations', forcing you to re-evaluate yourself and your life. Such a radical impact is unlikely, however, unless you are capable of undergoing the cathartic transformation that could occur, because Saturn will maintain your inner structure to prevent this happening.

You will be a private person, serious and secretive in nature, not openly revealing your thoughts and particularly your emotions, which you may try to avoid and keep tightly sealed away in a 'locked drawer'. Emotions imply fluctuation and change to you; and this does not fit easily with your world view and perception of self, making you feel uncomfortable. A more healthy approach to emotions should be encouraged, as it would prevent any energy repression on the emotional level, or else you may find that Pluto takes that route to make its presence felt.

In intimate relationships, you will be a firm, reliable partner, and you will prefer a traditional approach to marriage and mutual commitment, so you should choose wisely. You will not be overly demonstrative of emotion (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.

14) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (6°07' A) ♁1 | ♀02

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn conjunct to the Ascendant indicates that you are conservative and self-disciplined in your behavior. You tend to be shy about asserting yourself, so people may assume you are indifferent to them. You have strong doubts about your worth, which makes you cautious when meeting competition. This lack of self-confidence will eventually be replaced by self-assurance as you learn through experience to understand yourself. You do not have the kind of aggressive drive that impresses people on first meeting, but you show reliability, and they learn to depend on you. Others see your good qualities long before you realize them. Self-effacing by nature, you prefer the sidelines rather than the spotlight.

You are efficient in mobilizing your resources and are sure to realize your goals, but you underestimate your abilities. You are a 'slow starter' who needs the reassurance of some successful endeavors before you define your objectives and make careful plans to achieve them. You are prepared to grow one step at a time in achieving the excellence you are capable of. When a decision is required, you tend to hesitate because you want to be sure first. You sometimes miss opportunities for fear you will be ridiculed if you make the wrong decision. Responsible to a fault, you will never let down anyone who depends on you. Learn to love yourself more, so you can feel you deserve the good things in life that you work for so diligently. You can be victimized by people who take advantage of your unwillingness to fight for your rights, but you never forget such incidents. Although not a vindictive person, you bide your time until the moment comes when they need your assistance; then you repay them with cool indifference.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When Saturn colors the way of presenting ourselves to the outside world, we give the impression of being sober, reserved, secretive and serious. Probably we are afraid to let go, and view people and things pessimistically behind a rather cold front.

Saturn is not a planet that leads us to be swayed by enthusiasm. We test the water carefully before we take the plunge. Safety first is our motto. The sense of responsibility that weighs us down is sometimes expressed physically in a stoop, as if we were literally bent beneath a burden - a burden we have taken on ourselves.

We seldom reveal what is going on inside, and people have difficulty in getting to know us. Defensiveness is responsible for the fact that we can be plagued by feelings of loneliness. Yet Saturn can allow us to lose these feelings in the company of a special individual, a person with whom we feel safe. We would go through fire and water for someone like this; even so, it is hard for us to show emotions.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents what we approach with caution, and our feelings of insecurity. The Ascendant indicates how we start new ventures, as well as the persona we project. Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant indicates individuals who are often insecure about their abilities when they are young, for a self-worth facet in the personality needs development. In early childhood there was a rejection by the father in some way; these people didn't feel accepted or encouraged by him. As young adults they feel apprehensive about being approved of by those in authority; they may deem it necessary to work too hard in order to attain whatever life experience they seek.

The self-worth dilemma will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs. If Saturn is in the first house, then as these people mature and earn a concept of worthiness, a personal strength will emerge, for Saturn in the first house can indicate the

ability to persevere.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Saturn rising person will usually approach the world with a certain amount of caution, as if on some level feeling that it is not a very safe place - certainly not safe enough to venture out without wearing at least a little armour-plating. Typically, the individual feels that he or she must be ready to defend him- / herself against possible disaster. I once looked after a boy aged about 11, with Saturn rising. Whenever we went out, he used first to go around the house, checking that the windows and doors were tightly bolted and that the plugs were all pulled out of the electric sockets. Thus his persona was a serious one. The immediate impression he made was of someone older than his years and very responsible. At the same time, being so well defended, it was not easy to see the vulnerable little boy underneath. The oldest in the family, he took on what he saw as the role of father when his parents divorced, and this is quite typical of a 1st house Saturn.

Margaret Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', has Saturn rising in Scorpio. She seems to have a very controlled persona, to have her guard up at all times. She doesn't seem very spontaneous. Satirists often portray her as being something of a heavy schoolteacher type, ready to discipline and control irksome cabinet ministers.

Because people with Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant do not see the world as a particularly safe place, they often take steps to control the environment and those within it. They want to leave nothing to chance, and they want to be seen as being a person who 'never puts a foot wrong'. In fact, this insistence on never putting a foot wrong is a common Saturnian one, whatever the configuration.

The controlled responsible exterior may not necessarily be indicative of a particularly responsible or serious person, but merely indicates that is the impression that the individual initially makes.

Saturn rising is often associated with a difficult or delayed birth, as if the baby is reluctant to come out and enter into the world. Perhaps this infant is controlling the situation from the word 'go', or on some level feels he / she needs to. In any event, the caution about and fear of greeting the world naked and exposed seems to persist throughout much of life.

The Saturn rising person often goes out into the world ready to be a patriarchal figure, a disciplinarian perhaps, someone older than his or her years, and a responsible, dutiful type.

15) ► **Descendant** DC **Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (9°42' A) ♁ 7 | ♀ 8

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

(Sue Tompkins)

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

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

Sometimes the early mother figure was experienced more as a wife, either to the child or to the other parent, and it is from this situation that a mother-spouse linkage is formed. In any event, mother issues and relationship seem even more intermingled than usual with

this combination.

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

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

Moon square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

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

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

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

(Betty Lundsted)

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

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

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

16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct Ψ Neptune - (0°14' A)** 87 | 87

(Robert Pelletier)

Neptune opposition the Ascendant shows that you are greatly influenced by the people with whom you associate. But it is difficult for you to distinguish between those who are your friends and those who are not. Because of this, some people may take advantage of your emotional sensitivity to make you feel obligated to them. Your opinions of the people you deal with are too idealistic, and you are hurt when they disappoint you.

When you volunteer to help people, you must protect yourself. Offer to help only when you know positively that someone needs your assistance. You tend to love everybody and overburden yourself with concern for their welfare. Actually you are trying to compensate for your inability to stand on your own; you need someone who needs you in order to have a feeling of belonging. Being alone makes you feel helpless, so you seek out obligations to others.

Since you are imaginative and creatively inspired in expressing yourself, you should direct your talents to writing, music, or the arts. Avoid competition until you gain the expertise to meet challenges without being crushed by failure.

You depend on others to provide the opportunities you need to earn a living. Because you feel that you don't deserve to be happy and contented, you overemphasize your negative qualities. But you are more loved than you realize, and your friends are deeply concerned for your welfare. Seek their advice before making a commitment so you won't regret it later. When superiors make a promise to you, get it in writing or have someone present who can back you up when they don't fulfill it.

In a romantic alliance you are easily mesmerized by a stronger personality. You should never agree to a permanent relationship until you know the person well and know that

the feelings between you are sincere.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct Descendant suggests that saving others or being rescued by them is a central feature in relationship and all one-to-one encounters. Those with Neptune on the Descendant may be looking for a God or a Saviour in their close personal relationships; or they may play that role to others. Individuals with this placement often have difficulty in seeing others clearly, either idealising or distorting their true nature. Whilst there may be confusion about what is wanted in a relationship, there is usually also often great idealism and romanticism. Boundaries in relating to others are often quite weak, and the individual can enter into others' lives, and allow them into their own lives, with the ease of a ghost walking through walls. The problem with Neptune on either end of this axis can be a tendency to live the life vicariously. On the one hand, this is a splendid combination for anyone who legitimately and consciously needs to dissolve boundaries and be able to empathise with others' suffering. There is a talent for mirroring others, which also might find outlet in a variety of creative fields.

Neptune square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The square and opposition between Neptune and the Ascendant can make us particularly insecure. Sensitivity to environment would be great whatever the aspect between these two factors, but with the hard ones we are almost completely at a loss in it. Others have no idea what is going on inside us; all they know is that we are continually reacting to them.

Owing to this combination of uncertainty and impressionability, our attitude is evasive: we do not tackle problems straightforwardly, and we tend to sidestep anyone seeking a rapprochement with us. Sometimes fantasy or a false impression leads us to get hold of the wrong end of the stick and to react badly; not in a direct way, of course - insecurity prevents us from doing that - but in such a way as to lay ourselves open to charges of dishonesty, prevarication or misrepresentation. However, all reactions are expressions of sensitivity and vulnerability. We are quickly moved, even to tears, although we do not always show it. Others may interpret this as emotional instability.

The Ascendant also represents the body and, with a Neptune conflict, we could be physically below par - mostly due to uncertainty. When we are going through a difficult patch we may need to sleep on our problems, and we can suffer from tiredness without obvious physical cause. Flight into a private fantasy world is another possibility with the hard aspects but, because the latter are also energetic, creative talents can be

wonderfully stimulated if we take up artistic or mystical pursuits.

(Betty Lundsted)

When a square or opposition aspect is formed, it indicates a difficulty assimilating the world of fantasy into the persona or in the beginnings of new life experiences. In plain English, the hard aspect can signify people who don't know what they are doing for they can't see themselves or the impression that they make on others.

When the square aspect occurs, the tendency is to pursue one end of the square for a while and then give it up to pursue the other. In order to accomplish anything worthwhile, both ends of the square have to function comfortably at the same time.

The opposition between the Ascendant and Neptune will involve a compromise. The Neptunian dream might not bring pleasure; and people with this aspect may have to learn that any misery they encounter in relationships may be caused by the fact that they have not understood what they are doing; that they are pursuing a dream or fantasy that doesn't provide satisfaction for their needs.

17) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°14' S) 002 | 002

(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, selfdiscipline, 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 selfdenial 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 self-preoccupations. 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.

18) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°35' A) ൬8 | ൬8

(Haydn Paul)

You require considerable interaction with people and the environment to stimulate your feelings. This encourages a social awareness and attracts most of your attention. You feel the need to 'expand yourself' into the outer world; and your major concern will be the well-being of society and those around you.

You have an innate faith in the goodness of the universe and your fellow humans, and will try to share a positive and creative perspective on life with others. As a consequence of your attitude, you hope to contribute to society.

Inwardly, you feel connected to the environment, and realize the powerful influence that environmental quality has on your well-being, positively or negatively. Equally, you realize that you can make a difference in the world, and will look for ways to express your caring nature. Your feelings reach out to people; and you are touched by those in genuine need of support, help, and care. Seeing those who are deprived or disadvantaged opens your heart and stimulates you to conceive ways to offer additional assistance. Looking through sympathetic and compassionate eyes, you feel that much can be done to increase the effectiveness of social welfare; and you may believe that you have certain answers or solutions to social challenges.

Sometimes you may respond to social suffering with excessive emotionalism; but this is preferable to no response at all. These emotional reactions may need to be tempered by a pragmatic and impersonal approach, or you may become too personally involved and affected by social experiences, a state which could reduce your effectiveness. The impulse that motivates you is world service, where feelings are more fulfilled by giving than by receiving, and are inspired by a sense of inner strength and unity with life.

You may become involved with socially concerned groups that have a progressive vision of human potential or are devoted to meeting the present needs of the disadvantaged. Supporting the work of international charities may appeal, or you may decide to work within existing social groups, such as the churches, or educational or political organizations. Medicine or law may also attract. The strength of your convictions may almost feel like a 'mission or destiny'; and you may display compulsive activity in a futile attempt to change the world yourself. This tendency may need careful rebalancing and a modified perspective, restraining overenthusiasm and zeal, if only to protect your health and inner stability. To ensure a long-term social contribution, times of rest and personal relaxation to renew your batteries are also essential, and a necessary part of your self-healing. Steady perseverance will reap greater results than a sudden burning out in a flash of excessive activity. Changing the world is a long-term project! Spending time with your family and contributing to their development is equally important; and you will feel

deep emotional attachments to your home life, hoping to increase social awareness in your children and friends too.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of the Moon to Jupiter denotes that you are deeply sensitive to your environment, which you truly want to understand as fully as possible. Your reactions to outer stimuli are largely emotional; nevertheless, you feel you can make an important contribution to society because you have an intellectual understanding of the solutions to many social problems. Your concern for others is sincere, and you always insist on being given the opportunity to show that you care. Always present when there is an important job to be done, you are ever willing to offer your services, demonstrating your broadly sympathetic nature. You are ingenious in finding ways to care for those who are unable to care for themselves. In your ambition to help people in need, you courageously seek the support of political and religious organizations. You are generous in giving asylum to anyone who really needs it. Although you don't seek the limelight, you gain recognition for your efforts just the same.

Your early training taught you that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and this true generosity makes you appreciated and admired by everyone who knows you. As a parent, you will encourage your children to devote themselves unselfishly to others. Yours is the kind of faith that can move mountains, and you realize this as soon as you turn the first spadeful of earth. You are always hopeful that, no matter how dismal a situation may be, there can be a change for the better. You are strongly convinced that you can always do something to elevate a person's spiritual consciousness. In fact, you regard it as a moral obligation if you are aware of the need.

Your restless nature can find comfort in welfare programs, public relations, acting as public defender, working with the underprivileged, or in managing homes for foster children, halfway houses for parolees, or rehabilitation centres for former drug users. You might travel on behalf of organizations such as UNICEF or the Peace Corps. Medicine, law, and the ministry may also prove rewarding avenues for expressing your abundant sympathy for others. In any of these endeavors, your spiritual insight strengthens you to be daring when the odds against your succeeding seem overwhelming.

Your family and associates hold you in high esteem, while your friends and the faceless numbers you serve regard you with admiration and sincere appreciation. You will accumulate a rich heritage to leave to those who will carry on your tasks.

Your single most important physical problem is getting sufficient rest and relaxation. No one needs rest more than you do. Physical exhaustion is almost a certainty unless you exercise moderation in your schedule and get some assistance with your burdensome responsibilities.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here the optimism and jovial expansiveness of Jupiter enters into the way one looks for a sense of security (Moon). Generally, it makes one very optimistic, keeping to the sunny side of life, enjoying pleasure and panache, and liking to see things from a humorous angle. This is a frame of mind that helps overcome disease, and enables one to put fresh heart into companions whenever they are dispirited.

