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## Chakra's



# Summaries

## **Taurus Sun ☉ ♉ and ♍ ☾ Virgo Moon man**

([732] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Principled, insightful and methodical;

Negatives: Demanding, gullible and indecisive;

Perfect partner: Someone who will have the same goals and desires as them;

Advice: They need to be sharper with certain people.

## **Sun ☉ in III 3rd House**

([861] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Strengths: Creative, pragmatic and bold;

Challenges: Agitated, pessimistic and unpredictable;

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

## **Moon ☾ in VII 7th House**

([878] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **Eager for reciprocation - Summary:**

Strengths: Affectionate, dependable and soft;

Challenges: Skeptical and criticizing;

Advice: Leave the future aside and live more in the present.

Neutral: Searching for the right one

## **Moon ☾ in 13th Nakshatra: Hasta**

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

Strength: creative, clever, practical, witty, pleasant, charming, attractive, attains wealth later in life, influential, cordial, careful with words to avoid expressing anger, driven in control, values social rituals and consideration of others, provides service, industrious, takes advantage of opportunities in foreign lands, intelligent, persuasive, unattached and has several relationships.

Weakness: enjoys competition and disputes, restless, changeable, charlatan, selfish, emotionally unsettled, low self-opinion, critical, overindulgent, shameless, mistrustful, repressed, health problems, nasty, drug abuse, controlling, use alcohol or food as coping mechanism, desires spiritual experience.

### **Pada [1]**

### ***Moon ☾ in fourth pada***

(20°00'-23°20' degrees Virgo): Cancer navamsa. Your family means the world to you. Generally content wherever you find yourself, you are disciplined and able to reign in your emotions and desires when needed. Your courage and sense of virtue win you the admiration of many.

### ***Mercury ☿ in ♎ Libra man***

([896] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Principled and diplomatic;

Negatives: Obsessive and narrow-minded;

Soulmate: Someone who is expressive and full of vitality;

Life lesson: Reacting positively when in the center of attention.

### ***Mercury ☿ in VIII 8th House***

([915] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Meticulous people - Summary:**

Strengths: Communicative, persuasive and attentive;

Challenges: Judgmental, gossipy and impulsive;

Advice: They should not share what is being said to them in private.

### ***Venus ♀ in ♊ Gemini man***

([925] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Sociable and free-spirited;

Negatives: Bossy and inconsistent;

Soulmate: Someone who is mysterious and decisive;

Life lesson: Acknowledging the value of certain human connections.

### ***Venus ♀ in IV 4th House***

([948] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Creators of a loving atmosphere - Summary:**

Strengths: Balanced, domestic and sentimental;

Challenges: Obstinate and overly indulging;

Advice: Happiness comes and goes but emotional health is more important.

Neutral: A need to help others

### ***Mars ♂ in ♍ Virgo man***

([967] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **His goals are well established - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Practical and ambitious;

Negatives: Criticising and rushed;

Soulmate: Someone who only pays attention to him;  
Life lesson: Sometimes, peace can't be found in material things.  
Neutral: A very calm lover

### **Mars ♂ in VII 7th House**

([987] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Optimistic and charming - Summary:**

Strengths: Genuine, dynamic and elegant;  
Challenges: Argumentative and impulsive;  
Advice: Try to put personal priorities first as well.

### **Jupiter ♃ in ♈ Aries man**

([993] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

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

### **Jupiter ♃ in II 2nd House**

([1006] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Supportive and caring - Summary:**

Strengths: Convincing, optimistic and original;  
Challenges: Dreamy, materialistic and naïve;  
Advice: They need to be careful with their spending.

### **Saturn ♄ in ♒ Aquarius man**

([1027] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Style: Powerful and efficient;  
Top qualities: Practical, quiet and diligent;  
Challenges: Overcomplicates things, extremist and aloof;  
Advice: A little romance from time to time will relax you.

### **Saturn ♄ in XII 12th House**

([1040] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A different view of the world - Summary:**

Strengths: Flexible, generous and creative;  
Challenges: Stern, superficial and manipulative;  
Advice: There is no need to pretend they are happy when they are not feeling it.

### **Uranus ♅ in ♈ Aries man**

([1041] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

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

***Uranus ♀ in II 2nd House***

([1054] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Unconventional and impulsive - Summary:**

Strengths: Inventive, focused and ambitious;  
Challenges: Moody and stubborn;  
Advice: They should seek to embrace the transformations their life goes through.

***Neptune ♀ in ♋ Cancer man***

([1068] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Idealistic and Sociable;  
Top qualities: Stable, patriotic, gentle and understanding;  
Challenges: Pessimism and the need to see everything with one's eyes;  
Advice: You could support your friends in more practical ways.

***Neptune ♀ in V 5th House***

([1081] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Attracted to everything that's erratic, mysterious and unconventional - Summary:**

Strengths: Glamorous, eccentric and diplomatic;  
Challenges: Secretive, unrealistic and manipulative;  
Advice: They need to refrain from being envious.

***Pluto ♀ in ♐ Sagittarius man***

([1097] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

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

***Pluto ♀ in X 10th House***

([1110] i.thehoroscope.co)

**There is no middle ground - Summary:**

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

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

**North Node ♍ in ♍ Virgo**

([1118] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Observant, talented and insightful;

Challenges: Secretive and dismissive

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

**South Node ♋ in ♋ Pisces**

([1136] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Idealistic, ambitious, gentle and caring;

Challenges: Disorganized and overly-emotional;

Lots of challenges in their way, Purpose in life

**North Node ♎ in VII 7th House (Libra)**

([1119] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Friendly, charming and diplomatic;

Challenges: Selfish and impulsive

Taking good care of themselves, Impulsive and focused on themselves

**South Node ♋ in I 1st House (Aries)**

([1125] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Ambitious, talented, adventurous and loyal;

Challenges: Individualistic, unpredictable and procrastinating;

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

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♑ Capricorn**

([1146] elsaelsa.com)

**Mountaineer**

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in XI 11th House**

([1159] elsaelsa.com)

**Outcast**

► **Midheaven MC Parallel ☾ Moon - (1°26')** ♎2 | ♍7

([25] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Emotional Power

Opportunities: 1. Capitalizing on Your Sensitivity 2. Getting the Emotional Support You Need

Challenges: 1. Changing as You Go Through Life 2. Building an Empathetic Career

► **Descendant DC Parallel** ☉ **Sun** - (0°29') ♏7 | ♎3

([149] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Seeking Approval

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

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

► **Mercury** ♀ **Contra-Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (2°00') ♎8 | ♏7

([164] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Debater

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Other Perspectives 2. Channeling Your Intellect Productively

Challenges: 1. Withholding Judgement 2. Listening More than Speaking

► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (5°09' S) ♏7 | ♏7

([187] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Lacking Confidence

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

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

► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct** ♀ **Mercury** - (6°58' S) ♎8 | ♎8

([171] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Searching for Answers

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Other's Ideas 2. Creating Your Future

Challenges: 1. Accepting Your Past 2. Avoiding Being Overly Subjective

► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (7°01' A) ♎3 | ♏7

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

Opportunities: 1. Planning Better 2. Having More Direction

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

► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♀ **Venus** - (2°14' S) ♏7 | ♏4

([389] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Overreactor

Opportunities: 1. Intimacy Without Fear 2. Committing to a Great Relationship

Challenges: 1. Developing Self-Knowledge 2. Accepting Love

► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♀ **Lilith** - (3°28' S) ♏2 | ♎11

([657] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Ravenous Sexual Energy

Opportunities: 1. Unleashing your hidden potentials 2. Raising your confidence

Challenges: 1. Harnessing your energies 2. Balancing desires and beliefs

► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (6°20' A) ♎3 | ♏7

([298] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Mutual Love

Opportunities: 1. Learning Lessons from Your Mistakes 2. Leveraging Your Internal Harmony

Challenges: 1. Improving Your Follow-Through 2. Tapping into Your Talents

► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (5°58' S) ♃3 | ♎11

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

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

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

► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (0°22' A) ♏7 | ♎11

([646] astromatrix.org:) Deeply understanding the emotional spectrum

Opportunities: 1. Deeper emotional insight 2. Experiencing deeper intimacy

Challenges: 1. Heightened sense of intuition 2. Overcoming superficial emotions



# Extra Source

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

## Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel** ☿ **Uranus** - (1°41') 001 | ♊2
- 2) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel** ♄ **Pluto** - (0°02') 001 | ♋10
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ☾ **Moon** - (1°26') ♊2 | ♏7
- 4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ☼ **Sun** - (0°29') ♏7 | ♍3
- 5) ► **Sun ☼ Contra-Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°48') ♍3 | ♎5
- 6) ► **Sun ☼ Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Pluto** - (0°27') ♍3 | ♋10
- 7) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (2°00') ♎8 | ♏7
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°54') ♏7 | ♊2
- 9) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°11') ♏7 | ♎12
- 10) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°47') ♏7 | ♎5
- 11) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°43') ♊2 | ♎12
- 12) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°53') ♊2 | ♎5
- 13) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°36') ♎12 | ♎5
- 14) ► **Uranus ☿ Parallel** ♄ **Pluto** - (1°43') ♊2 | ♋10
- 15) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (7°31' A) ♊2 | ♊2
- 16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (5°09' S) ♏7 | ♏7
- 17) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct** ♊ **North-Node** - (6°43' S) ♏7 | ♏7
- 18) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct** ♊ **North-Node** - (9°56' S) ♏7 | ♏7
- 19) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition** ♄ **Pluto** - (8°45' A) ♏4 | ♋10
- 20) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°52' S) ♏4 | ♊2
- 21) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°48' A) ♊2 | ♎12
- 22) ► **Neptune ♆ Sextile** ♊ **North-Node** - (0°29' A) ♎5 | ♏7
- 23) ► **Midheaven MC Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (4°23' A) ♊2 | ♎5
- 24) ► **Sun ☼ Square** ♂ **Mars** - (7°01' A) ♍3 | ♏7
- 25) ► **Moon ☾ Square** ♀ **Venus** - (2°14' S) ♏7 | ♏4
- 26) ► **Moon ☾ Square** ♄ **Pluto** - (6°31' A) ♏7 | ♋10
- 27) ► **Mercury ☿ Square** ♄ **Pluto** - (5°54' S) ♎8 | ♋10

- 28) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (4°29' S) ♀4 | ♀7  
 29) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (3°08' S) ♃2 | ♆5  
 30) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°16' A) ♀1 | ♆5  
 31) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (6°20' A) ♃3 | ♀7  
 32) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (6°50' A) ♀7 | ♂10  
 33) ► **Uranus** ♅ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°34' S) ♃2 | ♂10

## Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

### Sun ☉ in ♉ Taurus 27° 47'

(Betty Lundsted)

The Taurus child is born into a mother-dominated household, since the sign is a negative, or feminine, polarity. The father is probably present but passive. When the father figure is passive, the mother has to take on the family responsibilities. The child begins to pattern its decisions and values according to the mother's live philosophy.

The Taurus person is Venus-ruled. Many people undervalue the Venus types because they look to be easygoing and perhaps a little weak. This is not the case. The childhood does not encourage children born in this sign to respond spontaneously. Therefore, Taureans rarely feel comfortable displaying reactions either in a career situation or in a relationship. The mother is an overpowering figure who manipulates the child with so much 'mother' love that Taureans hesitate to express themselves honestly or easily. It has been said that Taurus is stubborn, angry and sometimes rigid. All Fixed signs are, and Taureans try to build environment that they can depend on since not much in the childhood was dependable.

Material acquisitions help create a feeling of a stable universe. Taureans are often drawn to the money professions for security reasons. The Taurus banker is not avoiding relationships with people and is not really pursuing money for money's sake, but is attempting to work in a stable environment. The world of finance is dependable - a dollar is a dollar (more or less) every day of the week. The Taurus person is afraid to establish relationships with people because those people may change their attitudes toward their relationships from one day to the next.

Taureans are quite sensual and need some emotional commitment in order to be fulfilled. When relationships frighten them, they may avoid the emotional sensuality of

sex and enjoy the sensuality of food, ending up with weight problems. They may also retreat into religious and philosophical orders which can protect them from living out their emotional needs. The irony here is that the validity of philosophical beliefs cannot be tested if they are not experienced through emotional involvements.

The Taurus female is raised in a strongly mother-dominated atmosphere. Here the animus concept is different from that of the Fire signs. The animus figure for the Taurus female is colored by the fact that, as a child, she doesn't see her father make many meaningful decisions. Because her father is passive, she will unconsciously assume all men are passive. However, she sides with her father emotionally; for the two of them, Daddy and the child, can side with each other against this strong maternal force that is sometimes overwhelming.

The Taurus woman wants a relationship with a man, but after she gets him she begins to treat him much as her mother treated her father - as an object to be controlled and manipulated. The young Taurus female does not consciously try to manage men; she may not even be aware that the men around her feel 'managed'; but she may find later in life that her relationship with her husband is very similar to the one her mother had with the father.

She is a strong and opinionated type. As she develops, she'll learn how to make solidarity, materialism, a search for the spiritually creative side of life, warmth and enthusiasm positive working forces within her. The fear comes into her relationships when she succumbs to dishonesty. It's difficult for Taureans to offend someone they love, and often they are dishonest with a lover. They become quite angry when they don't get what they want or when they are misunderstood. The anger is buried inside and begins to manifest when the throat becomes restricted, because tension settles in the Taurean throat.

The Taurus female has difficulty accepting rejection. She also gets angry when her man doesn't feel happy with her, for she has given up so much of herself in order to secure that happiness. She eventually learns that if she expresses and shares herself honestly, she will draw to herself a person that really likes her.

The problems with her femininity often come from the fact that her mother is overwhelming and jealously competitive with her as Taurus develops, especially during her teen years. Often, the mother of a Taurus girl competes with her daughter so heavily that the girl has no sense of her own feminine worth. The irony is that Taurus is one of the most sensual and feminine of the signs. The female is sensual and sexual; she brings men into her life because of her feminine approach to them - an approach highly seasoned with an animal sexuality that is hard to pass up.

The Taurus male has a different set of problems. He is a male born into a motherdominated household with a passive father. His values are determined by his

reaction to his mother's values. He also must cope with the fact that he's a male who has to prove how 'good' he is to his mother. The mother is super-strong and seems to have all the answers as far as this child is concerned. Under these circumstances, the child becomes very careful about what he says to mothers, for she may shoot him down. This subconscious feeling is carried over into later relationships with women, causing a dichotomy within the Taurus male. He's interested in women, enjoys communicating with them, yet feels apprehensive about sharing his not-fully-formed ideas for fear of being rejected.

It seems that when the Taurus male is a child, his mother is so strong that she overwhelms his father; his father either remains passive (which disappoints the child) or causes the child to dislike and basically reject his father because he isn't a 'man' to his wife. The Taurus boy seems to be in the middle of his parents' relationship. He is a child who is allowed to sleep with Mommy and Daddy. Sometimes the father leaves, and the Taurus child then becomes an even closer companion to his mother. Because he loves his mother, he feels guilty about becoming involved with other women. This can lead to problems in his own marriage. He sometimes has difficulty determining where his priorities are: his mother's needs or his wife's needs. He thinks that it's important to show his mother how responsible he's become, so he may take on obligations he doesn't want.

Sometimes the mother's influence is so strong that the Taurus male develops a bit unspoken fear in his psyche called 'Am I really gay?' When a mother is too close emotionally to her child, the influence affects the images in his psyche. Affection becomes confused with sexuality; affection can be confused with loyalty. Something also happens to the ability to express the creative self, for when the mother's influence is too strong, she can overwhelm his ability to use his creative processes. Taurus is creative but is often afraid to use the creative energy for anything other than building fortresses emotionally.

This child tends to hold in tension because the early environment doesn't encourage spontaneous response to difficulties or to normal childhood fears. Taurus form habits that include the holding of tension. If the tension is not released or faced, it builds and builds until the body falls apart and Taurus winds up with some medical problem. These medical problems are signals that the inner tensions are not being released and that new habits must be formed - habits which include the proper use of the building talents that Taurus has at its disposal.

(Haydn Paul)

The Taurus personality often displays stability, purpose, persistence, determination, selfreliance, reliability and sincerity. You will not usually take any risks affecting your material security, as your possessions and home environment are extremely important to you; in fact, you will be cautious in all aspects of your life. You tend to rely on a

commonsense approach, quite pragmatic and practical, being efficient and even adroit at financial management and organisational requirements. You will take time to consider future courses of action, evaluating your options, and will need to feel as convinced and secure as possible regarding your choices before deciding to act; once your mind is set, you will see the choice through. You will apply yourself to the task of earning money and obtaining those material possessions which you believe are needed to build a secure lifestyle foundation.

Generally, your temperament is gentle and placid, and you try to live in ways which do not attract trouble towards you; but if provoked you can explode into a noisy display of temper. If others oppose you on issues on which you have already set your mind, then you can display a stubborn and obstinate resistance, failing to reconsider or listen to alternative opinions and advice.

You prefer a quiet, steady life, and can be secretive and reserved regarding disclosure of personal matters. Your sympathetic nature creates a sensitivity to natural beauty, as well as to art, music and literature. As sensual pleasures and comforts attract, you prefer to create a home which is pleasant and attractive with a relaxing atmosphere which can have a calming and beneficial effect on others. As your life can pivot around home, the quality of the domestic life is crucial to your peace of mind. your health is often related to your success in creating a balanced and harmonious atmosphere around you. You tend to remain in touch with close relatives and friends, feeling secure in knowing that all is well with them.

You are rarely a 'romantic dreamer', who tends to distort relationships by an over-active imagination; usually you are quite straightforward and honest with any partners. You prefer to keep your emotions in their place as you are not always comfortable with them; and there can be a tendency towards repression, which can stimulate occasional outbursts of temper. Your relationships have a co-operative quality, and you can be tactful and diplomatic, even though you are often very direct in your communication with others.

Partners will be carefully and cautiously chosen; and despite your often laid-back and relaxed style, you can be a demanding marriage partner, expecting a high standard from others. The relationship being the main focus for your emotional intensity, you can be jealous and extremely possessive. Satisfactory sexual relationships are important with your partner, and if your enjoyment of sexual passions fades, then the relationship becomes less stable, and unfulfilling. A degree of intellectual compatibility is also required, as you tend to see intimate relationships as a source of mental stimulation in your life too; and a depth of communication is necessary to feel the intimacy of relationship connection. An element of 'best friends' is also included in satisfactory Taurean partnerships.

You tend to live by traditional moral standards and beliefs, and can be highly principled;

and this often shows in your decision-making process and life choices. Your attitudes tend to be conservative and orthodox regarding questions of faith and religion, although possibly more fatalistic in tone, and less intellectualised or philosophical. You can become dogmatic and fixed in your attitudes and opinions, although an emotional involvement with causes can show you to be a tireless worker, sacrificing much for your ideals, especially in supportive and practical context.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Taurus individuals feel they have the right to actualize their material and sensual values; to never change those values; to accumulate a level of comfortable material security. Also, they may feel the right to establish rigid, fixed nonmaterialistic values, and to opt for a stubborn passivity in using their talents.

#### Static

When you focus on gaining agreement from others on the validity of your tangible and material values, you can appear as stubborn and intractable. You may give into the Taurean tendency to want to be recognized as worthwhile and important. This tendency can cause you to resist the efforts of others to expand your position by adding their input. You can be totally dedicated to establishing your merit by accumulating money and goods. When this happens and you fail to consider the values of others, you cheat yourself of the opportunity to enhance and expand your levels of material security and comfort.

#### Dynamic

You can direct your attention to uplifting others through expressing your talents and abilities. This allows other people to respond by sharing their own values. Thus, you give others centre stage in establishing their own worth, and give yourself an opportunity to become more objective about your values. From this objectivity, you can create an even deeper sense of security in relationships. You revitalize your worth in the process of recognizing the worth of others. Being conscious of other people's value results in an expansion of your material security in the world.

(Syndey Omarr)

#### Taurus females

Taurus women are generally hungry for experience as well as for food. They like the good life. But they are willing to give as well as take. These women can be very affectionate, but don't try to take advantage of them. They can see through a phony. Be frank with them. Tell them where you stand and what it is you want - it's very likely they'll size you up and come to a decision in your favor.

The secret is simply to be aboveboard; women of this zodiacal sign respond to good taste and understanding. Any flim-flam draws their fire as well as their ire. Here is another important hint: know when to draw the line at giving in to their whims. At times, like a crying baby, they will test you - to see just how much they can get away with. Let them go so far, then pull in the reins.

These women are earthy in temperament; there is a tendency for them to become careless in the way they look. When you first meet them, their taste is impeccable. But after a while they appear to let down. Make sure you are treated as well as a stranger would be! Don't be a stuffed shirt, but do refuse to put up with curlers in the hair and rumpled dress or manners.

This lady can entice, appease, attract, magnetize, hypnotize: she is seductive, pleasantly lazy, Venusian, obstinate and charming. If you want to run the gamut of emotions, she is for you.

The way to assure happiness with a Taurus woman is to make sure you know what it is you really want. She'll help you to get it! But if you are not positive, she can be a worrisome thing - a Taurus woman needs a man. If you think you're up to it - go right ahead and good luck.

Remember: don't try to force issues. This woman has a keen sense of beauty and awareness. She may be troublesome at times, but she is generally worth it.

#### Taurus males

This man likes luxury but he wants you to be practical about it! He likes style and he appreciates the best of everything. Yet he wants a partner who can also keep an eye on the budget. So, if you are interested in a Taurus man - you have a fascinating challenge, an over-all one that will keep you on your toes, the kind of challenge which is vital enough to make you aware of life. This man can be easygoing but it isn't wise to wave the red flag in front of the bull.

He is earthy in temperament. Taurus men can be stubborn; when they make up their minds to go along certain paths it is difficult, if not impossible, to make them turn a corner. These men have to be won over with kindness, even guile. They are not always easy to live with - they enjoy the basic things: eating, sleeping, loving, fighting, mating, etc..

If you are looking for perfection, please bypass the Taurus man. On the other hand, if you desire a very human man then go full speed ahead in your campaign to nab him. Don't try to corral this man; he won't stand for being fenced in. He wants plenty of room. He will want to come back to you; he will need and desire your affection; but he wants to

find this out for himself. He doesn't want lectures. He wants love with a capital L.

(Skye Alexander)

For people who have Sun in Taurus, love relationships are of primary importance. You don't like being alone and will settle for a partnership that is less than ideal rather than do without. Once you've set your sights on someone, you pursue him / her doggedly, undaunted by delays, obstacles or rejection. After you've bagged your game, you hold on tightly and are extremely possessive of your partners. Aquarians, Geminis and Sagittarians may feel suffocated by your love, but Cancers and Capricorns might appreciate your constant and uncomplicated devotion.

Your intense interest in sex is a powerful impetus to forming relationships. Sex is usually foremost in your mind, and it's one of your greatest pleasures. For you, sex is a natural bodily function, a primary need, and your approach to it is down-to-earth, uninhibited and unabashed. However, your strong sex drive and preoccupation with satisfying your physical desires can cause you to be rather indiscriminate and indulgent, and sometimes any warm body will do.

Good-natured and easy-going, you are an amiable and loyal companion. You are patient and slow to anger, and tend to take life as it comes. However, when pushed too far you can be a stubborn and formidable opponent.

To the people you love, you are attentive, affectionate, loyal, devoted and generous. You enjoy doing things for your loved ones and giving them gifts. However, your 'gifts' often have strings attached, and you are inclined to try to buy love or to make others feel obligated to you. You also may expect lovers to lavish material bounty upon you; and your less materialistic friends might think you are a bit mercenary.

Indulgent and luxury-loving, you relish creature comforts and appreciate beautiful things: clothing, jewellery, furniture, art, good food and drink. You derive great pleasure from your possessions, and are usually in debt because you can't say 'no' to yourself.

You probably have good taste in clothing and furnishings, and could succeed in a career in fashion or interior design. Or, your affinity with nature might incline you toward horticulture or landscape architecture. The original 'Earth Mother', you love plants, have two green thumbs and can make just about anything grow. In everything you do, you need to see the physical results of your labors. You aren't very assertive, innovative or especially hard-working however; thus, you'd probably be better off working for someone else or in a partnership, rather than striking out on your own.

Because Taurus rules the throat, you may have musical ability and a fine singing voice.

Cooking is another area in which you excel, and many people with Taurean Suns are



employed in the culinary fields. Whether or not you decide to put your talents to work for you professionally, you probably like to bake and cook for yourself, your friends and your family. And you certainly enjoy sitting down to a good meal! As a result, you may always be at least a few pounds overweight. Your slow metabolism and lack of interest in exercise can compound the problem, and you might find yourself waging a lifelong battle with the scales. But then, who'd take a skinny chef seriously?

Unwilling to take chances or risk lowering your standard of living, you'll stay with an unsatisfying job or relationship for years rather than make a switch. You are truly a creature of habit and always prefer something familiar to an unknown. You are likely to view your career and relationships as investments, and once you've put a great deal of time and effort into something you are loathe to cut your losses and move on. Consequently, you have a tendency to get stuck in a rut.

Because you are reluctant to try anything new and are anything but adventurous, you can become a bit dull and overly-conservative. Others sometimes underestimate your intelligence because you aren't especially interested in mental pursuits or witty conversation (unless your Mercury is in Gemini). Your concerns are with the material, tactile world and its tangible realities, and you don't place much value in abstractions. In fact, you might have trouble even getting your mind around some philosophical or metaphysical concepts. You need to guard against being narrow-minded and dismissing out-of-hand anything with which you aren't already familiar, or that you can't see, touch, smell or taste.

Your greatest strengths are your constancy, your sweet and loving temperament, and your appreciation of all things beautiful. Your greatest failings result from your indulgence, stubbornness, laziness and greed.

(Sasha Fenton)

This is the second sign of the zodiac, and it is concerned with growth and protection, in the same way that the first tender shoots of a plant need to be protected. Taureans worry about money. They seem to be haunted by the fear that they will shortly be sleeping under the arches, with only a cardboard box for shelter. Needless to say, they don't live beyond their means, and they are never out of work for long. Some Taureans become very rich, while others keep themselves and their families going in a very modest manner. These subjects can be jealous of richer or more successful people, but they may miss out on reaching such dizzy heights for themselves because they tend to be lazy.

Taureans are sensualists. Many people confuse this word with sexuality; and, while a sensuality often does include sex among his list of pleasures, it is not the only one. All earth sign people have well-developed senses, especially that of touch, but Taureans are the most sensual of all the signs, enjoying anything which appeals to any of their

senses. These subjects are good with their hands, have excellent hand / eye co-ordination, and rarely drop or break anything. I know one Taurean who is a very creative builder and decorator, another who is a really inspired cook, yet another who has created a wonderful garden, and one who is the art editor of a magazine and loves to visit gardens on his day off. Notice how often the word 'creative' crops up in connection with this sign. These people may not be the most inventive members of the zodiac, but they love to create beauty in all its forms and they are often naturally artistic. Taureans are thorough and painstaking in all that they do. They are true craftsmen and women who can infuriate others by their fussiness.

It is interesting to note that such a sedentary sign includes dancers. Taureans love to dance, and are often quick and light on their feet even when they are overweight.

The average Taurean subject personifies middle-class values. He wants a reasonably spacious home with a fair bit of land around it, but he wants to achieve this on a very small mortgage. He needs a family, a couple of animals, a few good friends and a steady job. He may not have much imagination, but he pays his bills, washes behind his ears and avoids astrologers like the plague. These subjects are private people with all the usual reserve of a feminine sign. They don't wear their hearts on their sleeves and would be embarrassed at having their problems aired in front of others. Taureans are extremely thorough in all that they do, and almost totally reliable in all their undertakings. They project an image of respectability and hate to look feckless or silly. This is a fixed sign, which means that these subjects prefer to stick to a job, a home or a relationship. The families of Taureans always know just where they are, and can be fairly sure that they will not be abandoned or let down in any way. There is a quality of certainty about these people which makes a nice change in these days of fly-by-night relationships.

Taureans are the plodders of the zodiac. They will make a good job of whatever they are given to do; they work at their own pace and are very thorough and painstaking. They cannot be hassled or rushed; it upsets them. In relationships, they are very loving and kind, but may be inflexible and opinionated. Their outlook is traditional, and they hate being crossed or undermined in any way. If a Taurean found a relationship or a situation too uncomfortable, he would simply leave it, and having done so he would rarely look back. These subjects need an uncomplicated life with a few luxuries and pleasures thrown in. They tend to attract jealousy without having or doing anything particularly obvious to cause it. It is simply that after an invariably bumpy start, their lives become so pleasant and orderly that other people envy them. With their gentle sense of humour, lack of spite and good intentions, routinely good manners and pleasantly ordinary appearance, Taureans help to make the world a nicer place.

The typical Taurus is medium in height and sturdy in build. Many, but by no means all, Taureans have difficulty in keeping their weight down. Their hands and feet are small and neat, and their movements are surprisingly brisk. Their movements are graceful, and many of them are surprisingly good dancers. Facially, they can range from being

absolutely lovely to rather Churchillian, with that characteristically strong chin and jutting lower lip. Their best features are their eyes, which, in nordic races, are typically pale grey and rather large. In all races, the eyes are attractive and the gaze steady and unafraid. One particularly Taurean trait is the lack of a bottom. Just as the Aries has, in tailoring terms, a 'prom-seat', Taureans may have hardly any 'seat' at all. Many Taureans prefer to hide their faces behind beards, heavy-framed spectacles, make-up and elaborate hair-styles, while others are extremely stylish dressers. Taurean people always look good, whatever personal style they effect, because this sign is most concerned with images and appearances.

Weak spots for health are the throat, lower jaw and lower teeth, the voice, tonsils and the thyroid gland. Diabetes is a possibility through the connection with the planet Venus, as are cystitis and kidney problems. Over-indulgence can lead to obesity for these subjects, but this could be mitigated by planets in nearby Gemini. Taureans don't worry overmuch about their health, but they do take it seriously when they have to. Taureans are very good with their hands, and have a wonderful eye for line, design and colour. They like to build, preserve and conserve whatever they can for the next generation to enjoy, which is why many of them can be found in the worlds of farming, building, gardening and architecture. The beauty trade attracts these people, as does the fashion industry, and many Taureans love to cook for themselves and their friends either professionally or as a hobby.

There is an attraction to the world of money, and they may, therefore, be found working in banks, as accountants, book-keepers and also in the field of insurance. Another area which attracts Taureans is that of entertainment. Many Taurus people love to sing and dance, and will make a career for themselves in opera or dancing on the stage, either as amateur or as professional entertainers. The Taurean gifts of common sense and reliability, coupled with thoroughness and a real love of their chosen work, make them excellent employees. Their natural kindness and sympathy make them wonderful employers too, but they can be very tough and canny negotiators. Their flair for making money may make them extremely successful, but they sometimes become too bogged down in minor money matters to see the wood for the trees. Since they are very visual, images in all their forms appeal to these people, and this could lead to such esoteric interests as heraldry. The Taurean gift of creating images and things which look good may take them into the world of marketing.

A quick round-up of Taureans of my acquaintance reveals a builder, a roofer, a couple of dancers, a top chef and an artist, a couple of make-up artists, a dressmaker, and a bookkeeper. My Taurean cousin has always done clerical work, but she is a truly gifted amateur cook and a good dancer. Other Taureans of my acquaintance love to sing and dance, while a few actually enjoy sports. Many Taureans seem to spend a good deal of their lives dreaming of success as artists, sportsmen or performers, but not all of them can summon up the energy or the courage which would be needed to succeed in these fields. Having said all this, there is an odd breed of Taurean who seems to be able to

thrive in the world of fashion, art or music and even live quite an eccentric and bohemian kind of life. Some Taureans relate well to other people and, therefore, work as advisors, particularly in the financial field. However, many of them seem only to need others in order to bounce their own ideas off them.

Taureans love money, and spend a lifetime trying to find it. A good deal of their wealth is acquired by working, but many of them seem to inherit quite large sums of money too. These subjects are wonderful managers of money, and may play the stock-market to great advantage, but most are really rather cautious and prefer to keep their cash safely on deposit. Taureans don't like to admit to having anything, and, given the choice, would go to their graves with their Swiss bank account numbers engraved on their hearts. Those Taureans who don't have access to large funds still manage to save for a rainy day and strive to pay off their mortgages.

Taureans need comfort, but would rather wait until they can afford good things before buying anything. Many are gifted amateur builders and gardeners who make their homes as attractive and comfortable as possible, without spending money unnecessarily. Taureans are not keen on second-hand goods, except those which they inherit from their own families. Taurus subjects look after their homes and their possessions painstakingly. They think carefully, and prefer to survey the market before spending anything. Taureans are not particularly dressy, but what they wear is always suitable for the occasion. They only buy quality clothing for special occasions, preferring ordinary chain-store goods for everyday wear. Some Taureans like collecting valuable possessions, and most will make sure that they have a good sound-system both in their homes and in their cars. Taureans enjoy travelling, but will only do so in great comfort, and only when they can well afford to do so. These subjects look after their families, but will not be taken advantage of by lazy or greedy relatives, even if these happen to be their own children.

Taurus, being an earth sign which is fixed in quality, is the most steady, reliable and sensible sign of the zodiac. Their partners are in no danger of being let down or faced with fluctuating moods and unexpected events. Taureans take their time about everything, and will think long and hard before making any kind of decision. Whether they discuss potential decisions with their partners or keep their thoughts to themselves depends on other factors on their charts. Taureans are terribly stubborn, and will obstinately cling to a point of view. They aren't adaptable, and will stick to the same way of doing things throughout their lives. Anyone who wants a home-loving partner who will work hard to bring money into the home and not waste anything unnecessarily should look no further than this sign. These subjects are careful with money, but usually generous and thoughtful towards their families and close friends. There is a type of Taurean who doesn't want to work or take any kind of responsibility but who wants to be looked after and paid for all along the line, but such types are, thankfully, quite rare. There is, however, another, far more common Taurus type who will work quite hard without every really seeming to get anywhere in life; but as long as their partners don't

mind this, they do at least offer emotional security, and there is a lot to be said for that.

Socially speaking, some Taureans are wonderful conversationalists while others seem to be completely tongue-tied and need to be persuaded to open up and chat. Often the only way to open them up is to get them to chat about their particular interests. For many Taureans, the subjects which is closest to their hearts is money, and they will chat away about money-making schemes for hours. Taureans are good home-makers who can cook, build, make a wonderful garden, look after pets or do anything else which requires dexterity and practicality. They need a good, comfortable and safe home life, and they prefer to spend money on their homes, in areas where they can see what they have bought, rather than on such ephemeral experiences as travel or entertainments. Some Taureans will take their families away on holiday - once all possible household bills have been covered, of course! Taurus subjects need security in a relationship, and will offer the same to their partners, only leaving when a situation becomes utterly untenable. They can refuse to leave a marriage which is obviously defunct.

## Sun ☉ in 3rd House

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

You will derive considerable enjoyment and stimulation from communicating with others, and the exchange of ideas and personal perspectives will prove to be highly valuable. This opens you to the multifaceted ways of looking at life and the world, pointing towards different areas of interest of which you had previously been unaware. A tolerance of other points of view can develop; but you may tend at times to become intellectually arrogant and too self-assured in the rightness of your views.

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

and new ways of looking at things.

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: With the Sun in the 3rd house, you are fascinated with the stimulus provided by any natural or human environment. Quality is less important than quantity, content less important than form, for in your life it is the sheer kineticism of activity at the surface that provides the essential energy for all other life processes. Depth has less meaning than breadth. Additionally, simple day-to-day activity is crucial. Where there is no kinetic movement, there is no vitality. The central challenge of your life is to discover the infinite

variety of that which is not-self, to fuel yourself from that diversity, and to move energetically through the environment.

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

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

**Basic education:** Basic education is central to the fulfillment of your life. It is not simply one of a number of equally important phases of growth, but rather it is the touchstone from which everything else will later blossom. If the experience of primary education is a positive one, then the child's life unfolds with vibrancy. On the other hand, if the experience is stultifying, much of what comes later will be a struggle. In either case, the emphasis usually returns to the fundamental concepts of basic education: reading, writing, and speaking. A significant part of life's essence is education, and with this placement especially, learning is built on the cornerstone of communication.

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

(Robert Pelletier)

Your affable disposition is the result of having so many interests and wanting to say in the mainstream of social activity. Your ability to express yourself dramatically attracts people's attention. Your views are reasonably well-informed, but you are willing to change them as you gain new information. You are eager to get on with achieving your goals; and your optimism about the future helps you get through difficult situations. You do learn from past mistakes, which helps you plan more carefully for the goals you



aspire to reach. If you put your ideas into action you are very likely to get what you want out of life. Luckily, your easy way with words convinces people to give you the necessary co-operation for success in your endeavors. A formal education will enhance your natural talents and give you greater finesse and polish. Public relations, education, writing or a related profession would give you the stage you need to express your creative potentials.

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

It is urgent that you acquire as much training as possible in order to deal successfully with competitors. With education, your ability to meet challenges will improve so much that no-one will be able to intimidate you with claims of great competence. You must be as determined to find answers as you are to ask questions, or you will be poorly equipped for open competition. Be sure that you don't overstate your abilities, because making claims about your qualifications that you cannot possibly live up to will certainly ruin your image. You might be tempted to do this because you are repelled by the idea of being forced into an obscure position. But this need never happen if you use your natural talent for learning. If you develop great expertise in your career, your credentials will certainly be recognized.

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

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

**Moon ☾ in ♍ Virgo 21° 27'**

(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 our 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 delicate. 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 7th House

(Haydn Paul)

The nature and quality of your relationships, marriage, and partnerships are important and emphasized; and your experience of these will be influenced by feelings and needs.

Feelings of security and well-being are sought from a partner; and you may believe that security comes from togetherness and companionship. This encourages your search for a fulfilling intimate relationship. There is a danger that these needs will dominate other valid concerns, such as real compatibility, or tend to unbalance a relationship through either dependency or domination. Wanting to 'belong' to someone is not a suitable attitude for an evolving relationship. Nobody is a possession; and this may make you vulnerable to abuse and exploitation by a less solicitous partner.

You need to look clearly at your deeper needs. Just what do you want in a partner? Do you even recognize what your needs actually are? What is essential for you to receive from another in order for you to feel nurtured? What can you offer to a partner; and is that what he or she needs?

Are you looking for a surrogate mother or father figure, capable of protecting your hidden child-nature and making all the important choices for you? Do you adjust your will, emotions, feelings, and desires in order to accommodate those of a partner? Is your



identity dependent on a partner, or can you stand alone? Is your focus on satisfying your partner, even at the expense of your own needs?

You will be highly sensitive to others and, if unprotected, this could diminish your emotional stability. As you are liable to experience emotional fluctuation anyway - through moodiness, inconsistent feelings, and restless impulses - additional external influences can only exacerbate this tendency. Yet you will continue to look for emotional sustenance through relationships, as you believe a search is necessary to discover a suitable partner. Resolving your dependency need and learning to respect your needs as equally important in a balanced relationship may prove to be a key for future success.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the Moon gives a hunger for response. The life may seem to be fated, or strongly marked by destiny. People with the Moon here, opposite the Ascendant and square the Midheaven, often seem to struggle all their lives against a tide of circumstance that forces them into the same kind of situation over and over. This is wearying, but develops emotional strength. Others do not struggle against the tide of destiny, but learn to flow with it. They may avoid much suffering in this way, but also may not develop as much emotionally and spiritually.

People with this Moon are very aware of and sensitive to public opinion. They often wish they could change themselves and be more what others seem to want them to be. Sometimes it works the other way, and they become very defensive of their individuality. They have a strong feeling for the needs and desires of the public and, given other factors, can achieve success as a public figure or a performer. Even if they do not rise to a level where they can address the public and manipulate them, they may have a sense of public destiny, an inner call to serve the public in some way. Usually they develop a strong personal style in response to the sensation of being the focus of public attention. Where other chart factors show a public career, this position gives a big push towards success. These people feel married to the public, and often have a hard time with personal relationships as their true partner is their audience or constituency.

With the Moon in Capricorn, there may be a Peter Pan complex - a rejection of the ugliness and phoniness of adult behavior, a clinging to the purity and values of childhood. These people often become teachers or counselors of children, or work with them or for them in some way. It takes them much longer to grow up than others, and they shouldn't marry young. Sometimes they never marry.

A seventh-house Moon gives a special emphasis to the relationship with the mother. In some cases, she is gone early in life (dies or deserts), so that they spend the rest of their lives seeking a substitute. Or she may acquire too much control over their lives, in some cases becoming their only true partner. Other factors will tell which variation is more likely (absence of death of the father, for example).

These people are not usually successful in attempts to choose a mate; usually they are chosen by others. There can be many strange and fateful circumstances surrounding their mating. If they feel they are being forced to marry against their will or have doubts about the marriage, they should certainly wait until they feel more positive because it is probable that marriage won't be good for them under the circumstances.

In a woman's chart, this lunar placement may be a partial testimony to homosexuality, bisexuality, or homosexual episodes, because the powerful need for feminine love and affection causes them to keep seeking it until they find it. Mothers of children with a seventh-house Moon should be aware of the difficulties that can follow a lack of physical affection in childhood, particularly the first four years. At the same time, they must be careful not to cling to this child as he / she grows older, but give him / her the freedom he / she needs to learn through trial and error to make the right choice of his / her own companions.

(Bill Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: In the 7th house, the Moon reveals that relationships are the vehicle to awareness of your needs. They are not an end in themselves, but the means. If you succumb to the pitfall of believing that others are the actual source of your fulfillment, then you remain a child, seeking out only partners who reflect the real or idealized qualities of your mother. Your challenge is to let the awareness that comes through relatedness awaken sensitivity to your needs, so you can then fulfill them for yourself. Whenever you lose touch, move back into relatedness for more stimulation. Alone and together ebb and flow. Discover what you need with us, through us, then take care of yourself.

Equal partnerships: Unlike the Sun's meaning in the 7th, where simple existence of a relationship is often enough to fuel the self, the Moon's significance is radically different. Mere existence is not enough; here there must be regular and frequent contact with the partner, a kind of 'checking in' to reestablish the feeling of secure togetherness. The pitfall involves creating dependencies in partnership. Too much regularity or predictability may seem wonderful, but it is also a very addictive 'emotional drug'. The challenge is to create working partnerships that are both stable in structure and flowing in content. Self-protection is always a double-edged sword; keep your sword with you, but be awake - don't cut yourself with it.

Contracts, commitments: Your commitments are not mental experiences, but reasonable, well-thought-out decisions. This is not to say that you misunderstand commitment or enter into relationships out of faulty motives. rather, it indicates that the natural reasons for commitment are emotional, based on deep feeling. Commitments change over time as your needs for security, certainty, and support grow toward maturity. If your needs are not being met, then by all means change your commitments

by altering their level or their form; but remember also that a promise is not something to be taken lightly.

Co-operation: What passes for co-operation is often compliance or caretaking. You are so hungry for shared experience that you sometimes are willing to give in. This is compliance, and in the extreme leads to a collapse of sharing as you gradually retreat into a defensive shell. Taking care of your partner - or vice versa - can be natural and loving, but it can also be habitual and deeply unconscious. True co-operation is the experience of willingly mutual support based on good-faith negotiations, with each person taking care of him or herself. The fact that a healthy relationship helps fulfill your most basic emotional wishes and makes you feel good is reason enough to learn to co-operate well.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is a very emotional person, perhaps even moody. He or she gladly responds to your true needs, and expects you to do the same, but does not prey upon you by fostering dependency in either direction. Your mate willingly shows you his or her innermost softness, even if it is shown to no-one else.

A natural partnership has an emotional immediacy, a here-and-now presence. The relationship reveals something universal about emotion. Though you must guard against the tendency to become overly dependent upon the partnership for safety and support, the relationship teaches you a great deal about the validity of those needs, and the importance of creating a vehicle for their fulfillment. The image is a clear stream, surrounded by woods of lush, dense foliage.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a deep need for meaningful contacts with people at the personal level. You often make concessions to allow these relationships to develop, and you maintain a low profile to avoid being rejected. You sometimes feel that people are not interested in you, which isn't true, of course, but it would be hard to convince you otherwise. Your initial discomfort about being with others in a social environment will change as you learn to express yourself more freely. Being a good listener will give way to actively participating in conversation, which will show that you have many creative ideas to share. You might suffer some disappointment in marriage if you imagine that it will provide the key to all of your dreams and expectations. Certainly this is possible, if you and your mate have a sincere desire to understand each other and can make allowances for each other's imperfections.

You will face life and its abrasions more easily if you have a formal education. Because you are so sensitive to the highs and lows of your daily affairs, you must learn to be more objective about life. Finding a suitable career may be a problem, but you should consider an occupation that brings you into close contact with the public. Your

compassion for people's problems and your willingness to offer assistance qualifies you for this type of work. You like people, and you don't hesitate to tell them so when they win your approval. You hope they feel the same way about you, because you are so anxious to have people like you.

Your greatest liability is that you are too closely tied to your family, so it is difficult for you to meet people objectively in social situations. In your desire for personal contacts, you might marry early to escape the painful prospect of remaining in your parents' limited environment. A strong mothering urge is always at work in the background of your consciousness, so that you want to take care of others; but that is not the most desirable motive for marriage. You must gradually detach yourself from the home you grew up in and take your place in society, where you will have greater freedom to choose your destiny without being challenged. You might use your understanding and desire for personal contact in a career that allows you to help people solve their problems.

While it is admirable to help those who deserve it, you must always be on guard against people who would abuse the privilege and use you as a doormat. Don't get too deeply involved in the affairs of those you serve. The burden might be more painful than you could endure and even affect your health. If you must make sacrifices, do so for the person you share your life with as an investment in a more secure future.

You are very talented and can do many things that others can't do. This certainly wins the attention of possible suitors, who know you will do your share to make a partnership work. If your mate appreciates everything you do and the effort you put into the relationship, you can truly be on a 'high'. You need someone who just cannot do without you, so that you feel important and necessary.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with the Moon in the 7th may be over-sensitive or over-adaptive to the needs of the partner, deriving their identity too much from what the other person wants them to be.

Conversely, they may be looking for a mother in a mate. Early emotional patterning around the partner might be projected onto the partner, clouding an objective perception of the here-and-now reality. A host of problems arises if a partner (male or female) is confused with the mother in this way - not to mention the fact that even the thought of sex with the mother is taboo. Marriage may be sought for the security it offers and the promise of a cosy home and family which provide the person with a sense of belonging. The Moon is not that concerned about being a separate individual. Getting married is what most people do - so why shouldn't they follow suit? Hard aspects to the Moon from Saturn or the outer planets may render the fulfilment of these basic desires most difficult: while the Moon in the 7th is definitely inclined towards relationship, other parts of the self may not be so co-operative.

The partnership itself may need the kind of nurturing and caring that a small baby would be given. The fluctuating nature of the Moon could manifest in a number of ways. Those with this placement might experience many moods and changes of feelings in connection to the relationship. In some cases, the Moon in the 7th describes a restless, unstable or emotionally idiosyncratic partner. As with any planet in the 7th, the person is advised to reflect on why he or she has attracted those particular qualities in another person. What is the other person 'living out' for him or her?

## Mercury ♿ in ♎ Libra 3° 52'

(Grant Lewi)

Sense impressions reach you through a strict moral and aesthetic censor. You see, hear, taste, smell and feel with the proprieties of art and society in mind, and have few sensory reactions that do not have to submit to this type of judgement. A color is not just red to you; it is a warm red, or a cold red, or a beautiful or ugly red. Further, in addition to the artistic standard, you apply the standard of good taste; and what you see or hear will revolt you if it doesn't conform with your idea of what is 'out of the top drawer'. You are a kind of sensation snob, and the simple meaning of sense experience is likely to be lost on you if it in any way offends the standards of nicety you set up for yourself. Needless to say, you are very sensitive to odors and all kinds of physical surroundings. Your house must be spick-and-span (so that your sight will not be offended); noises if any must be subdued and quiet (not to affront your ears); the odors of cookery must not penetrate to the living room (for your nose's sake); what you eat must be seasoned just so (or your tongue and maybe your stomach by attraction will revolt); and last, but not least, your spouse must be well-groomed and presentable, so that your reaction will be pleasant when you touch. All these niceties can make you fussy, but, if turned to their best use, make you gentle, considerate of others, and gifted in one or more of the arts where your great sensitivity is translated to creations that reflect it in beauty.

(Sydney Omarr)

Mercury in Libra is sensitive, artistic, socially aware, politically mature, attracted to the arts, and able to transform the commonplace into the beautiful. The native is creative and attracts to him those engaged in creative activities. He thinks along lines of balance, justice, and a blending of many elements into a whole.

His mental pursuits are broad - he sees potentials better than actual details. He is sometimes accused of being absentminded. But, it is very likely, the truth of the matter is that he sees or remembers only what is necessary for him to remember, rather than allowing his mind to become cluttered with details.

He wants things in order, but is not necessarily an orderly individual. He knows how to appeal to the public in general but is often puzzled when dealing with individuals. He possesses good taste and favors quality over quantity - he does not appear attracted to bargains.

(Skye Alexander)

You have the rare ability to see both sides of any issue and to remain detached, impartial and objective. You weigh the strengths and weaknesses in a matter and make judgements based on the facts without letting your feelings get in the way. This tends to make you more fair and equitable than most people; and you could be a good judge, mediator, lawyer, negotiator or umpire. Because you can see the pluses and minuses of everything, however, you have trouble making decisions or sticking with the ones you finally do make. Too often, you let others make up your mind for you or you go along with the crowd because it's easier.

This dispassionate and orderly way of thinking enables you to be an expert strategist. You also have a knack for understanding what your opponent is thinking. As a result, you could be a successful general, chess master or sports team manager. Or, you could use your logic, planning skills and good judgement in almost any segment of the business world. You are able to evaluate others' talents without feeling threatened by people who are more gifted than you are; and you are especially good at organizing individuals so that they work together as a team.

Always tactful, well-mannered and diplomatic in your speech, you rarely lose your temper and always try to avoid an argument. You may debate issues cleverly, even forcefully, but you never become emotionally involved. Always cool and rational, you can appear bloodless and unfeeling at times. It is this lack of personal involvement, this separation between the heart and the head, that allows lawyers to defend heinous criminals and generals to send men into battle knowing they'll be slaughtered.

Libra is concerned with balance and harmony, and loves beauty in all its forms. With Mercury in this sign, you might express your aesthetic appreciation as an artist or a patron of the arts.

Libra also is the sign of one-to-one partnerships; thus you tend to think and talk a great deal about relationships, especially those which involve love and romance. You are inclined to idealize romantic attachments and usually think the best of your partner(s). If you are a writer, you may write about love and relationships; if you are a therapist, you may do marriage counselling. Often, your thoughts are centred on your partner; and you are strongly influenced by him / her and his / her opinions. Since you rarely have firm convictions of your own, you may simply parrot your loved one's ideas or agree in order to avoid arguments.

Your beliefs and attitudes are usually quite traditional and conservative; and you tend to accept the party line rather than diverging in any unique, individual way. This is partially because you don't want to cause friction or seem disagreeable, but also because you are easily convinced by those who have strong opinions and express them forcefully. At best you are open-minded; at worst vacillating and weak-willed.

If Uranus or Mars aspects your Mercury, you will be more outspoken, forwardthinking and individualistic. If Neptune aspects Mercury in your chart, you'll be less orderly and rational in your thinking.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Libra indicates a mind that is primarily concerned with human relations and psychology. The natives have an intense curiosity about the thinking and behavior patterns of others; they gravitate, therefore, to fields such as psychology, astrology, public relations, sociology, and law. Good communication and happiness in relationships are essential to them. They prefer to work in mental partnership with others; and they are usually easy to communicate with because of their interest in what others think. Their strong sense of justice generally makes them honest in their communication. The Venus rulership of Libra seeks harmony, and Saturn's exaltation in Libra seeks justice, making the Mercury Libra honest and balanced in all mental dealings. These people like to consider all sides of an issue before making a decision; but if this desire is used in the wrong way, it can lead to indecisiveness, and the opportunity to act is lost. When decisions are reached, however, they are generally just and well-considered. If other factor in the horoscope are favorable, this Mercury position is good for the legal professions, counselling, arbitration, and other public relations work such as sales and negotiating. But unless there are some planets in fixed signs or houses, there can be impatience in these matters.

People with this Mercury position seek association with those who possess refined minds, good manners, and honest reputations. Uncouth manners and unfair motivations are distasteful and are avoided whenever possible. These people are highly sensitive to odors, personal appearance, and mannerisms of others. They regard inappropriate dress and coarse speech as social affronts. Gentle and considerate in communication, they can be stern where principles are involved. They make the mistake of expecting from others the same degree of mental discipline that they require of themselves.

Because of Saturn's exaltation in Libra, the mind can be stern and hardworking. In highly-developed types, this quality leads to profundity; but superficial people with this Mercury position may appear to lack the firmness of their convictions because they tend to agree with their companions in order to gain popularity and acceptance.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The thinking processes tend to be slowed down here; and although there is always increased sympathy, understanding and a desire to communicate with friends and loved ones, procrastination and indecisiveness are likely. The powers of concentration are not usually very good (positive aspects between the Sun, Moon and Saturn will help); and sometimes a lackadaisical attitude is taken towards important issues. The speech can be slow and drawling, with plenty of time taken when answering questions or responding in conversation. The Libran need to keep the peace is also present, making the subject avoid discussing anything remotely controversial. Even so, there is plenty of charm and a delightful turn of phrase. Sometimes the attitude is 'Que sera sera', with the subject spurred into action by loved ones. Studying does not come easily or naturally; and a desire to achieve results without much effort is likely.

If the Sun sign is Virgo, hastiness, a sense of urgency, and to a certain extent tension, are all eased; and the ability to unwind is also present. The attitude to life and its problems will be quite calm, with less Virgoan worry, although sometimes the powerful critical acumen of Virgo will cause undue carping or even nagging at loved ones. But there will be a sense of fairness, and partners should learn to appeal to it. Indecisiveness must be recognized and countered.

If the Sun sign is Libra, the Libran will be more indecisive and often mentally lazy - sometimes giving the erroneous impression of a lack of intelligence. If there is a lack of self-confidence, laziness will be feigned as a cover-up. The subject should weigh up every aspect of a situation before reaching conclusions. Gentle encouragement from parents to children with this combination, making quite sure they realize they have made progress, is important if intellectual potential is to be developed; nagging will have an adverse effect. Procrastination will be a problem - especially for loved ones.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, some of the harsh, deeply incisive edge is taken off the Scorpio Sun sign traits, and there is the ability to listen sympathetically. There is greater flexibility of thought, so stubbornness is less of a problem. Popular and charming, the subject communicates well. The tendency to brood, especially over personal problems, is not as apparent, since he or she will find it easier to talk to friends and loved ones. The mind works well but in a relaxed way.

### Static

When you indulge in fears of not saying the right thing and look to others for a reflection of immediate acceptance, communications can stop. By your withholding honest interchange for fear of rejection, your mind may bog down in a swamp of considerations that brings indecision. If you withhold disclosing what is actually on your mind, you may lose perspective, integrity, and perceptual balance.

### Dynamic



By focusing on your point of view and sharing your independent opinion, you can discover the spontaneous awareness of your impact when communicating with others. Concentrating on what needs to be said rather than on what you think other people want to hear can contribute the justice, truth and balance required by the situation. You then may discover that you have a natural talent for diplomacy and communication that spontaneously restores harmony without compromising any sense of personal integrity.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a fair, though potentially superficial, mind.

You see life in terms of creating harmony and avoiding conflict; and so you are very skilful and diplomatic with Other, and aware of his / her position. Such awareness and flexibility can solve or even pre-empt relationship problems quite easily and efficiently. You also see life in terms of social and moral justice, which enables you to treat Other fairly.

You tend not to see that harmony is often created through conflict and confrontation. Consequently, you talk around the point, which can infuriate Other - and then you start all over again! You also tend not to see that maps are not the same as places themselves - meaning that you relate from a theoretical base, not an emotionally real one.

(John Townley)

With your lively imagination, you prefer a love affair that is constantly in motion. You don't want your role in a relationship to be static; you like to continually change your position in relation to your partner, rather as if in a game. This can be a fine way to enliven a relationship, but do not let it devolve into a competition or a series of rounds of one-upmanship, which can happen if your partner takes the game too seriously.

You envision love as an intrinsically beautiful structure that requires continual upkeep, both physical and emotional, to keep it as close as possible to perfection. You enjoy physical lovemaking, but only if you are personally involved with your partner. A one-night stand does not allow that, and is likely to be a disappointment. Because of your appreciation of the art and technique of love, you may keep careful mental notes on your lovers, comparing them to each other in various ways. This helps you understand the variety of factors that make up an enjoyable relationship. Probably no partnership can live up to all of your ideal criteria; but don't let that get you down. Much of your pleasure in an affair comes from constant change and improvement, always reaching new levels of beauty and enjoyment.

(Robert Hand)

You make up your mind very carefully, for you don't like to jump to conclusions. You prefer to spend as much time as possible looking at each choice and weighing every point of view. This can be very useful, but sometimes you take so long that other people get impatient. Every choice looks so good that you find it difficult to choose. Whenever two points of view conflict, you prefer to compromise and combine the two, rather than reject one of them. You are moderate in everything you do, and won't ever go to extremes.

You like ideas and objects to be neat and elegant. You have good taste and a sense of balance. Often this position means that you are fond of music and art, and perhaps talented in one of those areas. When you talk to people, you avoid harsh and ugly words, and you try to soothe over anyone's ruffled feelings with pleasing phrases. You are a born diplomat, but there are times when you should speak out clearly and forcefully. Then you must not hang back from using strong words just for fear of making someone angry. Sometimes in relationships with others you have to get down to unpleasant emotions. But on the positive side, you are very good at making compromises, either for yourself or for others.

(Freda Edis)

Mercury in Libra denotes a mental orientation which seeks intellectual harmony and balance with others. This placement can lead to much curiosity about the workings of the human mind and relationships; people with Mercury in Libra often show a great interest in what others think. They can be too concerned about seeing the relevance of all arguments and issues; this characteristic may lead to an inability to be decisive, particularly in crises. They may be good communicators with a wish to appear upright and just in all forms of mental expression. Sometimes, though, their wish to please others, their concern with what others think of them, can lead to prevarication in speech and thought, if not outright dishonesty. Occasionally defensive of their carefully thought-out honesty, they can be unbending if they think their principles are being challenged, though they often have trouble making up their minds about relationships. This tendency is reminiscent of Persephone's part in the judgement processes of the underworld, and of her initial reaction to Hades. People with this placement may need to cultivate the ability to act humanely and mercifully when circumstances require it.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Thoughts are expressed clearly and impartially.

Symbol: An art museum curator discusses the merits of his acquisitions.

Mercury in Libra gives a flair for knowing what to say, the savoir faire to say it gracefully, and an easygoing air of assurance that one's words will be well-received. This individual will attend to the fine points of a literary or artistic production because he can see how

each detail enhances the whole picture. He thinks in terms of balancing related groups of elements so that each one complements the rest. His mind is less concerned with particulars than with the overall patterns which endow individual forms with value and significance.

Mercury, an Air planet, blends agreeably with airy Libra. The charm bestowed by Libra's ruler, Venus, lends a soft glow to Mercury's somewhat stark intellectuality, while the exalted Saturn adds the weight of authority. As a result, head and heart cooperated in assessing the worth of things. A person with Mercury in Libra would be likely to agree with the poet Keats, who wrote: 'Beauty is truth, truth is beauty - that is all ye know on earth and all ye need to know'.

If the Sun is in Virgo, the basic outlook on life will be more practical. Then the finesse of Mercury in Libra is suited to dress depressing realities in an eye-catching garb. People with this combination may be dedicated to the service of the poor and needy, but able to present their message to the world with tact and refinement.

The Sun and Mercury conjoined in Libra encourage artistic accomplishment. A contemplative intellect modified by balanced judgement gives polished expression to abstract ideas. Music, writing, oratory, and the arts which rely upon a mastery of the traditional laws of form are usually preferred to the more unstructured modes of selfexpression.

When the Sun has gone ahead of Mercury into the relentlessly probing sign of Scorpio, there may be contending stresses in the character which the judicial Libran Mercury will endeavor to resolve. The mind is inclined toward business and psychology.

The main problem encountered by the Mercurial-Libran is indecisiveness. He has a proclivity to depend upon accredited opinions and then to be torn between disputing factions, each one claiming to have an option on the truth. Vacillation may stem from the desire to consider all possible alternatives impartially as his divided mind is torn between the conflicting testimonies of so-called authorities. He prefers detached observation to irrevocable action; but if he delays too long, he may lose the battle while still trying to settle on a strategy.

This is a fortuitous placement for professions which require the ability to function cooperatively. It can make a polished and persuasive speaker with considerable organizational ability but not much liking for physical work. Normally, this individual would rather advise others on the relative merits of their handicrafts, their opinions, and their pleasures, than outperform, express more cogent opinions, or enjoy more aesthetic pleasures than those discussed. His mind is facial and flexible, but the manner in which he employs it depends largely on the people with whom he chooses to associate.

(Isabel Hickey)

This is a masculine, positive type of mind, so it is better in a man's chart than in a female chart. In a female chart, it shows an over-masculinity that needs the building in of a more feminine attitude. It can be a very positive type of mind and yet at the same time inwardly indecisive and vacillating. It gives judgement; and there is sensitivity and pliancy on the surface. Tendency to fussiness because aesthetic sense is highly developed. A strong perfectionism which isn't too comfortable to live with. This position does help to stabilize Mercury, for Saturn is exalted in this sign. Do not be surprised to see a strong Saturnian trend in those who have planets in Libra. Remember: Saturn is exalted in Libra.

## Mercury ♿ in 8th House

(Freda Edis)

Where Mercury is in the eighth house, the house of long-term relationships, there may be a tendency to collude with or submit to partners at an intellectual level. The eighth house issues of death, sex, and the inheritance of resources can cause people with this placement to be acutely aware of unconscious interchanges between people. Often they look for the moments of change and transformation in relationships which they can use to best advantage. These people may be penetratingly aware of the nature and motives behind sexuality and hidden agendas; in dealing with these issues, they may need to keep in bounds tendencies to be tricky, controlling and secretive.

Mercury's dealings in the eighth house sometimes have far-reaching consequences. No matter how tricky and controlling Pelops was in arranging Oenomaus's and Myrtilus's deaths in order to secure the throne of Pisa and a wife, he was unable to control the fates of the kin who came after him. We see something of the interrelationship of Mercury and Pluto in Pelops's tale; more so, since the eighth house is governed by Pluto in the natural zodiac and the story concerns a mortal. Exacting retribution by killing is a divine function, not a mortal one; and Pelops had usurped both Hades's and Hermes's functions by killing Myrtilus by trickery.

Canniness and an intense drive will work in tandem with the sign on the eighth house cusp when Mercury is placed here. Mercury with Sagittarius on the cusp may actively seek out lasting resources and arrangements which will give them the intellectual freedom to pursue their visions; others might regard them as self-seeking and uncaring. Mercury with Taurus could ensure that complicated legacies are dealt with practically and with great determination of mind, perhaps unaware how much other people might be upset by such a seemingly cold approach to death or periods of great transformation.

Aspects with other planets will also influence how these people deal with eighth house

issues.

People with the placement might need to develop an awareness of a tendency to control others intellectually by coming to a better understanding of the nature of the darker, plutonic forces underlying their behaviour. A rational examination of destructive issues in long-standing relationships may counterbalance the tendency to lash out verbally when thwarted by partners. These people need greater consciousness of the benefits of self-mastery to release them from the stifling effects of repressed emotional energy.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position of Mercury gives a deep, serious mentality; and although there may be the appearance of a breezy, easygoing nature, that is almost certainly a pose that has been adopted out of fear that the true nature, which is deeply serious, even solemn, will put others off.

These people may or may not be interested in money for its own sake; but they are usually very good at getting what they need when they need it. They generally know where to get the butter for their bread without necessarily working hard for it, and can't understand why others can't figure this out for themselves. This position often indicates an inheritance, although other factors will show if it is substantial and whether or not it will actually materialize.

These people may experience difficulty at some time during their lives over the question of their loyalty to some group. They may be put in a position where they will be asked to sell out, or choose one reality over another. They may or may not make the 'right' choice; but the facts will be fully known only to themselves. Courage will always be needed with this position, although they may or may not rise to the need. There may be knowledge of other spheres of life that can show forth as religious faith, spiritualism, creative writing of the imaginative or fantastic sort, or psychic activity.

There is a constant awareness of mortality, and either courage and faith in an afterlife or a terrible fear of death. They may face death every day in some way, either by their own chronic illness or by that of someone else who is close to them. They may have a job or career that involves risks, or working with other people who are at risk in some way; or death may haunt them simply because of their own paranoid fears.

If Mercury is under pressure from other planets, it can indicate a variety of mental problems, although great mental steadfastness under pressure is also possible. Once again, it is a question of rising to the occasion. There is also the possibility of the early death of a beloved younger person whose loss leaves them permanently changed somehow, either stronger and wiser or broken inside. Their own death is usually significant in some way, either by being dramatic, sudden, heroic or mysterious, or as the final act of a lifetime of courting death, or defying it.

This position of Mercury will contribute a certain charisma to the personality, making them attractive to others, although the nature of the attraction may be hard to define. It tends to give a pale or olive complexion, sometimes with many moles or freckles on the face. They are inclined to be thin, in youth at least.