Now Jupiter always prompts one to seek a synthesis and to turn the gaze to far horizons. Therefore with this conjunction one wants to know the significance of events. The combination with the Moon gives a keen interest in foreign nations, other cultures, religious and educational questions, medical matters and so forth. The individual may be really down in the dumps but, with this aspect in the chart, can easily regain balance and a sense of perspective. Often one has a presentiment of what is about to happen, and, by taking advantage of this, gains a reputation for being lucky. Anyhow, one is always ready for a small gamble. To gain satisfaction, one is inclined to express the Jovian aspect fairly positively in the environment; hence one is always prepared to wade in with advice and practical assistance, even when help has not been requested. This person can be very generous in support of others. However, if the conjunction is overemphasized in the chart, one may become snobbish and opinionated - yet even then one manages to do things in style.

The risk of going too far is inherent in each one of Jupiter's aspects, so it need occasion no surprise to find it in the conjunction, the most powerful of them all.

(Betty Lundsted)

This conjunction often indicates someone who relates effusively in the manner described by the sign involved in the conjunction. The mother of a child with this aspect is indulgent; she indulges in emotional reactions; she indulges her body in some way. The child will too. This indicates a person who may have a close relationship with the mother, who may stay close to her long after the other siblings have left home. This may be a person who indulges in the physical appetites and therefore overdoses in some way - too much food, alcohol, etc.. This individual is open emotionally, open to feeling each new experience, open to relating how he feels to those he knows, open to sharing what he has.

This conjunction often denotes a generous emotional nature, and how the generosity will operate will be determined by the sign as well as the other aspects to the conjunction. This person may want to do so much for the mother that he never leaves home to develop a personal life.

(Charles Carter)

This aspect, like the harmonious aspects, confers great sympathy and protectiveness, as well as success in similar ways. Except that it is more powerful, it does not seem to differ from the trine and sextile, but perhaps it is more restless and given to change and travel. The energies are considerable; and as a general rule the practical abilities are of a high order.

Sometimes there is a spice of vanity and a tendency to consider oneself more important than one actually is.

19) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (9°28' S) 1178 | 87

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction emphasises emotional sensitivity and vulnerability to others, especially through an impressionable, sympathetic psychic empathy. The nature of your environment will be highly influential in affecting your inner balance and wellbeing, so ideally you need to live and work within suitable places and with suitable people, or else you may discover that your spirit and vitality begin to wane through absorbing what are negative influences on your sensitivity.

As your heart is so open to experience life, it is equally likely to experience suffering, anguish and disappointments. Evolving ways of self-protection or essential filters to this sensitivity may be necessary over time, otherwise life could become too painful for you. Through your innate understanding and sympathetic attitudes, you are likely to become a listener and confidante to others' problems; yet a degree of detached impersonal objectivity needs to be developed or else you will take their problems and pain away with yourself. This is not a sacrifice that needs to be made, even though you are rightly willing to offer aid and assistance to those in need. It may be that you are attracted towards employment in the spheres of social welfare and care, where you can serve deprived people and encourage them to take steps of advancement. Certainly that compassionate heart will be a main motivating factor in your life, and it is probably through such a route that you can most easily display your most natural qualities and abilities. Your influence can have a beneficial and catalytic effect on others, stimulating them towards either personal growth or resolving problems. Employment which fixes you into a repetitive mundane work pattern will not be satisfying, and will ultimately be a denial of your talents and abilities. It is easy to recognise when you are stuck in the wrong place: you are beset by the intensification of wishful thinking and daydreaming, of desires to escape, and of a lack of interest in application.

You have a powerful imagination which does not like to be inhibited or denied and is constantly looking for ways to be expressed; there will be considerable artistic and cultural appreciation as well as creative gifts within you waiting to be released. Suitable channels are art, music, poetry, design, ways that preferably evoke an emotional-feeling

response in yourself and others. You could develop into being visionary and inspirational if this area was especially focused and all your energies were committed to such a task. Your psychic sensitivities could play a role in this, offering the awareness of more subtle currents in life and the power inherent in symbols and images, or even your dream life with a prophetic quality could be influential. It is probably best to use any such psychic or mediumistic talents only as a support to artistic creation, because you may find that they can be too unreliable or too shrouded in Neptunian sea mists and make clear perception difficult. These tendencies can develop towards religious or spiritual interests, such as the exaltation of the mystic's emotions and heart devotions.

In your personal life and intimate relationships, you may need to be wary of a tendency to be excessively romantic, preoccupied with dreams of the ideal lover, always searched for and never found. In real life there are real people, and disillusionment is never far away from the anima-animus projected obsessions which create self-delusions and the experience of being shocked by the reality of your 'dream lover'. Turning men or women into gods or goddesses is a dangerous game; they always fall off the pedestal that you have placed them on. Like Humpty Dumpty, the fall shatters the illusion which can never be put together again around the person. Yet falling in love again with the real person is often much more rewarding and enriching.

There can be tendencies to evade the impingement of harsh reality at times. That isn't the way, but making adjustments to your own attitudes may be the key to deal with this challenge. Accepting reality is a process that we have to continually confront in life, although this doesn't necessarily imply a surrender to the inevitable; it can be the initial action required to determine how to transform an unsatisfactory situation. Sometimes the influence of Neptune dominates the Moon, and the result is a retreat towards private worlds, hiding within defensive shells, unable to face the real world, and living within the glamour of those castles in the air of your imagination, lost in dreaming worlds.

Additionally, Moon aspects indicate an association with the Mother image, symbol and real parent. The conjunction implies a close bonding with your mother or an important influence over your development, but, as with your romantic relationships, illusions can be present which may need cleansing or releasing if they are negatively affecting your adult relationships.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Neptune shows that you are imaginative, emotional, sensitive, and sometimes given to daydreaming. Your psychic ability enables you to respond to outside stimuli that others are unaware of. You are inclined to offer assistance to anyone who seems to need help. However, this may get you into difficulty, for some people will blame you if their problems aren't solved. Disappointments are common in your life, for, even though you suffer with others in their grief, you may be left alone when they experience joy.

Your professional life must have sufficient challenge to keep you alert and reasonably 'on the go'. Avoid any occupation that involves long periods of time spent in repetitious and boring tasks. In such a job you would find escape in daydreaming and dawdling, and accomplish little. You would probably be fired as lazy, incompetent, and indifferent, which would be accurate only in those circumstances. Your latent ability should find an outlet through public-oriented endeavors, such as service and welfare programs, nursing, working with the mentally retarded, or rehabilitation of the handicapped. Working closely with others who depend on you would serve as a catalyst for your energies, and you would participate with attentiveness and vigor.

Your love nature is extremely romantic, and it is truly difficult for anyone to measure up to your expectations. You've mesmerized yourself to escape from the abrasions of reality. Most individuals you meet disorient you, so you categorize them according to your own way of thinking. In time, when their human nature becomes painfully apparent, you are shocked in disbelief. Learn to accept people at their level of development and don't give them attributes they haven't earned or deserved. You will be admired by others for your sympathetic understanding of their 'highs' and 'lows'. You can express your imagination in artistic pursuits - designing, painting, music, or poetry. Help others by painting joy in their lives, by designing activities for them, by letting a song ring out to relieve their stresses, or by sharing tender moments in poetic escape.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the individual's physical mother and how she reacts to life when the person is very young. Neptune represents some characteristics of delusion or inspiration, or it clouds the mother issue. In an adult, the Moon indicates the ability to respond to life, and its sign indicates how it will be done. When Neptune conjuncts the Moon, it clouds the feelings, covers them, puts a veil around them, and it may also cloud the image of the mother so that much of her effect is confused or unclear. This makes it difficult to evaluate the mother's actions, and it deludes the individual about woman issues: how a woman should act; how a woman is expected to behave; what are 'nurturing', 'caring' and feeling'. The aspect affects males and females differently.

In a man, the aspect often clouds his emotions and veils his concepts of what a woman should be, so that when he enters into a relationship with a woman it is often with strange expectations. He thinks women are different from what they are in reality, and he is usually disappointed in their behavior. This man doesn't want to know that women go to the bathroom or wear hair curlers etc.. His mother taught him illusions and delusions, so he is eventually forced to determine from a conscious point what adult female behavior is all about. He is also extremely intuitive; he will have intuitive feeling responses that he may not consciously understand. This can be both a blessing and a curse. If his body is so sensitive that he picks up too many vibrations from the environment, he may not know 'who' he is feeling - himself or those around him. He may

be unsettled because of his intuitive response, for his sensitivity may not match his conception of a twofisted, hairy-chested male. If he is mother-dominated, his mother can do no wrong; he seldom sees her for what she is, always covering her with a shimmering cloud of perfection. If he is father-dominated, he often bases his idea of what a woman should be on a fairy-tale image of Cinderella / Sleeping Beauty attributes. He has trouble separating his anima function from his wife or girlfriend because he often projects his anima onto her personality. His girlfriend's actions may not be akin to his anima image, so he is constantly disappointed. If he is mother-dominated, his girlfriend seldom acts as his mother told him 'good' women should.

When a woman has her Moon conjunct Neptune it indicates that her mother misled her as far as the behavior of woman is concerned; therefore, she often has a distorted image of what a woman should be. The image of Woman is frequently associated with martyrdom and unrequited love. She falls in love with a person on a spiritual basis and sometimes doesn't notice that the one she has fallen in love with is a hopeless alcoholic or has psychotic disturbances. She feels guilty about sexual involvements and consequently may pick a partner who cannot relate to her sexually, or she can't relate sexually to him. She may find herself in perplexing predicaments, for she doesn't know what earthly love is. The problem stems from the fact that she doesn't know what a woman should be and how she as a woman should react. The result is often too much phoney spirituality and a lot of hurt feelings. Confusion surrounds the nurturing, caring and feeling functions.

Both sexes have some kind of problem expressing their feelings of love on a sexual level. Sometimes it's easier to be sexy with someone you don't love, for love is such a 'spiritual' experience that physical sex can 'defile' it in some way. Men with this aspect sometimes have a woman they love and a woman they sex. Or, if the Moon is in a Fire sign, their sexuality is limited because of thier idealism. Women with the aspect tend to choose spiritual relationships that may be emotionally painful - the man may mistreat them, or he may not be able to perform sexually. Sometimes this aspect appears in the charts of women who fall in love with homosexual men, so the relationship is close but the unrequited love aspect is there.

The aspect is an intuitive and sensitive one, and its owners may have many interesting psychic and intuitive experiences. It can sometimes indicate people who have a great deal of healing ability; they become involved in the mental, spiritual and phsyical healing of others. They are intuitive enough to be able to manifest on a creative level as well, and this sources of energy is never-ending once they learn to tap into it. The creative potential cannot be completely realized until they learn to share their feelings with another human being. This can be a most productive aspect. The blind spot toward the mother can be emphasised by other aspects in the chart; she may be the one who stands between this person and his freedom - and he can't see it.

20) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♂ Uranus** - (1°19' A) ♃12 | ♃12

(Haydn Paul)

Aspects made between Venus and Uranus emphasise the spheres of social and intimate relationships, with the energy focus turned towards exploring the outer world through an extroverted personality.

The dominating influence will be the urge for excitement, the stimulation of the unknown and the thirst for the richness of life's experiences. You will not be an introvert; and your main preoccupation will be ensuring that your life is 'interesting', occupying yourself with a multitude of interests and explorations so that there is no time or space left for inner enquiry.

The Uranian influence is the stronger partner of the two, and its agitating vibration will give you an inner restlessness, which you try to release in social activity and interaction with friends. However, the development of your creative, artistic, unorthodox individuality may lead to adaptation problems in mainstream society, where you react against being employed in mundane, repetitive jobs, or refuse to feel imprisoned in traditional social attitudes, beliefs and lifestyles.

You insist on being free to be yourself, and to do as you please. At times, this can reflect an immature, seemingly adolescent attitude, which can be too self-centred and lack real awareness of others. Also, your definition of your self is inconsistent and dependent on the attractions of the moment. This develops the appearance of unpredictability and lack of continuity, which others often see as a lack of responsibility and commitment.

This will affect your intimate relationships; and you will probably have difficulties in maintaining lasting partnerships, either because the relationships collapse through a withdrawal of interest, or because there are too many inner desires and conflicts which trigger stormy, emotionally distressing confrontations. These may arise because of your insistence upon having your own way, which can clash with a partner's views, needs and desires. You see your need for freedom to be important, and so you tend to resist any attempt to make you give a serious commitment. Your emotions may only be touched on a superficial level, and rarely fully engaged with another, which can also lead to periods when you are tempted to become promiscuous in a search for variety and new experience. Sudden affairs are quite possible, and also satisfy that urge for excitement and even danger, where you can express yourself even more freely than usual. Certainly your love life will have an erratic quality, similar to the flow of your sex drive, which will confuse others. Your disdain for traditional forms of relationship can lead you along many different paths; join this with the fascination that the unusual has for you, and your life could develop like a multi-coloured weaving, some colours harmonising, others clashing.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus conjunct Uranus, you have a sparkling, effervescent personality. Popular and sociable almost to an extreme, you have a dynamic zest for living a full, unrestricted life. You seek every kind of human encounter in order to fully explore life in all its dimensions. You tend to disregard socially acceptable relationships unless they are exciting enough for you to feel uninhibited.

You are best suited to occupations that involve novelty and in which you can function in your own uniquely creative way. You don't take easily to routine, and a daily schedule of repetitious work would be unbearably boring. Professions dealing with the public are more in line with your sociable temperament. Public relations, party planning, social functions, fashion shows, investment counseling, and interior decorating are some of the fields that can give you the mobility and creative expression you need.

In your personal relationships, you demand unlimited freedom so you can detach yourself without guilt when you lose interest. If a person continues to fascinate you, you form strong ties. But you may sever those ties suddenly if you meet someone whose unusual qualities gain your attention.

It may be difficult for you to establish a permanent relationship, since you are outgoing and probably career-oriented. It is better to defer marriage until you've had the opportunity to try making it on your own. Because your romantic responses are unpredictable, you would be well advised to be engaged for a reasonable time before marrying. If you marry on impulse, it probably won't be permanent. Only strong Saturn or earth qualities, determined elsewhere in your analysis, can reverse this trend. Your responsibility is somewhat lacking, indicating that enduring ties are unlikely.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Venus, representing the need for harmony and warmth, teams up here with Uranus, the need for individuality, freedom and a life of our own. As it happens, the two tend to clash; especially as Uranus causes enough disruption to drive us off the well-beaten track in order to find ourselves. That is why Venus / Uranus aspects, and especially the conjunction and the hard aspects, are traditionally associated with homosexuality, perversity, and so on. However, these are the extreme, and are by no means the universal rule in real life.