They are drawn to extremes of style in speech, which can range from highly profane to affectionations of breeding, street argot, unusually low or high pitch, or the vernacular of some group other than their own. There may be a stammer, which comes from a self-consciousness over revealing themselves through their speech. Sometimes, without realizing it, they will take on the persona of someone they admire, changing their role models and style as their interests evolve.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: The more you communicate, the more you are on-track in your intimacy. Interactions need not be based on total agreement, however. While conflict in sharing is antithetical to many 8th house planets, here it promotes a sense of stimulation. As long as disagreements are purely mental, and not emotional, greater intimacy can result. But don't rely so much on ideas that you disregard the being-to-being connection. Also, be aware of your tendency to talk about closeness without ever surrendering into a truly united state. The challenge is to use the connection of your mind with another person's as a kind of 'radar fix' to show the path toward real merging of your spirits.

Transformation: Your thoughts lead you to the edge of what your personality can conceive; and though this may seem perverse - having a mind that leads you beyond yourself - it's actually the most natural thing in the world for you. Develop a scientist's eye; investigate all the transformations going on in the world of your relatedness. Ask people about the significance of their changes; learn their languages, and consider yourself in the same terms. Keep in mind that it's not enough to simply think about transformation. You need to put what you learn back into life, to shift gears from being the scientist to become the guinea pig. After all, you are your own best experiment. The initial challenge is easy: to learn with your rational mind the syntax of transformation. The real trick lies in your mind's ability to teach your heart.

Sexual merging: Physically, your nervous system is sensitized to sexual intimacy. It intertwines with that of your loved. Stimulation truly resides in the vast network of neurological sensors that finally coalesce in the brain. Talk is often more sexual than touch, for you wish to merge with your beloved's mind. You're quite changeable in activity and response; and while this can be delightful in a lover, it can also prevent the steady build-up of intensity necessary for release. Sexual feelings may occur quite suddenly, even in inappropriate settings. Equally, you may think of a joke just after the experience of culmination, and, needless to say, this tends to disrupt the

mood. Fulfill your curiosity about going over Niagara Falls in a barrel - your mind is the barrel; sexual power is the Falls.

Focused intuition: You are not so much a highly intuitive person as you are someone who is very interested in intuitive experience. Intuition is an invisible and largely indefinable process; and though you have the tools to be psychically sensitive, you don't easily relax into full trust of your powers. You stand back, wanting to check it out, to confirm it rationally and objectively. The pitfall is merely discussing the possibilities rather than using your intuition. The challenge is to tune your nervous system so you hear others thinking, or at least discern the pattern of their thoughts, if not the actual words themselves.

Shared assets: Your mind engages in perpetual bookkeeping, moving your resources around, reshuffling your worth. This can be energizing, a fully natural experience, in which case you enjoy the changes, or it can be enervating for your nervous system, in which case you gradually exhaust yourself with imaginary crises. The question here isn't how much you have, but what you do with what you have. Keep the money in motion - whether it is your own money or money you manage for others. Recognize that the significant time you spend thinking about resources is perfectly all right, for money and possessions are essentially a game to be played for your stimulation. Winning or losing is not the challenge; playing the game is.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your highly developed reasoning ability probably resulted from your deep desire to know as much as possible. You constantly search for answers to all questions about life and about people's motivations. Your persistent inquiry reveals more answers than are found by most people. Your exceptional skill in investigating the unknown qualifies you for such fields as detection, research, financial counselling or psychology. Your early environment allowed you to develop your creative potentials and know that you could capitalize on them later. A higher education will enhance your abilities and give you the necessary skills to achieve your goals. It is to your advantage to continue your studies, no matter how successful you are, for it will expand your influence and increase your value to those you serve professionally.

You let people know that you understand their problems and that you have the skills to help them. You expect to be well paid for your services, because you know you are worth it. You look for opportunities to demonstrate your talents, and you are gratified when your efforts yield results. With your ability to help people with their problems, you should seek a career that uses this skill. Look for a field with growth potential, because you need freedom to expand as the demands for your skills increase. Your earnings should provide all the security you need for your later years.

Your career may be delayed because of family obligations. Your enjoyment of

self-indulgent pleasures may also curtail the gains you could be making in your field, if you aren't investing the time and energy necessary to become professionally competent. You must establish some priorities in your professional and personal affairs. You feel you must prove yourself to the one you love and show that you have a firm foundation on which to build your ambitions. You may wonder if you are as competent as the next person; but don't be misled by other people's resources and skills - it's what you do with them that is important; and your ability to solve problems is a good place to start. See how your friends are achieving their objectives. Then, with good planning, you can accomplish everything you set out to do, and more.

It will be rather difficult to find the best way to put your ideas to work. There will be no shortcuts; only by persistently developing and promoting your ideas will you get the results you want. This means that if you want people to know what you can do, you must become so proficient that everyone will beat a path to your door for your services. Once you find answers to your own problems, you may then decide that you can help others with theirs. If you want to win patronage for your services, you must make some sacrifices, as every public servant must learn. If you are truly committed to your life's work, this won't be too difficult.

Trust your partner's suggestions concerning your career objectives. You probably recognize how valuable your mate is to you, and you want to live up to his or her expectations. Don't be afraid to change your mind when the evidence indicates that you should, for it is a sign that you are still growing. Maintain the highest ethical standards in everything you do. When you tell people only what they want to hear, you are not living up to your moral responsibility to them. You cannot afford to disappoint those who have come to rely on your expert judgement.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 8th house entices curious Mercury to explore and learn from what is hidden and less obvious in life - to ferret out secrets, and probe into mysteries in search of the bottom line. This is the detective-like mind, with eyes that can see in the dark. Bordering on a voyeuristic preoccupation, Mercury in the 8th watches the kinds of exchanges that go on between people - at the bank, the stock market, in the bedroom or behind any closed door. They may penetrate the world of money and finance, or turn their attention to psychology and the occult, with a fascination for the mysteries of sex and death. Although often adept at communicating and sharing with others anything which is obscure, subtle, deep or profound, they prefer to keep their own thoughts and motivations secret. For those with Mercury in the 8th, experience is not fast-food grabbed hastily between appointments, but something to be savoured and thoroughly digested.

Many astrological texts advise those with Mercury in this house (especially if difficultly aspected to Neptune) to examine all contracts for possible misunderstandings before signing. What one person believes is being said or promised may be different from how



the other person reads it. The same note of caution applies to wills and inheritances - problems with Mercury in the 8th sometimes manifest as entanglements with relatives over such things. Any difficulties stemming from childhood or adolescent sexual explorations with brothers, sisters or neighbours are worth considering, as well as early encounters with the death of anyone close to them. Their own death could be related to diseases of the respiratory or nervous system, so attention should be paid to these areas.

With Mercury in this house, the mind is suited to investigative exploits and research work. Those with such a placement can be cool and detached about subjects which often arouse other people's passions and fears.

## Venus ♀ in ♊ Gemini 19° 13'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

By placing an obsessive value on quick wit in social situations, you may unknowingly withhold from others your special ability for adding lightness and open communication. When you neglect listening to others' ideas, you might feel a distinct lack of confidence in communicating with them at all. Indulging in flightiness in social relationships may result in a feeling of lack of worth in yourself or others.

When you use your talent for communication to manipulate, to deceive, or to create a superficial excitement with glib wit, you may experience a lack of your own sense of value. In trying to look good to others, you might get caught up in superficiality. This type of communication leads to feelings of insecurity and to being at the mercy of how others see you.

### Dynamic

When you are willing to share the Gemini natural gift of light-heartedness, you cheer others. The ability to listen to other points of view strengthens your capacity to contribute an appropriate optimistic insight to any social situation. Your talent for stimulating, elevating conversation can result in your experiencing a deep sense of your social selfworth.

When you see the larger picture of others' viewpoints, you can communicate in such a way that their burdens are lightened. This leads to feeling a reaction of zest and satisfaction. You establish a firm sense of self-worth and confidence in social situations by expressing cheerfulness and lightness to uplift others.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The person with Venus in Gemini has a light touch and a lively sparkle. These people love company and are very friendly in an unaffected way. They have a particular ease of social expression; and their natural curiosity makes them very quick to tune in to others. This makes it easy for them to get on with all kinds of people; and they usually have a wide circle of friends.

Venus in Gemini likes to draw people out, and will ask many questions. Generally witty and lively, these people are fun to be with; and others usually find them attractive. Their pleasure in responding to this attention can make them incorrigible flirts. Because they enjoy the company of others so much, they are often reluctant to be tied down to one person, and are very skilled at being evasive. They tend to side-step difficult issues, so that it can be quite hard to persuade them to stay still long enough to sort anything out. They tend to feel more comfortable in a fairly light-hearted relationship, and often have several on the go at any one time - like a butterfly flitting from flower to flower.

The Gemini Venus is attracted to people who are communicative - those who have ideas and enjoy talking about them. This person likes people who are full of surprises, quickly becoming bored with someone who is too predictable. They need variety and movement in their relationships, and cannot bear things to become static and fixed.

In love, Venus in Gemini wants everything in words. Close communication is what love is all about for these people, so they need constant feedback from their partner, and they will feel very insecure and rejected if they do not get it. In return, they will show their love in a very attentive, communicative way. If you are loved by Venus in Gemini, you will hear all about it through constant phone calls, cards and letters. Love letters are second nature to the Venus in Gemini person.

For Venus in Gemini, friendship will be a vital component of love. They are really looking for a companion - someone they enjoy talking to and with whom they can share their ideas and interests. Although people with Venus in Gemini may appear fickle, they generally hate to lose someone with whom they have a close connection, and put a lot of energy into maintaining the links of friendship with those they love.

(Skye Alexander)

Venus is associated with artistic creations, and Gemini rules communication. Therefore, if you have artistic talent you are likely to express it through some form of writing. You love language and the written word, and want to share your thoughts with others. Or, since Gemini rules the hands, you might use your hands in some creative manner.

Communication is of utmost importance in your relationships. If you can't talk to your partner, no amount of sexual attraction will keep you interested for long. Your lovers

must also be your friends. You want a partner with whom you can share ideas, who will teach you new things and expose you to new experiences. Intelligence might be first on your list of desirable qualities in a partner; and you probably find that you learn a great deal from your lovers.

When you are with your partner, you never stop talking; and when you're apart, you write long love letters or telephone frequently just to hear his / her voice. You enjoy talking and / or writing about love - your own, or love in general. This is the position of the romance novelist, or the person who carries on a love affair mainly through letters. You aren't very good about keeping secrets, and are inclined to gossip about others' relationships. You also reveal more about your own love life than anyone ever wanted to know. What good is a love affair if you can't tell everyone about it?

Your romantic feelings aren't very deep or intense; and others may consider you rather superficial and detached. You bounce back quickly and easily from disappointments in love, eager to move on to new relationships and experiences. What you lack in emotional depth you make up for in variety.

Gemini is a dualistic sign, and you often may have more than one love interest at a time. In fact, you are happier when you are involved with two (or more) lovers simultaneously, since each of them satisfies different needs and desires in you. You firmly believe that you can't get everything you want from one person, but maybe with two, three or more you'll be able to find total fulfillment. You are perfectly capable of loving several people at the same time, and don't understand why your partners can't accept the situation, since you never mean to hurt anyone.

Also, you are afraid of missing out on something if you commit yourself to one mate. The expression 'the grass is greener on the other side of the fence' certainly applies to you. You never stop scanning the horizon for prospective partners, and can be an incorrigible flirt. Unless you also have several planets in signs such as Taurus, Cancer, Scorpio or Capricorn, you probably have trouble remaining faithful to one person for long. You can't stand possessiveness; and if your partner tries to 'clip your wings' you might lie, sneak around or employ other tactics to maintain your freedom. To you, having many different lovers is a form of freedom of expression, a right guaranteed to you in the first amendment to the Constitution.

Women with this planetary position like to think of themselves as being intelligent, articulate, friendly and free-spirited, and want others to see them this way, too. You use your mental and verbal abilities to attract lovers, and consider a good mind to be the mark of femininity. You also value intelligence and well-developed communication skills in other women, and look for these qualities in your friends. You have lots of friends and acquaintances; and although they may be quite different in many ways, they are all intellectually stimulating, talkative, and hungry for knowledge.

Men with this placement find intelligent women especially attractive. You are not intimidated in the least by a partner who is smarter than you are. You enjoy a woman who can hold up her end of the conversation, and even teach you a few things. Most importantly, you want your lover to be your friend, someone with whom you can share ideas and good times.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Gemini indicates people who like variety in their romantic and social lives. The desire for varied experience, coupled with curiosity about people, makes them disinclined to settle down to one permanent romantic relationship. Like Venus in Aquarius, this position makes them want to be friends with everyone; but they are nevertheless capable of sustained devotion. Because of their wit and conversational ability, they are attracted to people with agile minds and keen intellects. This is a Venus that needs to be given adequate freedom.

People with this Venus position spend much time travelling in pursuit of pleasure and social activity. Literary activities - especially poetry - and jokes are favored artistic expressions, usually including some form of play on words.

As with other Air signs, there is a tendency to dislike coarse behavior. The natives have a pleasing manner, and maintain generally good relations with brothers, sisters, and neighbors. If Venus is afflicted in this sign, there is inconsistency and fickleness in romance. Values concerning love, marriage and romance may be superficial.

(Isabel Hickey)

Here is the light, airy, charming, superficial Venus if she does not have fixed signs to balance her forces. Great charm, wit, and expressiveness. Understands passion but does not feel it too strongly. Emotions are sifted through the mind instead of through the feelings. An entertaining companion but not one to be taken too seriously. Needs to learn constancy. Hard for them to decide on one love when there are so many from which to choose. Often two important loves in the life, though not always at the same time. Very friendly, and makes a delightful companion if you do not try to pin the butterfly down. Strong relationship with kinsfolk.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: creative (particularly in writing), non-committal, enjoying multiple romances, loving variety.

When placed in Mercury-ruled Gemini, a mutable Air sign, Venus equates love with friendship, deriving endless pleasure and fulfilment from the intellectual stimulation of people, novel ideas, the media and travel. Since Hermes / Mercury was an asexual God

in Greek / Roman mythology, and the only planet not assigned a gender in Hindu (Vedic) astrology, this Venus does not crave sexual power and expression as much as the regeneration of ideas and feedback. Self-worth is measured in terms of not sexual or romantic reciprocation but affability and the facility for conducting constant exchanges of information, ideas and opinions with a diversity of people. In fact, the requirements for partnership are based less on romantic love and physical passion and more on friendship, communication and mobility.

It is important for Venus in Gemini people to choose mates who respect their convictions and, most important, their need for a variety of activities outside the home. The comfort that Venus in Gemini people seek in a multitude of friendships, cultural activities, educational courses, travelling, etc., does not necessarily stem from an unhappy home life, and should not be interpreted as a desire to be unfaithful. Because these individuals do an incredible amount of networking, often serving as go-betweens and, if need be, mediators, it is indeed likely that they may be attracted to people outside their relationships, if only as a result of the variety of individuals with whom their paths cross. Unfounded jealousy, however, may be the force that drives these freedom-loving people to contemplating an affair, since Venus in Air signs is by nature detached, and sex is often regarded as a means of communication rather than an expression of love.

Like Plato's Heavenly Urania, honoured for her cerebral qualities, individuals with Venus in Gemini place a higher value on the intellect than on physical desire; due to their own emotional detachment, they often do not take commitment as seriously as they should. Due to this placement's lack of physical passion and genuine restlessness, astrological texts have described this position as aloof, fickle, promiscuous, uncommitted and insensitive to the needs of others. Since Venus in Mercury-ruled Gemini, the sign of restlessness and perpetual youth, tends to be somewhat detached towards its loved ones, these people may be unable to settle into a monogamous relationship until later in life, after they have 'sown their wild oats'.

If Venus is well aspected, they possess a wealth of cleverness, wit and spontaneity of expression. Due to Gemini's impeccable timing and remarkable ability to replicate sounds, the creative influence of Venus lends itself to outstanding improvisational musicians and performers, ventriloquists, mimics and comedians / comic actors. Because Gemini rules the lungs and the ability to communicate, a dominant Venus prefigures eloquent speaking voices and the power of persuasion. These people are filled with a plethora of artistic ideas and, rather than direct their passion towards romantic involvements, their fervour is often apparent in the media arts such as film-making, photography, writing, advertising and public relations.

If, on the other hand, Venus is afflicted, these people are insecure about their opinions; and rather than look to others for stimulation they validate themselves by mimicking and / or stealing original ideas and presenting them as their own. Additionally, it is difficult for them to commit to a lasting relationship, due to an inability to follow the dictates of their

hearts. As they mature, they will be less likely to seek validation from others around them and more apt to become good partners who are creative, stimulating and encouraging.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual is learning the lessons of relationships as his divided feelings seek union with compatible ideas, people, and the current movement of society as it unfolds its meaning through culture, refinement and human decency. He loves to read, understand, and sift through the myriad of opinions and ideas which are the very essence of his interest in life. Yet, he has much to learn about human nature if he is to realize the full potential of love.

The Yod to this Venus placement is formed by the inconjuncts from Scorpio and Capricorn, and it is from these two signs that the individual realizes how the fulfillment of love will manifest.

From Scorpio, the person learns to drink deep from the well of knowledge. He begins to realize the existence of a world of hidden feelings which add richness and fullness to his ideas, helping to transform and unfold his consciousness. He learns to seek beyond the trivia of idle conversation or casual relationships. Instead, he discovers the harmonious scope of ideas and the cosmic meaning of social interaction with others, so that his natural affinity for thoughtfulness, kindness and consideration takes on a deepening quality. This unlocks the barriers in his consciousness and puts him in touch with the kind of truth which transcends his tendency to be flighty.

From Capricorn he must learn to seek the inherent wisdom that creates a sense of foresight and vision, enabling him to oversee life's momentary attractions from the scope of a larger ever-lasting context. The substance of the wisdom of the ages, the knowing of the elders and the serene understanding of how man unfolds through time hold very important lessons for the Venus in Gemini individual. As he realizes the perspective of Capricorn, he begins to see the lessons that life is teaching him. This adds a meaningful anchor to his reality, giving him the substance and the stability that helps to resolve his dualistic feelings.

Castor and Pollux, the twins of Gemini, symbolize mortality and immortality. The Venus in Gemini individual experiences both; for he feels life as an isolated instant in time through the mortal part of him that he knows must eventually die, while also seeing the continuous stream of thoughts and ideas which transcend life itself, putting him in touch with the idea of man's immortality.

Capricorn symbolizes the reality of man in matter. It teaches the lessons of evolution as the individual works his way through karma to the ultimate state of dignity in which he eventually understands the 'father' principle (both in his personal life and as a

sociological and religious guidepoint for man). This is the reason why so many people with Venus in Gemini experience difficulties with their father. The limitation of any authority figure fulfills the reality of the mortal essence of the sign, while at the same time giving the appearance of being a block to the need for immortality.

Scorpio symbolizes life after death, the regeneration of human consciousness as an ongoing part of man's immortal soul, and the endings from which new beginnings are born. It balances the limitations of Capricorn, allowing many to feel his immortal relationships with himself, the society which supports his ideas, and the universe which is the source of love in all he thinks and feels.

Many with this placement experience more than one marriage, many interests and simultaneous feelings of love for things which appear to contradict each other. Yet, when the deep lasting meaning of Scorpio and Capricorn becomes clear, the individual's search for human understanding begins to make sense. He learns about his love for finite moments contained within the limits (Capricorn) of human culture, amidst the infinity of man's search to understand his place in the universe (Scorpio).

In this way, he realizes the divine content of love. His ideas, his relationships and his natural affinity for words and language begin to symbolize the unraveling of the great mystery of life; for the true essence of his Gift of Love is to communicate, in the light and airy ways that he himself and his fellow mortals can understand, the depth and profoundness of wisdom that comes through the mortal part of his nature.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Affections are changeable but charmingly expressed.

Symbol: Merry-makers at a dance switch partners.

Venus in Gemini refines the mind, making it imaginative and poetical. There is a fey quality to the temperament, so that beneath a show of gregariousness an indefinable elusiveness defies the intimacy it seems to invite. Sometimes it is easier for such people to write or speak exquisitely about experiences than to feel them intensely. They have aesthetic gifts, and are often talented in music, art, and literature. Their innate creativity may also be expressed through crafts and hobbies requiring manual dexterity.

The Venusian Geminian discerns beauty and virtue even in the most unpromising situations. He can stand back and observe the foibles of fallible human beings, mimicking their idiosyncracies until his audience simultaneously laughs and weeps for the frailties of the world. His feet may not quite touch the earth, but he is sufficiently ingenious so that he may sing for his supper and end up staying for breakfast and lunch. He is naturally friendly, and knows how to exploit his charms in order to attract patrons and benefactors.

A Venus-Gemini person may be fickle and evasive; but generally no harm is meant by his flirtations. He does not want to be pinned down to one type of work or one set of ideas, because he knows that while his kind of wit may entertain, amuse, or uplift, it is ephemeral. He is better fitted to be a butterfly than a beast of burden. The same sensitivity that accounts for his artistic proclivities imparts an inner delicacy which makes him reluctant to employ the measures required for the rough, tough clamber up the ladder of worldly success.

Since Earth and Air do not blend easily, the sensuous side of Venus is not entirely in harmony with Gemini's breezy intellectuality. The person with this combination enjoys the fun and excitement of romance, but fears its attendant obligations. In his social life, he seeks out clever, witty companions who keep him amused without expecting serious commitments. Although friendly, he shrinks from becoming entangled in the personal problems of others. As a thinker, he can become so titillated by ideas that he would rather not be distracted by the unruly emotions of love.

The sentiments of the Venusian Geminian are easily aroused - but they have a disconcerting way of changing without warning. He is capable of becoming amorously involved with more than one person at a time. When it comes to choosing a marriage partner, he may be faced with the necessity of deciding between two prospects and, as a result, settle on neither but look about for a third. His erotic cravings exist largely in the mind, and may never really be satisfied, since any flesh and blood person is bound to fall short of the ideal. An individual with this position often marries more than once.

The greatest drawback of this placement is that a person may not be aware of the true nature of his desires. The resulting irresolution can lead to an unintentional wounding of the feelings of those who place their faith in him, and to his consequent withdrawal from responsibilities. He can understand passion even when he does not feel it personally; and, being aware of the complications it creates, he would rather keep the game of love moving merrily and play it as it suits his fancy.

(Donna van Toen)

For you, happiness is learning and being on the move. You want to see it all, do it all. As a result, your needs may be different at different times and your affections can flit from person to person accordingly. What you need and value most are sincerity and good communication. Any relationship based on these things stands a good chance of surviving.

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern of inner relatedness, the Venus in Gemini person hears an inner call for self-knowledge. This manifests in a deep inner restlessness, fuelled by a constant inner dialogue within themselves. This inner dialogue poses a variety of



questions leading to experiences of all kinds. The essence of these questions is defined by the inner question 'Who am I?' which leads also to 'Who are you?'

Venus in Gemini people related to and understand themselves inwardly through a reactive process. This means that these individuals pose a variety of thought possibilities leading to potential experiences, and then react to these thought possibilities in such a way that the reaction itself produces self-awareness and self-knowledge. This is a perpetual process with the Venus in Gemini person, because Gemini as an archetype is mutable. The mutable archetype is one of unrestricted growth and perpetual expansion. Yet because we live in a time / space reality that is defined and understood through polarity, the process of expansion must, at some point, contract. Thus, Venus in Gemini people learn about themselves through cycles of contraction which are induced as a reaction to excessive expansion. In the cycle of expansion, Venus in Gemini people are inwardly considering a diversity of thoughts in their desire to understand themselves, and life in general. These thoughts are induced by exposure to life itself: 'What does this mean? What does that mean? By doing this, what will I discover? If I read this, what will I learn? If I talk to this person, or take that class, what will I discover?' and so on. By initiating experiences of kind, by bringing into themselves all kinds of information from all kinds of sources, they react inwardly to this relatively indiscriminate intake of information. 'Do I really believe this? What does this really mean to me? How can I apply that?' becomes a perpetual inner dialogue that is restrictive in nature as a reaction to their desire for perpetual growth and expansion.

The rhythm between expansion and contraction is ever-shifting, yet always ongoing at an underlying level. Even though the cycles of inner / outer expansion and contraction are not predictable, there is always an underlying reactive dialogue that occurs within the Venus in Gemini person. Thus, these people may enter into a cycle in which they are seeking out all kinds of experiences, taking all kinds of classes, reading all kinds of books, seeing all kinds of movies, etc.. This will then induce a cycle of contraction because they will reach the limit of such expansion. They simply become exhausted and fragmented because of too much intake of stimulus of this kind. When the cycle of contraction is induced in this way, the Venus in Gemini person necessarily assimilates the meaning of the different experiences he / she has created relative to his / her desire for knowledge. So, on the one hand, there is this reactive process occurring within these people even during the cycle of expansion; and, on the other hand, they cyclically withdraw from the cycle of expansion because they simply become overwhelmed and exhausted. By withdrawing from external stimuli, they are able to assimilate the matters to which they have been exposing themselves.

Because of their deep inner restlessness and intense inner curiosity to experience as much of themselves and life as possible, the Venus in Gemini people relate to other people in a very open, friendly way. They are naturally attracted to anyone who symbolizes new experiences or knowledge. Because they are open to all the possibilities of life, they are open to, and accepting of, the differences in all people. They are

colorblind, so to speak. They are able to relate to people in a very free way that is relatively devoid of prejudice. Because of their own inner curiosity as to the possibilities of life itself, the Venus in Gemini people are very adept in being able to carry on conversations with other people. They ask good questions, and are able to communicate quite well. They are quite skilled at drawing other people out of themselves. They are versatile, quick, and quite witty.

Conversely, when these individuals are in a contraction cycle, they can be very reactive in their conversations with other people. The reactive process manifests as not completing their own sentences, or allowing another to complete their own sentences. When this occurs, the mutual reaction does not allow for either one to actually hear the other. Needing to contract and stabilize this creates a resistance to any more intake of information. This reactive process is really a manifestation of the survival instinct intrinsic to the archetype of Venus via its natural rulership of Taurus, and this the second house.

The Venus in Gemini people understand their feelings through their mental body or process. Let us understand that feelings are different from emotions. Feelings are an immediate reaction to an existing stimulus, whereas emotions are a reaction to our feelings. Because Gemini is an Air archetype, people who have Venus in this sign relate to themselves inwardly through the nature of what they are thinking at any given moment. This process will induce a feeling reaction to the specific nature of what those thoughts are. In this way, they come to understand the nature of their feelings. On a projected basis, these individuals understand what and how another is feeling by approaching another through his / her intellect. In other words, they must engage someone's intellect or mental processes first in order to understand how that person is feeling about anything.

Sexually, the Venus in Gemini person values sexual openness in the sense of mentally entertaining all kinds of sexual possibilities. Again, they are naturally curious, and they do not want to preclude any possibility out of hand. They will (at least mentally) consider almost any sexual possibility. Some with Venus in Gemini will have a dual sexual nature that leads to bisexuality. Thus, they can be quite sexually versatile, playful, and 'sporting' because of the implied adventure of being open to all sexual possibilities. There is also a particular attraction to oral forms of sexuality, and a strong mental orientation to the sexual act that induces a detachment from it. This is necessary to Venus in Gemini because it is through this kind of de facto voyeurism that they learn about themselves as a sexual being, and learn about others as sexual beings. On the other hand, this kind of mental detachment can create sexual frustration because it is as if they are forever observing instead of being totally engaged at a purely emotional and physical level. It is as if they cannot get out of their heads, so to speak.

In evolutionary terms, the Venus in Gemini person desires to expand his / her consciousness in order to learn how to relate to him- / herself in a diversity of ways through the multiplicity of experience. The process of learning occurs through reactions

to initiated experiences of an internal and external nature - thought and counter-thought. For evolution to proceed, the Venus in Gemini person must embrace its polarity: Sagittarius. In essence, this means to continue the desire for expansion, to expand the inner and outer horizons of awareness, but in such a way that indiscriminate curiosity is replaced by conscious intention: 'I want to learn this for this reason; I want to do that for this purpose; I am interested in learning this and will focus on it until I learn it thoroughly before learning something else; I am thinking about that because of this reason' and so on. In addition, the Venus in Gemini person must progressively evolve away from externally acquired knowledge into the dynamic that the knowledge they are seeking is inwardly realized through the development of the intuition. They need to transfer the center of gravity in their consciousness from the left to right brain. In this way, these individuals will learn to relate to themselves in a responsive way, versus a reactive way. They will create a deep inner center within themselves that is constant, versus an inner center that becomes cyclically fragmented. They will learn to listen to themselves in a different way, and thus likewise listen to other people. In effect, they will learn to hear more deeply what is behind or within the actual spoken words and the thoughts that are occurring within their own consciousness. In this way, they will learn to communicate differently as they speak to the essence of what is being said, versus reacting to the specific nature of the words only.

## Venus ♀ in 4th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Domestic, loving tranquillity, family-oriented, needing harmonious surrounds.

The fourth house represents the emotional relationship we had with our parents which, in turn, affects how as adults we approach family, home and emotional commitment. Selfworth, therefore, is frequently measured in proportion to the strength of family ties. When Venus is placed in this sphere, it encourages a relationship or creative outlet that accommodates the intense desire for the steadfastness of home, family and community. Just as the fertility Goddesses prevented economic disaster by replenishing the earth, these fiercely protective individuals will stop at nothing to preserve and safeguard the stability of their immediate environment.

Because the fourth house represents the emotional nourishment received from the parents, the placement of a well-aspected Venus may indicate a childhood replete with material comforts and parental affection. Empowered by a sound, supportive background, these people can, in turn, bestow boundless strength, creativity and unconditional love onto their own partners and children. Not only can they provide a strong emotional foundation on which not only families but also companies, communities and organisations are built, but also their sense of preservation extends to participating actively in the protection of the environment and the beautification of their communities.

If, however, Venus is afflicted in the fourth house, the search for emotional nourishment may lead to hastily formed and potentially destructive relationships. Parental models may have been indulgent, wasteful and / or irresponsible - behaviour patterns that these individuals do not wish to repeat - or they may have simply changed residences and schools several times during childhood. Lacking a harmonious family life or what they perceive represents a stable upbringing, these individuals may seek out partners whom they believe will provide what they have lacked; instead, their choices often eerily mirror their mothers and / or fathers, thus re-enacting turbulent parental relationships. Their instabilities and insecurities can result in possessive attitudes towards partners or unrealistic expectations of obtaining the devotion and attention withheld during their youth. It is vital that people with Venus in the fourth house go beyond childhood traumas so that these events are not re-enacted with their own partners or children, to whom they may look for undying devotion.

While a positively aspected Venus enables these individuals to become loving partners who are hopelessly romantic and extremely loyal, the emotional or economic insecurity generated by an afflicted Venus in the fourth house may instead cause them to become jealous, possessive lovers and / or controlling, overprotective parents. Ironically, this stifling behaviour may further alienate their families and threaten the secure home base that they were attempting to build and maintain. Another manifestation is the desire to confine themselves and retreat into a cocoon-like existence devoid of social obligations. Retaining creative hobbies and engaging in activities outside the home will lessen the risk of living in their partner's shadow and decrease the likelihood that they will project unfulfilled ambitions onto their children - both courses ultimately detrimental.

In addition to representing the basis of the emotions and familial relationships, the fourth house symbolises the physical abode a person inhabits (as child and adult) which serves as an extension of the self. Hospitable and magnanimous, people with Venus in the fourth house take enormous pride in their homes, which are usually tastefully and comfortably decorated - reminiscent of or in reaction to the comforts and security of their own harmonious youth (or lack thereof). With creative, productive and loving Venus affecting one's domicile, these individuals truly enjoy activities that revolve around their homes, ranging from cooking and decorating to entertaining friends and family. They will also encourage their children to be equally hospitable hosts and hostesses.

The financial rewards of Venus in the fourth house emanate from occupations that involve either creative expression in the privacy of a home office (self-employed artists and writers, for example) or working in the areas of real estate, interior decorating, art collecting, gardening or cooking. Because Venus is a materialistic planet, idealistic and impractical pursuits are often sacrificed in favour of professions that provide financial stability and material comforts.

For those with Venus conjunct the I.C., the cusp of the fourth house and part of the

parental axis, their parents will have displayed Venusian characteristics. If this conjunction is well aspected, one or both may have been loving, creative, prosperous and a source of strength. If afflicted, one or both may have been lazy, indulgent, manipulative or distant.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The fourth house describes our home, our family background and our inner private life. People with Venus in the fourth house will want to find happiness in their home. They will enjoy spending time pottering about at home, doing nothing in particular. It will be important to their sense of well-being to have time to themselves to do as they wish.

Their home is likely to have a warm and comfortable atmosphere, one that others will find welcoming. They will enjoy friends coming round and being a part of the ambience. Their home is very much a place where others can 'hang out' with no pressure to leave and no need to do anything special. Friends are welcome to come and just be there, and in the meantime life goes on. At other times, people with Venus in the fourth will lavish attention on friends. They enjoy entertaining, and they have a gift for making others feel at home.