Nevertheless, it is true to say that with these aspects we take to people who boldly go their own way or, at least, are somehow different - maybe eccentric or reformist. In friendships and love life, we seek the stimulus of change and variety, and are not particularly stable. The restlessness of Uranus affects feelings. Being highly strung and having an overpowering desire for personal freedom, we experience difficulty in forming firm friendships. Friendships make us tense, nervous, and insecure - because we are doing our best to stay unfettered while trying to build up harmonious relationships, and

this requires concessions on our part. Sometimes we prefer being cool, with an emphasis on externals and the avoidance of any deep emotional expression. Only in the extreme case, when all the rest of the chart points in the same direction, can perversion or sexual aberration show itself.

With a conjunction between Venus and Uranus, we resist becoming fully domesticated; yet the relationship with our partners can still be fine as long as we are not hemmed in by conventional rules, have scope for development, and above all are living with a partner who is unconventionally stimulating.

(Betty Lundsted)

When these two planets are conjunct, it indicates some kind of tie between the psychological effect of the mother and the behavior pattern that she manifests during the individual's formative years. It is indicative of some kind of eccentric or erratic behavior on her part. She may have been tremendously creative or self-willed. The Uranus-Venus conjunction indicates that the mother presents herself to the native in some sudden and erratic manner which the native cannot relate to; even so, the native forms a similar behavior pattern because of the mother's behavior. This behavior pattern affects the part of life that has to do with the intellectual concept of love, how one is able to appreciate love, to receive love or to communicate it to others. This tie can bring out unusual talents as well as unusual perceptions of what love is, so it can manifest either in creative energy or in an abrupt attitude regarding affairs of the heart. This individual may make impetuous decisions and cause unnecessary pain to those around him. He will have to learn how to 'play fair' since his early childhood experience taught that decisions are made before talking things over with the partner.

The aspect indicates that this individual may fall in love impetuously and fall out of love the same way. The concept of love will be unusual, unorthodox, and the lover may seem to be a very different type from the norm. Because the image of woman in the psyche is an unusual one, the loved one may be an unusual Uranian type who may not seem suited to this individual's outer personality. This conjunction may signify a lack of communion, for all decisions regarding love may be made in an abrupt manner and without consulting anyone else. When a relationship problem needs to be solved, a person with this aspect thinks it through, makes a decision, and when any discussion of the problem takes place it is merely a social courtesy, for as far as he is concerned the decision is done. Relationships are ended with no warning, and the partner may be left in a state of shock.

Men with this aspect may leave a woman, with little idea or no feeling about the emotional trauma caused to her. Women with this aspect may be an enigma to the men with whom they are in contact. The aspect is harder on the female than the male because she may reject her biological role. The mother may have resented the responsibilities of motherhood when this person was young, and the memory in the

subconscious mind recalls some plaguing fear about childbirth, or distaste for the responsibilities of child raising to such a degree that this woman may avoid ever getting pregnant. The biological role can be reconsidered when the aspect is analyzed from a conscious point. She is not required to be like her mother or to have the attitudes of her mothers. The damaged image in the psyche can be healed through good counselling or therapy.

(Charles Carter)

The inner effect is a high state of emotional tension, with a craving for peace, perfection, and the realisation of beauty in the life and surroundings. From this, we may get great genius, but always accompanied by self-will, waywardness, and a lack of practical common sense and balance, unless indeed the horoscope powerfully supports the aspect with steadying influences. In an ordinary chart, it inclines to wildness, excitability, and recklessness in incurring personal risks, both physical and in the way of reputation.

Exteriorly, it tends to danger of violence, attacks, or accidents, if the rest of the nativity is of this kind.

21) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ☾ **Moon** - (3°21' S) 002 | 178

(Robert Pelletier)

The sun opposition the Moon shows that there are difficulties between you and the people you deal with. You have a natural conflict between your emotions and your ego, and you unconsciously communicate this psychological hang-up to your associates, family, friends, and even your romantic partners. You often act in a hesitant spurt of enthusiasm, which is followed by anguish that your action may have been ill-advised. When you try to assert your own individuality, you are often torn by loyalty to those closest to you. You would prefer to have their full support so you could avoid the painful explanations and guilt that seem to accompany anything you want to do.

Relationships mean a great deal to you, and you long for someone with whom you can totally identify. Although you enjoy casual contacts, they never sufficiently satisfy your need to belong. You want a person who will fulfill your every need: love, friendship, sustaining you in your goals, sharing in your setbacks, fortifying you in your weakness, inspiring you in exploiting your creative talents, and sharing the full benefits of your combined efforts. A tall order, to be sure, and you will have to make concessions to obtain that kind of partner. You will have to be more giving than receiving, more compromising than obstinate, and more humble than arrogant. This too may be a tall order, but you can do it, or at least give it a good try. Any progress will prove beneficial.

Your greatest handicap is your unwillingness to let go of the past. Don't be afraid that people will consider you indifferent and unfeeling - you could never be unemotional.

Make a realistic appraisal of what you want from your life, and file a plan with yourself to achieve it. Don't wait for people to open doors for you. Some things you must do for yourself, even if it means you have to indulge in yourself.

You will experience some problems with partnerships until you know where you stand and can state your position honestly. You might feel sorry for yourself or become bitter when matters don't progress exactly the way you want them to, but that's life. The hard knocks are what make the success that follows so precious. Try to maintain a moderate physical pace, for you can't get away with burning the candle at both ends.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that there are likely to be two main challenging areas in your life. One involves your relationship with social and intimate partnerships, and your ability to adjust to the demands of the external world; and the second is concerned with inner tensions associated with conflict and contradiction between your conscious egoic will and your unconscious mind, feelings and emotions. Studying the nature of the specific houses of this planetary opposition can offer valuable indications as to the spheres of life that are likely to be especially influenced.

You will probably feel internal division, with opposing messages and impulses rising from the differing Sun and Moon tendencies, and this creates stress and confusion regarding which inner voice you should follow. What may be experienced is one inner voice encouraging you to follow an adult path of career, vocation and progress (the Sun), and another more instinctual voice (the Moon) trying to make you pay more attention to your emotional needs for personal nourishment. Pulled in two directions, looking towards those individual future aims and desires, while also turning towards the secure and familiar past, you become unsure of what to do. The Moon's instinctive responses may reject the egoic ambitions of the Sun, and the Sun refuses to allow time and attention to satisfy the Moon's need for emotional nourishment as this does not conform to an adult self-image of independent maturity.

One consequence of this inner polarisation is a diminution of vitality and energy, which are burnt away by the friction caused by tension and internal fighting over supremacy. Diminishing both the expression of Sun and Moon reduces your opportunities for satisfaction in either sphere of life; ambitions may fail to be realised, and relationships fail to fulfil your emotional needs. Over time, there develops a pattern of oscillation as your inner balance between Sun and Moon tilts to favour either one or the other; if the balance is regularly in favour of one planet, then the qualities of the other planet are repressed into the unconscious mind. The tendency may be to repress the deeper energies of the Moon back into the unconscious due to their natural affinity there, but in elevating and listening only to the Sun many personal emotional needs are denied, and this will eventually stimulate later problems of integration and will burst through under pressure in later love relationships.

In opposition aspects, often part of the planetary polarity which is less expressed and integrated is projected externally onto the world and people, and it is likely that the existence of your inner conflict will be unconsciously transmitted to others, who then serve to mirror back your unintegrated aspect. Stress in the psyche is reflected by relationship difficulties, and this is likely to be an ongoing challenge for you to resolve, and may spill over into domestic, financial, romantic and marital situations. Continual tension may create ill health and deplete your vitality, and one sign of this may be experiences of restlessness, nervous agitation and psychosomatic illness. Changes of moods and emotional responses may occur, ranging from an exhilaration and sense of purpose, meaning and self-confidence to deep depressions, feelings of being unloved, and loss of individual stability. These may be triggered by movement within your inner polarity of Sun-Moon, when the balance of energy flows erratically.

This unstable energy flow can be noted in times when you commence a new project or change direction with great enthusiasm and will, and then suddenly everything appears to be a waste of time and a mistake as your energy level wanes. Scattered and uncompleted schemes, projects and ideas may litter your life. Relationships too could follow a similar pattern, starting as 'the love of your life' and then collapsing into an unsatisfactory withdrawal as feelings change and disillusionment sets in.

Underlying your relationships lie those deep Moon needs and desires; fulfilling these is the root of relationship difficulties. You tend to hold an image of a loving partner being able to satisfy all your needs, even needs that you often deny or choose not to even acknowledge to yourself, someone in whom you can almost become lost and rely on totally. These are probably reflections of previous childhood patterns where your parents proved unable to fully satisfy your childhood needs; now you search for another adult to do so. For you, a partner has to be a lover, friend and companion, sustaining you, healing your conflicts, tending to your needs, and offering clear directions in life. There are dependency needs entangled in this pattern, needs of belonging which temporary short-lived affairs will fail to satisfy. You hope to find someone who either takes charge of things, or help you to develop your own potential; somehow you feel inadequate to do this on your own.

Your difficulty lies in a tendency to project your inner stresses on to your close relationships, with phases of dissention, confrontation and argument occurring as a means of releasing energies. Compromise may need more development, and learning how to give rather than just take is essential. Balance and moderation is one approach to consider, instead of reacting to contradictory feelings and responding only to the temporary dominating voice. Take time to determine what are your most consistent aims in life, make a realistic appraisal of your qualities, talents and potentials, and try to discover how the voices of Sun and Moon can be united and integrated into a common message to follow. Break out of that subjective prison, unfold a sense of objectivity, and refuse to blame the environment or people for the obstacles that stand in the way of

progress.

While part of this personality pattern may have developed during childhood, with you perceiving your parents as offering you two sets of opposing messages, or perhaps losing one of them due to divorce or death, it is your adult responsibility to transcend this difficulty rather than perpetuate it again. Integrating the principles of Sun and Moon in your psyche may not be easy, and a careful balance of listening and honouring both voices needs to be achieved, but discovering a way to do this may be essential to your well-being, emerging after a period of losing life meaning and purpose. A change in consciousness and integration of those deeper and ignored Moon needs can be achieved, if you generate the will to do so. Pursuing humanistic self-therapy techniques designed to liberate repressed feelings and individual desires / needs may be appropriate at such a stage, and looking towards psychosynthesis, gestalt, encounter and co-counselling groups may be beneficial. These can all help to stimulate the integrative quality of both lunar and solar centres, leading to inner balance and freedom of expression.

Sun square or opposition Moon

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The uncertainty generated by the square arises from the fact that the conscious behavior (Sun) conflicts with the behavior needed to give a sense of security (Moon). Therefore a square between Sun and Moon can make the native very unsettled, especially if the background of the elements is tense.

In the opposition, the kind of uncertainty is different. This opposition makes us painfully aware of our duality. Conscious behavior and unconscious reaction patterns clash with one another, yet always have something in common because the signs in which they are posited lie on the same axis. Therefore, when they are in opposition, the Sun and Moon can complement one another well once they make common cause. Until such time as they do (and this may take quite a while), the native will suffer from a nagging sense of discomfort and insecurity.

In either case, the native is inclined to adopt a certain form of behavior to the virtual exclusion of its alternative, and so the latter seeks to express itself indirectly. But if he does give both forms of behavior a chance, he generally ends up feeling like 'two individuals rolled into one' with first one, then the other in the forefront. Those around him never know what to expect, and the native feels plagued by inner instability. Usually he has an identity problem and often wonders which character is the real him, to which the answer is 'both of you'.

The uncertainty can result in many things being left half done, or in perpetual changes of opinion, or in general dissatisfaction with one's performance; in short, a great deal of energy has to be expended on tackling inner insecurity before the native can begin to solve external problems.

Nevertheless, hard Sun-Moon aspects do have considerable energy at their disposal. The uncertainties and the obstacles produced by their tension compel the native, sooner or later, to start sorting things out. The tension between the Sun and Moon send him in search of answers to such questions as 'Who am I?', 'What is really implied by the difference between male and female?' and 'What is significant in a relationship?'

It is not uncommon for conflicts between the Sun and Moon to present problems with the life partner. Since, among other things, the Moon represents what a man is looking for in a woman, and the Sun represents what a woman is looking for in a man, the native tends to fall in love with somebody who jars him or her in some way. At the same time, the hard aspects provide sufficient energy to deal with any problems that may arise. The latter are usually caught in time because, being so insecure, the native is quite sensitive to them and is prepared to work hard to stop them escalating. Therefore it is entirely possible for people with a square between the Sun and the Moon to make happy marriages.

22) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♃ **Jupiter** - (7°56' A) 002 | 118

(Robert Pelletier)

The sun opposition Jupiter shows that you are energetic, enthusiastic, and wellinformed in using your creative talents. You know how to put your best foot forward in achieving your ambitions, but you take great chances when you should plan carefully. You assume that people will make way for you as you climb to your goals; when they challenge you instead, you can't help but be disappointed. You make glowing promises, but you are irresponsible and negligent about keeping them. Your associates call you a fair-weather friend who can't be found when the going gets tough.

You know how to turn on the charm to gain the approval of those you deal with in your daily affairs. It may be, however, that you are not totally honest with yourself and others, for you bend the truth to gain your objectives. You are inclined to make a grand display, playing the successful role, but in fact you are constantly fearful of the competition that may one day topple you from your throne. You need to become totally aware of reality in your striving so that you only take on exactly what you can cope with. Stop playing the confidence game with those around you. They know you better than to fall for it. You cannot afford to lose precious allies for the momentary pleasure of victory.

You are enormously talented and creative. These qualities should be directed to such fields as education, the media, business managements, travel, or public relations. You

must have self-control in order to obtain the best results in any of these endeavors, as well as a willingness to accept the full responsibility of your position. You must know your limits and delegate others to perform the tasks that go beyond those limits. You are ambitious for recognition, but as you climb to the heights of achievement you should seek counsel. Try not to lose contact with those who may have made your success possible - they will support you if you remember them for their efforts.

In your romantic contacts you are demanding and expect to be given just about everything you ask for. Lacking continuity of feelings, you may indulge yourself for a long time before taking a partner. Even then, you will grant yourself privileges that you won't allow your partner. You need to be constantly on the move, and you enjoy travelling. New places mean new people and new distractions. You must be discreet at all times, or through unexpected developments you risk losing everything you have gained. It is hard for you to believe that such things could happen to you.