At times this can go too far, and their home can resemble a refugee camp, with too many hangers-on soaking up the wonderful atmosphere, eating them out of house and home, with the Venus-in-the-fourth person unable to oust them and reclaim their space for fear of creating a disturbance.

Here we have someone who will bend over backwards to avoid offending others, even when he or she is clearly being exploited. These people will often delude themselves as to the reality of the situation in order to avoid any unpleasantness. They may over-identify with their guests' position, imagining how they might feel in their place, while not recognizing that it is not a position they ever occupy themselves. They tend to be the host.

The people with Venus in the fourth can, however, learn to avoid over-extending themselves in this way. A more positive expression of this placement is found in the people who create a home that is aesthetically pleasing and comfortable, with an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity, that functions as a nurturing environment for themselves.

They may be talented in interior decoration, although Venus in the fourth may find that all a bit too energetic; they will certainly have good taste. They may enjoy artistic pursuits at home; painting, photography, music or craft hobbies. They could be keen gardeners too, perhaps enjoying growing flowers; any contact they have with nature will benefit and replenish them.

In relationships, people with Venus in the fourth house will want to spend time at home with their partner; they will enjoy cosy evenings at home together. They may appreciate the arts together and spend time relaxing listening to music, for instance. Whatever, they will enjoy spending quiet times alone with their loved ones. They may even want a partner who values being at home with them more than anything else.

Depending on how Venus is aspected, these people generally derive happiness from their family background, and have happy memories of their childhood. They usually find pleasure in being a part of their extended family network, although they could have a fear of causing disharmony within the family, and the situation where everyone descends on them could apply to their family too. People with Venus in the fourth house will certainly want an ideal happy background, and have difficulties in reconciling themselves to anything less. They will generally focus on what was good and hold on to that.

Relationships will be the main arena in which they rework their early childhood. The past is an ever-present influence in their relationships, for better or for worse.

They may have idealized one of their parents, most likely their father. This can create problems later in their relating, when a partner is less than their idealized parent and hence a disappointment. Untangling this dynamic will take considerable introspection as it will operate at an unconscious level. They need to become reconciled to the reality of the relationship with this parent in order to give themselves a chance with future partners.

This is someone whose love nature is essentially very private. They need to have contact at a deep level to satisfy their relating needs. They need boundless intimacy in their relationship, and an ongoing sharing of themselves with another. They do not let anyone into the depths of their private world very easily, despite their hospitable nature, so should you cross their threshold you are in privileged territory.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual's feelings are found in the ethnic folk familiarity of his roots and the love he has for his formative origins. He is the embodiment of family warmth and security, the nostalgia of past memories and the sentimentality of emotional ties. Keepsakes, mementos and all the symbols of treasured moments create for him the womb of comfort from which his feelings are born. And, from this, his natural sensitivity towards nurturing the needs of others can manifest in the providing of a warm and cozy atmosphere for those he loves. Yet, many with this placement have a tendency to allow an exaggerated need for security to overtake the natural quality of their genuine feelings. Thus, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, overly strong personal attachments to objects, places and people can emotionally stifle the individual, making it difficult for him to openly share a flow of feeling - which is the very essence of love.

Sometimes, there is a clinging to one or both parents; a clutching at the comforts of childhood long into adult life. When this occurs, the individual can find himself emotionally lagging behind his mature needs. He experiences difficulty trusting new people, for he fears situations and circumstances which might be foreign to what he already knows.

When the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, he experiences a great change in his consciousness. His attachment to home and family grows into an expression of deep inner love rather than need. He awakens to the value of unselfish devotion as he begins to feel the sincerity of those close to him without childishly demanding it. Thus, he learns to appreciate the beauty in his family and experience the natural love flowing through his ancestral lineage upon which his life is built. This love gives him the strength from which his feelings expand to a supportive understanding of others.

He begins to see beyond the narrow circle of childlike emotions; and, coming out of the cocoon-like incubation period of his earlier years, starts, to experience the harmonious warmth of all whose lives he touches. He learns that although the love in his childhood may have been comfortable, he must nevertheless go through the emotional weaning process from which he will be able to build his own family, freely express the warmth and goodness that is uniquely his own, and find the home within himself which gives him the security to meet life's new experiences. From this, he becomes concerned with the harmonious strength of his community, the security of his religion and the roots of love upon which a meaningful humanity is founded and nourished.

The more he identifies with this feeling of nourishment, the closer he comes to the precious beauty of the Divine Mother of creation - for nourishment is the way of nature from which her blessings of love pour through every fibre of life.

It is from this that he realizes his very special Gift of Love - his unique sensitivity to build, from the very roots of life, the encouraging spirit of harmony and co-operation which is the natural source of love at the birth of all feeling.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 4th house indicates qualities deeply embedded within the person. Those with Venus here basically value and desire peace and harmony in their surroundings. They cannot easily live in an atmosphere of strife, tension or discord, and in the end will do all that they can to reconcile problems or smooth over differences. Satisfaction and fulfilment can be found in making a home and in such domestic pursuits as cooking, decorating and gardening. If not too badly aspected, Venus in the 4th suggests a comfortable situation in the later years of life.

Venus carries with it the image of the beloved and all that is beautiful. One possible

interpretation of this planet in the 4th is that the father (or 'hidden parent') catches the projection - he is made into the beautiful one. The boy-child may feel some rivalry or jealousy. How can he ever be as good as Daddy, who has all the charm and grace, and Mummy as well? The little girl may fall in love with such an enchanting father, in which case the mother becomes the rival. Nonetheless, Venus in the 4th suggests a positive family inheritance, both psychological and material. Sometimes good taste runs in the family or there has been an artistic influence in the early upbringing. Often, there is an interest in exploring the genealogy or family tree.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With good aspects, this is a good place for Venus. There will be great pleasure in the home, much love and sharing. There is a love of family and of family tradition, an interest in roots and heritage, which may include history, wealth, nobility, things in which we can take pride. The father is usually handsome, charming, easy-going, or fun-loving. It is a partial testimony to daughters, sisters, and female relatives, usually attractive, fun-loving and artistic.

The home environment is very important to these people, who will be inclined to spend a large portion of the money available to them on it, painting, cleaning, restoring, adding on, and renewing. They are more inclined to enjoy staying home or entertaining at home than going out. They may even have a business in their home or a workshop, or work out of their home in some way. It is a partial testimony to success in real estate, landscaping, gardening, or inn-keeping.

Without stress aspects, it indicates a happy childhood with indulgent parents and a peaceful, happy old age.

With difficult aspects, however, this house is not such a good place for Venus. The angularity is intense, so that difficulties are magnified. The early environment may be pleasurable or exciting in some way, but too hectic, confused, or unstable. The father may be not only indulgent, but self-indulgent as well, and get into financial difficulties. He may be too fun-loving, drink, or have affairs. Either the childhood home or the father (or both) may be lost, leaving a bittersweet memory of a time and place that is gone forever. A self-indulgent mother may dominate the home environment.

In any case, whatever problems this angular Venus may bring with hard aspects, it generally forces them to rebuild their personal set of values from the ground up. Something is wrong with the value system inherited from the family, and they must reexamine everything in light of personal experience and study in order to re-evaluate goals, lifestyle, and basic attitudes. A stressed fourth house Venus forces one to grow and keep growing throughout life. At first there may be some unfortunate experiences; but, as they live and learn, they pass through many stages and come at last to a much better understanding of life. It is a strong testimony for wisdom in old age, however



painful or pleasant the means of acquiring it, and for the contentment that wisdom brings.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: Venus in the 4th indicates that personal love is ultimately very personal indeed. Love constitutes the essence of your private self. Your most personal levels center around comfort, pleasure, and aesthetic appreciation. The pitfalls lie in seeming closed or self-centered emotionally, while the challenge is to safeguard your feelings of care by expressing them warmly to the people who are loved, in exquisite private moments of tangible sharing.

Personal security: Your home is a place of beauty. No expense is spared to make your domain comfortable and aesthetically charming. Style is important, and the emphasis moves from the surface inward: if your surroundings are effectively restful, then surely your relationships will become peaceful also. The pitfall is that you often rely too heavily on the home for pleasurable experience, gradually withdrawing into a narrow and constricted sense of family. The challenge is to make your home a haven for sharing with all loved ones.

Emotional imprints: Your imprints originated largely from pleasure / pain impulses. That which represented love or pleasure was absorbed; that which represented discomfort or denial was avoided. Like the Moon, but less intensely, Venus indicated that maternal or feminine influences formed the major imprints. Harmony or its absence was an important conditioning factor. You felt yourself to be an object of beauty within your family; and you learned very early that you would be judged on the basis of certain feminine qualities in your expression, qualities such as receptivity and the willingness to maintain peace and promote harmony in social situations.

'Inner-link' parent: Your mother was a model for beauty and pleasure, the person who taught you what being a woman meant. This could have been positive, or negative, or, more probably, a blend of both. Later in life, you'll tend to use that inner model in any situation involving your private life, such as the style of your home or the way you approach love. This doesn't necessarily mean that as an adult you'll be 'just like her', although that's possible. It means that you'll either strive to create your style from her modelling, or strive to avoid what she symbolized for you. Alternately, you could use the same approach in finding a person with whom to form family, looking either for someone like her or for someone opposite from her.

Private intuition: Private intuition occupies the realm of 'good feelings'. Inner guides are experienced not so much as effective, real-life advisors, since they are not likely to give information. Instead, messages from the Higher Self function to remind you of the beauty of life. They perform the function of relief, offering a respite from the trials and tribulations of pragmatic, external living. Your guides bring you loveliness. They open

your eyes, pointing the way toward truer beauty, renewing your sense of lovingness, revitalizing the appreciation of both your own life and life around you.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your fond memories of the early years at home have made you appreciate those who indulged you. Because of this conditioning, you are conciliatory and you often display your thanks for the benefits you received. You enjoy the finer things in life, and you want a good home embellished with every refinement. You feel a spiritual obligation to help those in need; and even if you are unable to provide material assistance, you find ways to show that you are sincerely concerned. You usually say the right thing at the right time to encourage others to think well of you; and people are impressed with your willingness to lend a hand. You are guarded, though, about making a commitment until you are sure that the other person isn't trying to take advantage of you.

You are preoccupied with having every possible comfort; and you try to devise ways to get them without having to invest more than is absolutely necessary. Security is very important to you, but you should not have too much difficulty in fulfilling your needs if you use your ideas imaginatively to that end. If forced by conditions beyond your control, you will compromise your immediate desire to implement your long-range plans for future security.

You should look for a career that will allow you to fulfill your creative potential and to learn whether you can accept competition. You may choose a career in which the risks are minimal and the gains equally modest, because you abhor tension and the disharmony of competition. Unless you stand firm in your goals, others may try to gain control over you. It would be a great help if someone dear to you would give you the stimulus you need to succeed. Not wanting to alienate the people you deal with in your daily affairs, you are inclined to make unnecessary concessions. Your mate could give you the support you need; and his or her advice could be most helpful when you feel overwhelmed by increasing tension.

Though you don't make demands on your friends, they will be very likely to help you plan your future if you ask. You must accept the fact that any security you hope to gain will have to come from your own efforts. Getting an education will allow you to reach your goals. In fact, your goals can't be realized unless you invest in an education, which is the bottom rung of your ladder of achievement. People like you because you are never too busy to listen to their problems, and they feel you understand them better than anyone else. You have a talent for showing people how they can make the best of their own skills and become self-reliant.

Learn to rely on your ability to solve problems, for your solutions are as valid as other people's. It's all right to disagree with those who have different opinions, for dissension is healthy. Your creative talents deserve to be fully exploited; failing to develop them is only

shortchanging yourself. If you assume that you are not desirable to the opposite sex, you will delay the time when you can have a warm, affectionate relationship with someone whom you find attractive. The chances are good that you will eventually marry someone you have known a long time who has only recently emerged as a potential partner.

## Mars in Virgo 4° 48'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high practical energies, adequate-to-high mental energies, adequate physical energies, and low emotional energies. Your energy is service-oriented, disciplined and efficient. It is often channeled into reasoning, finding flaws, and helping others. Your strengths include self-discipline, technical aptitudes, and unselfishness. You lack the ability to see the forest for the trees, imagination, and enthusiasm.

You can be a bit like the Boy Scout who drags the little old lady across the street in spite of her protests that she doesn't want to go. You mean well, and probably wouldn't push people around or argue with them for your own sake; but you have awfully definite ideas about what's good and bad for people in general and those you care about in particular. As a result, you can be too critical of others, interfering more than is good for either them or you. This trait can be channeled positively, however; for example, your sort of motivation can be a good asset if you're involved in a career in the medical field, or are a secretary, computer programmer or operator, or statistician. In any case, this Mars can be best used for acquiring knowledge and putting it to practical use. With this position, the enthusiasm of Mars is dulled to a large extent; although you tend to be physically active, you're not keen on strenuous activity unless there's some practical purpose to it.

Mars in Virgo people generally tend to be very careful and discreet about sex. Occasionally they're 'late bloomers' in this area. Various types of sexual hang-ups can manifest if Mars is under stress here; usually these have to do with rejecting people for rather petty reasons. Both sexes have to learn that good reasoning skills don't make for infallible judgement in the sexual arena. Men with this placement are often so busy repressing their emotions that they may not be very insightful about a woman's wants - or their own. Women with this placement set high standards for men - sometimes unattainably so. Both sexes can be incredibly dense when it comes to picking up on someone's romantic signals; paradoxically, they find very blatant overtures offensive. Patience, as well as more than a modicum of refinement, will be necessary to break the ice - which generally turns out not to be ice at all, but rather a protective coating of 'intellectual polyurethane' designed to protect the emotions from getting scratched, scuffed or stained.

You want a healthy mate / lover. While not cold, you probably don't want a terribly sexually-demanding partner, as you tend to feel you have energy for other pursuits as

well. You're very careful whom you get involved with. You're also careful where and how you get involved; you're nothing if not discreet! This doesn't necessarily mean you lack spontaneity; it does, however, mean that you're not one to rush into things.

Impulsiveness tends to leave you feeling guilty; lack of preparedness worries you. So when you become involved, you invariably know exactly when you're doing! And while you may like variety, you don't like one-night stands. Being discriminating is your style, and it will work for you as long as you don't take it to extremes. You'd be happiest with a mate or lover who has Mars in an Earth sign, Mars in the sixth house, a Mercury / Mars conjunction, or a Mercury / Mars sextile.

Working for yourself or working where you have scope to do your own thing would be the best, although you're not averse to working your way up the ranks to a middlemanagement position if necessary. You're probably a hard worker and a meticulous one, though you may at times be less than honest if your job, a promotion, or a big commission is on the line. You're not at your best as 'the big boss' as you're inclined to be rather critical of your staff, yet at the same time are loathe to fire anyone. Some good career areas for you would be: the food industry, food inspector, clerical work (preferably a 'person Friday' in a small office), the police force, editing, teaching, chemistry, photography, and nursing.

Working hard comes naturally to you. Your job, relocation, and / or work transfers can lead to some of your best lucky breaks. Less important opportunities can come as a result of seemingly trivial things like going for a drive, getting a new refrigerator, having your typewriter repaired, etc.. The key here is that your opportunities tend to come in connection with serviceable things and practical activities rather than from involvement with luxuries or highly 'iffy' projects. Co-workers, editors, and professional people in general tend to motivate you by giving you encouragement.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by taking what they do or say too personally and then aggressively demanding to be acknowledged as right all the time.

Consequently, you may seek to prove the Virgo rightness by making others wrong.

When your own or the actions of others fall short of your standards, you can be quick to criticize and judge. By focusing on errors, you may lose your momentum.

### Dynamic

You can constructively assert yourself by taking the initiative in assisting others to straighten out their lives. Acting on your commitment to serve effectively, you might allow yourself to share responsibility and overcome the need to be right about everything, as well as the feeling that you have to do others' work for them. You can develop practical

methods that aid others in achieving their ideals of perfection. Through humanely applying your passionate sense of order to chaotic situations in a tolerant way, you can experience satisfaction and a new sense of system. Your energy is increased in the process of making these changes.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Someone with Mars in Virgo will be moderate and self-contained. These people will have the sensual sensitivity that all the Earth signs possess, but they will be reserved in expressing it. Sex does not matter much to them. Unlike Mars in Taurus, they have no desire in the abstract so they are quite capable of long periods of celibacy if there is no one around that interests them. When in a new relationship, however, they may initially be very sexually active, trying to compensate for previous abstinence.

While someone with Mars in Virgo still takes sensual pleasure in his / her body for its own sake, this is tempered by a practical, matter-of-fact attitude to physical needs and desires. This is not someone who is easily drawn into the excesses of a Mars in Taurus; Mars in Virgo is far more circumspect and health-conscious.

Someone with Mars in Virgo will exercise considerable caution in getting involved in a relationship. These people do not want to make a mistake, and will select a partner with care. In choosing, they may seek to fulfil quite particular criteria. In extreme cases, a prospective partner may feel like a job applicant being measured against a detailed set of requirements to see if he / she is suitable for the position. Virgo has a reputation for being choosy, fussy and critical; and for someone with Mars in Virgo all of this can be brought to bear in his / her approach to a sexual partner.

Virgo is a very analytical sign, and Mars in Virgo can be analytical to an extreme. At their worst, these people will lose track of the inherent meaning in a situation, in trying to unravel and understand the detail. They can analyse a situation to death. More positively, they will always be prepared to talk about things and to try to understand themselves and their partner.

Mars in Virgo people may want a partner who is useful, perhaps someone who helps out with practical or technical problems; and they may offer this to those they are involved with. Joint ventures and activities will be an important part of their relationships.

(Skye Alexander)

You are hard-working and conscientious, focusing much of your energy into your job. When something needs to be done, you are the one who does it; and you manage to accomplish more than most people through efficient, practical organization of time and resources. This is the position of the office manager, production supervisor or shift foreman, the dynamo behind the scenes who actually runs the show and without whom

the operation couldn't function. You tend to be a perfectionist, and have little patience with yourself or others when they make mistakes. However, your ambitions are modest, and you have no desire for fame, fortune and power (unless Leo is prominent in your chart). Because your ego is smaller than most and you don't stand up for yourself, you may not receive the credit you deserve.

In fact, you are fearful of having to assert yourself, and may 'choke' in situations that require aggression. Perhaps you feel weak or vulnerable, unable to protect yourself physically. Rather than moving outwardly with force and vigor, you often hold your energy in check, which results in a build-up of tension. The way you are most likely to release this pent-up aggression is through complaining, irritability and nervous habits. Stress and unexpressed anger also can cause you to have problems with your stomach or digestive system. Not only are you more susceptible to stress than most people, but also you don't possess a great deal of natural vitality, and therefore you need to take good care of your health through proper diet, rest and exercise. Yoga, in particular, might appeal to you since you probably don't have much interest in competitive sports.

Although you may not be willing to fight for yourself, you often stand up for the rights and well-being of others, particularly those who are less fortunate than yourself. You are especially concerned with helping the sick and handicapped, and might choose to focus your energy into medical work. When it comes to nursing the ailing, you can be tireless in your efforts. You need to feel needed.

Though your sex drive is strong, you might not feel comfortable about expressing it, and tend to be a bit puritanical. You could even be somewhat fearful of letting your passion loose, of giving in to such overpowering sensations. It's hard for you just to relax and enjoy yourself, without worrying or judging. Therefore, you may repress much of your desire and be critical of people who are more sexually open or indulgent. At the same time, though, you envy them. Your perfectionism also might cause you to suffer from performance anxiety.

Men with Mars in Virgo often pride themselves on their efficiency, organization skills and dependability. You can be a workaholic, and expect everyone else to devote as much energy and effort as you do to the job. Working makes you feel good about yourself; and your ego is gratified if you believe you are indispensable. Though you aren't looking for lots of prestige and money for your contributions, you'll become cranky, complaining and negative if others don't recognize and appreciate how much you do. You want to serve in some way, and might be happier in a support or service position than one that is highly visible.

Unless Fire signs are prominent in your chart, you may be somewhat insecure about your masculinity, and might feel you are a bit of a 'wimp'. You fear you won't be able to assert yourself when necessary. Perhaps you have more brain than brawn, and lack athletic ability. However, you may attempt to overcompensate for your timidity with

excessive bravado.

Women with Mars in Virgo are attracted to modest, unassuming, shy men. No Rambo types for you. You are looking for someone you can depend on, who is gentle, considerate, hard-working and practical. Cleanliness is high on your list of priorities, too, and it is much more important to you that your partner be neat than goodlooking.

## Mars in 7th House

(Donna van Toen)

This suggests that you have some lessons to learn about partnerships in general and romantic commitments in particular. Public opinion will also somehow play a role in your life. Highly independent and courageous yourself, you're apt to attract an energetic, assertive mate. There may be a bit more competition than is healthy between you, particularly if you both work. Enemies would tend to be aggressive, selfish, highly competitive people.

If Mars is here, you want a monogamous relationship, and you want a mate / love who can be depended on to be there when you need him / her. But at the same time, you need a social life, so woe be unto the mate / lover who tries to make it just the two of you forever more.

Tension motivates you. This can be good or bad, depending on whether you use your energy to resolve problems or to get back at those whom you feel are causing your bad luck. Harmonious relationships can be good sources of opportunities for you. Discordant relationships can also lead to positive opportunities if they help you determine your priorities and understand what motivates you. Be careful of childish 'tit for tat' behavior, though. That's counterproductive.

The theme of the seventh house is 'we vs. me'. It's most specifically involved with marriage; but business partnerships and relationships with clients are also a part of this house. If you're an astrologer, counsellor, beautician, et cetera, pay special attention to this house; it will tell you a lot about why you're doing what you're doing. If Mars is here, there's been impulsiveness in the area of marriage in the past. This tendency would have to be curbed now; and any past damage done would have to be rectified. Karma might be worked out through experiencing a marriage to an argumentative person; and in extreme cases, your mate might even be physically or mentally cruel.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

To people with Mars in the seventh, relationships are the driving force of life, even though they are fraught with difficulty and the source of much conflict. Being close to

someone brings up a lot of anger and insecurity, and these people may tend to use their partner as a punch bag on whom they vent all their frustration and rage. But even though close relationships are so difficult, the urge to be involved is so strong that they are seldom on their own for long.

Desire and anger are closely linked for them, so sex tends to stir up hostility, and they can be very critical and aggressive toward their sexual partners. Easily hurt and oversensitive, they tend to see criticism as rejection and overreact, retaliating viciously when hurt. They can be very abusive; and the desire to hurt their partner can sometimes destroy the relationship. At times they will end a relationship themselves because they feel insecure and resent the power the other person has over them. They attack in order to defend themselves, and this can be very destructive. There is also an -often unconscious - urge to provoke anger in others; and they may needle a less volatile partner until he or she explodes. To them, anger is part of love, and they find it hard to accept that they are loved if the other person remains calm.

There can be a tendency to project their Mars energy and look for a partner to be strong and make their decisions for them. They try to live through their partner, and get very angry when the partner does not live up to expectation. But if they do find someone that fits the projection, they will feel powerless and resentful and will eventually want to break free and regain their power.

These people tend to see others as a challenge against whom they must constantly test themselves, so relationships tend to be a battleground in which they fight for survival. Mars is not comfortable in the house of sharing and co-operation, where it feels its autonomy to be under threat, so freedom of action is going to be a big issue for these people. There will be a lot of quarrels and fighting for space; and they may feel that they have to fight to be themselves.

Although relationships are seldom comfortable for the person with Mars in the seventh, they are full of passion and warmth. They put a tremendous amount of dynamic energy into love, which is one of the reasons that their partnerships are so tense. They cannot be cool or neutral towards their partner, so they tend to be either passionately loving or fiercely angry, without much in between! They find all the ups and downs stimulating, and the battles a constant source of excitement. They need the friction to feel alive; and the amount of passion that goes into the quarrels tends to reflect their desire for the other person!

On a more ordinary level, these people get a tremendous amount of satisfaction from doing things with their partner. The more activities they participate in together, the happier they will be. They will get a lot of pleasure from things like getting a home together and planning exactly what they are going to do with it. They gain satisfaction, too, from fighting alongside the partner - for example in political campaigning.



(Stephanie Camilleri)

This Mars gives a combative nature; they won't take anything lying down. They are argumentative, and it seems as though no matter whatever it is, they're against it.

They have trouble getting along with people, so those with Sun or Mars in Fire or Earth signs will get a reputation for being touchy and hard to deal with, while those with Sun or Mars in Air or Water will mask their irritation in order to avoid confrontation. They are compelled by their strong sex drive to find a partner, but have a hard time staying with anyone. Part of the reason for this is that they tend to choose other combative types, so the fur will fly from time to time (or all the time). At least one relationship will end in anger and total misunderstanding. It takes them years to learn how to live with others.

First, they must learn to live with themselves. Often mistreated in some way, neglected or ignored by one or both parents in childhood, they take out their anger on everyone else until they begin to see what they are doing and learn to release the energy in other, less destructive ways. With Mars in Cancer or Pisces, the combativeness is modified. It may show as passive / aggressive behavior, or it may be turned inward, leading to illness. These people should always involve themselves in competitive sports so as to absorb their combative energies and keep other areas free from it.

If the Moon is on an angle, this Mars can be dangerous; violence may be done to them or by them. Yet if they can learn to harness their energies, and to live with themselves and others, much can be achieved with the seventh-house Mars, as the energy, properly applied, is endless.

These people are often lonely, and feel misunderstood by others. Something has hardened them to the outside world, diminishing their natural sensitivity to others. They feel misunderstood; but it is really they who misunderstand others and misinterpret their motives. It is hard for others to break through this tough shell. In fact, it is impossible, until they are willing to come out from behind their defenses.

They will often have a relationship with an athlete, someone athletic in nature, or who enjoys sports as a pastime, possibly someone in the police or the military. With bad aspects to Mars, they may have a relationship with someone violent, or someone who has suffered from violence, or who has dangerous occupation or lifestyle.

They are tough opponents, and do well in anything where fight is required. Although oppositions or conjunctions to the Moon or Saturn may make them fearful, once the fat is in the fire, watch out!

Good aspects, particularly trines to planets in the eleventh house, will modify the difficulties of his position, giving these people the power to control themselves and diminishing the touchiness. However, the basic stress of opposition from the Ascendant

and square from the Midheaven to this most energetic and forceful of planets is hard to modify.

(Bill Herbst)

**Mirrored awareness:** Others may seek you out as an attractive object of desire. You might find yourself 'courted' or praisied, and you could develop high confidence and charisma as a result. However, it can also seem that people are overly combative with you, that they are often overly aggressive or sometimes downright disagreeable with you. But look within yourself and you'll discover some of that same energy. Find out what it's about. Don't let it lurk beneath your awareness. Mirroring is also positive. The challenge is to discover your own natural sharpness through relating, and then to use it to cut away any obstacles to the fulfillment of your natural desires.

**Equal partnerships:** Your partnerships tend to be energetic and focused with a clear sense of purpose. Although you are capable of sustaining long-term relationships, the emphasis is on the immediate crisis, the momentary confrontation, today's problem rather than yesterday's or tomorrow's. Equality is a struggle. You may feel that your partner is trying to conquer you, but you're just as likely to use the same strategy. In either direction, a win / lose battleground is really no partnership at all. Avoid both surrender and victory, for it is imperative that humiliation and revenge be kept out of your relationships. You are likely to be oversensitive to your partner's desires, so keep the focus on your own male qualities. Assert yourself with the intention of reaching rather than conquering your partner. Penetrate the partner's heart with your sincere desire.

**Contracts, commitments:** When you find a relationship you want, you immediately commit yourself to having it. It's not thought-out or chosen after considered contemplation. You jump right in, urgent, propelled by desire. The only commitment you know how to make is total - forever. What gives this the flavor of paradox, however, is the fact that Mars doesn't measure forever in terms of literal time. Rather, 'forever' means until the desire no longer exists. One pitfall involves seeing your partner as an object rather than as a person, a screen upon which you project desires. The challenge is to learn to make promises rather than commitments, for they are more suited to your warrior nature's appreciation of honor.

**Co-operation:** This is a paradoxical placement for Mars. The ordinary expectations would be that you are unwilling to co-operate with others. But characteristically, the reverse occurs. You are so willing, so eager to compromise that you give your power away, blunting the sharp edge of your own desires, so to speak. Also, as stated above, you tend to be drawn to very assertive, even aggressive partners. Remember, it is your job not to give others what they want, but rather to use your natural sensitivity to their desires to get in touch with your own. The challenge is to overcome all these obstacles to shared fulfillment, so you can reach full expression with your partner.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is a person whose masculine nature has impact on you, who knows what he or she want and goes for it without hesitation. This partner must not be too subtle, for that would dilute the desired effect of direct and spontaneous contact; and the more physical your partner is in approaching reality, the more you appreciate your mate. You want someone powerful, but, more importantly, ardent and passionate.

A natural partnership for you stimulates your contact with the energies of desire. It need not be overtly sexual, but there must be an animal quality present in the sharing. If it's not compelling, it's not real. The image is a wild stallion racing with the wind.

(Howard Sasportas)

By house, Mars shows the area of life in which we need to take action and assert ourselves. In the 7th, this gives rise to a strong urge to define the identity and gain a sense of power through relationships with other people. I have seen many instances of this placement in the charts of young men and women who rush haphazardly into marriage - often inspired by the first taste of sexual passion or partially motivated by the desire to escape from the restrictions of a difficult or oppressive family background. Through marriage, they believe they will find themselves in their own right. More often, what they do discover is that they have replaced one form of tyranny with another. The initial sexual attraction may die down, but the power games are still there.

Some people with this placement come on so strongly at first that they frighten others away. Conversely, they may be an attraction to someone with obvious Mars qualities - the bold, straightforward, dynamic hero or heroine who can relieve them of the burden of making thier own decisions in life. After a while, they may become angry or resentful at the bossiness of the other person and attempt to tke back the power they once so freely handed over. But it is unfair to condemn Mars in the 7th only to relationships filled with strife and contention, although some people seem to thrive very well on a diet of fireworks. There are many examples of Mars in this house which manifest in lively, stimulating relationships where the partners positively 'spark off' one another, while still allowing the mate to maintain personal freedom. However, there is still the danger of taking their aggression out on those closest and most dear to them, or not so subtly arousing other people to anger and thereby conjuring a justifiable excuse to vent their own. Those with Mars in the 7th also appear to need fairly constant reassurance of their worth in the eyes of other people. They are also likely to be the first to stand up and defend another person if they believe that he or she is being unjustly accused.

(Robert Pelletier)

An argumentative person, you must try not to get angry when people disagree with you. If you can be objective, you will understand that no-one is trying to threaten you - they are simply presenting an alternate point of view. This could be an opportunity to expand

your knowledge and get the benefit of someone else's experience, so don't cut it off before you have a chance to evaluate the situation. People are impressed by your aggressiveness, but they are intimidated when you act impulsively without justification. You will get support for your programs if you learn to discipline yourself, because people won't take a chance with you unless you seem more self-controlled. You arouse people's interest by dramatizing your plans. Above all, get an education so that you can learn how to promote your ambitious plans without incurring the resentment of your intended supporters.

You devote a lot of time to thinking about the best way to realize your dreams. You should use an equal amount of energy to carry out your ideas, because talk is useless without action. Be wary of shady suggestions from friends, because it is imperative that you always operate within the limits of your conscience, guided by your sense of right and wrong. Freedom is so precious to you that it would be senseless to risk losing it though careless disregard for ethical behavior.

In spite of appearances, you doubt your ability to successfully meet competition. You overreact to threats, and use tactics that are more aggressive than necessary to win, or else you become quarrelsome when you suffer defeat. This probably results from the conditioning you received while you were growing up. Perhaps you weren't allowed to express yourself freely, or you were severely punished when you did. In that case, leaving home while you were young was the best action to take, although you felt somewhat guilty about it. You may be alienated from your parents, so you will have to rely on your own resources to make a life for yourself. A career that allows you to have authority over others will relieve some of your tension, but it has to be handled intelligently to be truly productive. With common sense and objectivity, you will acquire status for your accomplishments.

You thrive on competition as a chance to demonstrate your superior ability. Your aggressive nature will pay dividends when you have the opportunity to make money. Nothing will deter you from your goal of financial independence; and this vision sometimes drives you to excess. It may be useless to tell you to relax and get away from the pressure of your work now and then, but it needs saying. When people appreciate your help, it pleases you more than if they simply pay for it.

Your 'all or nothing' attitude demands that your partner be completely dedicated to your needs and ambitions. You find it painful to be rejected by anyone, especially the one you love. You don't demand complete submission, but you must be the most important person to your lover. For those who qualify, you will do anything to preserve your relationship. In your career, you must develop your skills to the utmost to increase your chances of winning in competition. You have the energy and imagination to use your skills to obtain any reasonable goal and win the public's respect.

# Jupiter ♃ in ♈ Aries 18° 21'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

## Static

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

## Dynamic

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

(Marilyn Waram)

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

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

dismantles in order to grow.

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

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

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

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

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

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

He has a propensity to feel easily threatened by different views if challenged, due to his

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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



# Jupiter ♃ in 2nd House

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Material security.