Slow down, for you have a lifetime to live. Pay attention to your diet and don't overindulge in food or drink. Plan to take vacations from your daily routine as often as possible to restore yourself to the vigorous health necessary to sustain you in your ambitions.

23) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♆ **Neptune** - (6°07' S) 002 | 87

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition between Neptune and the Sun can stimulate a distorted and selfdeluding perspective of reality, which tends to create additional problems and obstacles in your life and decision-making. You may find it difficult to analyse and evaluate options and choices correctly, often focusing on self-created and imaginary issues rather than actual problems. Sometimes these can take the forms of voluntary suffering arising from inner guilt patterns associated with deep-lying desires; an expiation or atonement of 'sins', actual or imaginary. This can result in the sacrificial martyr attitude, and is often quite unnecessary, yet in a strange way provides a foundation to your life. A sacrifice may well be required, that of your imagined illusions, prior to your attaining the deeper solar centre of balance, but such a sacrifice is often misunderstood and misapplied in daily life.

You tend to react strongly against any domination imposed by others, yet can easily submit if under the influence of a misplaced sacrificial trip. Your relationships can be characterised by degrees of confusion and misunderstandings, and through powerful emotions you are liable to overly intimate relationships with fantasies and wishful thinking, forming a deceiving miasma which affects all involved. There can be a pattern operating through you that subverts clear, honest and direct communication, even though you may not fully accept or realise this. As you tend to be insecure and defensive in relationship attitudes, tensions can be generated by your style of expression, which rarely accepts being wrong or any responsibility, yet operates in a manner which

attempts to lay any blame on the shoulders of others. This creates confusion rather than clarity, and over time it may produce considerable friction. This nebulousness dominates your personality, turning you into a 'psychological chameleon', changing appearances and attitudes as distorted perceptions and personal biases intrude into reality.

You often avoid commitment and entering fully into emotional involvements through fears of being trapped or dominated, which, allied to a suspicious nature, does not augur well for stable relationships. As you are liable to fall under the negative Neptunian glammers regarding love and romance, this tendency may have developed from previous shattering disappointments. If this becomes a repetitive pattern in your life, then the cause is probably within yourself, and it is by exploration and inward journey to contact the solar light that you can discover and illumine your potential solution.

Coming to terms with such influential patterns concerning your identity and relationships requires considerable honesty and commitment. Beneficial change can be stimulated, but only if you really want it and are willing to put in the effort. The main problem with inner glammers and illusions is that they are so difficult to identify correctly, and obviously such distorting mirrors make it hard to perceive with clarity. The real effect of spiritual transformation shatters these mirrors. Being able to recognise and acknowledge that such problems exist is the first and most important step, followed by consistent action to discover the appropriate remedy.

Through insecurity, you are liable to doubt your capabilities and potential, fearing challenges as exposing failings and weaknesses. Retreat or defensive mechanisms may have been established as forms of protection. Essentially, you need to strip down your habitual perceptions of others and yourself, so that the reality can shine through more objectively. Facing the reality of avoidance patterns and observing the influence of your emotional biases and defensive mechanisms can be very revealing, as can noting how you distort relationship communication; consider all this without self-condemnation or judgement. In looking lie the seeds of transformation. Refinding your own solar self and centre beyond these ephemeral influences is the purpose of your journey; and establishing strength in your own identity and resources will demonstrate a developing maturity, rather than any unhealthy reliance on others.

Discerning your aims in life, perhaps developing a programme towards achieving some of them, can give a directional focus, and allow you to express freely that blocked and frustrated potential which may have been previously inhibited. Taking such steps can renew yourself and relationships, protecting you from being negatively influenced by surrounding environmental influences entering your psyche. Once the changes are made, you can have much to offer people, where your sacrificial tendencies can be beneficial and reflect your higher solar path instead of an illusory Neptunian one. Working with types of meditation which deglamorise and strip away illusory veils of personality, or with relationship therapies, can be suitable approaches to cleanse yourself of the negative Neptunian tendencies, in order for the light of your co-ordinating

Sun centre to shine through more powerfully.

24) ► **Moon** ☾ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (3°35' S) 1178 | 002

(Haydn Paul)

It is probable that the restrictions and limitations which you encounter are mainly derived from other people or environmental pressures, and that relationship difficulties will occur.

Childhood experiences and parental or social conditioning will have greatly affected you; and your attitudes and worldview are likely to have been moulded by duty, obligation, and responsibility. You see their requirements as necessary for the socially mature individual, but, instead of gradually developing as a result of real maturation, these have been imposed on you, probably during childhood before you were able to properly integrate them. Parental pressure or environmental circumstances may have forced you to 'act grown up' before you were ready, having to conform to these demands. You may have reacted against the discipline of restraining attitudes and imposed rigid behaviour, and may have seen your parents as lacking love or understanding for you.

Life presents a vista of duty and obligation; it is viewed as a serious affair in which 'doing the right thing' becomes important, even if this means ignoring your feelings, instincts, and emotions... or so it seems to you. One result could have been a controlling of childhood feelings, exuberance, and enthusiasm, of not being allowed time for childish play and 'silliness', acting out imaginative fantasies, or refusing to conform.

By adult life, this may have consequences of moodiness, bleak depressions, and negativity. You may display emotional inflexibility, endure phases of stagnation, and have fears of people, experiences, and situations. If this occurs, it is symptomatic of unconscious emotional repression, which now influences your everyday consciousness and reality through interference. Sensing this repression, others may avoid closeness with you, as they sense that your social stiffness inhibits relationships; as your vibration is that of a loner, they may feel uncomfortable.

Negative attitudes can become restrictive and limiting; opportunities can be lost through refusing to take chances, or relationships denied through social unease or fear of emotional intimacy. If you can redirect your attitudes in a more positive and constructive direction, things will open up; making such a shift is likely to prove difficult, yet, if achieved, will be highly rewarding.

Clarifying your life direction is important, enabling energies to be targeted at achieving specific personal aims. While the 'duty and obligation' program dominates you, there can be antagonism toward authority figures such as employers or managers, especially if they provoke your feelings or wound your sensitivity. If you chose not to become self-employed, then work related to medicine, research, social welfare, community service,

law, or government may attract.

Relationships can prove problematic. You find difficulty letting down your emotional drawbridge to others, and struggle to express feelings. Sometimes embryonic relationships are destroyed by your allowing previous relationship experiences to interfere, by prejudging people according to past disillusionments. Emotions are protected; and this can prevent intimacy from developing. Older partners may attract, as may those who display a maturity which you believe you lack.

Be careful of becoming dependent on others. It may be inevitable that you fall in love with someone who displays affection but not love for you. This leaves you emotionally vulnerable; and powerful but painful feelings are encountered. Such experiences could prove uncomfortable and traumatic, yet releasing emotions is the healthiest action. If a relationship develops, then you may become less defensive, and your hidden potential may unfold with a loving partner.

Children may help to open you, providing a relationship into which you can pour love, helping you to feel at ease with displaying feelings in a less threatening context. You may find that family obligations create limitations, due to financial constraints and parenting responsibilities. A balanced approach to fulfilling responsibilities in a more relaxed, emotionally responsive manner is required; and much depends on transforming attitudes and feelings. If this is achieved, limitations will progressively dissolve as emotional stress is released, and a new feeling of liberation grows. With emotional freedom comes the dismantling of those inner barriers which have prohibited creativity and imagination; and taking these steps may reveal previously unexplored and unrecognized talents and abilities.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon opposition Saturn confers depth of understanding, but it also indicates periods of considerable pessimism and depression. These periods develop because of your emotional reactions - you are inclined to be apprehensive and fearful about people and events. You take life seriously, and no event or relationship is ever casual or superficial. In your early formative years, you were strongly conditioned to accept duty and responsibility as an essential part of growing up. However, you found it difficult to accept such pressure, and your emotional sensitivity made you assume that perhaps you were not loved or were being rejected.

You relate better to older people, and even in youth you associated more easily with adults than with those your own age. This may have caused you some loneliness, especially if older groups would not accept you because of your age. It would not be surprising if you had become a loner.

Your professional opportunities may be limited unless you can become more optimistic.

Although you accept duty, it is never without some bitter reminder of the parental influences of your childhood. You tend to project this bitterness in your relations with your superiors, so that getting along with them may be a problem. You will function better if you can be self-employed or can at least exercise selfdetermination in performing tasks. It is important that you establish your own goals and construct a plan of action to realize them.

You could find expression in medicine (especially geriatrics), human research, welfare programs, education, law, hotel and restaurant management, or government service. Learn your craft well, and don't belittle those who can teach you what you need to know. Keep your feelings anchored in professional activities.

If you are still influenced by your early conditioning, you will choose a mate who is an extension of one of your parents. You will probably seek a person who is strong in character, self-disciplined, and demanding. But you would derive more emotional satisfaction from a relationship with someone who can compensate for the austerity of your parents. If you have successfully modified your attitude toward people so that you aren't on the defensive, you would enjoy having a liberal-minded mate who could help you exploit your potentials to their fullest.

Whichever sort of mate you choose, it is unlikely that your own family environment will be a replay of your childhood. You will want greater flexibility for your children to enable them to become secure, independent adults.

Avoid eating cold lunches, if you can, and use salt in moderation. Frequent rest is advised, and try to get away occasionally from the pressure of everyday routine. Digestion may be a problem if you allow tension to build up, especially from emotional stress.

Moon square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects draw attention more strongly to vulnerable aspects of a personality. When people have the hard aspects, each time they look for comfort and safety (Moon), they are inevitably confronted with their weaknesses, fears, and uncertainties (Saturn). Emotional inhibitions and difficulties with emotional expression are quite common under these aspects. These people struggle with a sense of loneliness and often with an inferiority complex as well.

Anxiety and possibly mistrust will affect behavior. They take a rather gloomy view of everything, preferring to expect the worst because then the unexpected will always be an improvement; and, in fact, are particularly prone to do so where the emotional world (Moon) and the need for security are concerned.

For women, these are difficult aspects. Their femininity is not easy for them to handle. Even though many can create the impression of being superwomen, they lack inner composure. Another mode of expression is very mannish behavior. Saturn's hard aspects can lead to extremes.

Self-control is considerable with these aspects, also the capacity for hard work, selfdiscipline and level-headedness. People with conflicts between the Moon and Saturn can be very creative in fashioning things. Their inferiority feelings, and their fears that what they make will never be perfect, are likely to haunt them to some extent; but they can produce first-class work once they set their minds to it. Although these are active aspects (which the tense aspects always are), Saturn can be so inhibitive that either the natives' activities are paralysed at the very beginning or they avoid spreading their interests. Given their sensitivity, they cannot afford to risk making too many mistakes. Shyness is common in these aspects, while the persistent search for some ideal form in which to express themselves makes them initially impractical and inefficient: owing to uncertainty they try their hand at all sorts of things when they are young, being unable to settle down anywhere. Dread of the unknown can keep them static and clinging to pet ideas; therefore they strike others as hard and unbending.

However, once these people have made the effort to break out of their hard shells they will be all the tougher for the experience, well equipped to patiently withstand the adversities life may bring, and they will work successfully under the most trying circumstances. For durability and staying power are Saturn's good side, which falls within their reach once we have come to terms with it.

(Charles Carter)

The inner side of these contacts is usually inefficiency, the native being a bad leader and organiser, without set purpose or policy, often not intelligent and confused in his methods, giving himself and others unnecessary trouble. He is careless and imprudent, weak and obstinate, cunning and silly; astute in details, but blind in main issues. Sometimes it causes laziness; sometimes energy without persistence. Depression and discontent are common. Shyness is common also.

With depression there is often a lack of real self-reliance, and the native may be a prey to fear and foreboding, and a feeling of general inadequacy in respect of his obligations and duties. He is apt sometimes to rely on the material supports of life rather than on character.

The entire feminine side of the nature is limited by this contact, and unless other aspects come to the assistance of the Moon, much unhappiness and emotional inhibition may occur. Even the good aspects of the Moon and Saturn sometimes tend to dourness and rigidity, and a dislike of, or inability to partake in, pleasures, particularly if Venus be

weak.

On the circumstantial side, which will be the more evident in many cases, there is a dislike of hardship, particularly in early and in late life. The native may easily be misunderstood, and have to endure harshness, severity, and lack of emotional satisfaction.

The relations with the mother are rarely happy; she may be unfortunate, or may die young, be unhealthy, or be a burden to the native; or she may be dominating and stern in her attitude. The home is seldom imbued with a genial atmosphere such as a child needs.

In marriage these aspects tend to unions between persons of diverse ages; sometimes there are social differences and the parents either prevent marriage or urge unsatisfactory alliances based on Saturnian considerations of duty, advantage, and so forth. There are rarely many children.

A correspondent writes from personal experience: 'The main effect is frustration, or victory without pleasure, or unrewarded efforts, probably to teach the native selfless application to duty. The good side of this aspect seems to lie in helping to build inner strength, an ability to sense adversity before it comes, and patience to endure it when it arrives.'

The native may come into contact with violence and ill-health. The opposition seems very potent in this respect. Sometimes there is unpopularity, especially with women and with the masses; sometimes there is a rather senseless popularity that does not last.

25) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♄ Uranus** - (5°23' S) 8 7 | 13 12

(Haydn Paul)

With this opposition, you are likely to experience conflicts in your social relationships. The problem area will be in how you express yourself in communicating with others, and those inner attitudes which condition that style of communication.

Whilst you will have considerable mental vitality, the difficulty will be in directing this into productive channels. The tendency will be towards an erratic inner activity; the nature of your beliefs, ideals and thought-patterns will be changeable; and the attractions of new stimulation will often tempt you away from completing existing projects. The challenge of the new redirects your energy and interests; and so your commitments and responsibilities may feel like restrictive liabilities.

Despite this erratic pattern of mind, you tend to insist that whatever you say and think is valid, even though only a short time ago you were vehemently declaring an entirely

opposite attitude, idea or belief. Obviously, this can lead to interpersonal conflict, as most people prefer dealing with relatively stable and consistent individuals, as it helps to develop trust and continuity. Yet if others challenge you by repeating past statements that you have made and are now contradicting, you tend to take offence, often attempting to deny that you ever did say that. Essentially, your reaction is often to deny all prior expressions of your self, refusing to take any responsibility for them. Having experienced this aspect of your nature, many people will begin to draw away from maintaining a relationship with you, because you seem unreliable and difficult to believe. This in a peculiar way reinforces a tendency in you to see yourself as 'unique and misunderstood, which you often use to justify a rejection of social compromise; and you never admit in any circumstances that you are wrong. You appear to project the belief that you 'know it all', and probably succeed more in deluding yourself that you do than in persuading others of your expert knowledge.

Underlying these more negative styles of expression is a personality which experiences inner confusion and insecurity, yet attempts to hide this by a superficial image of intellectual superiority. Emotionally, there is likely to be immaturity and lack of ease with that level of your nature, and you are unlikely to touch others easily with the warmth of your personality. This lack of sensitivity and responsiveness to the more intangible 'feeling' aspect of human contact often leads to a tactless and blunt expression, where your ignorance of diplomacy can have negative consequences.

How can you resolve or moderate these challenges within your relationships? The first important step is to acknowledge their presence, to admit that you often are this way. The fact that you may deny them to yourself does not mean that others do not see them clearly. Often, others do see such problem areas, whilst the individual is apparently blind to their existence. They are personal delusions. Being willing to work with people, learning to compromise, and participating as an intellectual equal, will help to moderate these oppositional tendencies. It is a new sense of personal identity that you should attempt to develop, one founded upon the real you, and not the socially projected assertive one that others may react against. It will involve an acceptance of your inner vulnerability, dissolving that peculiar egotistical construction, and ceasing your attempts to impress people. By stopping that process, you may begin to find your centre, resolve certain conflicts, and redirect the flow of the aspect energy towards personal renewal. Certainly, that inner erratic agitation could be more harmonised and adjusted, thus reducing that build-up of nervous tension from which you suffer.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Mercury to Uranus shows that you have enormous intellectual vitality as well as a genius for incurring the wrath of others. You assume that your opinions are the only valid ones, and you resent it when others challenge them. You have been so accustomed to having your own way that you refuse to compromise, even though peace may be assured if you do. You freely accuse others of error even when

the evidence supports them. Unless you can modify this 'know-it-all' attitude, you will alienate yourself from many of your closest associates.

The startling thing is that you should know better than to challenge others, because you see the truth so clearly. No-one can ever really deceive you, so what are you worried about? In fact, you aren't really sure of your competence and need to reassure yourself through conflict with others. But if you don't concede when you are wrong, you may never know where you are failing.

Compromise is your key to success. Science, education, social service, philosophy and psychology are fields in which you can discover who you really are. The contributions you make in these fields will convince you that meeting others halfway guarantees success and establishes your credentials as a true friend to everyone.

You must control your extremely emotional nature and your rejection of facts before you can successfully enter a romantic partnership. You insist that your lover tell you the truth, but then you complain bitterly about it. Strangely, you can be extremely tactless when you 'tell it like it is'.

Your nervous system is probably frayed from the endless abuse of anxiety and irritability. Learn to control your temper and stop while you are ahead. When your nerves are short-circuited, you are the loser.

Mercury square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

As soon as this type tries to put thoughts into words or tries to make contacts, the urge to be independent and separate almost infallibly interferes. Sharpness, tactlessness and brusqueness make others shrink away. The person with this aspect is the cause of why others react in this way. What is more, the person is so restless and impatient that usually others have no time to listen. This is true of all the Mercury / Uranus aspects but especially of the discordant ones. Other people express themselves far too slowly for this type so, losing patience with what others are trying to say, this type bursts in with some comment of his or her own. This is a major impediment to good social relations.

Because this type tends to alienate people and yet remains very active and creative mentally, he or she may start weaving unrealistic notions about self and others. To be sure, this person is unable to test the truth of these notions, yet he or she clings to them fanatically. Uranus always encourages people to do their own thing; therefore, with Uranian conflicts, natives experience as much loneliness as with Saturnine conflicts but are less inclined to brood - given their restless inner world, they have no time to sit still

all day. Of course, the risk of suffering from overwrought nerves is that much greater, but usually the strain this type is under goes unnoticed unless he or she actually has a breakdown.

There is likely to be a keen interest in borderline subjects such as unorthodox scientific theories, astrology, innovative techniques or social renewal, and this type can invest a good deal of energy in them.

26) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♅ **Pluto** - (7°18' S) ♃4 | ♁10

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition aspect tends to reflect an inner conflict in you, that of a clash between your personal desires and a possible contributing positive role in society, as represented by the opposition between the personal Mars desires and the more socially orientated Pluto.

You probably require a greater understanding of the nature of personal power, the right application of it to benefit the group rather than to satisfy purely personal aims and desires, especially as you may have the tendency to take advantage of a group's power and influence to further your own ambitions.

Your nature will express a forceful will, which can be experienced by others as aggressiveness, making them avoid too close a contact with you; in fact, you often appear to be quite unaware of your effect on people; and a greater sensitivity to the rights and reality of others is a quality that you could do well to help develop. This would help minimise any negative effect you may have on others, especially those in close relationship to you, whom you often attempt to dominate. Control in an intimate context is attractive to you; and you are likely to have an intense and powerful sexual nature, which at times can lead towards an affinity with forms of potentially violent passion and sexual undertones. You tend to link sex with power as an exaltation of personal force; and this can stimulate certain problems, although some potential partners can find the sheer physicality extremely exciting and provocative. This, plus the psychological manipulation that you attempt, can lead to stormy relations; and you are probably wiser to moderate and discipline your release of energy through a controlled awareness of its impact on others. You may observe that your flow of sexual energy can be erratic and irregular, where your passions are either 'hot' or very 'cold', and you are basically unable to regulate them according to demand or switch them on.

In your home life, you may find problems arising in the spheres of financial management, and power struggles, and on the emotional levels of relationships. You probably find that your emotions are driven by the force of passion and sexual energy, and that you have a lack of real understanding of their nature, as they tend to be swept along on the tide. Perhaps this is why you often demonstrate little awareness of the emotions of others in

everyday life, as yours are often held in a state of suspended repression, like waters blocked from following their natural route by a dam wall. If the emotional level was released carefully and consistently in a healthy way, the blocked Pluto energy operating on that level could be freed, and many of your problems would begin to dissolve, leading to personal transformation. This would then adjust the level of force and suppressed violence in you, so that you would deal with your power more positively. This would lead to a clearer perception of self and others, allowing partners more personal freedom through mutual agreement and compromise, rather than your previous imposition of will. Taking such a course could develop also towards greater social involvement, using your energy in positive and creative channels, realising that if you can change from living mainly to satisfy purely personal desires at the expense of others, then there is the potential for a self-centred violent society to change from exploitation to co-operation and mutual benefit.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars in opposition to Pluto, you have a defiant attitude toward the effects of your aggression. Lacking sufficient control of your energy, you are surprised at the response you stimulate in others. You challenge people to be on the defensive in their dealings with you. You tend to overdramatize your competitors' motives and may even raise unnecessary barriers to protect your own interest. Your actions often cannot be logically justified.

Your intense sexual nature may lead you to form strong alliances, but it may just as easily cause severe rifts in your relationships. If you use your magnetism to gain control over others, you may later find yourself the victim of another's obsession with power. The problem is to determine whether you are motivated by a lust for power and control or whether you should use your energy as a force for social responsibility. You could be spiritually dedicated to making necessary changes in your environment. However, you may encounter powerful forces with the economic advantage to frustrate you in your objectives.

Above all, it is important that you evaluate the positive and negative aspects of any proposition. Consider the values of compromise before taking action. You must carefully judge the effects you hope to achieve and be reasonably certain that you will not deny other people's rights. You will still alienate some persons as you assert yourself. Only you will know if the achievement of your goals justifies this.

You are sure to encounter problems in your personal affairs. It is almost certain there will be problems affecting your marital status if you are too demanding of your mate. Domestic turmoil could result from mismanagement of income, disputes over authority, or extreme jealousy expressed by either of you. You may have some problems concerning an inheritance or credit responsibilities.

(Betty Lundsted)

The action principle, or the action taken in life, works against the images coming from the unconscious. The aspect indicates that action may be forced; the individual may not be co-operative. Usually hard aspects between Mars and Pluto indicate an individual who avoids groups; who doesn't care for crowds because he feels out of control there. This can cause certain kinds of claustrophobia or ochlophobia.

Some kind of compromise has to take place between the action principle and the sensitivities from the unconscious. The unconscious motivation represents and influence (or a sensitivity) developed in the early years that will work against constructive action. The difficulty with Mars-Pluto aspects is learning how to control anger; how not to act or react because of anger; how to diffuse the anger when one is out of control.

Before the benefits (the creative action potential) can manifest, the aspect must be understood. Anger is so intense that the individual more often implodes than explodes. This person may not even be conscious of the anger he is shoving down into his personal unconscious. Until the anger is recognised, it can't be rechanneled. Anger is usually caused by hurt feelings and / or fear. The hurts or fears can be handled intellectually; they can be reasoned out. When hurt, fear or anger appears, one can ask 'Why am I hurt? What am I afraid of?' The answers will reflect the needs of the Sun or Moon, plus the signs involved in the Mars-Pluto aspect. The next key will be the Pluto position, for it indicates an unconscious influence.

Once the anger becomes conscious it can be worked out. The power of the aspect shows management ability as well as the potential for creative group action. It's worth the work.

Mars square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects between Mars and Pluto are the most forceful and violent we can have. Everything to do with executive ability, energy, action and the like is combined and intensified. Therefore the fierceness and pugnacity of these aspects can run to extremes, in both a positive and a destructive sense. This is seen in the champion sportsman (especially in those practising pugilistic sports like boxing), but also in criminals. With the hard aspects, we are determined to get the most out of ourselves and out of life by doing something hair-raising (like stunt work), by pushing ourselves to the limit (especially in sports that are physically or mentally demanding), or by pitting ourselves against formidable opposition even without resorting to physical violence (as seen in that indefatigable exponent of passive resistance, Mahatma Gandhi). We are

fascinated by challenges and fights, physical or mental (or a combination of both), and can never have enough of them. Too many of them weary us, but we seem unable to ignore them.

We are always eager to prove ourselves; and this makes us opponents to reckon with in politics, sport, etc.. With the energy of the tense aspects, we fight hard, provoke controversy, and seem to enjoy throwing ourselves into the fray. The danger with these aspects is that we can be too hard on ourselves and others, to the point of cruelty. However, if the rest of the chart indicates gentler tendencies, we confine ourselves to holding our own. The more drastic the situation, the grimmer and more purposeful we become. The ability to work under great strain is outstanding.

Obstinacy, energy, craving for power, and desire to succeed are great, and can make us impervious to what others want and think. We go our own way in spite of everything. But obduracy can bring us into risky situations, so we do need to be careful.

27) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (8°10' A) 178 | 002

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Jupiter to Saturn indicates that you fluctuate between knowing what you are worth and having grave doubts of your value. You are never completely sure of yourself, and need to be constantly reassured by others that you are as talented as you think. Probably some strained contact with superiors, perhaps your parents, has given you this poor understanding of your capabilities.

This is a push-pull planetary combination. Because you need approval, you seek people who will make demands on you to prove your competence to them and to yourself. If their praise is not forthcoming, you reject them and alienate yourself. You seem to be looking for 'yes' people to give you the approval you require. But how hollow the victory that is forcibly extracted. Wouldn't it be simpler to accept competition from your peer group and make your determination that way? You obviously cannot face the truth, and your progress will be slowed until you can be honest with yourself. You generally reject other people who have qualities like your own.

You are inclined to be irresponsible and look for the easy way out of duty. This attitude needs severe adjustment. First, you must face reality and accept the responsibilities it brings; second, you should learn how your behavior hurts people and try to be less indifferent to them. If you can change in these ways, you can rise to any goals you set for yourself. However, if you doubt your own competence, your associates may also refuse to attest to it. You have work to do, and it is advised that you begin soon, if you haven't already.

The same problem in evaluating your worth will crop up in personal relationships, both in

friendship and in romantic interests. You might well decide to use better judgement in these instances, because it wouldn't do to sever an alliance with someone very special to you. You don't usually make generous overtures to anyone, even to a lover. Even though you casually reject anyone who doesn't voice enthusiastic approval, you are surprisingly shattered when you are rejected and can't believe you deserve such treatment.

Once you know what you are worth, you won't feel threatened by anyone. Then you can proceed to develop your potentials for success.

(Betty Lundsted)

Jupiter indicates the relating principle; it tells how the individual will reach out, open up to new experience; how an individual will attempt to relate himself to his universe; to his friends, lovers, family. Saturn indicates how the father influences, hampers or restricts the individual when he first attempts to reach out to the world around him. The influence may be physical or it may be merely that the father has a disapproving attitude.

The opposition suggests that some definite restriction was placed on the individual early in life. Whenever he reached out for something new, his father disapproved. This subconscious memory will remain for many years, and every time effort is made to open up, a fear symptom may be set off, causing this person to reach out with great caution. He may reach out and then run away - he may be open and receptive one minute, and closed and cold the next. He may have difficulty relating to people he considers to be authority figures - teachers, supervisors, partners, etc..

If these individuals pursue the drive for consciousness; if they believe in selfresponsibility, then the personal qualities symbolized by Jupiter and Saturn will have to be integrated. Often, these people grow with leaps and bounds followed by severe fallow periods between growth cycles. The concepts of relationship possibilities will have to be explored at the same time that a confrontation of the fears and apprehensions caused by Saturn takes place.

If Jupiter represents how we assimilate the universe around us, the opposition indicates that every time we have a new idea it will be tested by Saturn. Our mettle will be tested and molded, our character developed, and the Hero venture intensified. The universe doesn't hurt us, but the untested warrior is no warrior. As Jupiter develops, the personality becomes more secure in itself because it has been tested by Saturn.

The opposition also signifies a break with the father, a break with the tradition of the family. That doesn't mean that the individual must leave home forever; but unhealthy family traditions can be left behind.

Jupiter square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever we feel like setting to work enthusiastically, improving our chances or seizing fresh opportunities (Jupiter), we are aware of the dead hand of Saturn. Fearing to make a move, we delay too long, or else, by an error of judgement, we saddle ourselves with a pile of unwanted work. Whatever the case may be, our theory and practice, vision and reality are out of alignment and, to begin with, we are uncertain how to proceed. This leads to extreme modes of expression. We can balk at undertakings, but may also bite off more than we can chew. When, for example, we take a position of responsibility (Saturn), Jupiter can propel us into a situation that is too taxing for us or into one where we are forced to take too many risks (financial or mental), and there is an even chance that by adopting half-baked measures to mend matters we shall only make them worse.

With conflicts between Saturn and Jupiter, we learn after many slips and recoveries what we should be aiming for and when to make an all-out effort; initially we lose a great deal of energy by misreading the situation. We are likely to be sombre and melancholy, and subject to disappointment.