Jupiter's position here in an 'earthy' house and the keywords of 'material security' do seem at first glance to confirm the narrow traditional meanings of the second house: money, possessions, wealth, etc.. However, this house has a far broader meaning in general; and when Jupiter is located in it, its range is stretched further still to a vast spectrum encompassing deeper values, a faith that the earth will provide what one needs, and a profound appreciation of nature and its bounteous creative powers.

Over forty years ago, Margaret Hone wrote that Jupiter in the second house could indicate a 'contentedness with possessions', which is surely a different image from that of greed for masses of money, which is the impression that students of astrology get from so many basic textbooks. There is often an inner faith that one will be provided for; but in perhaps half the cases, the person will use this faith as a reason not to save for a rainy day nor to exercise prudence with his or her assets. In some cases, a notable wastefulness is apparent, with a tendency to spend every dollar they receive. Perhaps some people can 'tempt fate' in this regard; but I have seen cases where the individual has been forced into a financial corner that is exceedingly uncomfortable by relying completely on faith while simultaneously spending or wasting rather large amounts of assets that came to him or her easily.

Invariably, when Jupiter is in this house, it will expand this area of focus in life. Sometimes, it will manifest as what Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas call 'an instinctive regard for Earth's bounty', with the person sometimes prospering through what they call 'the carefully planned development of natural resources'. In a broader view, Charles Carter was, as usual, way ahead of his time when in 1947 he wrote in *Essays on the Foundations of Astrology* that 'psychologically... the 2nd has much to do with one's contentment and ability to enjoy life'. From this perspective, I would say that - come what may financially - those with Jupiter in this house are always wealthy!

This Jupiter position has an appreciation for form, and for vast, inspiring images.

(Marilyn Waram)

Jupiter in the second house connects Ultimate values to the physical world of sensual needs, personal finances, possessions and resources, material security and maintenance of the status quo. There is something of a conflict between Jupiter (and the restless quest it symbolizes) and the qualities of preservation, stability, security and

comfort represented by the second house. Jupiter is associated with risks. The second house stands for a part of human nature which does not want to take chances at all, for any purpose. Jupiter represents a vision of the future; the second house is focused upon the present. Jupiter stands for the need to grow and expand, to make better and bigger. The second house symbolizes the need to hold on to what is already possessed. Jupiter deals in possibilities. The second house deals with what is; and it is particularly intractable in its reluctance to deal with anything which lacks material substance.

If the individual with this placement connects values to second house affairs, she may make money, sensual appetites, personal possessions or overall security into gods. That is, any or all of these can be held to be so important that they are revered, idealized, and exaggerated in importance. She may expect too much from them and anticipate tremendous satisfaction when she finally gets enough money, enough food or sex, enough furniture. With Jupiter, the propensity is to never get enough, partly because it is Jupiter's nature to seek ever more, and partly because the need can easily get out of control. In this case, the individual with Jupiter in the second house has the potential to become a hedonist, who pursues pleasure to the exclusion of everything else, or a miserly sort who feels she never has enough money. The latter is somewhat less common due to Jupiter's association with confidence and optimism.

Because the second house is an Earth house, she may place all her faith in concrete goods or money, rather than in philosophical ideals or spiritual truth. She may feel the latter are not to be trusted because they are somehow not real enough - that is, not material. With Jupiter in the second, she may prefer to trust only what she can see and handle, not something as nebulous as an idea.

There can be a struggle between the Jupiter desire to gain more - more money, possessions, sensual input - and the second house desire to avoid risk. The individual may want more, but be unwilling to invest or take any other kind of chance. She may experience this as an uncomfortable dilemma, wishing she could improve her situation but unable to take the steps to do so.

The person with Jupiter in the second house may also have some inner conflict between the intellectual approach signified by Jupiter and the pragmatic tendencies of the second house. She will often solve this most successfully by doing something practical with her values and beliefs. That is, she needs to translate them into something concrete. For example, this is the type of person who collects goods to send overseas. She is not happy to merely pray for those who are less fortunate. She may even make practicality an ultimate value. She will not, for the most part, have a lot of tolerance for endless philosophizing and discussion, but will want to know how she can use the ideas she hears. Her tendency will be to discard those which are not immediately practical.

Many people with Jupiter in the second house can be quite materially or financially generous. Although they will not take unnecessary risks with their resources, they may

have the confidence that is associated with Jupiter and assume that they can always get more money, acquire more possessions, and so on.

The second house does represent a need to deal with concrete products. Jupiter in the second may, therefore, make a particular item an object of extreme value. Books can be valued highly, or art objects may be the focus; money is always a strong possibility, as well. Art for the sake of art might be held up as of primary importance.

Generally speaking, the individual will tend to expect learning to be comfortable, not too demanding. She will not want to endure pain or go through a lot of struggle to gain knowledge. Comfort is far more important for her. However, some people experience this as being comfortable with higher learning. And as always, those who place too much faith in one area of life may set themselves up for future disappointment. Money and possessions are notoriously insecure. Material resources cannot provide the kind of satisfaction, the kind of fulfillment, for which Jupiter searches. Many who misplace their faith onto material goods or money find themselves with a great void, when some circumstance of life exposes them to the reality of what they have acquired. In such a case, they may experience real despair as they look around and ask, 'Is this all there is? Is this what it's all about?' Unsaid is the implication that it is not all there is; but the emptiness within can be devastating if a person has spent all her life and energy in the pursuit of goals which are suddenly seen to be empty and meaningless. Many people who have come to such a realization late in life have died within a few months, perhaps unable to start over with new values, or perhaps lacking the very faith and confidence in the future which is the great gift associated with Jupiter.

Some people with this placement may let the part of their nature represented by the second house dominate the part symbolized by Jupiter. In that case, they are susceptible to attempting to preserve the values and beliefs with which they started out. These people may have a real problem with the natural questing urge related to Jupiter, so much so that they can attempt to squash it, to deny it, to refuse to stay open to new ideas and concepts because there is always a time of anxiety when new thoughts challenge old. The second house does not want this time of uncertainty. It wants everything settled, certain and predictable. Consequently, such people may have a natural bent toward developing illogical prejudices; and with the second house tendency to get stubborn if challenged, those who do develop the prejudices are particularly entrenched in them.

Those who handle Jupiter in the second house constructively can value their money and possessions without becoming overly attached to them. They can preserve elements of knowledge and truth which have stood the test of time without attempting to keep everything static and stagnant. They can enjoy sensual pleasures without excessive indulgence or expectations of total fulfillment. They can find practical or artistic ways to express their faith without discarding the need for some intellectual and inspirational facets to that faith. Balance is always tricky with Jupiter, which represents a part of

human nature which is naturally excessive in behavior; but those with Jupiter in the second house can find that balance when they understand the divergent natures of the planet and the house, and work to make room in their lives for both.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Once Jupiter gets over the cusp of the second house, it ceases to indicate those who get along on their own and becomes the sign of those who depend on patrons or the good will of others, so that locating the cusp accurately can be important.

Jupiter at this angle is concerned about religious and philosophical ideas, but does not let them get in the way of obtaining bread and butter. This is an excellent position for an artist or performer, as it guarantees patronage and support. It is a good sign for doing what one wants in life, although, unless Jupiter is trine the Midheaven, it is not so good for a career as it relaxes the anxious, upward thrust for sheer survival that is usually necessary for successful career efforts. At times of stress, rather than forge a new path in solitude, this one often turns to home, family, or old friends for strokes and needed support. Young people with this position may find it hard to leave the comfort of the family nest.

If Jupiter is trine the Midheaven, it assures a smooth and easy path to success, frequently with little conscious effort. They just seem to get all the breaks, are in the right place at the right time, and succeed more through good luck than through hard work. The further Jupiter is from a trine to the Midheaven (or a planet in the ninth or tenth, the more work is needed.

Good things come easily to these people; but it takes other placements to ensure that they stay. They tend to be big spenders who don't devote enough time and thought to practical matters. They tend to be 'easy come, easy go'.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-worth: With Jupiter in the 2nd, self-judgement is linked to optimism and social advantage. Optimism enhances positive feelings about yourself. The more opportunities for social expression are recognized and acted upon, the better you feel about your life. However, exaggerated feelings of personal worth lead to disappointment, for the challenge is not simply to feel good, but to convert the ease of social relating into real and grounded benefits. Lady luck is often with you; but do not depend on her presence.

Possession: Ownership becomes an area of opportunity. There is bounty here; but it's hardly the result of 'good luck'. It comes from well-developed intuition and an equally well-developed social network. The key is to take advantage of social opportunities for the acquisition of possessions, and be generous with personal property. Don't hold on, don't cling selfishly, for the challenge is to understand the fundamental truth of the old

phrase, 'Easy come, easy go'.

**Money:** Acquisition of money is associated with a positive attitude and the broad development of social skills. These qualities should be used freely and without restraint to further social position, and to enhance the sense of opportunity for expression into cultural realms of collective involvement and sharing. The pitfall is waste of personal resources by relying too heavily on your laurels or counting on luck to provide a continuing flow of money. The challenge is to build an increasingly broad networking base through continual reinvestment of resources back into the social world.

**Self-exertion:** With Jupiter, as with Mercury, there is a mental orientation to the effort of working. But the mentality is different in that it is essentially conceptual rather than analytical; an overview of productivity is more important than the solution of specific problems. As with Venus, there is a tendency to take the path of least resistance in accomplishing tasks. This placement is well-suited to a networking orientation, for the bent toward work is essentially social in motivation, and you excel at motivating, organizing, supervising others. The challenge is to flow around obstacles like water. Don't let yourself be dammed up or bogged down, for the psychological sense of free movement is crucial. Whistle while you work.

**Sensuality:** Your experience of sensuality is full and flowing. Touch is seen as a way of connecting with others; and the pleasure that results is palpable proof of social participation in a shared reality. There is an ease in physicality, a sense of comfort or naturalness with your body. This may lead to a love of athleticism, the sheer joy of movement. It also inclines, as does Venus or the Moon, to a love of good food as purely sensual pleasure; but there is an increased appreciation of the social ritual of gourmet eating or the cultural history of food. Every opportunity for physical stimulus is enjoyed, since there is little in the way of moral restraint; but this can lead to pitfalls of excess and an exaggerated tendency to use your body to take advantage of others. The challenge is to fully recognize the opportunities for self-expression that touch can provide, but to do so in a way that ennobles the self.

## Saturn ♄ in ♒ Aquarius 20° 9'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might contradict yourself, accentuating your behavior by being commonplace. This may lead to social limitations because of the compulsive Aquarius need always to be the all-round ordinary person. You may secretly seek to separate from others by being what you picture an ordinary person is. This separation might result in repression and

frustration from continually trying to justify that picture to others.

### Dynamic

You have the skill and social responsibility for manifesting your individuality and the Aquarian principles of social progress, brotherhood, and humanitarian ideals. When you are willing to acknowledge yourself as the creator of your uniqueness, or lack of it, you can feel secure in bringing forth your personality in ways that serve others. By being committed to expressing nonconformity in humanitarian or political roles, you can experience a new security in your social identity.

### General

You are inclined to break away from old conventions and to turn to innovative ways of serving others that extend beyond the boundaries of what is usually considered to be publicly acceptable. It is not necessary for you to receive public approval in order to thrive. It is time to look within to find values that extend beyond what is currently acceptable and that can lead humanity to new levels of freedom and universal love.

Frustration arises from trying to behave appropriately and do things in the old ways that led to social acclaim. Instead, you need to turn your attention to formulating new goals and ideals for humankind that extend beyond current social structures. You see the next step for humanity; and when you begin to manifest this in your own life, your destiny is fulfilled.

### (Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Aquarius provides another natural semisextile, with its questionable outcome. Saturn is still considered a co-ruled of Aquarius; and many astrologers think that this is its optimum sign. It is true that a successful integration of these two sides of life can produce a person able to blend the best of the past with openness to the future. The practicality of Earth combined with the broad perspective and logic of Air can be highly effective in the world. Both of these basic drives are transpersonal, so their focus on the world is compatible to the extent that neither is distracted by personal relationships. (Of course, the rest of the chart will almost always bring in these other desires.)

But in spite of the potential for great accomplishments where Letters Ten and Eleven are integrated, the potential for major conflicts is also present. Saturn says 'there are some limits if you want to survive in this world at this time. There are some things you can do, and some you have to do.' Aquarius says 'I don't accept limits. My primary urge is to go beyond the limits. No-one can tell me what to do.' Saturn represents the ultimate in bureaucratic hierarchy. Aquarius wants equality. Saturn clings to traditions and the past. Aquarius pants for the future. The solution is easy to see but not always easy to do. If we voluntarily accept the really necessary limits, we can be free to do what we please in the

rest of life.

With successful integration, Saturn in Aquarius shows the capacity for peer relationships with authority figures. Father may have been a friend, so the individual had no need for a teen-age rebellion. Unfortunately, when carried to excess, this combination may be manifested as a cool, distant and / or indifferent parent, sometimes one who is too busy socializing with friends or saving humanity to be there for his family. Later, as we take on the role of parent, the same options are present. Unless we change the habits which brought us into a family which fit us, we will repeat the same patterns.

Appropriate careers for Saturn in Aquarius include all fields which advance or disseminate knowledge. Modern technology is an obvious potential, but nonconventional studies such as astrology are also good choices. Jobs may be chosen in government, whether federal, state, or local, or in large organizations dealing with public issues such as nonprofit foundations and labor unions. An effective compromise of the principles permits liberty within the law and compromise and co-operation between the executive and the legislative branches of government.

(Skye Alexander)

This is a difficult combination, since Saturn's function is to limit and solidify while Aquarius's is to break up. Saturn represents the past; Aquarius the future. Consequently, if you have this planetary placement in your birth chart, you might feel torn between the two extremes. At best, you are a practical idealist who finds ways to incorporate both energies and make tomorrow's dreams a reality today. Perhaps you work in a scientific or technological field and are able to bring new ideas down to Earth so they can benefit humankind. However, your inventions and discoveries and how they are used could be an important test in your life; and you must bear the responsibility for your creations.

Your concern for humanity could lead you to work for the betterment of people everywhere. Perhaps you are striving to help others achieve their independence or to eliminate social barriers and restrictions that limit and burden people.

Quite probably, you are fascinated with the future, but your vision of it is rather bleak. Aquarius is the sign of freedom and individuality; and Saturn is the planet of authoritarianism and restriction. Therefore, you probably believe that in the future your independence will be limited in some way and your individuality will be hampered by the authorities.

One of the things you fear most is loss of liberty; and you may be particularly sensitive and defensive about your rights. Perhaps you interpret any rule or regulation as an attempt to limit your freedom; and you might over-react and rebel against even reasonable laws and responsibilities. The opposite response is also possible. You may have great difficulty handling independence, and try to clamp down on yourself and

everyone else. The responsibility of making your own choices and expressing your individuality frightens you, and you look to 'authorities' to tell you how to live your life. You are afraid of change and intolerant of anyone who is 'different', and feel you must cling to the status quo or everything will dissolve into chaos. Your fear, however, is the result of your own rigidity and your reluctance to let go and allow even small changes into your life. Whichever way you respond to this energy, one of your life lessons is learning to balance liberty and responsibility, change and stability, new and old.

Whether or not you want to, it may be necessary for you to break with the past in order to express your own uniqueness. You might even appear to be something of a revolutionary, and could encounter hostile resistance from traditionalists. Your decision to break away from the old ways may cause you much pain and difficulty, but it is necessary if you are to grow.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Aquarius indicates a capacity for well-organized mental concentration. The mind is impersonal and scientific; the concern for impartial truth is paramount. Highly evolved types are able to set aside the ego and see all issues - social or scientific - in the light of impartial, universal law.

The ability to quiet the mind and steady the attention is the necessary prerequisite for the development of the Uranian intuitive faculties of the sign Aquarius. Saturn here gives the steadiness of attention necessary for this development.

People with this sign position are mentally ambitious, often working hard to make original discoveries or new applications of scientific knowledge that will bring them status and distinction. Saturn in Aquarius gives an ability to visualize form and structure, often of a geometric nature, and it confers mathematical ability.

Like Saturn in Libra, Saturn in Aquarius, if well-aspected, gives a sense of justice and responsibility in relationships. People with this position are loyal and responsible to friends and to groups with which they work; they often become involved in highly structured fraternal organizations, such as the Freemasons. They are generally levelheaded, offering good advice based on universal laws.

Social relations are very important; but if Saturn is afflicted, these people may be selfish and domineering. They expect others to play the game by their rules and to serve their personal interests.

If Saturn is afflicted in Aquarius, there may be a tendency to coldness and emotional insensitivity in personal relationships. The individual's manner can be formal, exclusive, and intellectual; and lacking in feeling. There is also a danger of intellectual pride.



(Grant Lewi)

You seek self-justification and acclaim and material success as much as Saturn in Capricorn, but aren't likely to be so hard-boiled about it. Saturn in Aquarius wants fame, recognition or power, but is more concerned with keeping the good opinion of other people in getting it, and will rarely if ever hurt them. This position adds gentleness and strength to any chart: the ego requires the approval of society for its own justification - requires the good opinion of men more than their obedience, and is willing to trade respect for love. The social urge in this way is strong; and Saturn in Aquarius will spend a lot of time justifying its transgressions (which may be numerous) and making explanations and excuses for shortcomings. Since society is important to you, you tend to assume that you are important to society; and if your whole chart is very passive, you may come to think that it owes you a living and that your existence is best justified when you are collecting unearned increment. This is an inversion of the urge to serve society which is the best Saturn-in-Aquarius type of self-assertion. If this goes into reverse, you succeed when you enable society to demonstrate its goodness with you as the recipient. To cultivate the social urges on their positive side, to seek the approval of men for progressive and constructive works, to accept responsibility to society as your true means of self-justification, is to live up to the best of this idealistic position of Saturn.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aquarius, Saturn shows one who often permits his friends to give him advice which, if followed, proves costly. He learns his lessons the hard way; he wants to be attractive to members of the opposite sex, and can be flattered into making a fool of himself.

He wants recognition and loyal friends, and tends to be extravagant in trying to convince people of his importance when, actually, a simple approach and sincerity would be a much better approach to permanent, fulfilling relationships.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is an interesting, positive placing for Saturn. The planet works powerfully from Aquarius because it ruled that sign before Uranus was accepted into the astrological pantheon. There is considerable determination, which is shown by the achievement of ambitious objectives. The mind has a strong element of originality; but very often, especially in the young, once opinions are formed they can be adhered to rather too rigidly.

The real conflict lies between taking a conventional line and a totally opposite, unconventional one - something the subject will have to resolve in his or her own way. Often it is not easy to do so since the conscience will want to be safe and secure, operating from a position that is familiar and acceptable to others, whereas the need for adventure, originality and independence will be equally strong. This is a dilemma that is

usually helped by the influence of the Ascendant, Sun and Moon signs and the personal planets.

Some Aquarian humanitarianism is present; and if scientific potential is shown elsewhere it will be considerably boosted by this placing. The individual may have an obstinate and rather cunning streak if Saturn is negatively aspected. There may be a tendency to distance the self from other people, although the subject is also friendly. Some of the Aquarian inclination to be a very private person can emerge. Independence is often very important to the subject, although at times it can bring loneliness.

The inner authoritative voice will tend to say 'Do as you like - I don't care - please yourself'. The chances are that the individual won't be able to do so, and as a result there will be a crushing psychological conflict to be resolved. Ask whether his or her parents were perverse, or were cold and / or unpredictable.

## Saturn ♄ in 12th House

(Liz Greene)

The twelfth house, as the last in the circle and lying hidden behind the Ascendant or outward behaviour, symbolises both endings and beginnings. It is the end because it represents the sacrifice which must ultimately be made of the conscious personality as a separation unit. From a more abstruse point of view it represents the beginning because it refers to those causes from the past which, operating from birth and below the level of consciousness, draw to us those situations which require that we lose ourselves and die to be reborn into group consciousness. From water all life comes, says the Koran; and this house, reflecting Pisces and Neptune, the ancient god of the waters, suggests that plane where life, undifferentiated and without individuality, first sprang, and where, wise with the lessons of individual consciousness, it must eventually return. Even shorn of its more esoteric associations, the twelfth house refers to isolation and submission, and to the dissolution of the personality.

This is often called the house of karma, based on the idea that planets found here are in some way denied normal expression and are often operating as unconscious rather than conscious drives. It is also called the house of self-undoing because isolation, incarceration, helplessness, and bondage are often the lot of the person with the heavily active twelfth house - literal or symbolic - and it is his own actions which draw these conditions to him. Whether a long past is considered or not, the inference is certainly present that the ego, built through the efforts of the previous eleven houses and signs, must eventually be laid on the altar of sacrifice so that the man may become a functioning part of a larger whole and give of his wisdom and energy for the good of the group. For the man who refuses to comprehend this, it is the house of hospitals and

prisons, for only through the loss of individual power can a man realise that he himself is nothing without a link to the rest of life.

This is always a difficult house, unless the path of service is pursued. Somehow the release of energy in this way alleviates much of the frustration and loneliness which accompanies twelfth house planets, and makes the required sacrifices bearable. Great pain often occurs through the twelfth house, for the loss of the will after so much careful building is a great blow to the man who has come to identify himself with his personal desires. Yet loss of will is the price which all planets pay when found in this house, although the finding of inner serenity is often gained in exchange.

As the last sign of the watery trigon, Pisces symbolises the completion and fulfillment of all emotional strivings - unity not with another person but with life itself. This is the mystical marriage, and is most difficult for the average man, centered in his personality, to deal with. There is no battle required; only acquiescence and devotion. It is almost impossible to make any sense of the twelfth house from a purely mundane point of view, for, even more than the eighth, this is a non-material house and pertains to matters which bring a man into closer touch with subjective reality. Any planet in the twelfth is subject to the dissolving and transmuting influence which blocks the ordinary personal expression of the planet and forces its energies inward and upward. That which occurs here occurs in secret like the gestation of a child. Only when the term is complete can this facet of the individual unfold like a newborn baby into external expression; and by then it is changed.

Saturn in the twelfth house, and to a lesser extent in Pisces, is difficult from the point of view of the personality because the Saturnian energies, geared initially toward selfprotection and defense against the environment, are rendered ineffectual. This may in extreme situations be through hospitalisation or imprisonment for a period of time; and the man may learn through his own helplessness how ultimately impotent the personal will is against the forces of his own past which he himself has set in motion. The feeling that one is helpless and must submit to something larger and greater is frequent with this placement of Saturn, although it may occur on a very subjective level. This is a cadent house and refers to states of mind; and Saturn here often generates a vague fear that someone or something, a misty or generalised fate or destiny, is going to destroy him or control him. He may isolate himself and attempt to shield himself from contact with others at the same time as he is weighed down by an oppressive loneliness and sense of powerlessness.

The sacrifice of one's material ambitions is often concurrent with a twelfth house Saturn; and this is also one of the commonest signifiers of the child who dedicates his life to the care of an ailing or helpless parent at the cost of his own development. This is often done not because it must be - there are always alternatives - but because there is an intense feeling of guilt, obligation, and an instinctual understanding that he must make some sacrifice or pay some debt. It is also often the reflection of a fear of confronting

external life and a sense of impotence in being able to handle practical affairs.

Guilt looms large with this placement of Saturn although it is generalised rather than specific guilt. It may cause a man to seek penance through solitude, or there may be religious penance in the literal sense resulting in the monk or nun. It may be apparently involuntary penance as is the case with incarceration; but the man himself chooses this course although he may not consciously believe he will have to pay. It may result in sickness or withdrawal from conscious awareness through drugs, alcohol, or insanity. Or it may be much more subtle and less drastic, as in the case of the man who is always alone and always feels separation from the rest of humanity and the rest of life, no matter how many people he surrounds himself with.

Typical Saturnian ambivalence occurs with a twelfth house Saturn too, and there is both a compulsive fascination with and a great fear of losing one's identity and individuality. But whatever the specific mundane situation which is reflected, the individual is generally called upon at some point in his life to endure helplessness and aloneness and the sacrifice of his control. When this occurs on an inner level, the individual is frequently unable to communicate his feelings to others, which only increases his sense of isolation. He does not understand what it is that he is trying to protect himself against, any more than he understands the abyss which draws him with such fascination. He only knows that he feels powerless, and may overcompensate for this feeling by attempting to prove that he is totally master of his life. This may land him in hospital or in jail without his understanding the inner motives which have brought him there.

Saturn is representative in his disguised and baser form as the most personal kind of power, that which a person seizes for self-protection through manipulation of his environment. It is man's defense mechanism which is necessary for a long time while the unfolding of consciousness needs defending; however, when Saturn is found in Pisces or in the twelfth house, the time has come for the scaffolding to be taken down, for the inner structure is nearly complete, and stripping this away is initially like stripping off one's own outer skin and exposing the raw and tender area beneath.

As opposite to the sixth house, the twelfth disorganises that which the sixth has put in order, and offers chaos instead. This is not the chaos of sickness and madness, however; it only seems so to those who have built their conception of reality on a mundane base.

Understanding the meaning of this position takes us beyond the field of orthodox psychology, which has certainly mastered the fourth house and some of the eighth but is lost when confronting the mysteries of the twelfth. Recognition of the urge for evolution, for meaning, for the spiritual side of life, as a valid psychological drive in man, is now becoming widespread, however; and when it is understood that this is perhaps the most basic and most important instinct in man - although an instinct of the psyche rather than of the body - then it will not be such a painful experience for a man to sacrifice his

personality to permit his total self-expression. The real potential of Saturn in the twelfth house is unfortunately only available now to those of a mystical bent who are inclined toward the path of inner contemplation. To them it is the final sacrifice of the sense of separateness, and is willingly undergone because it is the last door between man and his freedom. It depends in the end on one's perspective. Trying to hunt Saturn down through the mazes of the unconscious is difficult enough in the eighth house where there are still some personality links; but the twelfth is wholly of the soul, and analysis does not help understanding unless it is backed by a knowledge of man's innately spiritual nature. The gold available from a twelfth house Saturn is the power to serve, not to 'do good' - which is not service at all - but to experience the sense of unity which the mystic is forever seeking and the sense of responsibility and detached love which accompanies this unity. This will, of course, make no sense to the earthy man, and may offend more pragmatic astrologers; but the fact remains that the twelfth house has not yet been satisfactorily explained any more than has the nature of man. It may be that as scientific evidence piles up, slowly but surely, in demonstration of the occult teachings of the past, the interrelationships of all living things and their essential underlying oneness will be a fact on the objective plane as well as a subjective experience on the part of the mystic.

Saturn in the watery signs and houses is worthy of first place because it is in this area that he displays his greatest ambiguity and also his greatest emotional suffering. As man is only now beginning to learn how to think objectively as a group, and as the majority of people are still polarised in their feeling natures, Saturn in water is responsible for a great deal of the loneliness and isolation so apparent at the present time. It is of some help for the individual who has Saturn in a watery house or sign to recognise that his potential in terms of inner peace, understanding, and wisdom is as great as his potential for despair if he will only turn inward to the realm of the feelings and of the unconscious.

(Bil Tierney)

It's well established that the Twelfth House is the perfect place to retreat when we want to get away from the bustling, hectic world and find a little tranquillity. Peace and quiet are what much of this house is about, even though paradoxically the Twelfth House also drums up nightmarish images of bedlam where the insane howl and the disoriented abound in a hellish place of jarring noise and chaos - and that's just of our own inner demons! But for Saturn, it's the silent places of the soul that are most sought after. Neptune in the Twelfth House is much like this too, except that Neptune has a special talent for zoning out - meaning it closes its eyes and flies at the speed of mind to other dimensions where time and space pose no barriers, perfectly unaware of its everyday mundane surroundings. Neptune is quite a trance-maker.

Saturn can never get that far away from its ability to be aware of form and limitation. Saturn retreats to the Twelfth House to deeply contemplate why things turn out the way they do. Saturn will dig deeply to understand the purpose behind the endings of situations and relationships, especially when they've ended badly or without sufficient

explanations. The Twelfth House is where we hide a lot of our loose ends, but Saturn always finds them and gets very anxious. However, its strong point is organizational power, which is no easy feat in this house of formlessness and anti-matter. What could be suggested is soul structuring, where we learn to build consciousness carefully on our most internal levels. Saturn is learning not to fear the limitless world of the spirit within. By establishing a meditative atmosphere where stillness is emphasized, we can learn to recognize the reality of our spiritual self and feel its constant, protective presence. Saturn always wants a solid connection wherever it's located; and in the Twelfth house, we have an ability to bring more of our Higher Self into earthly manifestation, perhaps through the power of visualization. But first we have to dissolve a lot of barriers that block our path to such self-awareness.

Some of us may have to deal with burdensome situations as part of our karmic plan for growth in this incarnation. We can suffer in solitude - at least, our pain is invisible to those we deal with in the day-to-day world. We learn to become excellent concealers. But since this is the house of behind-the-scenes activities or hidden circumstances, we are reluctant to come out and expose our more serious problems to others without feeling inexplicably guilty or more embarrassed and humiliated than is reasonable. A few of us opt to lock away and guard our troubling fears (Saturn rules locks and bolts), while moping around like a martyr or victim of fate, figuratively wearing a 'kick me' sign.

Maybe we don't even mope, but instead show a false self-assurance and an assertive drive to accomplish that keeps others from prying into our hidden parts. We overachievers may try to conquer the hypnotic pull of the unconscious by putting all our energies into establishing ultimate values of the earthly kind. Winning the game of material life is then the ideal we put on a pedestal, while our soul needs are little understood or woefully neglected. It's not a common manifestation, but it can occur. Actually, Saturn does call for a sensible embrace of both spirit and matter. Making peace with being in the world while doing what we can to bring peace would be a goal to envision, but Saturn needs to know how far it can realistically fulfill this dream to avoid disenchantment.

Retreating for purely escapist reasons, to avoid people contact rather than to confront the Great Oneness of life, can be the unwise way Saturn deals with anxiety. We can be hyper-vulnerable to our own crippling doubts or plagued with self-pity. We hardly want to realize that we are so fearful, much less have strangers or loved ones know this about us. We will need to do some honest self-confrontation to determine if we are allowing imaginary limitations to hem us in. Are we assuming certain negative Saturnian responses from others ("they loathe me... they really loathe me!") while being too chicken to get the facts straight by being direct and addressing certain issues face to face? If so, we choose to remain blind to the real truth, and thus hurt ourselves. Being in the dark about anything is not what Saturn's all about; but the Twelfth House can symbolize covert enemies, and that includes engaging in hidden self-destructiveness.

# Uranus ♅ in ♈ Aries 25° 24'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

(Joan Negus)

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Aries last century from April to October 1927, again from January 1928 until May 1934, and from October 1934 to March 1935. Aries is the sign of individuality and the self as separate from society; therefore, those of you who have Uranus in this sign in your birth charts will experience and be involved with changes that affect the individual's role in society. Aries also is associated with war, the military, and all forms of conflict and competition, including sports, so your Uranusgroup might be responsible for bringing about changes in these areas, too.

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

World War II were building up around the globe.

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

This sign position makes its natives blunt and outspoken. As a generation, they demand



change and refuse to live in the style of their parents or preceding generations. Their spirit of adventure is strong, and they need constant new experiences in order to remain happy.

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is a powerful and positive placing, with the energy and assertiveness of Aries complementing the forthright, nervous energy of Uranus. Unless negatively aspected, Uranus should endow plenty of originality and the motivation to use it in positive ways. There will be erratic tendencies, however, and patience is not enhanced; look elsewhere in the chart to see if this and more cautionary qualities are present.

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

caution must be developed. If Uranus is negatively aspected, especially by Mars, these daring tendencies will be increased. If Uranus is generally negatively aspected, its characteristic nervous and emotional tension will be particularly noticeable.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

This position will be repeated in the 21st century, beginning about 2011. It seems to indicate a generation of individuals who have an unusually strong drive for selfexpression and who may have quite a bit of trouble conforming to society's norms. Certainly, for this generation, intense personal concern with individual freedom is stronger than concern with freedom as an abstract social issue. In other words, these people prefer to seek freedom for themselves on a day-to-day practical level rather than fight for freedom as a social principle. In fact, they might be rather apolitical except about issues that affect them personally.

## Uranus ♅ in 2nd House

(Joan Negus)

There are a number of ways in which Uranus in the second house can manifest. Since this area may represent the way in which you earn a living, you will probably need a great deal of freedom in your work. I have a number of clients with this placement who are in business for themselves. This certainly helps to avoid feeling suppressed by tyrannical employers. It does not, however, automatically provide the native with a sense of material security.

Money may come in spurts, and could flow out in the same manner. People with this placement are not usually patient shoppers. They can spend spontaneously on a whim and later repent. What I usually suggest, since income can be sporadic, is that when a windfall occurs, some money should be put away and considered gone when shopping. An IRA, a Certificate of Deposit, or some other form of enforced savings in which funds are not easily retrieved should be instituted. Of course, money can be removed from such accounts, but this requires effort, and Uranus suggests that there isn't the patience to take care of all the details. So it is likely that the funds will remain untouched.