Yet, when all is said and done, these are aspects that offer us great opportunities provided we have a well-defined field of action; so that we might do well, for example, by taking on responsibilities under the sort of supervision that allows a fair amount of freedom. Then we can produce hard and painstaking work and develop self-confidence.

28) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Opposition** ♅ **Neptune** - (5°53' S) 002 | 87

(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.

29) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♃ **Neptune** - (0°34' S) ♄5 | ♅7

(Robert Hand)

This aspect signifies that you aren't particularly interested in being self-assertive, that you prefer to live in a quiet and peaceful world of your own making. If you cannot find anyone else who shares your attitude, you don't mind living alone. You do not really care that much about being with other people, because they interfere with your excursions into the private world of your dreams and fantasies. but you don't dislike people; in fact, you are very sensitive to their needs and wants, and you feel that you should be of service in some way.

In youth, you are very interested in ideas that others of your age usually ignore, such as religious ideals (at a rather simple level of understanding while you are young), and even occult beliefs; a love of the mysterious and supernatural.

Because you are quite sensitive, you need to be with very positive and supportive people. If you are with people who harbor many negative thoughts, you will become a victim of their negativity and feel very unhappy. Also, such people would make you feel suspicious of others, when you really want to see their finest, most spiritual side. Your parents should support your efforts to see the good in other people, so that you will grow up to be a loving and unselfish person whose presence makes everyone's lives more beautiful. Without this support, you will be a rather retiring and shy person who avoids contact with others for fear of being hurt.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the natives a sensitive awareness of hidden factors affecting their careers and ambitions, as well as the ability to intuit the responses of their employers or people in positions of authority.

They can exert leadership and influence policy in such a subtle way as to avoid opposition and lead others into acquiescence.

Their sensitivity in domestic relationships creates harmony in the home and rapport with the family group. Sometimes they live near the ocean or another body of water.

Neptune trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Insecurity, sensitiveness and idealism also color the harmonious aspects between Neptune and the Midheaven. Once again there are difficulties in forming a satisfactory image of self and society, because we are too responsive to opinions and trends in the environment. By viewing things in too rosy a light (for the harmonious aspects deal in optimism), we lay ourselves open to disappointment. Yet we skip as merrily as ever into some new situation. What is important is the feeling of being at home somewhere. It is this feeling, not the size of the paycheck, that guides us in choosing a job.

With a harmonious Neptune / Midheaven aspect, we probably have a keen nose for sniffing out the little, hidden details that are so important. In business, we instinctively follow market trends, usually without having to work them out. In the medical profession, the same ability helps us to make a diagnosis, select a therapy, trace the cause of a disease or problem, and so on. Good careers are also open in the spiritual and ecclesiastical worlds, and in art and music.

30) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°36' A) ♏8 | ♑10

(Haydn Paul)

You are probably optimistic that all will work out well; and this encourages you to persevere to transform your vision and purpose into reality.

You will feel emotionally secure and self-sufficient; and this inner balance diminishes problems with emotional intensity and compulsive behaviour. In relationships, you may appear withdrawn and preoccupied with self, as if you were a little cold and uninvolved. However, this is not the case, as love is important and necessary for your emotional well-being, but indicatest hat you are not dependent upon others. You are biased toward a more intellectual experience and understanding of love, rather than seeking the sheer passion and intensity often associated with Pluto. The sextile suggests that these energies are more naturally and easily balanced. Yet you still possess the ability to renew and transform restrictive emotional and life-style patterns, replacing them with a more suitable expression.

You enjoy observing others, speculating about thier motivations, personalities, and different types of perception. This can help to expand you by awakening you to multiple subjective realities and perceptions, apart from gradually dissolving any limiting fixed attitudes or belief patterns.

You are sensitive to others' feelings, and feel responsibly concerned to encourage social reform to improve the quality of life. You may enter work involving public service, perhaps in an administrative role rather than in a directly caring position, as you have business and organisational skills. Working with younger people may attract, as you have a natural affinity with them and care about their future lives and places in society. You can communicate well in situations which require a moderating and mediating energy, and will choose a life-style that tries to maintain harmony.

In directing your life, you believe in the principle that 'energy follows thought'; and visualising your intention is the first step toward making it real. You believe that applied thought is an energy that can be directed to achieve your purpose. Seeing this work in life deepens your faith that life is on your side, and provides confidence to follow your own path.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Moon sextile Pluto, you have an intellectual understanding of love. You always try to understand the motives of others, especially those with whom you are emotionally involved. Love is important to you, and your emotions are powerful. You are demonstrative of your feelings, and expect others to be as well. Hearing someone express their love for you is very important.

Your emotional priorities are reasonably well established. You can provide the warmth and tenderness your children or close friends need, while reserving the ardent side of your nature for intimate moments with the one you love.

You are responsive to the suffering of others and will offer your services to provide relief. Imaginative and resourceful in handling your daily affairs, you readily adopt new ideas to make life easier and less complicated. You are concerned about the environment and about your civic responsibilities.

Your special talent is your ability to communicate with young people in order to better understand them. They confide in you because your sincere concern makes them feel secure. With you they are not threatened by authority, but accept and respect it. You communicate warmth and tenderness, which helps young people become stabilized in their independence as they mature.

You have good business sense and are efficient in management. These characteristics will help you gain financial security. You are orderly and know how to unclutter your life by letting go of nonessential elements that interfere with progress. With your capacity to respond to others, you are suited to any occupation that involves meeting the public, such as public relations, insurance, finance, rehabilitation, or physical therapy

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents our physical mother as she presents herself during our early years. It symbolizes how we will respond emotionally to friends, to politics, and to feeling / caring needs. Pluto represents the mass unconscious; it indicates the unconscious motivation inside each of us, so it indicates how we cope with feelings toward our fellow man on both a conscious and an unconscious plane. Pluto represents coercion, control and the manipulation of others in all its forms. When these two parts of personality are tied together by sextile, it indicates a constructive energy flow. It means the mother's actions demonstrate to the individual how to work co-operatively with groups, and how to co-operate with others. The sextile is a talent aspect; it indicates that talent is there, although it needs to be trained. Any career involving contact with unions, great numbers of people or the spirit of community effort will bring pleasure. The sextile gives a certain amount of inventive ability that can be developed over the years, but probably not until after age thirty-five.

Moon trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever holds good for the conjunction also holds good for these aspects. There is the

same uncertainty and craving for power. The emotional life is no less intense, and there is an equal inclination to banish uncertainty and to satisfy the power-drive by adopting a 'big mother' role.

And then, no sooner have we settled down with a comfortable sense of security (Moon) than we start fishing around in the hidden and repressed contents of the psyche, and not only into these but into those of the psyches of others. We are not satisfied with superficial investigation; we dig deep. Anything hidden engrosses us and we find an almost magical attraction in unsolved riddles, mysterious old civilisations, the world beneath the ocean and the deeper layers of the mind. It does not take much for our interest to be aroused in such things.

All our digging around frequently gives us a hold on others. Often with Pluto's aspects we impress people as being trenchant and powerful, and are therefore unlikely to encounter open opposition; but this does not mean that we are always in the right. Pluto is a factor that can really distort and above all inflate, and, with Moon / Pluto aspects, we so want to indulge our emotional life that deforming elements creep into it, or non-personal elements from the unconscious puff us up in a way harmful to genuine emotional relationships. Usually, by introspection, we can find out where we are wrong, but care is needed.

Fear of confrontation is not a normal feature of this aspect - we are much too inquisitive concerning the backgrounds and motives of others to worry about what they will think of us. We try to fathom them out in a more or less subtle way, but are very reticent about our own concerns because we have no intention of letting others obtain any leverage on us. In many cases we take command by a show of authority.

Through all our digging around, and through constant contact with our own psychological depths, we can undergo a profound inner change. With the harmonious aspects, the transformation occurs fairly smoothly, although none of Pluto's aspects is completely trouble-free.

31) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Sextile** ♊ **North-Node** - (0°40' S) ♏ 7 | ♊ 5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the ability to plan and communicate in a way that is harmonious with prevailing cultural standards. The natives have a good understanding of the traditions and trends of their society. This gives them an advantage in gaining acceptance of their ideas.

(Donna van Toen)

Arranging things and socializing can leave little time for personal growth, although often

this person contributes to other's growth. Sometimes a one-track mind closes the door to opportunities for growth. Other times growth opportunities are seen as threats to an organized life-style.

Mercury trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Sociableness, the desire to exchange ideas and thoughts with other people, the urge to give and also to receive stimulating ideas, intellectual interests. The arrangement of social or business contacts.

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.

32) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (3°59' A) ♎8 | ♏10

(Haydn Paul)

The sextile aspect gives a 'higher turn of the spiral' to the energy which is released; and this will enhance your mental and intuitional faculties. You will have an optimistic and positive outlook on life; and the way in which you and others will benefit is through the exploration of higher ideals, elevated ideas and philosophies or religions. This is the direction to travel towards, both as a form of self-discovery and unfoldment, and as a medium through which you can eventually express your insights and understanding back into the world for the use of others.

The potential is there for you to serve as a spiritual channel and transmitter, provided you ensure that you truly work for the good of humanity. Pluto will support any efforts you make to communicate a unified vision to the world, greatly enhancing the effectiveness of your influence. This real effectiveness will be determined by your ability to serve selflessly, either as an enunciator of a vision, or by a lifetime of support and co-operation with others who also seek to promote a positive direction for humanity to aim towards. There is no real glamour in such a task.

You have a penetrative mind and intuition, enabling you to discern the reality behind social, cultural and personal appearances; and there is a motivating curiosity that seems to require satisfying in whatever direction it turns. Your ideals are high, perhaps unrealistic to some degree, but still something to aspire towards in yourself and in the world. You are self-motivated and inspired, attempting to live to a high moral code (albeit your own), and tend to expect high ethical behaviour from those in positions of social responsibility; you strongly object to hypocrisy and injustice. You will give your support to those whom you feel are being treated harshly and unfairly by society, and may often associate yourself with social and world movements to initiate change. Your sense of responsibility is highly developed, and you experience a strong inner impulse to share in the work of world regeneration and rebirth. Any close partnership should ideally involve someone who has a similar way of perceiving and experiencing the world; and it is quite possible that you could work together on projects, sharing a common idea.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from Jupiter to Pluto enables you to perceive truths that are hidden by appearances. Your curiosity often leads you to make a penetrating examination in order to discover the facts. Because of your high ethical standards, you align yourself with enterprises that act to improve social conditions in your environment.

You are concerned with injustices and will communicate your observations to the proper authorities, so that legal pressures can be brought to bear. Law and the administration of law are particularly suited to your basic character and integrity. You can be a champion to those who are unable to defend themselves or whose values need support.

You are also qualified to manage corporate financial enterprises successfully or to serve as liaison in arbitrating disputes. Business administration could provide you with an excellent avenue of expression, regardless of your specific field. Medicine or psychology would also be satisfactory expressions of your personality, and you would enrich those you serve. Literally dozens of occupations could give you much fulfillment. You are a benefactor to those you contact through your profession. You enjoy giving your talents, because you respond to your fellow man with a sense of spiritual responsibility.

Your partner must share your enthusiasm for social responsibility, for serving whenever and wherever you are needed. Your mate will also have a mission to fulfill, and the two of you can be a powerful force to relieve society's burdens. You are especially responsive to anyone who is concerned with elevating people's sights for the future. Your optimism generates in others a desire to share your excitement as you philosophically 'reach for the stars'.

Your religious attitude requires you to actively participate in stimulating others to accept a spiritual obligation to mankind. Thus you will redeem the gift of your vast capabilities.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is common to a fairly large group of people born in the same year. It indicates the potential for relating to large groups of people; it indicates a person who may work well with groups or for the furthering of group interests. Relationships formed will be similar to those of the contemporary generation, and relationship ideals will vary with the generation's standards. The mass interests will interest this individual, so the problems of the generation will affect his personal life.

Because Pluto can indicate the collective unconscious and all the mythic images contained therein, this individual may be either creative in the kinds of relationships he forms, or affected by those images in some way. Any problems that can be related to universal or mythic images may be solved by pursuing the studies of that subject and relating the information into the personal life.

Jupiter trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Jupiter and Pluto, there are power plays in many areas; the need to be important can make itself felt both on the physical and on the mental plane. Willpower is unusually strong, and we stand by our points of view. We hammer opinions home, and are not easily dissuaded. When linked with the personal planets, these aspects give great powers of persuasion. The obstinacy typical of the conjunction is typical of these aspects, too; but, because they are easy, it shows itself in a different way and causes less offence.

Expansive and improving Jupiter, in combination with taboo-breaking Pluto, sometimes gives social reformers who try to dethrone current moralities in order to replace them by others that seem more tolerant. Certainly freedom is promoted by Jupiter, but Pluto does not readily release its grip and will encourage the setting up of fresh power-structures which deny freedom in other areas. Although these are harmonious aspects, the Jupiter / Pluto combination is intrinsically so powerful that these people, though well-meaning, seldom give others a fair chance.

The desire to explore and investigate is well-developed in this combination. In professional life, this is excellent for scientific pursuits; in domestic life, it signals the housewife who is not taken in by sales patter but checks carefully before she buys.

We are inclined to moralize because we have a strong sense of right and wrong, which also encourages us to work actively in support of progress - whether material, social or

religious. We can do things on a large scale and are good organizers, but we must be careful not to attempt too much at one time.

33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°32' S) 002 | 15

(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.

34) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (3°53' S) 118 | 15

(Betty Lundsted)

This square tends to make the natives emotionally out of harmony with the trends of their society. Very often the flow of events creates petty problems and sometimes

domestic problems. There is difficulty in gaining social recognition or fulfilling ambitions if women play a part in this. The natives are likely to incur their disfavor or dislike in some way.

(Bernice Grebner)

This can give problems with health most of the person's life. There is much emotional influence concerning the nodal area. There can be a passive intolerance of others' opinions. This aspect can cause some drastic change in the personality. It can exaggerate greatly the femininity of a woman, or can make the woman extremely coarse and rough unless well aspected by Venus. In a man it seems to make him less tender, less refined. Relations with the mother may be poor due to personality clashes. This person's personality can be misunderstood by others in first contact. For a man it may mean marriage or unions with women of diverse age or social background; or marriage may be prevented or delayed. The action and stress seem to come out at the Moon's position and through problems with women. It causes inhibitions in expression and feelings which do not work to the best advantage of nodal balancing and growth. It is best to release the feelings some way.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect produces a peculiar emotional imbalance in these individuals. At one point, they need to express emotionally; but all of a sudden, they have strong circumstantial restrictions in doing so. Thus, the soul gets confused as to the signals from the higher consciousness projected through the deeper subconscious that are very unclear. As a result of this, one just has to learn to keep their emotional flow instantaneously ready for any action. In their life, certain difficulties from mother and / or from 'women' are very significant but unavoidable. These people also have negative feelings regarding working for the general public. This feeling is not out of any valid difficulties, but arises from some severe experiences from past incarnations. Their domestic activities are quite fragmented or full of outside interference.

(Donna van Toen)

The tension caused by nodal imbalance can 'paralyze' the lunar potential, leaving in its place a fear of being made a fool of. Both growth and stagnation become threatening options.

Moon square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, sensitiveness, an inclination towards estrangements.
Estrangements, separations.

35) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Pluto** - (3°49' A) ♏ 7 | ♑ 10

(Haydn Paul)

The square can give you a harshness of temperament and expression, where your direct, blunt style can often create conflict and confrontation between yourself and others. Even though you prefer to reflect yourself as one capable of handling the 'real situation', you tend to lack a sensitivity towards possible reactions to your potentially penetrating insights. You rarely 'wrap' them up in socially acceptable packages for consumption, but offer them raw.

Your approach to life has a tendency to be extreme, a little suspicious of others' motives and intentions, secretive about your own, and basically pessimistic in tone. Your behaviour can often be unpredictable and erratic, making it difficult for others to take you for granted, and encouraging them to keep a certain distance away from you. You are a little uneasy with close contact in relationships, taking considerable time to develop a feeling of trust and relative relaxation with partner. There is a tendency to try to manipulate and mould any partner so that he or she conforms to your point of view; and often your views become intolerant and fixed, allowing little space for flexibility or change to occur naturally.

Sometimes, in an effort to achieve your own will, you rely upon your strong willpower to dominate others. Sometimes this can succeed, but you are equally liable to apply it incorrectly through a lack of proportion and through insensitivity, creating more damage to your aims and others than you intended. Similarly, whilst your choice of expressive style is straight and direct, you often devote much time towards scheming and plotting, which, again, often works to your disadvantage.

In many ways, you project your own shadow qualities onto others, finding it hard to trust them, yet laying plots yourself; it is unlikely that you have any special ability to motivate others or to become a spokesperson for any group, as you are more of a loner. Towards authority you are ambivalent, making use of any power and authority that you may possess at home or work, yet being quite anti-authoritarian if you hold a low opinion of those responsible positions, particularly disliking a role under any domination by others.

Mentally, you require more self-discipline and understanding to make more positive use of your abilities of penetrative insight; in particular, the way in which you present yourself to others may need to be moderated. More control regarding your thoughts and words can help to avoid any controversy and unnecessary conflict with others, and help a redirection of your powers of insight inward, so that you can observe how you are projecting those negative shadow qualities out onto others in the world when these qualities should be being internally transformed and the energies released for positive applications. Potentially, you have the sort of mind to absorb a variety of positive views

and arrive at a new synthesis of the essential values hidden within each of them, and then to express a unifying point or common ground from which dialogue can arise to resolve the apparent divisions. Such a talent could be extremely effective and important if the necessary inner changes are undergone and a redirection of your life results; a temporary phase which you may experience is the adoption of whichever view / belief system is currently in the forefront of your attention, but that at least can reveal flexibility and potential attitude change in you. Dissolving fixed barriers is possible; and the potential for change in your lifestyle and relationships sit he main challenge with which Pluto is facing you.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mercury to Pluto indicates that you must learn to concentrate and apply self-discipline in mental pursuits. You find prolonged study painful and demanding, so you may resent anyone who forces you to persist. This was probably more apparent in your early years when schoolwork seemed so laborious. In spite of this, you have the self-determination to accept responsibility, although not under the watchful eye of someone else.

Your manner of speech is penetrating, and you express yourself so harshly that you seem almost insensitive. This arouses bitterness in others. You are undeiably bright and keenly perceptive, but you rarely feel obligated to other people. You are inclined to pessimism. Your behavior is extreme; at one moment you will criticize others with brutal frankness, and the next moment you will show amazing skill in maintaining your poise under pressure. It is truly difficult for people to know how you will reat, so some may avoid getting close to you.

Though you are fearless by nature, you demonstrate an incredible lack of common sense in dangerous situations. You take unnecessary risks just to prove to others how courageous you really are. Because of this, you may seek occupations that involve hazards. You are prone to accidents frmoo equipment that uses or contains pressure, such as heating systems and boilers. Observe all safety precautions in handling them.

Before you decide on any profession, you must develop self-control and responsibility. You are more inclined to make errors in judgement than the average person, especially in handling large sums of money. Avoid getting into debt unless it is absolutely necessary.

You might be interested in such fields as crime detection, research and development, chemistry, pathology or medicine, but you must be prepared to yield to the authority of your teachers. It is essential that you pay attention to detail and work hard to gain the expertise required. Although you prefer to avoid reality, you must live with it. When you realize this, you will begin to grow and develop.

In your immediate environment, you can make enormous contributions to the socially disadvantaged. You are not afraid to speak up and challenge authorities when you learn they have abused their positions of trust. Just be certain you have all the necessary supporting evidence in order to avoid being ridiculed. This would bring out the worst in you and could result in violence.

Although you certainly know better, you sometimes have an obsession to shape other people's lives. You use cunning schemes to gain their submission. Because of your intolerant attitude, you should study human nature and learn how to effectively motivate others.

36) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ☊ **North-Node** - (0°18' S) 002 | 15

(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.

37) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (5°35' S) ♄ 7 | ♀ 5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a situation in which the mystical tendencies of the natives conflict with the more prosaic, down-to-earth customs and social institutions of their culture. Society is likely to regard them as impractical dreamers or even as subversive influences who undermine traditional religious and social concepts. They are likely to feel alone in a crowd and misunderstood by their peers. Sometimes their preoccupation with visionary pursuits keeps them out of touch with the flow of events around them, so that they react ineptly and confusedly.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, psychic sensitivity or receptivity is often blocked by circumstances. Thus, one gets fairly close to an intuitive answer, and then all of a sudden, everything is washed out and they start all over again. Hidden problems with drugs, medicine or alcohol are noticed in these people. Some of these problems are often carried through the family tradition, or through past incarnation. This family history of similar difficulties is one of their challenges in life; and the circumstances will help them to even up only after

they show the initiative to overcome them. Major changes in life from being too idealistic or too practical are often noticed in these people.

(Donna van Toen)

Similar to Neptune conjunct the South Node. The tension produced by the nodal imbalance may trigger a tendency to exploit others. 'Bad luck' or disappointment involving Neptune's sign and / or house position are frequently mentioned.

Neptune square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of social or communal sense and feeling; the inclination to exploit, deceive and cheat other people. A lack of judgement leading to wrong ideas about other people or about an association. The misfortune of being disappointed or the tendency to deceive other people.

(Bernice Grebner)

This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over-stimulation of the imagination from overly idealistic thoughts. This power should be used for acting, singing, poetry, and understanding compassion. Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. It gives a desire for seclusion and for impractical endeavors. As with all aspects, we must consider other aspects that can lessen or emphasize. Many times this aspect indicates two sides to the nature - a pull of undue idealism and being overly sensitive against power-hungry, selfish gratification. Badly aspected to Mercury, it can give mental imbalance in one degree or another. This position, when touched by transits and / or progressions, could bring confinement or hospitalization - forced confinement with the square; self-imposed isolation from the other aspects. The karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position, and the nature of the aspects.

38) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♄ Saturn** - (5°19' A) ♃5 | 002

(Robert Hand)

As you grow older, you will get ahead by doing everything in a very systematic and orderly manner. You try to take good care of your possessions, and you like to have them arranged neatly about you. Also you try to use your possessions in the best way possible.

As you get older, you will be fascinated by the tools and techniques of any subject that interests you, and you will become very proficient in those techniques.

Even at an early age, you will feel that very little that is worth having comes for nothing in this world, but you are willing to work. As a result of this understanding, you may seem older than your age, and you may prefer the company of older people.

Although you can work with others if necessary, you probably prefer activities that you can pursue by yourself, because then you do not have to worry about whether someone else's standards are as high as your own. You are very exacting in your work, and find it frustrating to deal with anyone who is less exacting. This same energy may also cause you to feel a bit different from other people, even sometimes as if you don't belong with them. However, this will not bother you greatly, because you are confident enough to be yourself. It is more important to you to be right than to be popular. This attitude will win you the respect of your elders, and all your life you will get along well with persons in authority. Eventually you will probably be in a position of authority yourself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates considerable professional ambition. The natives will work steadily and hard to achieve their chosen career goals. They are reliable in their jobs and possess organizational and managerial abilities. Thus, they gain the confidence of people in positions of authority and are promoted. This configuration favors a slow, steady climb to the top. It especially favors those in politics and indicates honesty in public office, providing other factors in the horoscope are confirmatory.

The professional success gained through hard work contributes to a secure and wellordered domestic life.

Saturn trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever the aspect between the Midheaven and Saturn, a feeling of vulnerability and inferiority will play a role. In the harmonious aspects, we can come to terms with this fairly well. They give us a serious outlook on ourselves and on life in general, and our sense of responsibility is well-developed. We can work hard and long, and we like to finish what we start. Indeed we can be very self-denying on behalf of work or for some other goal; also there is more than a hint of wanting to let the world know that we can play our part in fine style. Ambition is certainly not foreign to the harmonious aspects.

Saturn is the planet of time. Therefore we seldom see a meteoric rise to fame and fortune;

instead, there is steady application giving solid achievement. Given time, this will operate to our advantage.

Even with these relaxed aspects, we seldom choose the path of least resistance - neither in forming our identity, nor in regard to social status. In any case, we are eminently suited to heavy, prolonged and responsible work. We can be a tower of strength to others, and can help them to shape their lives, too.

39) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°54' A) ♀8 | ♃4

(Haydn Paul)

The trine indicates that your personality can potentially integrate both Moon and Mars energies. While feelings and emotions are intense and powerful, you have confidence in your ability to handle them; they act more as a vitalizing source of energy which can be directed rather than as a flood threatening to drown you. You may discover how to channel these energies into creative and imaginative pursuits to benefit career or personal interests. You can achieve aims by focused willpower. Attention is rarely wasted on frivolous matters, and you concentrate instead on issues and projects that are meaningful and important.

Your emotional ease is communicated to others; and social and intimate relationships benefit from your open and welcoming spirit. You accept the need for compromise, and know adjustments are necessary for harmonious relationships and better social contact. With your non-threatening temperament and outstretched hand, you can develop a wide range of acquaintances and friends. You recognize that all share a common human nature and display tolerance, sympathy and understanding of people's frailties, with a worldly attitude that prevents suffering from any overidealistic expectations or illusions. Usually your perceptions are accurate and realistic, and you know that people inevitably pass through times of stress and confusion, so that you rarely condemn or criticize others through insensitive comment and attitude.

You are not gullible, however, and will steer away from those who take advantage of others or selfishly abuse their feelings. You share with those able to benefit from your company and support, appreciating others' qualities and allowing for the inevitable weaknesses which will also be displayed. While you are well balanced in both public and personal relationships, you prefer to maintain independence, especially in protecting privacy; you may become touchy if anyone crosses the demarcation lines that you have established. This indicates the lunar need to establish habit patterns and protective barriers; and, if you suspect that your rights are being ignored, you will fight any oppression or be angry at whoever is infringing upon your 'territory'. Your actions may surprise any who have not previously seen your instinctive reactions to such situations.

You meet challenges and difficulties positively, applying effort to transcend or resolve

them. However, your self-image is strong enough not to collapse when failures are encountered. Obviously there will be disappointments; you take a philosophical approach to life, shrug your shoulders, and carry on. This attitude is particularly useful if you enter the business world, where your enterprising nature can prove successful, especially when you are following instincts; and acting on those feelings should usually reap profitable results.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine Mars indicates intensity of feeling and emotion, which you relieve by applying yourself to creative activities. You do more than just what is physically required whenever you can. If necessary, you are willing to compromise your desires by making adjustments. You meet people halfway and enjoy good relationships with a large number of friends, associates, and relatives. You may not be satisfied in all areas of your life, but then who is? On the whole you should be able to deal with people more easily than most. You have mastered the art of relating to people, and can even chastise someone without being abusive or violent. Even when you display temper or fight for your rights, you don't give an impression of hatred. You don't generally interfere with others, and prefer that they respect your right to privacy as well.

Your psychological alignment allows you to function easily with the public and in personal relationships. You are sufficiently sure of yourself that you don't feel threatened by associates or competitors. You have faith in yourself and in those with whom you enjoy a close emotional contact. When challenged, you quietly accept it and cope as best you can, but you don't get uptight if you don't succeed. Your 'easy come, easy go' attitude helps conserve your abundant energy for important matters. You have a good imagination and the energy to express it well in your job and in avocational interests. Children respond well to your influence because you don't expect them to act older than they are.

You are not afraid to express your feelings toward those you care for because you don't have any hangups about your affections not being returned. People can't help but be impressed with your attitude and behavior. You put others at ease and make them feel welcome in your company. But you don't warm up to persons who are dishonest with you, for they are not worth the effort. You are reasonably independent, because you don't feel emotionally obligated to anyone. Nor do you hold others to account, unless they feel it naturally. Permissive to a fault, you enjoy warm, personal relationships with many types of people. You give everyone the benefit of the doubt in fulfilling what you expect of them, but you don't ignore them when they fail. You find qualities to admire in everyone, and you don't categorize them in neat little pigeonholes.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother influence on this individual is a healthy one. If the child is motherdominated,

or has a chart so aspected that he can accept what the mother has to offer, he grows to be an adult who can receive emotional relationships in a positive manner. He is receptive emotionally, he enjoys relationships, and he looks for healthy emotional involvements. He is that lucky person who picks a lover who is good for him.

He is able to participate emotionally in the work he does, enjoys the interaction between fellow employees, and participates in life from a full viewpoint. Action taken will support his emotional needs. Creative action will be full of joy. Because his emotional and sexual needs are easily expressed, he can be supportive and helpful to those he loves.