Time and again clients who have followed this advice tell me that the money they save gives them a sense of security, and makes them feel more independent. One woman with Uranus in the second house, who is a graphic artist, started her own business about three years ago. She was a little nervous about being on her own, as is common with anyone starting a new business. As she presented her ideas to prospective clients, she was concerned with what she considered her lack of originality. She thought of herself as being creative in the positions she had previously held in established companies, and began to worry that perhaps she wasn't talented. She felt that the jobs she did get were because her bids were low. However, once she began to earn money and to put some of it away, her creativity magically reappeared. She began to present less conventional ideas, and business has picked up. This example reinforces the premise that when you feel secure, you can be freer.

You need not, however, be self-employed with Uranus in the second house. You can work for someone else if that individual does not try to make you conform to inflexible standards, nor attempt to direct your creativity. If you are allowed to express your individuality in your occupation or are encouraged to use your originality, you may have no complaints about your job at all. You may still be erratic about spending money and, perhaps, not feel pressured to save. But if you are in someone else's employ you need not worry about where the next paycheck will come from.

Other possibilities with this placement that you might already use, or you could consider as substitutes for less desirable alternatives, are to have unusual hours on your job or change your schedule frequently. Or you might work on commission, or choose to work part-time, or possibly have more than one job so that you will not get bored. Instead of being erratic or too spontaneous in your spending, you might purchase Uranian items

such as computers that could be a worthwhile investment rather than a frivolous expenditure. And finally, you might select a Uranian occupation such as electrician, computer technology, or become involved with a humanitarian field or cause.

You could think that it would be nice to be independently wealthy and it would be reassuring to have financial security. You might even say that it would be wonderful to be able to be free of money worries. And, after all, freedom is a key word for Uranus - security is not. Should you feel too secure or force yourself to be frugal (which is highly unlikely), you might find that something is missing. It could be that you miss the challenge of making ends meet or the exhilaration you feel when you take a risk and spend money spontaneously.

Since this house also represents your own feelings of self-worth, Uranus placed there could mean that your opinion of yourself could fluctuate (as with the graphic artist mentioned above). When you are not feeling good about your identity, you might sabotage yourself. You might exhibit bizarre behavior that could get you fired, or you might go on a spending spree that could put you deeply in debt. Then you will feel worse about yourself than you did before. Instead, define your situation. Try to determine why you are feeling limited or insecure. See if you can make small changes that could lead in a new direction and eliminate obstacles to your independence and creativity.

(Haydn Paul)

The issues confronted here are those of resources, possessions and values. Uranus requires changes to be made in these spheres of life, and will influence you to achieve the necessary adjustments.

As you develop in life, you will naturally acquire possessions, unfold personal talents and gifts, and build a set of personal values which act as a guide to directions chosen and decisions made. It is a question of meaning and inner relationship to 'material substance' that is important. Often, social attitudes are unconsciously acquired through childhood programming, perhaps those of your parents, or of the wider community. These can develop in various ways. There may be a family lack of material possessions, a desire to become rich and to be able to indulge in materialistic prosperity; values and meaning could have been imposed, through pressures placed on the child to succeed at school and to elevate the family status by achieving a university degree; meaning could have been placed in frugality and lack of waste; importance could have been put into unfolding personal talents, or conversely, these could have been denied or frustrated by family circumstances, like the little girl pianist who had to cease lessons because her family could not afford the tuition. This 'programming' can accumulate in many ways, some positive and some negative in impact.

By the time of adulthood, many attitudes are fixed in the psyche, and adult needs of becoming independent and starting their own homes and family also contribute to inner

choices, frustration and desires. An over-reliance and dependence on material possessions for that sense of identity and status can develop. A preoccupation with achieving material success and prosperity can dominate a life to the exclusion of other interests. A turning away from ostentatious wealth can occur in those born into such circumstances, who reject the 'family inheritance' (at least whilst they are young and idealistic...).

Each one of us has some patterns operating within which dominate our attitudes, choices, and value structures. This position of Uranus is questioning such assumed patterns, suggesting that a little revolution is required here. You may need to unblock the channels which inhibit innate creative gifts and talents, which so far you have failed to externalise, perhaps through a lack of confidence, determination or opportunity. Evaluate your skills and potential talents, list all those assets that are yours to exploit; potentially, they could change your life, liberate you from an unsuitable situation. Most people are sadly under-used, deadening themselves in undemanding jobs, and limiting their options in life. You may need to wake up, look closely at those personal resources and material possessions, and consider how they could be used more wisely and effectively, especially if you are discontented with certain aspects of your life. What are your values in life? Do you even know what they are? Write down what is really important to you, and what you would really like to do in your life. Are these what you are actually doing? Probably not... but there may be a way to achieve them if certain changes were made. Often we settle for convenience, second best, plod along well-worn grooves, dreaming of what we would prefer! Uranus says 'Change, and try to make that dream real!' We are only sure of having one life - irrespective of the reincarnation theory - and generally society encourages us to virtually waste it, and we collaborate through passivity and fear. Is that what we really want? We postpone things into the future, saying 'Well, one day I'll do this, or do that, when I have the time...'. Could we really live like that if we applied the truth of the saying 'How long is your life? As long as your next breath!'? Following that could lead to extremist behaviour from our unconscious minds, but certainly we could all greatly improve our lives if we so chose.

Uranus can bring financial wealth or poverty, depending upon the required lesson. You may find it easy to accumulate money, then in over-expanding, make a mistake and lose it all. The key is that inner programming. Resources, talents, possessions and personal values can make or break a life. Use yours wisely.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetype that the 2nd house correlates to in human consciousness is the instinct to survive, to establish the foundation upon which life, and the individual consciousness that microcosmically reflects the totality of life, can survive. Survival requires that the individual (or the species) become aware of the resources available so that survival can be effected, and of what is needed in order to survive. What is needed relative to resources to effect survival determines what is valued. A core issue for

species survival is the need to reproduce the species; thus the sexual instinct to procreate the species is born. Sexual need determines sexual values. A core issue impacting upon individual or species survival is one of self-reliance; the more self-reliance that exists, the more survival is guaranteed. Thus Taurus and the 2nd house correlate to the archetype of self-reliance, self-relatedness, and selfsufficiency.

Uranus here correlates to the individual who must dive deep into him- or herself in order to determine what unique and individual resources he or she inherently possesses in order to establish a lifestyle that reflects his or her intrinsic individuality. The discovery of the individual's unique resources will thus determine what he or she comes to value, which in turn will determine how the person relates to him- or herself and, through extension, to other people and their values and / or lifestyles. Measured against the mainstream value systems, the consensus or status quo, the value systems and lifestyles of individuals with Uranus in the 2nd house will be quite different. Yet this is exactly how these people become aware of their inherent individuality, that which is unique and different within them, and why they stand apart, outside mainstream value systems. In effect these individuals must naturally rebel against mainstream or consensus values and the lifestyles that are generated because of them. Rebellion leads to a counterpoint-type awareness: 'not this, not that, so what do I value?' This dynamic will progressively promote the awareness of what the individual does value.

As the individual determines his or her own unique resources and the values that they generate, a lifestyle will evolve that reflects this determination. Self-reliance and survival will be developed because of this determination: the individual will look to her- or himself within in order to do this. Thus this generates a relative nondependence upon others to sustain oneself. This focus can also lead to joining hands with other like-minded people in order to effect survival relative to similar values; small group co-operatives or communities are examples.

Sexually these individuals will have a strong need to be creative or to experiment with different sexual values and lifestyles. Ultimately this desire is traceable to the instinct within the species to procreate in order to survive. A form of survival is mutation relative to changing environmental circumstances. The archetype of mutation, to change from one structure or form to another, is that which generates the desire to experiment with new sexual forms, expressions, or experiences. Commonly these people simply need to do this in order to determine a sexual lifestyle that reflects their inherent individuality. Relative to the archetypal need for self-reliance, many with Uranus in the 2nd house will develop a strong masturbation focus; and some will experiment even within this form of sexual expression.

The liberation and freedom from the known with Uranus in the 2nd house means to break free from any value system, lifestyle, resource use or application, or excessive dependency issue that restricts, inhibits, or does not allow for the individuality of the person to be developed. Liberation means to establish values and a lifestyle that reflects

what the individual inherently is; it means to become self-reliant and nondependent. Freedom from the known means to change as necessary what is valued to allow new resources to evolve as required; to use and establish those resources in new ways that allow for individual and species survival.

A natural stress can occur in the tubes within the kidneys, leading to kidney stones or kidney 'headaches' that are based on restriction within the kidneys that promotes incomplete cleansing; thus there is a toxic build-up leading to the headache. There can be urinary tract infections or various problems in the urinary tract, imbalances in the white and red cell counts leading to potentially life-threatening conditions like leukemia, gall bladder problems, gallstones, stress-induced breakdowns in the veins (varicose veins, for example), calcium deficiencies leading to slow clotting of the blood, tonsillitis, and throat infections of one sort or another.

## Neptune ♆ in ♋ Cancer 15° 13'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation of Neptune in Cancer have the potential for realizing the higher levels of personal and family security on a planetary basis. They are infused with the vision of initiating an awareness of the 'world family'. The League of Nations was formed naturally from the efforts of those born in this age. On a personal level it indicates the dilemma of dealing with idealistic expectations of an automatic emotional fulfillment coming out of one's position in a family. It offers the choice of accepting or denying the responsibility to develop the personal security necessary to experience the realization of one's highest family ideals.

(Skye Alexander)

Neptune was in Cancer last century between July and December 1901, from May 1902 until September 1914, and from December 1914 to July 1915. The sign Cancer is associated with the mother, children, family, nurturing, good, home and country, so while Neptune is in this sign the collective unconscious is attuned to these areas and they became fashionable. Those of you who have Neptune in Cancer in your birth charts could be described as the 'god and country, mom and apple pie' generation.

World War I, which brought about the collapse of some nations and a redefining of others, began while Neptune was in Cancer. In the United States, patriotism ran high, and former President Theodore Roosevelt (whose Moon was in Cancer) sought U.S. domination of the Western hemisphere. During this period, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Philippines became American territories, and the Panama Canal was built.

Those of you who have Neptune in Cancer in your birth charts idealize your homeland and are very patriotic. However, your 'my country right or wrong' attitude makes it hard for you to acknowledge any flaws in your nation's policies or behavior, and you prefer to ignore situations that are less than perfect rather than working to correct them. During the Nazi reign, for instance, many Neptune-in-Cancer Germans were aware of Hitler's cruelties, but chose to look the other way rather than admit that such things could happen in their country.

During Neptune's passage through Cancer, the home was glorified. During the mid-1700s, successful merchants and ship's captains in seaport towns in Europe and America built magnificent, sumptuously decorated mansions to show off their wealth, and one of the most graceful and enduring furniture styles, Queen Anne, was introduced. When Neptune again entered Cancer at the beginning of the twentieth century, the Vanderbilts and other wealthy industrialists constructed their palatial 'cottages' in places like Newport, Rhode Island and the Hamptons in New York.

Food, another of Cancer's concerns, was emphasized when Neptune passed through this sign. In the mid-eighteenth century, sleep, speedy sailing ships opened trade between the East and West and introduced an array of new culinary delights to the Western world. The pineapple even became a popular symbol of hospitality. When Neptune again entered Cancer, the focus on food in the United States resulted in the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906.

Those of you who were born while Neptune was in Cancer may be especially interested in food and cooking. However, you might have a tendency to overindulge, particularly in sweets. It is hard for you to accept the relationship between nutrition and health, and you could suffer from diet-related illnesses as a result of poor eating habits that you are extremely reluctant to change. Your generation also is responsible for the introduction of chemical food additives, poisonous pesticides and highly-processed foods.

Neptune-in-Cancer periods focus on children, too. The first English books published for children and the translation into English of popular fairy tales Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and Little Red Riding Hood occurred in the mid-1740s. When Neptune again traveled through Cancer, The Wizard Of Oz, Peter Pan, Wind in the Willows, and Peter Rabbit were published. The teddy bear was born, and the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls were founded.

Those of you who have Neptune positioned in Cancer in your birth charts idealize the family, children and motherhood. However, you entertain such unrealistic illusions and fantasies about what the perfect family should be that you cannot acknowledge troubles in your parent / child relationships. Rather than deal realistically with less-than-ideal situations, you prefer to ignore them and hope they'll go away. Your generation never discussed sex with your children, for example; and if there was alcoholism, child abuse, infidelity, mental illness, etc. in your family you probably denied it or tried to cover it up.



(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune in Cancer indicates a generation of people with strong psychic ties to the home, family, and the earth. They are highly sympathetic and emotionally sensitive. They tend to be religious but in an emotional way. If Neptune is strongly placed and aspected, psychic and mediumistic tendencies are in evidence. Many clairvoyants are born with Neptune in Cancer. The negative side of this expression is maudlin sentimentality and an exclusive, emotional attachment to one's family and country. There can also be misguided mediumistic tendencies, which can attract low-grade astral influences.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

In this placing, the overall influence was centred on the home. There was confusion and unhappiness due to so many men being killed during the First World War, and the overall grief is shown by the emphasis on Cancer - the most family-oriented sign in the zodiac. It then further occurred that when the people who were born during those years with Neptune in Cancer were adults and bringing up their own families; they had to cope with the difficulties and unhappiness of the Second World War.

Between 1905 and 1911, Uranus made an opposition to Neptune from Capricorn. This generation aspect (which appears in the charts of all people born during that period) added to the stresses and strains of the time, and was another negative factor in the lives of this generation.

If Neptune is a personal planet in the birth chart it will very powerfully heighten the subject's sensitivity, emotion and intuition. If it receives negative aspects, he or she may well show a tendency to take the easy way out of difficult situations. The imagination can also work overtime. This placing will increase any inclination to worry, but will sensitize and refine any creative work that is carried out by the individual.

(Grant Lewi)

Your early home environment impressed you deeply and even more than most fixed your instinctive reactions to life and conditioned your intuitions. You may range far from the ideal of your subconscious, but this will forever remain fixed in a home of your own, and you will never feel yourself till you are settled in one. Since this demand of the ego is fairly easy to fulfill, you stand a chance of escaping the worst complexes that beset human beings; and once you have established your own hearth and fireside, and rested your soul in it, your instinctual urges should work naturally toward the smooth fulfillment of the total personality. You are extremely sensitive to atmospheres and moods, of places as well as of people, and should allow your instinct to guide you in the selection of a location for your home. Congenial surroundings are necessary for your best development, and peace in the places where you live and work is essential to the best

growth of the ego, which instinctively remembers the peace of infancy and the protective atmosphere of the mother and seeks to rediscover these in its physical and psychic environment. If the total personality is passive, weak rather than strong, this can make you a spoiled child all your life, causing you to expect your wife or husband or friends to stand in loco parentis and humor your whims. But in an aggressive and strong nature it causes the personality to be based firmly in simple domestic security, from which it draws strength and the materials of success and progress.

(John Townley)

People in your age group have a great fondness for home and family. The ideal relationship for your generation includes a snug, secure little cottage, surrounded by children and even grandchildren.

Depending upon your own personality, this ideal may or may not appeal to you. However, it will certainly affect your subconscious evaluation of your success in love in comparison to the relationships of friends and acquaintances.

If you are interested in physical security, this generational attitude will cause you to value emotional conformity to some extent. You will fit yourself into a more or less standard family mold, which can provide great satisfaction as long as the mold remains intact.

But if you are independent or a lone wolf in emotional matters, you will probably disdain your peers' security-oriented fearfulness, for your own strength is internal. However, those around you will always feel some disapprobation or even pity for you, believing that you are missing out on something, even though that is not the case.

At any rate, you probably won't escape the home and family orientation to which you have been exposed. Of necessity it will always be a factor in your emotional selfjudgement, for better or for worse, depending on how you handle it.

(Robert Hand)

Children born under this influence are inclined to idealize their homes, tradition, the past, and all other ideas associated with Cancer. Nevertheless, their personal lives are rather unstable, because it is hard to relate the inherently practical realities of a home and family. This generation was later at the forefront of the isolationist and America First movements, which were based on idealizing the homeland. In Europe this development was paralleled by the formation of the ultra-nationalistic fascist movements, such as the Nazis in Germany, Mussolini's movement in Italy and similar groups all over Europe and in Japan as well.

## Neptune ♆ in 5th House

(Marilyn Waram)

Neptune has a depth of receptivity which is quite startling to experience, especially in this modern Western culture where we so often keep others at an emotional distance. The fifth house is also deeply emotional, but this tends to be in an outgoing way. The combination often leads to a definite charisma, an aura of great charm and power and importance. It is one of the stronger indications that a person has acting ability, though this may be used as a teacher or salesperson rather than on the stage.

Neptune and the fifth house share creative abilities, so this is another combination which emphasises some kind of creative talent. While Neptune in the second is likely to express itself in music, gardening or art, the fifth house tends to indicate a strong need to be noticed and admired for creative abilities and attempts. This Neptunian is more likely to work with video or on stage or in the classroom or in some other area where the applause and respect can be immediate and can also be experienced personally. He needs this; often the unconscious Neptunian focus on the need to transcend this world undermines his self-confidence and self-esteem so that he depends on feedback from others to measure his worth. This can be a deadly dependency because even the highest praise and respect from others can never truly fulfil the yearning he experiences to be loved absolutely. They can only provide a temporary uplift. The individual remains forever vulnerable.

With Neptune in the fifth, a person needs to closely and honestly examine his illusions regarding love, children, creativity and his own self-esteem and ego. This is one of the positions especially susceptible to ego-annihilation, the determination to eradicate the 'sinful' ego. Such people tend to become terribly self-absorbed as they watch themselves for any sign of ego, and end up more egotistical and self-important than if they simply accepted their membership in the human race along with the rest of us.

Some of the illusions associated with a fifth house Neptune include the need to have perfect love relationships, perfect children, and always the perfect artistic creation. Whenever someone expects perfection in the outer world, he is doomed to disappointment, although the process of disillusionment may cause him to rethink his outlook. He may need to realise that he needs to let go of some of his more demanding and destructive dreams and expectations.

With Neptune in the fifth, the individual may expect lovers or love relationships to provide a complete sense of fulfilment. The person with this placement can make a very romantic partner, the type who loves candlelight dinners and mood music, who can surround the object of his love with an atmosphere of pervasive love. However he may expect his girlfriend or lover to sense his wishes and to be willing to meet them. Or he may expect himself to be sensitive, caring and receptive at all times, regardless of his own mood and / or needs. He may look for a girlfriend who is completely open to him

and willing to give him absolute, perfect and always harmonious love. He may suffer disappointment and disillusionment as lady after lady fails to live up to his image of the perfect lover, or brings out a side of him he can't reconcile with his expectations of love.

Sometimes all this happens with children - the individual might expect his children to be passive, peaceable, serene and patient. He may expect himself to be this way with his children; and it is a distinct likelihood that he will have trouble dealing with issues of anger and discipline with his children. He may value them so highly that he loses his perspective on what they are really like, or he may need them to be perfect so that he feels important and well-regarded.

Since Neptune represents issues which are frequently unconscious, all these attitudes may operate without the individual's awareness.

If projected, the negative aspects of Neptune tend to become more emphasised. With a lover, the individual might be looking for a lady who is spiritual or magical, inspirational or creative, or someone 'really special' - a princess or goddess he can love,... and yet find himself with women who take too many pills, or who can't seem to get their lives together, women who are constantly sick, who are mentally ill or unbalanced, or who dedicate themselves to strange religions. The more the individual denies Neptune expression in his own life, the more likely it is that he will meet it in exaggerated guises outside of himself.

Projected onto children, it is possible to have artistically talented children, children who are more inclined to follow a spiritual path than the parent, or children who have a marked ability to counsel and inspire others. It is also possible to have children who slide into drugs and alcohol, or who are sickly and weak or mentally unbalanced, children who have a great deal of difficulty distinguishing between reality and their imagination, children who use denial as a defence against the world and so on.

The individual with Neptune in the fifth house really needs to examine closely and honestly his beliefs regarding his creative pursuits and how they reflect on him. He needs to look at his tendency to romanticise girlfriends rather than see them for who they are, and to romanticise love and love affairs in general. He may harbour illusions about all children, or about his own children in particular, illusions which hamper his ability to deal with them realistically and effectively. He may have difficulty developing a strong sense of self-worth, or fancy himself as far more important than others see him. This placement is associated with a great deal of inspired creativity, however, and may, if other chart factors support it, indicate exceptional artistic talent in some field. With humility and self-awareness, an individual with Neptune in the fifth can use his magnetism to uplift those who have lost all confidence. He can balance his tendency to see the best - and perhaps only the best - in others with his natural ability to inspire them to actually develop what he sees, to become the best they can be.

(Haydn Paul)

This position of Neptune is closely concerned with personal creativity, romance, life enjoyment and children.

Romance and love affairs are likely to be very influential in your life; and you may need to be careful in respect of the glamorous and illusory façade that Neptune can cast over others and upon your own perceptive clarity. This façade shimmers and sheens, but all may not be as it appears; where Neptune is concerned, always keep a wary eye open for images of deception. Romance will be coloured by idealism and that search for perfection which evokes the presence of anima and animus projections from the unconscious mind, overlaying the actual reality of any partner.

You are probably attracted to people who have an aura of mystery, intrigue and fascination surrounding them; this may be real but equally they could just seem that way to you if your inner projections have been activated. The allure of illicit and secret relationships is strong, as are any which promise glamour in some way, perhaps through association with status-rich people, or a more stylish and fashionable lifestyle. You enjoy situations that include a chance to be in the dramatic spotlight, and can sometimes resort to playing too many games to be fully trusted. Yet beneath that dramatic flair is someone who really wants to be loved and appreciated, although you may often act in ways that prevent this from happening successfully. Much will depend on the nature of aspects made to the natal Neptune.

Romances may not progress smoothly; and it is possible that a succession of failed love affairs can generate additional problems in your life, perhaps through children or unresolved emotions. Children could be a weak spot; and Neptune may demand a sacrifice from you in this area, prior to changes occurring in your life. More clarity is needed in this sphere of life, where in order to achieve your real desires of partnership you need to resist the lures of more glamorous tunes played by siren-like lovers. Try not to place lovers on unrealistic pedestals, or chase those who are not available; these can be just futile endeavours, dramatic perhaps, but strangely unsatisfying, unless you want to become the emotionally tortured artist!

As with romance, your creativity may also be blocked from fulfilment. Neptune will give you a fertile imagination which can be used in very creative ways, but a way to release this may need to be found before the floodgates open. There may be natural talents in music, drama and art which have an inspirational source from the muses, and you will certainly feel more fulfilled when you are being creative and selfexpressive, releasing emotional and imaginative energies into the world. This could be a key to transcending any blockage. Neptune may want you to move to a higher vantage place, so that there is less emphasis on purely personal creativity for more selfish aims and where the new perception is one of service to the greater community. Until you move in that direction, your aims may be frustrated. In offering something of value to others, you may be

simultaneously offering a sacrifice to the inner gods, which will be rewarded in their own way - through your transformation and rebirth into a 'walker between worlds'.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people are idealistic and romantic to a fault, and are not at all realistic in their choice of lovers. They are inclined to fall in love with someone who is out of reach in some way, or someone who embodies a dream for them, because of what they do or their environment, without allowing themselves to perceive who they really are. They are capable of waiting for years for an impossible romance to materialise.

This position inclines towards sexual extremes: none at all, or too much, or peculiar tastes and attractions. It is a partial testimony to homosexuality. It can also indicate impotence or frigidity.

They are capable of great inspiration, but may rely too much on it and not enough on hard work. They are inclined to focus on the wrong aspect of things and not see the forest for the trees. They are prone to emotional instability unless there are strong, good aspects against it. They are also inclined to be psychic; but for this, too, contributory aspects are necessary.

These individuals are magnetic and charismatic but, unless other aspects are good, they may not know how to use this gift and may do more harm than good to those they attract.

This is a good position for artists, writers, or creative workers of any kind, especially those who work alone. They may suffer from a too-intense sensitivity that blocks them from fully appreciating or understanding those around them. They may feel themselves to be misunderstood by others, while it is they who do not understand others. They can be cold and callous to friends and family, tuning them out while focusing all their concern on the one they desire, who is often someone who is totally out of the question. If they do achieve union with the desired one, the romance takes a long time to wear off.

(Howard Sasportas)

In the 5th, Neptune wins some and loses some. On the one hand, this position bestows a rich and vivid imagination, creative flair and the natural ability to exteriorise the feelings in a grand and exuberant manner. On the other hand, circumstances they attract into their lives may require that they give and become what others want and need, rather than what they would like to be or do for themselves. But should these coincide - that is, when what they wish to give is what others want and need to receive - then probably nothing else in the chart will equal the joy and fulfilment promised by this placement.

Back to the sandbox. The first problem is whether or not little Neptune is even free to go

out and play. 'Poor Mother works so hard at home - I should really stay in and help her.' 'No, don't think of me', poor Mother says. 'It will be good for you to go out with your friends - I really don't mind (sigh).' Guiltily, but excitedly, Neptune floats on air to the playground, bubbling with all the fun he is going to have. But what's this, nobody is there - 'How strange, where could they all be? (pause) I wonder what I am missing?' 'Well I can still play on my own.' He climbs in the sandbox filled with the inspiration of the castles taking shape in his mind, when along comes Mercury. 'Sorry Neptune, your mother sent me - she needs you back home - mind if I borrow your shovel?'

Sometimes the more those with Neptune (or Pisces) in the 5th search for pleasure, the more it eludes them. It's not always this bleak - but they often are called upon to make sacrifices in the area of creativity. Some may give up a career in the arts for the sake of a more stable or routine existence. Some will give up a more stable and routine existence for the sake of a career in the arts. But whether or not a profession in this field is sought, they will benefit from any spare-time creative outlet which offers them a chance to express their feelings, emotions and splendid imagination.

Romantically, they are usually bursting at the seams. Imbuing the beloved with divine qualities, they embark on the romance of all times. Neptune in this house may bring complications in love. One version is falling in love with someone who is unattainable in some way. More positively though, people with Neptune in the 5th possess, through the expansiveness and numinosity of their love, a natural gift for uplifting and healing others.

Sacrifices may have to be made regarding children. If difficultly aspected, they may feel martyred by parenthood: 'If it weren't for the kids, I could have done...'. They might idealise a child or turn the child into their source of salvation. 'If the child loves me against all odds, if the child is wonderful or successful, then my life is redeemed'. Obviously, there must be a willingness on the part of a parent with this placement to free the child to live his or her own life. The child may reflect Neptunian or Piscean qualities - in the sense of possessing unusual creative or artistic abilities, or the more challenging manifestations of this planet or sign - mental, physical or emotional disabilities. What is important is the 'spiritual growth' gained through the experience with children. In whatever sphere of life it is placed, Neptune may indicate a kind of suffering which has the effect of softening the individual. Invariably, the parent who loses or is compelled to give up a child will be profoundly affected and altered through what Neptune has to teach. Some people with Neptune in the 5th work well with disabled or troubled children and adolescents.

Obviously, if Neptune is adversely aspected they should be very cautious about gambling and speculation. By nature, Neptune offers no guarantees.

(Liz Greene)

The 5th house is traditionally associated with children and creativity. But the 'children' of

the 5th house are not necessarily biological; and our biological children are represented here not in the context of our capacity for parenting, but as those physical creations upon which we project our inner images of immortality and specialness. The 5th house might more appropriately be called the house of the inner child, for it is the archetypal image of the divine child that stands behind it.

(Liz Greene) (contd.)

The 5th house is thus as 'religious' as the 9th, and perhaps more so, since the pursuit of meaning as reflected by the 9th is largely intellectual in nature, while the experience of inner divinity, which we encounter through the 5th, in both our children and our creative efforts, is direct, unmediated, and irrefutable.

The divine child whom we meet when Neptune is in the 5th is the Christ-child, the Mithras-child, the progeny of heaven and the source of our redemption. Creative expression may thus become a means of salvation, for through it we can leave the darkness of the material world and enter into union with the source of life. But in order to pursue this kind of creative spirit we may feel impelled to suffer; for creativity allied to a 5th house Neptune carries with it the poignant vision of the Romantic poets. The artist must suffer for his or her creation, and is redeemed by it; yet the artist is also the mouthpiece for the divine, and carries the role of the redeemer of society. We should not be surprised to encounter Neptune in the 5th in the charts of poets. Total immersion in the imaginal realm constitutes fusion with the deity; re-emerging into ordinary life is an expulsion from Eden, and a kind of death.

The 5th house is also known as the house of love. Love as described by the 5th is, however, a reflection of the Sun as lifegiver, and not specifically sexual; nor is it a relationship between equals. Solar love is an unbounded radiance which pours out toward people and objects as the Sun itself shines upon the Earth. Our 5th house 'love affairs' are not really concerned with other people as individuals. We embark upon them in order to experience our lovingness towards those who orbit around us as the Earth does around the Sun. Through our recognition of our own capacity to love, we glimpse that which is godlike in ourselves. Neptune in the 5th conjures the love of the troubadours, for whom the beloved is a mirror; and the experience of passion is the gateway to union with the ineffable. The lover himself or herself scarcely matters. Ebertin, in describing Neptune in the 5th, mentions 'a love of beauty and art... wastefulness, self-glorification, misdirected passion, seduction'. It is hardly surprising that Neptune's passion might be 'misdirected', as the other person is merely a mirror in which the individual glimpses the immortality of his or her own soul. With such a profound idealisation of love, one is likely to display a certain lack of discrimination in one's choices. Neptune in the 5th may be utterly in love with being in love. Yet love and suffering may live side by side, for it is through the experience of love that we, the suffering ones, are redeemed, and offer redemption to others who suffer. Neptune in the 5th is sometimes linked with deception in love, either as perpetrator or as victim. This is



also not surprising, due to the extreme idealisation and propensity for disillusionment which Neptune brings to romantic encounters.

Planets in the 5th describe what kinds of things we are most naturally inclined to create; the experience of divinity through a 5th house planet will express itself in the form of the deity we encounter. Neptune's most characteristic creative products are those which link us to the oceanic source of life. A 5th house Neptune may, given sufficient containment, contribute to an artistic talent best expressed through media such as music, poetry, and drama. As our children are also our creations, we may bring Neptune's victim-redeemer mythology into the domain of our progeny. This can create many difficulties, since children are not mere extensions of our solar creative power, but are individuals in their own right, with a Sun and a 5th house in their own natal charts. With Neptune in the 5th, we may idealise our children to such a degree that we cannot discern their independent reality. Then we may truly suffer, since the child will probably resist this obliteration of his or her own identity in one way or another. Many individuals with Neptune in the 5th perceive in their children the light of their own potential divinity, incur the eventual rejection of their children, and feel martyred and victimised as a result. Neptune in the 5th may also perceive parenthood itself as martyrdom - the proof of loving self-sacrifice. Or one may try to play redeemer to a child who is perceived as helpless and vulnerable. Yet the parent with Neptune in the 5th may himself or herself secretly seek redemption through the child's love and dependence.

The Neptunian themes of sacrifice and suffering may take other forms in relation to offspring. Because Neptune's reluctance to define boundaries may bring a quality of deep unconsciousness to love affairs, 'accidental' pregnancy - even in this modern era of readily available contraception - is not uncommon. Neptune in the 5th may sometimes be connected with an unhappy experience of abortion, as a result of this kind of unconsciousness. Sometimes the 'accidental' pregnancy constitutes an intrinsic means of binding a partner whom one is frightened of losing; and a marriage built upon such a foundation may be fraught from the outset with a sense of entrapment, bondage, and victimisation on the part of both people. The child who is born of this union may believe, as children usually do, that he or she is responsible for all the parents' subsequent unhappiness and frustration, and may react by becoming the sort of burden guaranteed to make a martyr out of the parent. Or the parents may ultimately separate, and, if the usual acrimonious custody battle ensues, Neptune in the 5th may feel deeply victimised - either by the burden of being a single parent, or by having the child taken away. In these situations, no-one wins. It is inappropriate to seek a culprit in such cases, as Neptune's desperate need to find fusion is not usually recognised by a young person caught in the throes of an apparent grand passion. But it may be helpful to discern, beneath Neptune's inclination to bow to some mysterious 'karma', a pattern built upon unconscious choices and longings which are, ultimately, the individual's own.