Moon trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even the harmonious aspects between the Moon and Mars indicate great application, executive ability and energy. They also confer the fierceness and quick temper of the conjunction. The love of liberty is great in the sense that we will not think twice about defending our right to do whatever we most enjoy doing. We soon get our dander up over anything that irks us, no matter what others might think. On the other hand, we show elation when we feel fine, again regardless of whether it is the right time to do so. With Moon / Mars aspects we are liable to put our own interests first, though not necessarily with any evil intent. We are not easily thwarted and are sometimes startlingly blunt and tactless.

Although these are harmonious aspects, the rashness of Mars is still very much in evidence. We are both bold and reckless. Pioneering and launching fresh projects are in our blood. With Moon / Mars aspects, we do best when working on our own. The harmonious aspects make us good self-starters. Here again, sporting and similar activities are splendid for shedding surplus energy.

A woman with such an aspect is often a bit mannish and would adapt well to military life. A man with such an aspect will feel himself drawn to rather belligerent women.

(Charles Carter)

Both the good and bad contacts of these bodies operate in two distinct channels, corresponding to the positive and negative sides of Mars.

The positive side augments courage, daring, enterprise, and bodily vigour; the negative relates rather to the mental and intellectual parts, and frequently indicates a deep thinker. These two subtypes are very different; the one being essentially vigorous; the other profound. But in both cases there tends to be a practical outlook - it does not

incline to a purely intellectual point of view though a large amount of air in the horoscope may introduce this.

For women it is commonly a very invigorating contact, endowing them with what is called 'rude health' and often producing a robust rather than a refined physique, and a tendency to be direct, outspoken, good-hearted and hard-hitting. This aspect, by itself, will often introduce a distinct Arianic element into the demeanour, so that it is easy to think that this sign is heavily tenanted. Such people take life as they find it and usually enjoy it to the full without much thought for the morrow. Occasionally the worse side may appear even with the good aspects.

Moon-Mars aspects generally do not seem to be particularly common in the horoscopes of soldiers, despite the vigour and combativeness they engender. Perhaps they dislike the disciplinary character of army life, and are readier to enlist when war is at hand than to undergo prolonged training in anticipation of fighting at a distant date, or perhaps not at all.

40) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **North-Node** - (6°02' A) ♃12 | ♈5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates much refinement of the social graces. The natives' actions in all social situations coincide with the appropriate line of conduct. Thus their popularity is enhanced, but unless other factors in the horoscope give evidence of a deeper sense of values, their concern for the sensibility of others may be superficial.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides the individual with hidden creative talents during the lifetime. They can expect better luck in love / romance or regarding money matters. This is due to the several good deeds performed in the previous life(s). These people seem to have a charm and magnetism associated with their normal behavior. They like to indulge in good things in life, and this is their 'coffee-break' during lives... which they have rightfully earned. Lessons regarding Venusian activities are strange in this aspect. As a result, more than one marriage is likely, but not because the first one has any major problems. In reality, if the first marriage has difficulties, circumstances take upon themselves the challenge to overcome these difficulties and let that individual go through that marriage throughout his life.

(Donna van Toen)

Romance, marriage can set the stage for growth. There's an attraction to artistic, friendly, or loving people that aids growth. Otherwise very much like Venus conjunct North Node.

Venus trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Adaptability and adaptation, obligingness, a pleasant and engaging personality. The stage of entering into a love-union, the preference for associating oneself with artistic friends.

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.

41) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (3°19' S) ♃4 | ♎8

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Mars to Jupiter indicates that you apply your physical resources in a well-integrated way. Because you have a good blending of intellect and physical strength, you will be able to achieve your goals with only a moderate amount of effort. However, you may not rise to the challenge of competition because it doesn't seem worth the effort. you are creative and sometimes inspired in accomplishing tasks that would overwhelm others. Luck seems to play an important part in your successes, although talent is applied too. You have the knack for doing the right thing at the right time, or of being in the right place when an opportunity is presented. You never have to resort to subterfuge to get what you want. Honorable in temperament, you uphold the law in your dealings, and trust people without question. Your 'easy come, easy go' attitude makes you a bit careless about spending money. You have amazing optimism about life, and it never occurs to you to fear that you won't gain what you want.

Such fields as law, government service, sports, working with children, teaching, exploration, writing, or arts and crafts seem appropriate to your talents. Success of itself is not terribly important to you. You merely want to express yourself to the fullest through work that you enjoy. The 'rat race', in your opinion, takes too much effort for the returns

you get. You are too self-indulgent to deprive yourself of the many pleasures you enjoy by mortgaging yourself to limiting endeavors.

You enjoy the company of a variety of people who lend interest to your life. While you don't make excessive demands on people, you will not submit to such demands by others either. You prefer to enjoy your friends freely and always maintain the right to end any association that tries to bind you.

You are not especially disturbed by current changes in attitudes towards organized religion. You are privately secure in your beliefs, regardless of the prevailing dissent among theologians and philosophers.

You are romantically attracted to persons who are similarly turned to an untroubled existence. your physical desires are strong, but even these are reasonably controlled. You expect more than physical expression from the person you love. You are an idealist who will not settle for less than a mate who shares your needs and wants in mind, body and soul.

(Betty Lundsted)

The trine between these two planets indicates an individual who was presented with a family atmosphere that encouraged a positive and constructive action. This individual had someone around in childhood who encouraged him, and he was shown (through other family member interactions) that one can related to what one does and that one can be open about action taken. The two energies express well together.

This usually indicates an individual who enjoys sex and enjoys loving, unless the Mars placement is in turn involved in some other hard aspect.

Mars trine or sextile Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious aspects, the excess inherent in all Mars / Jupiter combinations has free rein. We possess more than enough vitality and combativeness to face whatever problems come our way, and, in fact, we are inclined to make light of them. Also we prefer to see everything in a social, religious or metaphysical setting. But the setting must be our own, not part of some system imposed from outside - the latter would restrict our freedom unbearably. in fact, whether on a large scale or on a small scale, we are likely to work out our own rules and morals.

We like to air opinions and make good propagandists. Therefore these are not bad

aspects for the politician, the publicist, the clergyman or missionary, or the dedicated social worker. For if one thing is foreign to our nature, it is repose or idleness. Even the usual leisureliness of a harmonious aspect is banished by the fiery, bluff enthusiasm of this planetary combination.

Adventure appeals to us and we long to make good (Jupiter heightens the ambition of Mars); we are ready to fight for our ideas and ideals (Mars strengthens Jupiter). But with a harmonious aspect, we encounter less resistance than with a discordant one; which makes it easy to cling to our opinions, even when they need revising. Hence, however profitable this combination proves to be, it tends to make us wayward and full of self-will; nevertheless we do seem to know how to get away with these character defects.

(Charles Carter)

This combination is mainly one of optimism and enthusiasm, and the native has as a rule the ability fully to enjoy life, while such interests as attract him are strenuously and wholeheartedly pursued. These are generally of a Jovian character, for the heavier planet appears to be the directive factor, whilst Mars supplies the energy. Thus we find enthusiasm for sport, travel, hunting, the stage, religion, political freedom, and science, though as regards the last, it is what may be called the 'live' sciences which attract, such as psychology and astrology.

The native is often a propagandist or publicist, and enjoys nothing more than acting the evangelist proclaiming the truth that sets men free. It is excellent for a missionary, a slum-worker, or one engaged with young people - or young peoples.

There is usually plenty of loyalty, pride, and honour.

In a worldly way, it is a distinctly fortunate combination, and the native is rarely other than comfortable in a worldly sense, though there is not always wealth. Yet even if this is denied by other factors the native is generally close to it, perhaps missing it narrowly through some special circumstances. However well placed financially, the native is rarely lazy.

42) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°11' A) 002 | 1110

(Haydn Paul)

As with the sextile aspect, this indicates that you will have a good organising ability, using your concentrated will-power to make the maximum use of your talents and resources, provided that you have clearly defined your purposes in the light of your real potential.

The concept of a manipulator of energies - or magician - is evident; and you will naturally

use subtle energies to help achieve your will; this may be applied either consciously with deliberation, or as an unconscious psychological projection or emanation from you. This ability can be developed through forms of self-training; and you are likely to be attracted to occultism, astrology, magic, yoga and science, appropriate areas in which to investigate subtle energies through personal experience. You may have a sense of underlying purpose in your life, perceived as a fated path which is unfolding naturally from within you, yet is a path that you feel you have to follow towards an unknown destination.

It can be that this meaningful path of purpose threading through your life has the effect of stimulating essential change and transformation in the lives of yourself and others, and is a 'calling' from the transpersonal dimension as reflected by Pluto.

You are capable of handling wisely any leadership or managerial responsibilities that you achieve; and you should be able to obtain the co-operation of others by your sensitivity to their feelings and openness to their ideas. Basically, you value people and have respect for others; and you use your powers of persuasion not to abuse the trust of others or take personal advantage, but to develop constructive harmony.

You accept the inevitability of change in life, especially in social spheres; and you may apply your talents to social transformation. You are less accepting of change in your intimate relationships, however, as you prefer things to remain in the same pattern once it has been satisfactorily established. You may feel inclined to use your 'subtle forces' to protect and restrict such a relationship; and whilst it may be quite protective in effect, you do have to remember the necessity for personal growth and development, and that an atmosphere of mutual freedom is preferable. If you choose your partner wisely, there is the potential for a relatively stable partnership to develop, where both can unfold their unique potentialities over many years.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Saturn to Pluto gives you the power of concentration. Instinctively you know how to manage your affairs for the most benefit. Your thinking is organized, your purposes are realistic, and your attention to duty guarantees success. You recognize that social changes are inevitable. You accept your responsibilities, knowing you can make an effective contribution and can participate in making productive changes in society.

You have the determination and persistence to succeed in any field in which management skills are essential. Because you consider carefully other people's values and feelings, you are better able to make decisions based on all the available facts. You can effectively manipulate individuals to achieve broad social changes, but you are impatient with those who without trying say they 'can't do this' or 'can't do that'. You are especially capable of handling the resources of a large industrial or social enterprise. In

promoting and establishing programs for the benefit of everyone, you try to use public resources. You can stimulate government agencies to assist people in financial difficulties or those who are unable to help themselves.

You may seek a government position to better serve those who rely on your talents and persuasive abilities. Your efficiency may even stir your colleagues to assist you in reducing governmental waste. Because you are aware of what is useful and what is not, you might also serve the public by reducing expenditures and thus lowering taxes.

You have the power to transform the apathy of youth to excited participation in the affairs of their environment. You can dramatize to adults how their lethargy and indolence has resulted in depletion of public resources. You have much to offer, and you should make it available, for you know what's right and what's wrong with society.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father influenced this person's psyche in a constructive manner, teaching him how to co-operate with peers. The fears and cautions in life can be faced and handled; they will be similar to the father's and described by the sign and house placement. The father's role can be reviewed with little problem.

The aspect indicates a natural concern for the needs of the times, the needs of the masses, and the need for communications as it affects groups. It indicates individuals who fit in comfortably with the status quo.

Saturn trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Like the conjunction, harmonious aspects between Saturn and Pluto indicate tremendous perseverance, a hefty power drive, and forceful behavior. We can become completely immersed in the things that fascinate us, and may toil long to achieve personal goals. With this combination, we cannot be provoked with impunity; but, like a skilled strategist, wait patiently for the chance to repay with interest whomever has offended us. We can work in a very disciplined manner, and have an unmistakable hunger for power, but handle it well: generally speaking, the harmonious aspects arouse little opposition.

Also, with the harmonious Saturn / Pluto aspects, we could be capable of very hard work, both physical and mental. Energy and tenacity are so great that we are able to push ourselves to the limit. Neither Saturn nor Pluto is propitious, even when the aspect they make with one another is propitious: they often cause difficulties - but leave us

more than equal to them. We are always trying to prove ourselves both to ourselves and to others, and function well in trying circumstances or under (great) pressure; in fact it seems that it is only then that the full potential of these aspects is realized.

Because perseverance is so great and because we experience little resistance from outside (at least directly), we are liable - with the harmonious aspects - to dig our feet in on every issue, making no concessions to others. Using tight self-control, we express ideas in a disciplined, impassive, yet very decided way; and this can make us seem hard and unapproachable. Incidentally, there is a clue here as to why a Saturn / Pluto combination, much as it favors in-depth research of all kinds, does not encourage us to probe ourselves too deeply - even when the aspect is an easy one. Saturn, as we have seen, has a somewhat inhibiting effect on spiritual growth and transformation.

43) ► **Midheaven MC Quincunx ♀ Venus** - (1°01' A) ♀5 | ♄12

(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.

44) ► **Midheaven** MC **Quincunx** ☿ **Uranus** - (0°18' A) ♀5 | ♃12

(Robert Hand)

You need to express your thoughts and feelings, but you often upset the people around you with your words. You seem to enjoy creating a stir every time you say something, but this can get you into quite a bit of trouble with parents, teachers and other authority figures. The underlying principle of this aspect is the need to balance your individual self-expression and manner of communicating with your need to learn and grow under the guidance of older people.

When you feel rebellious and unwilling to accept anything you are told, you should be allowed, within reason, to have the experience that will help you understand the elders' point of view. If you are lucky enough to have parents who let you do this, you will eventually get over your childhood resentment of being told what to do. Although you may not always agree with what they tell you, at least you will consider the merits of their ideas.

On the other hand, if your movements are restricted and you have few opportunities to experience yourself directly, you will become more resentful of authority and finally disregard whatever you are told, regardless of its merit. Later in life, this attitude could make it extremely hard for you to hold down a job, because you will respond to bosses in the same way that you respond now to your parents and other grown-ups.

Certainly you will discover your own routes to what you want in life. While young, you need to be given the confidence and encouragement to look for these routes on your own with total freedom.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The way we present ourselves to the outside world, especially in the social life, is spoiled by an inner feeling of unrest, tension and irritation. This can sometimes cause us to lash out, to abandon promising ventures, and so on. In fact it looks as if we are prey to some

hidden impulse that keeps driving us into awkward situations. Because we do not seem able to control capricious behavior, people around us become very uneasy. We are unsure what we want. We vaguely feel that we want to be ourselves, but do not know how. Nor do we know what else we would do.

Whenever we are in individualistic mood (Uranus), the nagging thought arises that our behavior may not be in keeping with our self-image, and may be even less in keeping with what the world expects of us on the basis of our usual social attitudes. This leads to inner unrest and outer incomprehension. The inner unrest, coupled with fickleness and tension, produces a search that is never satisfied; and this, in turn, gives ceaseless change in social and business status.

Now, the root of the tension is the incongruity between our self-image and the way we express the need to be ourselves. Once we get a clear conception of this fact, we can deploy creative energies with great originality in the social field.

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