Neptune in the 5th may occasionally be linked with unwelcome childlessness, or with a physically or mentally handicapped or ailing child. In these cases one cannot 'blame'

Neptune. Such unhappy situations also occur where there is no planet in the 5th, or an apparently benign planet such as Jupiter. The conclusion suggested by astrological evidence is that it is not the burden of an ill or handicapped child which is described by Neptune ;it is the experience of a particular kind of suffering which the parent is predisposed to undergo. Because we are all different, individuals respond in varying ways to this kind of life challenge. Some parents are angry, and some are resigned; some institutionalise the child as quickly as possible, while others keep the child permanently at home even if other, healthier children suffer by the decision. Because no-one can fully know or judge another's situation, no-one can decide for another which of many options is 'right'. For Neptune, a profound sense of guilt and longing for redemption through suffering may dictate that the 'right' option is the path of martyrdom. Neptune in the 5th, when linked with the challenge of raising a handicapped child, describes the mythic background of sorrow and salvation which the parent, rather than the child, is likely to carry within. Compassion and the opening of the heart may be the rewards of the experience. So, too, may be a deepened sense of religious or spiritual awareness. And so, too, may be the self-immolating propensities of the martyr, for whom suffering through one's child may one day provide a passport into Paradise. Consciousness of one's feelings is extremely important - not least for the sake of the child. In the case of those who desperately long for children but cannot have them, it is possible that some honest questioning about the desperation might be of value. If Neptune in the 5th perceives children as a vehicle for redemption, then inability to bear them may indeed seem a lifelong sentence of exile from Paradise. It may not be so when the desire for children is linked with less global needs, which could be partially if not completely met by other means. Self-pity may in such cases not be the most constructive expression of Neptune in the 5th. Something more wise within the individual may be seeking to express the redemptive longings of Neptune through some other, noncorporeal kind of child.

When Neptune is in the 5th, creative outlets are essential, for real people such as lovers and offspring cannot carry the mythic idealisations of Neptune without eventually falling off their pedestals. Neptune's compassion and sensitivity may reflect a gift for interacting with children, and not only one's own. But the planet's most benign expression in the natural house of the Sun is ultimately through those creative vehicles which can offer an immediate experience of the mystery which lies embedded within the sense of 'I'. 'Children', 'speculation' and 'love affairs' seem easier - at least initially - because they are instinctive and do not require reflection. Creative work demands the discipline of Saturn and the self-definition of the Sun, which Neptune resists. Yet paradoxically, it is through creative effort that Neptune's redemptive longing can be fulfilled, at least in part, through discovering the divine child within.

(Robert Pelletier)

If you have been disappointed in love relationships, take heart, for your creative inspiration can bring you success in many other areas. Even in love, you will learn to

discriminate between those who are sincere and those who are not. In time, you will accept people as they are and not try to make them fit your ideal image. Devote more effort to developing your creative potential, for you can derive much satisfaction from your accomplishments. Resist the tendency to waste time daydreaming, when you could be using your talents for useful purposes. Your fear of being rejected will be greatly reduced if you become a true craftsman in using your skills. Getting some formal training should be a major priority if you want to win in the challenging competition of human encounter. Rather than complain about someone's unethical methods of achieving their ambitions, tend to your own affairs and criticise your own lack of persistence and dedication. Though you are a purist at times, you display poor judgement in living by your own rules instead of by society's, as others must.

Your sympathetic compassion for less fortunate people is commendable. You know you have the ability to serve those who cannot serve themselves, and you would be remiss in your social obligations if you did nothing about it. It will take some time to find the best way to apply your creative ideas. You might need the advice of someone you can trust to help you choose the best career. Perhaps your partner or lover could serve in this capacity, especially if your interests are compatible.

Your first priority should be to make an organised plan for achieving your goals. Then you must painstakingly adhere to the responsibilities that this entails. You cannot expect to get anything out of life unless you are willing to put something into it, so you must develop your skills as a commitment to your objectives. You can earn a comfortable income by putting your creative talent to work. It will require some sacrifice, but this is the most important investment you can make. It is your obligation to find out where your talents will be appreciated. Before you can help others, you must develop your own potential and establish your own worth.

The most painful experience you can imagine is never receiving recognition for your efforts. You need feedback from those you have helped to know that your efforts have been worthwhile. But the only satisfaction you should require is knowing that the deed is important and that you are making an effort to pay off your debt to society. Institutional work could be a vehicle for creative self-expression. In any job situation, examine your duties carefully and demand that your responsibilities be spelled out exactly. You tend to volunteer unnecessarily, thereby taxing your physical capacity. If you do volunteer extra duty, don't expect any return other than the satisfaction of giving.

Your early conditioning did not prepare you for the burden of standing on your own. You may have a lingering guilt that you have somehow been disloyal to your family. This is utter nonsense, which you use to justify your refusal to develop your latent potential and acquire the independence to stand alone. If you believe in yourself, the possibilities open to you are beyond your wildest imagination, but only hard work will yield results. You will succeed when you know you can.

(Bill Herbst)

Conscious persona: Your 5th house Neptune indicates a conscious persona marked by an otherworldly, almost mystical presence. The image of self that's created can be magical in its delicacy and compassionate in its soft receptivity. You are no egomaniac, for you're more interested in feeling of togetherness, of oneness between performer and audience. However, there can be 'star' quality here, for an intangibly poetic sense of charisma overcomes many other shortcomings, such as a lack of clear strength in character. Your characterisation may be solid and grounded, but the mask itself gives the impression of being almost translucent. The pitfall lies in deception - for the audience and also yourself - while the challenge is to develop a character of universal empathy, one with whom every member of the audience can identify.

Romance, giving love: If Mars is the romantic warrior, Mercury the romantic beauty, then Neptune represents the romantic mystic. You have a translucent, almost religious sense of courtship. A sublime holiness permeates love. You aren't especially physical where love is concerned, operating instead from Olympian heights of spiritual aspiration. There are pitfalls, however. Universal and personal love are confused, and too often romance involves suffering and sacrifice - somebody gets hurt. You're such a sucker for 'true love' that you'll lie to yourself and others to have the experience. The challenge is to successfully merge your translucent longing for spiritual Oneness with the more pragmatic demands of earthly living.

Sexual performance: For you, the sexual act is an interlude of release from worldly cares, more fantasy than reality, more emotional than physical, a dreamlike blend of Hollywood and Heaven. The mundane aspect of sex is smooth and silky, a liquid dance of empathy with your partner, as if your body were melting into the body of your beloved. The pitfall lies in passivity or self-absorption; your boundaries dissolve too easily and you float off to La-La Land, leaving your partner behind to do all the work. The challenge is to let lovemaking provide you with a pathway back to Cosmic Central. Sex should be more inspiration than perspiration; christen yourself in its cool waters - just don't drown.

Personal creativity: Creativity tends to be spiritual rather than material, intangible rather than concrete. Whatever actual directions you choose for your creative drives, the process of creation will be likely to be slightly mysterious, more a drawing down of sublime energies than any literal push to birth something new. You are the master of the divining rod, the rainmaker, the medium in trance who connects to another world. You can also be an illusionist, a prestidigitator, a con man. Just be sure you know the difference.

of specialness associated with the Sun, the natural ruler of the 5th, and the urge to 'play' and spontaneously express our childlike hearts.

Competition: Neptune's symbolism is antithetical to the raw energies of competition.

Your skills are based on subtlety. Something in you senses the most natural action to take in any game. But when you win, your ego steps aside. No credit is needed, no applause sought, no winnings pocketed. The concept of rules is only barely understood, however. You may cheat without knowing it, or with a naive assumption that it's part of the fun. But that pitfall can only lead to the eventual public ruin of your good reputation. The challenge is to develop a perfect instinct for the game of life, to play gently and lovingly, without violating anyone, including yourself.

## Pluto ♅ in ♐ Sagittarius 27° 58'

Note: Skye Alexander's book was published in 1988 and stopped short of covering this period; Jan Spiller's was published in 1986 and did not even cover Pluto in Scorpio, which had already begun by then, let alone Pluto in Sagittarius. Sakoian and Acker's predictions some 30 years in advance have had to be restrained a little by my own editorial eye!

(Steven Forrest)

Gypsy, Scholar, Philosopher - those are the central archetypes for Sagittarius. And all of them hold one cardinal quality in common: a sense of life as a Quest. The Gypsy expresses the idea geographically, questing through foreign lands and alien cultures. The Scholar expresses the same principle, but now it emerges intellectually, as the 'quest for knowledge'. Finally, the Philosopher brings in the intuitive dimension, as human consciousness seeks answers to life's meta-questions: why are we here, what is the meaning of our existences?... and so forth.

Stretching out in new, unknown directions - that is the passion for Pluto-in-Sagittarius. It wants to learn, to grow, to be amazed. The hunger for knowledge is high, but this is by no means a dried out, pedantic energy. It is the thrill of knowledge that the scholar seeks, and the thrill of realization that motivates the Philosopher. As to the Gypsy - here we see the epitome of the passionate, enthusiastic life, short on shame and long on appetite.

'I'd like to live a dashing, adventurous life - but only if I could do it safely.' Well, good luck. Risk and adventure are a matched set; you can't have one without the other. And Pluto-in-Sagittarius thrives on risk. Accordingly, its style is brash and devil-maycare, full of robust enthusiasm. It cannot abide boredom. It has little taste for conformity, and not much more taste for practicality. It appreciates boldness - in the human personality, in any enterprise, even in colors. There is a pronounced distaste for restraints or limitations, and a great focus on personal freedom and individuality.

New frontiers hold an elemental fascination for Pluto-in-Sagittarius. As I write these

words near the end of Pluto's passage through Scorpio, I am anticipating a renewal of global enthusiasm for the space program, and new nations joining that great adventure. We may very well see a renewed curiosity about the Arctic, or the ocean depths. Cyberspace - that dream-reality created by computers - will become even more crowded, and the 'information highway' will create a new land to be explored and colonized. The fringes of human consciousness will develop deeper popular attraction, and probably there will be a renewal of interest in the study of paranormal phenomena, psychedelic media, and various altered brain-states.

Central to any understanding of the Sagittarian style is the notion that this sign is oriented toward the future. Possibilities fascinate it, and it is biased toward optimism. A concern with answers rather than a focus on problems is the trend. The visionary is valued above the doomsayer, and the hero above the whining complainer.

Optimism is survival-positive. An optimist is quicker to become aware of new opportunities and new resources than is a pessimist, since he or she expects to see them.

But pessimism is survival-positive too. A pessimist is quicker to become aware of emerging threats and possible bad outcomes, since he or she is biased in that direction.

Human life seems to work best when a person can function in both modes and move fluidly between them. Pluto-in-Sagittarius, however, may be blind to the wisdom of pessimism. It can leap before it looks, 'trusting life' - and land headfirst in shallow water. Hope is a bright light, and it must therefore cast a dark shadow. The blind spot here, in a nutshell, is foolishness. Overextension, trusting too much to luck, an inability to foresee unintended consequences - these errors plague Pluto-in-Sagittarius.

Coming out of the stressful, dark mood of the Pluto-in-Scorpio years (1983-1995), humanity will be ready for some hope, some laughter, some sense that there is a future worth living. And probably those attitudes will make themselves felt more strongly than they have been felt for many years. More importantly, the kids born during this cycle, basically from 1996 to 2007, will carry in them the vision-seed of the human future, and they'll begin actively to build that future when the 'come online' as adults during the first half of the twenty-first century. but their rush to answers will be tempered and sobered, God willing, by the older, dark-seeing Pluto-in-Scorpio kids and later by the practical Pluto-in-Capricorn kids who'll follow.

Mistakes happen. We've all done lots of dumb things - locking the keys in the car, forgetting the pot boiling away on the stove, punching the wrong button on the computer and erasing the letter over which we've just labored. It's universal, but no less embarrassing for it. When we make such a mistake we feel vulnerable; it brings to the surface a scared child who doubts he or she will ever grow up right. From the external perspective, the effect is often rather endearing: there is a kind of intimacy that can only

arise between people who have laughed at each other's dumb mistakes and accepted that laughter with good grace.

But something in us hates humiliation. Something in you, me and everyone will go to ludicrous lengths to avoid being discovered in such a stupid error - the more so if the error is graver. And much of what is potentially really dark about Pluto in Sagittarius stems from that lamentable quality.

Sagittarius is an exploratory, experimental sign. Naturally, it is error-prone since the best way to avoid error is the opposite road: sticking boringly to the tried-and-true. But Sagittarius may descend into glib rationalization, glossing over its mistakes. Worse, it can easily develop compelling philosophical justifications for its mistakes.

Cynics say we all make a religion out of the choices we've made, or that we can always find 'scripture' to justify whatever course we've chosen, even for the basest of reasons. These notions provide insight into the darker side of Sagittarian functioning. They constitute the gravest danger while Pluto passes through that sign, and in the lives of those who carry its mark.

In a word, we are talking about the dark side of pride. The Pluto-in-Sagittarius Shadow threatens to undo the hard, dark-facing work accomplished under the Scorpion, replacing it with games.

The darker dimensions of Pluto in Sagittarius are just garbled expressions of the positive meaning of the symbolism. Expansion, risk, and sheer adventure are essential spiritual nutrients; without them, we become automatons. At its best, Pluto in Sagittarius represents pure aliveness: an energy that epitomizes the human willingness to go beyond the confines of familiarity and therefore to create rich, unimaginable futures.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Sagittarius is a sign of religion, law, philosophy, higher education, and travel. Pluto entered Sagittarius around 1995, marking a period of spiritual regeneration at the beginning of the Aquarian age. At this time, there is a fundamental understanding of deeper spiritual values among all people. Religions as they were known are being completely transformed. A single world religion based on man's direct intuitive communion with the One Creator has been taking form. New spiritual leaders are arising to teach the fundamental laws governing all life in the universe. The new world religion combines all the highest expressions of the great religions of the past, with a more comprehensive scientific understanding of the underlying forces of life.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

We can only speculate on the personal and generational influences of Pluto from this

sign. In essence, the sign and planet are opposites; Sagittarius is open, freedomloving, independent, and couldn't be less secretive, while Pluto is very secretive, finding it difficult to unburden, intense and possessively jealous. However, when Pluto's influence causes purges, a great deal is brought into the open. Is it in this way that Pluto will act from Sagittarius? It is to be hoped so, provided of course that there are not such powerful reactions to situations that the disturbance and disruption they cause is a problem in itself. It seems hard to think of any Sagittarian influence causing revolutionary tendencies, so the chances are that reactions will be tinged with wisdom and the sage-like traits of Sagittarius / Jupiter. It is these qualities which we hope will add an interesting dimension to the children born while Pluto is in this sign.

(Grant Lewi)

If we found wisdom with Pluto in Scorpio, we are able to use it with Pluto in Sagittarius. We are developing new laws, new ideals, and new philosophies. Look for a blending of nations. Revolutionary fervor continues to be great. Dogmas are ripe for challenge, and the world is ripe for synthesis. Pluto in Sagittarius represents the opportunity to effect permanent changes in the fabric of culture. Beware, however, of wanderlust and a mindset of dabbling. Also guard against the extremes of ego which all too easily accompany a revolutionary's attitude. Your base of wisdom, developed while Pluto was in Scorpio, will serve you well. The dark side of change is warring faction, the 'angry young man' dynamic, dropping the philosopher's stone through the glass floors of perceived progress.

(John Townley)

Your generation has a very robust, simple, almost pioneering approach to love, a direct but rather romantic way of looking at people. This is an innate point of view, but in part it is a response to the last two rather turbulent generations. They did not look at love as a pure concept that needs no tampering to make it more whole or perfect.

In general, the potential partners in your age group prefer to let a relationship take its own course; if it is headed for the rocks, they let it happen. They won't alter the pattern of a relationship for better or worse, except to abandon it altogether and start anew.

If you are more introspective, this will seem like a disastrous attitude. You may feel that a viable relationship should not fall apart for lack of correction or restructuring. There is not much you can do about this generational point of view, however, except to find an older partner or someone of your own age whose style is like yours. If you have a flair for the romantic, you will be right in tune. For better or worse, love will sweep you along into, and sometimes out of, relationships that are very powerful.

(Robert Hand)



During this time, many more of society's cherished beliefs are being destroyed, and new religious, spiritual and cultural values are taking their place. Few of us would be able to deal with these changes comfortably; and the children of this time will probably be quite iconoclastic, even by the standards we have known.

## Pluto ♄ in 10th House

(Ginger Chalford)

With Pluto in the house of the more obviously dominant parent (usually the mother in childhood), the early patterns involve extremes in the parent-child relationship. This Pluto child sees his / her mother as overbearing, possibly impatient, smouldering with anger at him / her; an exceptionally special person who inspires extremes of love and hate. To be included in the special grace of her magnetic energy is what this child desires most, and therefore the child is willing to follow the mother's dictums and do whatever is necessary to receive that powerful blessing. Of course, as these Pluto tenth house individuals grow into middle and late childhood, the inner psychic touch and intense love-hate bond with the mother will prove to be a threat to the growth of personal independence. A crisis occurs in which these children must choose between the security of getting along with her by obedience to her social training and expectations, and the insecurity of rebellion, knowing nothing of what might come next. Most children will opt for the security, for they fear that if they are rebellious then mother will get angry, and the relationship will end. And this particular relationship is a powerful one, for these Pluto children will never at any time be able to ignore their mother. The connection is just too magnetic and intense! The only way to get out of the aura of such a strong parent is to be physically separated from her over great distances. Even though there may be no communication between the adult Pluto tenth house people and their mothers, the impact of this parent lives with them, creating profound attitudes about personal fulfilment, status and success. It is in the tenth house that people are able to get the rewards for their own essential lovability; and it is usually the mother who originally makes the child aware of this factor. She indicates through her actions whether her children are lovable or not, giving them an idea of what being loved means, or what not being loved can do to one's life. This factor can show up later in calamitous business and personal decisions that are based on the low levels of self-love and lovability that Pluto people believe they possess and deserve. Insecurity over this factor can cause children and later adults to toe the line, giving up the need to be free agents, to think and feel for themselves. This is reflected by children who grow through adolescence without the usual rebellion or clash of wills that is so common in that stage of development - only to have it happen later, much later! A few rare individuals never break with this position of powerlessness before the parent, authority or society. Most who don't make the break in adolescence, however, will experience it in their thirties, at the latest. Some children or adolescents rebel earlier; and the clash of wills with the

mother is a daily struggle. These people often believe that she is standing in their way, preventing them from loving themselves; or that because of her their life is not as fun and lively as they think they deserve. They become resistant to any form of suggestion or command, and decide that they know much more than the teachers they encounter at school. Expressions of personal anger can be scary with these individuals, for it was never allowed in childhood (although mother and father both seem to have given themselves ample room for this disruptive emotion). Because people with this Pluto placement are insecure in expressing their anger, they may become self-righteous, and refuse to listen to what anyone else says - particularly a teacher or any other authority figure - for fear that anger could erupt through open disagreement and become destructive, destroying relationships around them. The early confrontation with personal will, and the decision whether to develop or deny it, leads to career extremes in adulthood. Often these people can be found in low income or bottom of the ladder-type jobs, because they have allowed their parents and then society to assume the power over their lives. Their bosses are people to be feared, drawing out the same responses that mother did years before. They quietly do their job, smouldering with resentment, in anguish because their uniqueness or special destiny is not being fulfilled. They may be considered poor employees, because their temperament generates clashes with their fellow workers. They may suddenly quit, or get injured on the job and receive disability payments. Or they may just up and disappear without notice. They may continue in some unfulfilling work to punish themselves for their independent thoughts, sacrificing their career to prove mother wrong (or possibly out of misguided love for her). Others with undeveloped Plutonian energy decide to have the best revenge on their mother, by making themselves more important than she was to them. These people become bosses, and treat their employees with a punishing attitude originally developed in childhood as a response to the mother (or father). They can drive themselves unrelentingly, and deal harshly with any sign of weakness on the part of an employee. They have a hard time delegating responsibility, and wish to have power over other people's lives. They can be very possessive toward their employees, who seldom go beyond the call of duty because their extra efforts are neither rewarded nor even remembered. Seldom will those with this Pluto placement ever ask for help or admit that anything is beyond their competence. Fiascos can result from too much posturing and too little knowledge; and strange circumstances may befall these people. They have a desire to move beyond their current status, whatever that is, and expand it to include more and more of society - and more power too, of course. In fact, they'd like to change society, and they're sure they know just how it should be done. If they don't get some kind of public power, they'll certainly use whatever power they have on the people who are available to them. Playing 'top dog' can take many a nasty turn - extreme egotism is ultimately self-defeating. They demand attention; whether negative or positive makes no difference. Whatever helps to fill that void within them which makes them feel so unloved and powerless. Some Plutonians do manage to take their own power and lovability back from outside themselves. This usually occurs in the late twenties, when there is time to develop a feeling of self-sufficiency. Despite their intense relationship with the mother, they still realise that they create their own reality, even if it is still very limited in scope. A

desire for public power comes with this placement, but it doesn't necessarily have to take a destructive path. The sense of purpose and personal destiny that this placement portends can be fully realised, but only if the Pluto person invests less energy in confrontations with the mother or other authority figures, and applies it to a passion for work and life. This passion is then channeled into the career, making work a personally fulfilling activity, reinforcing the feelings of self-esteem and self-love that are already there. There must be a gut-level desire to do whatever it is they're doing, for these people to be at all satisfied with themselves. Whenever they get involved in something, they will move to the top of it and understand it in a way that few others could. They are entrepreneurs, successful executives, or fulfilled parents. This placement is found in the horoscopes of all kinds of leaders, because it emphasises reaching large numbers of people, expanding awareness on a large scale, and utilising the most advanced technology of the day. These people are born scientists (physicists in particular), but they are fully capable of being great teachers, healers or mystics if they want. They do not have to demand respect and authority, for they magnetically attract these things. Those who come in contact with them don't have to be convinced of that! Once these individuals learn to deal with the mother (authority figure) without and the mother (internalised parent) within, they have learned the essence of self-nurturing, and this brings them a great feeling of inner security. They know they will always survive and prosper. They know too that they will always be able to magnetise significant improvements into their life, as if by magic. (And incidentally, this magic will work in the business sphere too. It would come as no surprise to find one of these people lighting ceremonial candles at home over a big business deal planned for the next day.) The outer results of the positive or negative use of Pluto in the tenth house are obvious. Either these individuals are successful in some way, or they are not. Success in this case is measured by the amount of personal satisfaction they get out of the life work they have chosen to do. This satisfaction is the result of personal passion, a love of the self that is expressed through being as well as doing. With the development of self-love comes the willingness to forgive and let go of the past, which includes surrendering the habit of blaming others for personal failures. Letting go of the past also means that mother in particular is forgiven, and the seemingly countless disagreeable things she did during the person's childhood are for the most part forgotten. The new, mature relationship with the mother re-establishes itself in these Pluto children's maturity, bringing out the loving quality of that powerful inner bond which has been untapped for so long. When Pluto transits this house, however, major changes in the way people think about themselves are bound to take place. A crisis of self-image or self-love can create upsets in love, home and career. Powerful career interests from the past no longer hold the same sway in the psyche. There needs to be a new expression through career or love fulfilment that reflects the change in self-image which is taking place. During this time, difficulties with mother or any other powerful authoritarian figure in the life can take on the intense love-hate polarity developed in childhood. Transformation of relationships requires much attention, and a lot of struggle too. The reason for all this overhaul is that Pluto, planet of perspective, has just reached the very zenith of the chart, and is expanding the individual's perception on a very deep and personal level. Old inner

psychic programs from the past are regurgitated into the conscious mind at this time, and must be dealt with and discarded. Failure to do this willingly results in many an unpleasant crisis. Extreme resistance to dealing with the crises at this time can create death - death of the self or of someone significantly close to the individual affected. If a close death occurs, the person will have to re-evaluate life; and therein lies the hope that a new perspective may make life more meaningful and fulfilling in the future. This crisis of self-love will bring out the individual's capacity for self-healing, to let go of things and people that don't work any longer, and thereby to create self-love and passion. If there are no obvious visible effects when Pluto transits across the cusp of the tenth house, then often the birthtime used for the chart is incorrect. If the time is truly correct and the individual still experiences little or nothing, then simply wait. It sometimes happens that Pluto energy, although shifting at this time, is in the process of building up 'from the bottom', so to speak, into a major shift later on. It will deal with issues from the initial hit (the time period coinciding with the transit across the tenth house cusp). Know that deep changes are still being made, and that the outer appearance of these changes, even though it may be delayed, will still be significant. Also, any work done on personal growth at this time could result in much greater success in all areas of life, which could forestall the need for a crisis-style awakening. If you are experiencing the negative effects of Pluto in your tenth house, whether by transit or natively, you can only overcome them by forgiving your mother or other tenth house parent figure. Become aware of how you project your mother's image onto other people who aren't your mother, who don't look like her, and who are unique in their own right. Refer to the visualisation instructions at the end of the fourth house Pluto section for a parental forgiveness technique. What you must do at this time is to let go of the emotional image of your mother as a parent. Let her become a real person, with failings, weaknesses, strengths and a unique personality all her own. Don't make generalisations about her any more. Even if you would never choose her as a personal acquaintance had she not been your mother, now is the time to let her become your equal, and you hers. Give her the freedom to be herself, and in the process you will invariably begin freeing yourself also. When you forgive her, don't expect any response from her now that your image of her is different from what it has always been. Even if she is still alive and playing the same old mind games with you, don't concern yourself with her attitudes about you. You need only be concerned with your attitudes about her! You see, when you change your own attitudes, the reality around you changes. This is seldom as apparent as when Pluto is in the tenth house. When you change, then your mother will change also, whether she is alive or not. The inner image of your mother, that person within your memory, will change. Your attitude about her changes, and so does your past with her. You are literally giving yourself the change to rewrite your past, creating in it a successful mother-child relationship! I'm not making any guarantees here, but I have often observed that people who truly forgive their mother are able to transcend many old emotional barriers and hang-ups. Despite your having a seemingly resistant and manipulative mother, the relationship actually changes! You could be giving yourself the greatest gift possible; a new and positive relationship with your mother, and therefore a renewed, inspired love for your inner self. You will have succeeded in the Plutonian challenge of transformation,

and you're bound to find your own personal fulfilment as an outgrowth of this change.

(Haydn Paul)

The compulsive nature of the Pluto energy mediated through the 10th house focuses on the nature and expression of authority. You are likely to aspire to positions of power and authority, with the recognition that this implies. You will try to develop your natural will-power and harness it to your drive to be a success, enabling you to rise to prominence in some social or career area that you are aiming towards.

This search for authority is partially derived from a search to define your own sense of separate identity, to be known as 'someone', rather than to be an anonymous 'nobody'. You also tend to believe that those at the top are there because of right and suitability, that essentially they are superior to others, and that support of the status quo and an élitist establishment is necessary for social stability. You will be able to understand the ways of authority, and have the ability to work successfully with people in positions of power; this can aid a possible career in politics, government and local affairs involving hierarchies and bureaucracies.

If you find that you cannot personally rise to heights of social and public prestige, then you will attempt to maintain contact with those who have, so that power by association can be experienced. Other ways to express this compulsion are either to oppose the Establishment, by having extreme revolutionary or libertarian views, or to use any influence and power that you have in order to reform existing structures of authority. The way of direct confrontation is likely to be merely a replacement of an existing system which is disliked, by a new one which is just another personal or group preference. Either is usually an imposition on the majority by a powerful minority, and historically never works as well in real life as it does in theory; and in general the new régime becomes as dictatorial as the previous one, stamping out all dissent. Any attempt by you to initiate change will create controversy, and polarise your supporters and opponents; and you could often feel quite misunderstood. Much will depend upon how you deal with people, because that is likely to sow your seeds of future success or failure. You will need to evaluate your personal motives and values in the light of any public fame or success, to free yourself of any glamour and illusions concerning authority and power, and from the need to tie your sense of identity in so strongly with your ambitions. Pluto, acting as a transformative and subverting energy, will use such aspects of your life to force you to discover new ways of understanding. If your personal identity is supported by being in a position of power, then be ready for Pluto to erode your influence and reputation, perhaps stripping you of it altogether. You need to have a deeper perception of the social responsibilities of authority, and how to use it correctly and in a socially beneficent manner; even if the immediate sphere of influence is limited to your immediate family, the same applies.

The abuse of authority is seen throughout history; the self-creation of leaders and those

who follow is a common picture. To enter any 'New Age', each individual has to release his own inner light, and learn to follow his own path in co-operation with others who have achieved the same, in a unanimity of purpose and freedom - not as leaders and followers, and by the imposition of a self-serving authoritarian élite.

(Donna Cunningham)

These placements show very difficult conditions with authority figures and most probably a parent who was oppressive, controlling, and perhaps even abusive. The result is deep-seated resentment toward people in power (maybe toward the whole world) and a determination never to be under the control of someone else. The bind is that these people are also very success-oriented, and it is difficult to succeed if they are forever setting up battles with the powers that be. The scorpion's sting means that they are usually the ones who wind up getting hurt. They may be playing with the Big Guys, who are born strategists, while their own resentments lead them to make ill-considered moves.

Parents with this position who are not able to be powerful in the world may act out power needs on their children, repeating, in fact, what was done to them. Pluto in the tenth shows a critical, highly ambitious parent who respected nothing but BIG success and was never pleased with child-sized successes. The parental curse 'You'll never amount to anything' may have been frequently heard; and this Plutonian may go through repeated humiliating public failures in order to get even. This depth and degree of the fail for spite game is not fun! These people may be stubbornly resistant to healing, because all healing in some way represents being under someone else's power. Possibly it is best taken alone. Working through exercises on resentment could be very important. A healing career is quite possible - and they will have to heal themselves in the course of their studies! People who are freed from the negative manifestations of this placement, who are able to work with power in a clean way, can have a strong impact on the world, bringing about healing and reform.

(Howard Sasportas)

If we take the tenth house to represent the mother, then those with Pluto here may see her as dark, threatening and possessing the ability to destroy them. She can be experienced as a witch, or someone who is primeval, ruthless and manipulative. They may sense a seething anger and pent-up frustration or sexuality emanating from her. They feel as if she is always there, somehow watching them, even if she is not physically present. In short, she is felt to be dangerous and untrustworthy. However, in reality, she may not be this sort of person at all, but the child with Pluto here, in certain cases, may experience her predominantly this way. Or sometimes the early death or loss of the mother is the root of later problems in life. As covered in the general discussion of the 10th house, our earlier experiences of the mother (our first container) will contribute to the way in which we relate to the larger container of society. If the image associated with

a negative Plutonic mother is projected onto the world, then these people will fear that the world is a dangerous place intent on destroying them. Some with this placement may react to this by withdrawing from society and having as little to do with the world as possible. Others may compensate for their dread of being devoured with an obsessional need for power and control over others. Attempting to regain a lost sense of infantile omnipotence, they strive to extend their territory of influence to include as much of the world as they can. If they are in control, if they are the ones in authority, then they feel safe. Their need for power can be so consuming that any means will justify achieving those ends. Also, there is a distrust of anyone who has authority over them, a desire to dethrone or destroy those in charge before it's too late. For all these reasons, those with Pluto in the 10th need to re-evaluate and come to a deeper understanding of their underlying psychological motives for ambition, power or worldly success.

Of course, the above description is a one-sided explanation of Pluto projected in a negative light. It is possible that the mother may carry a positive Pluto association. She could be viewed as the great bestower of life, and experienced as an exceptionally capable source of comfort and support through all the contingencies of daily life. Some people I know with this placement have watched the mother struggle successfully with a personal crisis or a severe life trauma, and were most impressed with her ability to manage hard times and come out the other side renewed and regenerated. She then become a positive prototype for later challenging experiences with which they had to contend. In this way, as adults with Pluto in the 10th they model qualities of strength, will and endurance to other people. Pluto's placement in the chart is where we periodically tear down, destroy or alter existing circumstances in order to create new ones. It is where we may be reduced to nothing in order to rise again. In some cases, Pluto here may indicate the loss or leaving behind of an established career and the necessity to embark on a new vocation of an altogether different nature.

Those with Pluto in the 10th ultimately require a career which is deeply engaging, meaningful, and exciting. Either the work is of a 'Plutonian' nature or they approach the whole area of work with the kind of intensity and complexity associated with this planet. Some may be responsible for reforming existing institutions of society which are outworn or outdated. Other fields related to Pluto are those of medicine, psychology, and occult or psychic work, investigative science and journalism, politics, mining, atomic research, etc.. I have done charts for two people with Pluto in the 10th who were in jobs in which they were not allowed to reveal the exact nature of their work. Some may engage in careers which reflect society's shadowy side - such as prostitution, crime or underworld involvement. Occasionally, I have come across people with Pluto in the 10th who tell me that they have no ambition. After my talking with them for a while, it becomes clear that they still see themselves as 'small' compared to the big, powerful world (mother) out there. Usually, on some level, they are frustrated by the lack of influence they wield, or the unchallenging job they are already in. In certain cases, it strikes me that some people with Pluto in the 10th may not find their true vocation until they are more capable of using their power wisely and for the good of the larger whole, rather than for purely

personal ends.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are disturbed by your knowledge of what's wrong with society, and you know who must be held accountable for the problems. If you had the chance, you know you could help reverse those conditions. In fact, it is part of your destiny to pursue that goal in addition to satisfying your personal ambitions. Your career will give you sufficient leverage to help determine how society will evolve. You know how to solve problems, especially those of large groups of people. You exert the right pressure to achieve your objectives; and no-one is better at applying creative skills for that purpose. You naturally attract the attention of important people. By effectively using your financial resources, you can influence the right people to help create a better world. This talent assures that you will have the financial security you need so you can indulge yourself in this important pursuit.

You are deeply sensitive to the problems of society and to people who are victims of political, social or economic injustice. Because you understand people's individual difficulties and problems, you are better able to cope with larger social issues. You use any tool you need to help those who cannot help themselves. Privately you feel that you are destined to serve society by fulfilling this obligation and that in the future you must be dedicated to serving others.

Relations between you and your parents were probably strained; but you resolved to succeed in spite of that fact. You may have sublimated some of your resentment and decided to prove that you could succeed without their support. This is probably why you want to improve the quality of life for others while improving your own life. You are impatient with people who lack the courage of their convictions or who have no convictions. You are happy to help those who are willing to help themselves. Your mate must share your enthusiasm for your goals and support you, even though your career may cause problems between you at times. You realise that your gains will be overcome by losses if you aren't ready to accept all the responsibilities that go with an important position of trust.

With knowledge comes power as well as the responsibility for upholding the highest standards of using that power. You have an opportunity to satisfy the most pressing needs of society, because of your talent for getting people interested in the programs you start for their benefit. You have the power to do whatever is necessary to have them accepted. Because you are devoted to the task, you will win the support you need to achieve your goals and help others achieve theirs. You are demanding of your children, and you expect them to take full advantage of the benefits you have provided to succeed in their own lives. The demands of your career may intrude on your romantic interests, but that is how you established your priorities. You have the power to accomplish your objectives and to decide how abundant or austere life will be for those who are under



your care.

You have the great privilege and awesome responsibility of helping to determine how social conditions will evolve. Don't forget those who helped you when you needed it. One good turn deserves another; and you will have many opportunities to repay the favours you received when you needed them.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Extremely single-minded in doing what they want to do, those with Pluto in the tenth will let nothing stand in their way once they have decided what they want to do and be. Sometimes this shows as a firm determination not to do what others want them to do, particularly in youth, before they know what it is they want. It is hard for them to know what they want in youth because it is often something very unique that rises out of the socio-economic-psychological nature of the times. No failures, however crushing; no sidetracks, however tortuous and time-consuming; no handicaps, however, crippling, can deter them from their ultimate goal once they have determined what it is. Their will grips onto the image of themselves in a certain role; and nothing, not even their own good sense, can change it. Their imagination builds castles in the air that they must drive themselves to make real.

They are far-seeing, both back into the past and ahead into the future; and this can set them apart from their fellows and make them appear peculiar to others with more ordinary or immediate goals. There is apt to be quite a bit of loneliness along the way until they find others who understand; and even when they do, the demands of their fate often require that they part company.

This often testifies to a difficult start in life; the early loss of one or both parents, or similar external circumstances that shatter the peace and calm of the family and set them on their own, psychologically if not physically, at an early age. They are rarely seekers of power for its own sake, tending to be shy and constrained in front of groups; but they may seek it as a means to their own personal ends. They are capable of disregarding any and all ordinary demands placed on them by society, but are also capable of working nonstop around the clock for years toward their own personal goals, putting up with situations that would deter most others, if they feel that it will ultimately lead to their destiny.

It is a partial testimony to a long, healthy life, particularly when their goal is one that cannot be reached in one lifetime, as though they can't take time out for sickness or death. If fate or fortune allows them to achieve their goal fairly early, they may die young. If there are oppositions to Pluto from the fourth, from the Sun, Mars, or Pluto's dispositor, they may die before their goal has been reached, or before they have found out what it is; but this is usually more due to the psychological stress of being so unique and lonely than to frustration over barriers in their path. They have magnificent imagination, almost a

sixth sense about the nature of reality, that enables them to grasp the possibilities inherent in whatever it is that interests them. They have passionate love natures. Their lives may be filled with unique love affairs which may be long and drawn out. They may have to overcome barriers to possess their beloved; and this may go into old age, or happen more than once.

(Bill Herbst)

**Collective responsibility:** Collective responsibility is like the water around the fish, everpresent but never seen. Much of your life may be spent searching for ways to make it visible, to find a successful form for your longing to grow up. On occasion, you'll find yourself in a situation where all your power is called forth. When this happens, let it come. Allow ego concerns to be washed away in a flood of communion with larger issues. You are the troops held in reserve, to be used only when the battle reaches its peak and the outcome is in doubt. Then you're called forth to save the day, hurled into the fray, a cavalry charge, a secret weapon, an ace up the sleeve. Your challenge is to be prepared.

**Professional ambition:** Ambition is powerful but complex. You may wander about for long periods, aware of intense ambition but unable to find suitable expression. Or you may be thrust into a position of authority in a profession for which you did not consciously prepare. Also, you may abruptly change professions at critical points in your life. It can appear that you've burned your bridges behind you. You'll know, however, that you are still being faithful to an inner calling, that you simply had to destroy old forms in search of better avenues of expression. Negatively, you can be ruthless, secretive, and underhanded in ambition, and you must guard against the tendency to become despotic. These tactics may bring you great power, but they sow the seeds for destruction of your reputation, something you could overlook. Your challenge is to use power rather than abuse it.

**Missions and messages:** Your life shows that there are deeper energies coursing through our personalities, deeper than we know or can control. We learn from your life about being driven by an emotion, obsessed by an image, compelled by an idea. We see the power latent in every human being, and we remember the importance of releasing that power in ways that transform us for the better. We see the presence of profound goodness and horrible evil, and we learn about the necessity of making conscious choices to consecrate our lives to the good in ourselves, even as we must acknowledge and occasionally succumb to the dark. Finally, we see in you evidence that life can change totally. We remember that we can rid ourselves of what is no longer vital to begin again, fresh and new. **'Outer-link' parent:** Your father may have been a powerful force in the community. He may have ruled with an iron hand, brooking no challenges to his authority. Or he might have been distant, driven by work and professional responsibilities. In any event, you didn't know him well, and possibly not at all. He could have changed in a fundamental way, becoming a different person as you moved through

your childhood. Your imprints with him are a mystery to you. There are huge chunks of your background still buried. You need to unearth your father once you reach adulthood, to excavate your memories, and even late in life you may still have major realisations about the man and his effect on you.

Authority: You're very sensitive to the issue of control over others, and their control over you. Your personal authority has great emotional depth; and others are polarised: either drawn hypnotically to obey completely or likely to resist with their full power. Either way, your effect is potent. Understand that this power is real, even if it's invisible to you.

Unconscious power can indeed corrupt the best of us, so work diligently to purify your motives, open your emotions, and monitor your behaviour.

(Steven Forrest)

In the tradition... ..the tenth house is often named 'The House of Honour'. An astrologer of five hundred years ago might receive an enquiry, "Am I in good odour with the Duke of Burgundy?" That mediaeval astrologer would then rightly consult the condition of the client's tenth house and provide an answer: "Nay, he aims to behead ye, and your firstborn besides". The specifics of the foregoing dialogue are marked indelibly with the spirit of a bygone culture, but let's translate it into modern terms. At a cocktail party, two people meet and begin the eternal process of sizing each other up. Here's one question almost guaranteed to appear: "By the way, what do you do for a living?" Read: 'what is your status?'. Translate back into the mediaeval lexicon: 'are you in good odour with the Duke?'. Translate again: 'where are you in the tribal hierarchy?'. We humans are intensely social creatures. And society is always structured and hierarchical to some degree. From the 'ruling élite' down to the 'cool kids at school', we observe the tendency of our species to establish pecking orders. There is much that is emotionally and philosophically difficult about this reality; and my purpose here is not to condemn or defend it, merely to say that concern with status is part of the human picture and that astrology describes it through tenth house symbolism.

But astrology goes further. While status and reputation are inextricably bound to the tenth house, and 'career' is one of the central ways in which we establish those valuations for ourselves, much more is at stake here. Doing something for the human community, publicly representing some principle or ideal, are also tenth house concerns. Navigated consciously, this house provides a sense of mission or destiny in one's life. Personally, I encode the tenth house as one's 'Cosmic Job Description' - your 'job' as the Great Spirit would define it. If the IRS agrees, so much the better. Then you've accomplished one of the great coups of conscious tenth house work: you've figured how to get paid for doing your spiritual work. What if you were born with Pluto here? Your High Destiny: Truth hurts: the reality of that notion is hard to escape. Certainly, we human beings are fond of rationalisation and denial. But there's another observation to sit next to the first one: avoiding the truth hurts even worse. That pair of ideas summarises much of what we need to understand about Pluto in general.

Truth-avoidance is a popular sport not only on the level of individual psychology. Communities and nations practise it blithely as well. In cynical moments I sometimes think our electoral process boils down to a talent contest in that regard. We might say the same for what often happens in churches.

Lies catch up with us sooner or later, whether we're individuals or countries. And then we go down in flames reading inspirational literature, or we deal bravely with what is actually real. For a community or a nation to follow the higher road, it requires leadership. It requires a courageous man or woman to speak out clearly about popular lies and their costs - and to define a better way. Such a person may or may not be 'charismatic'; he or she may or may not radiate self-confidence and authority. The message matters more than the messenger at such times. And the community that person addresses may be a town or a nation, or more commonly a segment of the population. basically, the tenth house terrain begins where your personal relationships end, and extends from there out toward the horizons of the global village: it may or may not, in other words, involve what we commonly call 'fame'. But it always involves touching the lives of people whom we do not really know on a personal level. And for you, your high destiny involves touching that larger community in a Plutonian way: representing some fierce truth, and fighting the trench wars for its communal realisation.

Your Distorting Wound: Since you were small, you have felt (correctly!) that you were born 'to do something big and important'. Pluto, at its best, is concerned only with those activities which are capable of imparting a palpable sense of meaning and purpose to life, and which fill us with fiery intensity. Anything less is boring and empty. It is this pattern of motive and ideal that shapes your healthiest perspective on career. How well-supported was ambition at that scale when you were small? Your wound lies in this region. As always, life's dark side can touch us a multitude of ways, and not everyone with the same configuration will have the same story - or at least the symmetry will not always be immediately apparent. Let's consider some wounding scenarios: Maybe one or both of your parents suffered deadening kinds of work, and could not imagine any alternatives. Their attitudes conveyed to you, unconsciously or overtly, an image of the 'Big World' as a jungle in which mere survival was the best for which one could hope.

A variation: maybe parents or other significant role models in your youth were truly limited in their ability to find rewarding, spirit-charging careers due to social prejudice, political dislocations, or economic troubles. Still, the same attitude of limitation and impossibility would be transmitted to you. Perhaps you were born female in a culture displaying a distinct shortage of imagination regarding 'a woman's place'. Built into that reality is an unconscious, systematic disempowering of a girl-child's self-confidence regarding career. After a generation of feminist activism, these are familiar thoughts, but they still sometimes wield considerable potency in shaping women's images of their place in the big world. Perhaps you were born male in a culture displaying a distinct shortage of imagination regarding 'a man's place'. This is discussed less than the

feminists' perspective, but it's every bit as powerful - and limiting - a force. The pressure on men blindly to achieve conventional status is enormous. We are taught to experience pride or shame in proportion to our accrual of power and / or money. To what extent could such concerns have robbed you of space for the fuller expression of individuality and creativity in terms of your work? Underlying all these wounding scenarios is a dark Plutonian image of the Community as an inhospitable place, resistant to the expression of anything truly exciting or individual, and affording at best a struggle to remain alive.

Let's carry our analysis of the Wound a step further. Kids in general don't know much about the realities of the world. When we ask children what they want to be when they grow up, we take their answers with a grain of salt. What child would say, 'An insurance salesman'? (But the real world has more than a few contented insurance salespeople, I suspect.) While there are sometimes fascinating exceptions, a pretty good rule of thumb is that a child's answer will at best provide a kind of veiled metaphor - the little boy, for example, who will become an aeronautical engineer may say 'Astronaut!'. His nose is pointing in the right direction, and his soul guides him by offering grandiose exaggerations of the life he will actually create. It's a delicate mechanism, even a sacred one. With your Plutonian tenth house, you truly do have a high destiny... and in youth the unconscious mind would tend to produce exaggerated metaphors of even that. Thus: 'When I grow up I will be a famous movie star'. Or even: 'When I grow up I will save the world'. Loving adults may have felt that they needed to 'help' you adjust to the real world by 'grounding' you. Unwittingly they sabotaged the grand mechanism by which your deep Self was preparing foundations in your imagination for the realisation of what you were actually born to do. What is at stake here is simple to say: for the realisation of certain adult destinies, a degree of ungrounded grandiosity in youth is a psychological prerequisite.

Your Navigational Error: Would you stroll across a sunlit meadow for a million dollars? Not to put thoughts in your head, but I feel a high degree of confidence in my ability to predict your answer. What if the meadow contained nine deadly buried land mines? Now your answer enters more distinctly into the realm of individuality. My guess is that some of you would abruptly change your minds about the stroll, while others would start balancing the joyful prospect of the cash against the probabilities of more cataclysmic eventualities. Let's add a third condition: there is a hungry Tyrannosaurus Rex pursuing you. Across the meadow lies your only escape. Suddenly taking your chances with those land mines has more appeal. Before we add a fourth condition, let's sit with the image for a moment. There you are, nervously light-footing it across the sunny grass, torn between the scrutiny of each footfall and jittery over-the-shoulder considerations of our Jurassic friend. Are you appreciating the sheer beauty of the meadow? Are you mentally designing the dream-home you might build there with the million bucks? (Do you even remember the million bucks?) Probably not. Under that kind of pressure, more aesthetic, creative interests recede into the background. Our fourth condition: the dinosaur is a fake, one of Spielberg's clever illusions. There are no buried land mines; it was a lie. Your behaviour in the meadow makes sense, but only on the basis of the

information you believe. If we stopped you and said, 'You know, when you get that money, I'm seeing a Frank Lloyd Wright design up there on that rise-', you'd look at us as though we were utterly mad. You would be perfectly convinced that you were behaving in the only possible way, given the threatening realities. The illusory realities.

Your Navigational Error lies in imagining too many land mines and hungry dinosaurs. You could fear the world too much, and thereby rob yourself - and the community - of the fruits of your destiny. For the community, those fruits mean some kind of healing, leadership, or inspiration. And for you, they mean Plutonian heat, intensity, and vision in your life. The human world is inherently dangerous and negative in many ways; what you might leave out of the equations is the full realisation of your own power to cope with those obstacles. And that distorts your sense of the scope of your possibilities here. If you succumb, you may find yourself in a career or social position you find shamefully out-of-kilter with your own values. The bleaker Plutonian possibility here lies in still finding yourself wielding the social power we associate with this planet, but swept along in a current of events that leave you working for the 'bad guys', perhaps in a glitzy role. If you are brave enough to admit that to yourself, you feel cynicism, shame, and helplessness. If you're not brave enough to admit it, you'll become a tyrant in that role as you unconsciously attempt to justify your own poor choice with the sheer volume of your voice.

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

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

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

These laws and customs may evolve naturally over time, may be established through a

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yet another evolutionary lesson of the Tenth House Pluto is to learn how to be responsible for one's own actions. Individuals who have manipulated others to achieve



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

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

Commonly, then, many Tenth House Pluto individuals will come into this life with a deep sense of inherent guilt that cannot be rationally explained by current life experiences. This situation will only occur when there have been negative or misguided behavioral responses to the evolutionary impulse of the Tenth House Pluto. This guilt can have a very profound inhibiting effect in the current incarnation, so much so, that these individuals often feel that they do not deserve anything beyond what they already have. They feel resigned to their lot in life. In this way, they are punishing themselves for prior "mistakes" and attempting to atone for prior sins. The greatest frustration occurs because many do not know why they find themselves in this condition. Karmically, many will be blocked by society from fulfilling their goals. The doors seem to be closed. Others block themselves, and close their own doors. This condition enforces reflection, through which the individual can become aware of the inner motivations or dynamics that created this situation. Reflection can lead to deep depression and feelings of futility, of an utter lack of power, an utter lack of being in control of life. Often these individuals will draw to themselves a family situation in which one or both of the parents will be stern disciplinarians, imposing rigid standards of conduct on these individuals as children. Or they may have a parent who leaves the scene, or rejects the responsibility of parenting. This situation leads the individual early on to reflect upon the actions of one or both parents, and reflects their own evolutionary and karmic need to judge themselves relative to their own standards of conduct. Often these individuals have been heavily judgemental in the past, judging others against whatever standards of conduct and behavior they identified with at the time.

A primary lesson of the Tenth House Pluto has also been self-determination and self-discipline. Self-determination means identifying one's goals, abilities, capacities and desires and actualizing them through one's own efforts. The need is to identify one's function Taurus in the Ninth House, and its planetary ruler, Venus, in Sagittarius in the Fourth House conjunct Mercury. The world role that he was destined to play took him to many lands in order to bridge cultural gaps through the teachings that he expressed.

With an opposition from Pluto to Venus, it is interesting to note that he had a deep personal desire to seclude himself in the Himalayas that went unresolved in his lifetime. He made the statement that after leaving this life he would reincarnate hundreds of years later to fulfill that unresolved desire. Another example of a Tenth House Pluto individual whose life and work transcended national borders, albeit on a different level, is Agatha Christie. Christie also had Pluto conjunct Neptune in the Tenth House with the South Node in Sagittarius in the Fourth House conjunct Mars. The planetary ruler of the North Node, Jupiter, was in Aquarius retrograde in the Fifth House. The ruler of the North Node in Gemini in the Tenth House, Mercury, was in Libra in the Second House. Many of her mystery novels had international settings and her books have been published in dozens of languages all over the world. Intrinsic to a mystery is the theme of right and wrong and the assumption that what is just and right will prevail in the end. Christie's writings expressed such standards of right and wrong.

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

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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

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

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(Jeff Green) (contd.)

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

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

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opportunity to change outmoded or crystallised patterns in identity association. In this way, these individuals will learn how to reorganise themselves and create a new self-image that is not dependent upon career or social function. They will learn to accept responsibility for their own actions and the conditions of their lives and reality. In this way they can progressively learn to internalise their security needs and eventually develop an attitude that if everything is taken from them, they will still be okay. The more these lessons are realised, the faster potential blocks to a meaningful career will be removed. Their need for social recognition and power can then be met effortlessly through whatever social function their evolutionary and karmic capacity requires.

As these lessons are put in motion, these individuals can achieve a balance wherein their 'down' or private time meshes with their external duties and responsibilities. They will learn that the values and beliefs that condition their ideas about what life is and how it should be lived are purely subjective; their judgements apply only to themselves in relation to their own standards of conduct. Consequently, they will learn not to judge negatively the values and beliefs of others. They will learn to accept responsibility of their own lives, and the duties and obligations that accompany them. In so doing, they can motivate and inspire others in the same way. Through self-determination they will be able to realise their goals and ambitions in honest and non-manipulative ways and encourage others to do the same. If they have children, they will learn to become responsible parents who are intensely productive and giving, even if the child is a 'problem' child. Common characteristics of Pluto in the Tenth House include: cycles of emotional withdrawal, need for social recognition and power, good organisers unless interfered with by other factors, natural leaders, deep and penetrating understanding of how 'systems' work, being ambitious, being serious, being pragmatic, being anxiety-prone, being given to cycles of depression, being autocratic, and being hypocritical.

(Ulla Palomaki)

Pluto's position on the highest point of the birth chart signifies that its transformative power is directed mostly to work, career and social position. Because of Pluto's demanding nature, career expectations may be very high, even megalomaniac. The individual expects that he will reach some exceptional goals, and often does realise them. Parental expectations about the career of the child may be in a central position. Perhaps they demand too much of the child, possibly to realise something they themselves didn't do. Parental ambitions may be a heavy burden on the child, who feels pressured to do something grandiose in the eyes of the parents. Parental ambitions are felt in the unconscious of the child as: "I must be somebody", "I must have power or a high social position", "Life depends on social position". Sometimes the attitude is much more negative: "I oppose all authorities", or "I fear people in power". Regarding social position there is often a love-hate relationship with emotional involvement. Questions of authority and control are strong, and influence the destiny of the individual. Hatred toward controlling individuals inherited from childhood may lead to a powerful desire for control so that nobody will be able to control him any more. The power complex is related

to this aspect. The individual may not realise its mechanism and how it influences his choices and directions in life. He may admit that he has a peculiar attitude toward people who are in positions of authority. This power complex and all the causes underneath should be examined to avoid career complications. A subconscious power complex may lead to avoidance of all contact with authorities, so that professional self-realisation becomes difficult. Because Pluto leads easily to extremes, the individual often feels that social position is hard to get. He blames everybody else and society for that. It may seem that fate denies social position and status. Drastic changes happen sometimes. To improve the situation, it is important to find the roots of the problem and to find a personal motivation for work. Usually Pluto's position on the Midheaven signifies strong ambition and the ability to build a successful career. In fact, the attitude toward career may be rather obsessive. The individual has a tendency to identify himself with his career or social image. (Pluto is sometimes very symbiotic.) The collective nature of Pluto indicates that some individuals will have a large sphere of influence - a large audience with or without a transformative impact. Surprisingly, their role may be rather superficial. In show business there are many influential people with this aspect. One of the most famous television show hosts in France has it, and he has kept his position for years. An influential position in show business today means a lot of power. That's why it is so appealing to many Pluto in the tenth house people. At best, professional life is related to secrets, revealing or digging up the unconscious. Working with nuclear energy is Plutonian but questionable. According to a French astrologer, Jean-Pierre Nicholas, the person may be 'hierophant of the unexplained'. This is a suitable planetary position for healers, therapists and those who function as channels for change. The individual's fate may include scandals and revelations, sometimes caused by evil practices, immoral actions and manipulation; but sometimes the person is not at fault.



# Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel** ♂ **Uranus** - (1°41') 001 | ♀2
- 2) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (0°02') 001 | ♀10
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ☾ **Moon** - (1°26') ♀2 | ♀7
- 4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ☉ **Sun** - (0°29') ♀7 | ♀3
- 5) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°48') ♀3 | ☾5
- 6) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (0°27') ♀3 | ♀10
- 7) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (2°00') ♀8 | ♀7
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Jupiter** - (0°54') ♀7 | ♀2
- 9) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel** ♀ **Saturn** - (0°11') ♀7 | ♀12
- 10) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°47') ♀7 | ☾5
- 11) ► **Jupiter ♀ Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Saturn** - (0°43') ♀2 | ♀12
- 12) ► **Jupiter ♀ Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°53') ♀2 | ☾5
- 13) ► **Saturn ♀ Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°36') ♀12 | ☾5
- 14) ► **Uranus ♂ Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (1°43') ♀2 | ♀10
- 15) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct** ♀ **Jupiter** - (7°31' A) ♀2 | ♀2
- 16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (5°09' S) ♀7 | ♀7
- 17) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct** ☾ **North-Node** - (6°43' S) ♀7 | ♀7
- 18) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct** ☾ **North-Node** - (9°56' S) ♀7 | ♀7
- 19) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition** ♀ **Pluto** - (8°45' A) ♀4 | ♀10
- 20) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile** ♀ **Jupiter** - (0°52' S) ♀4 | ♀2
- 21) ► **Jupiter ♀ Sextile** ♀ **Saturn** - (1°48' A) ♀2 | ♀12
- 22) ► **Neptune ♀ Sextile** ☾ **North-Node** - (0°29' A) ☾5 | ♀7
- 23) ► **Midheaven MC Square** ♀ **Neptune** - (4°23' A) ♀2 | ☾5
- 24) ► **Sun ☉ Square** ♂ **Mars** - (7°01' A) ♀3 | ♀7
- 25) ► **Moon ☾ Square** ♀ **Venus** - (2°14' S) ♀7 | ♀4
- 26) ► **Moon ☾ Square** ♀ **Pluto** - (6°31' A) ♀7 | ♀10
- 27) ► **Mercury ☿ Square** ♀ **Pluto** - (5°54' S) ♀8 | ♀10
- 28) ► **Venus ♀ Square** ☾ **North-Node** - (4°29' S) ♀4 | ♀7
- 29) ► **Jupiter ♀ Square** ♀ **Neptune** - (3°08' S) ♀2 | ☾5
- 30) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (5°16' A) 001 | ☾5
- 31) ► **Sun ☉ Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (6°20' A) ♀3 | ♀7
- 32) ► **Mars ♂ Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (6°50' A) ♀7 | ♀10
- 33) ► **Uranus ♂ Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (2°34' S) ♀2 | ♀10

1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ☿ Uranus** - (1°41') 001 | 2

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus conjunct the Ascendant shows that you are individuality personified. You have a personal chemistry that never fails to stimulate people to be friendly to you. You are admired by most but feared by some, especially those who feel overpowered by your total self-awareness. You tend to make people feel insignificant in your presence, although you certainly don't try to give that impression. No-one should feel any discomfort with you because you project yourself freely and honestly.

You relate easily to all types of people and are friendly to everyone, regardless of their social status. You don't measure anyone by the cut of their clothes, their school, or the social register, for you are intimately aware of the unfair limitations imposed by social custom and tradition. You view everyone you meet as a unique and individual person who cannot possibly be categorized except as a member of the human species. You are intuitively aware that the progress of man and of the society he conceives and constructs depends explicitly upon the individuality of its members. Therefore you aggressively defend every person's right to be an individual. In your view, the past and its traditions are important only for the lessons learned, and the future is possible only when our grip on the past is finally released.

Concerned primarily with the future, you are eager to participate in the development of a higher consciousness, which will be the nucleus for the greater awareness of man. You reject as inadequate a reality that is measured merely by its physical dimensions. Your greatest value to others is that you can give them access to explore the new freedom, a freedom that is denied them if they turn away from it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Uranus and the Ascendant we make no bones about showing how important individuality is to us. We take life into our own hands at a very early age; and this can easily make us seem unruly and impertinent. Uranus is capricious and restless, and we radiate these traits to others. It is impossible to sit still. We are highly strung and full of ourselves and, to make matters worse, we keep jumping from one thing to another. We are always ready with sudden insights and inventions, but hardly ever seem to finish what we start.

The Uranian tension quickly winds us up and fills us with impatience. Therefore we may appear brusque, tactless and crabby. Uranus conjunct the Ascendant is a difficult aspect to handle. What is more, we expect others to keep up with our changes and innovations. If they are unable to do so, we lose interest, and eagerly hunt around for something else to stimulate us.

People with Uranus conjunct the Ascendant prize freedom; they consult their own advantage in every situation, and expect others to do the same. So they are very tolerant of anything new but, because bright ideas lose their shine so quickly for them, they are not quite as open-minded as they suppose.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Ascendant indicates the persona, how we present ourselves to others, the person we are trying to be. When Uranus conjuncts the Ascendant, the self-expression becomes unique. The qualities of the rising sign will be enhanced, the approach to life will be unorthodox or unconventional, and this personality will have a chance to manifest a more highly conscious reflection of the rising sign qualities than those without this conjunction.

Because the Ascendant reflects the approach to new life experience, this conjunction indicates a tendency toward an unusual approach, an unpredictable approach to new situations. This conjunction can be exciting, sparking off an unusual life experience, or it can cause much inner conflict depending on how Uranus is aspected to other planets. The unorthodox approach will only bring contentment when used to further develop the facets of personality that must have expression. In order to diagnose the personality needs, look to the personal planets.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Uranus aspecting the Ascendant / Descendant axis often look different. There is often something physical about them that sets them apart from others or makes them particularly noticeable. Frequently they are simply quite tall. Uranus always seems to increase height, and this is sometimes the case even with major Uranian contacts which don't involve the Ascendant.

Whereas a person with Uranus in the 12th house may be highly individualistic but keep the more unconventional aspects of his / her personality, world-view or lifestyle to him- / herself, those with Uranus rising usually make no secret about their differences from others.

As always, the sign involved is of crucial importance, as is the ruler of the Ascendant and other planets making aspect. As a rule though, the Uranus rising person seems to go out into the world saying: 'In what way am I different?'

Often, from birth or early childhood the individual felt marked out as being in some way unique. With Uranus rising, this is often felt to be just a statement of fact, and the individual may even come to wear his / her 'differentness' as some kind of badge. Whatever marks him / her out from the rest of the family may also have been reinforced and therefore exaggerated very early on in life. Thus the life's journey is often concerned

with discovering in what way he / she is genuinely unique from the rest of the world as opposed to merely appearing to be different from others.

Those with Uranus rising usually have no wish to conform. The type will be highly individualistic and uncompromising in his / her insistence upon having space and freedom; and especially space and freedom to pursue whatever (to others at any rate) radical or unconventional life-style is appropriate to him / her.

People with Uranus rising and sometimes on the Descendant are sometimes born very suddenly or unexpectedly, so that their first experience of themselves in the world is of their producing some kind of shock.

Others with Uranus conjunct Ascendant themselves receive an early shock to their system, and thus somehow come to expect that something sudden and devastating might occur at any minute. Or at least this is my theory to explain the often very taut nervous tension that these individuals sometimes exhibit.

In my experience, Uranus contacts to the Ascendant / Descendant axis are amongst the most common contacts to be found in the charts of astrologers, although if astrology ever becomes a commonplace, accepted subject amongst the general populace, I doubt whether this would remain the case.

## 2) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♅ Pluto - (0°02')** 001 | ⇄10

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

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

Because Pluto gives a longing for power, we are not averse to being manipulative. With this planet at such a main outlet, we desperately need to play an important part, to gain control of our circumstances - and thus of our immediate surroundings. But we are unable to hold Pluto's influence in check, and can express ourselves much more forcefully than we suppose. If we fail to have our own way by direct methods, we employ indirect methods, since we are determined to have it at all costs. Therefore people with Pluto on the Ascendant are often to be found engaged in a sharp struggle for superiority with those around them. However, the hostilities are not necessarily open. Many people are afraid of a head-on clash with such strength, and have an uneasy feeling that the person possessing it might go to extremes; therefore they attempt an outflanking manoeuvre. But someone with Pluto on the Ascendant is also a master tactician, knowing to perfection how and when to launch a surreptitious counterattack, and never relenting until the initiative has been regained.

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

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

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

leverage. here is a further illustration of the power needs of this combination, and a warning of its danger in certain respects.

(Betty Lundsted)

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

(Sue Tompkins)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3) ► **Midheaven** MC **Parallel** ☽ **Moon** - (1°26') ♈2 | ♎7

(Robert Hand)

Your emotions are very powerful, and you are quite sensitive to the feelings of others as well. What happens while you are young will have a very strong effect on your future life, so that the attitudes and patterns you pick up in youth will be very hard to change as you

get older. It is also likely that the career you choose will be influenced by your ideas in youth.

Your mother may have more to do with the career you choose than your father. If your relationship with your mother is not good, it could cause psychological problems throughout your life that would affect your work and your goals in life very badly. You need her emotional support very much.

Be careful not to believe passively that the world will surely take care of you. You probably will receive a great deal of help from others, especially women, but, like anyone else, you will have to work to make the best of it. You should be very good at getting along with the public, because you can make people feel that you belong with them. You have genuine sympathy for people, especially those who remind you of people you knew when you were young.

This placement can indicate that in your career you will work with the public or large groups of people. Your profession might involve protecting and taking care of people, or you might be in advertising or public relations.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the Moon is conjunct the MC, the individual is extremely sensitive to emotional responses from environment and from society at large. This person lives, so to speak, on the popularity he or she courts, for with a Moon / MC conjunction he or she desires approval come what may; the result often being that he or she strikes others as sympathetic, friendly and full of warmth, even though, to curry favor, he or she may be putting on an act.

Quite frequently, the individual wants to become involved with big groups or with the public, and usually creates a good impression. The Moon at the MC encourages one to seek security by making a mark in society, either by attracting attention or by doing something helpful.

However, the Moon is always waxing and waning, and this person, too, will find the need to chop and change. As long as he or she projects this vacillation on things, he or she is likely to change social position from time to time, or, at least, to keep making minor changes even when occupying a permanent position.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Moon on either end of the MC-IC axis is suggestive of exceptionally strong parent-child ties. Those with Moon on the Midheaven sometimes take on the role of some kind of public mother, perhaps the person in the company who 'holds' everything together and provides some kind of containment. Sometimes the vocation chosen is concerned



with looking after one's own home and family, but sometimes the vocation is concerned with protecting, caring and nurturing in a much more public sense. Obviously the sign is of great importance.

Like Sun conjunct MC, there is a need for personal recognition with this placement, coupled with a sensitivity to what the public thinks and feels. Thus this is a good combination for anyone who has to be very responsive to the needs of the public.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction, unless afflicted, indicates popularity and life in the public eye. It favors actors, entertainers, and politicians. If the conjunction is well aspected, the natives gain through women of wealth and high social standing who aid them in achieving status.

Very often, professional activities are carried on in partnerships, or positions of responsibility are bestowed by someone in authority. Sometimes this conjunction indicates that the native will inherit the family business, or that the career is linked with the family life.

This lunar position is advantageous to people in business connected with food and articles of domestic use. Also favored are those in real estate and other businesses which deal with homes.

4) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ☉ **Sun** - (0°29')    ♏7 | ♈3

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun opposition the Ascendant shows that you are easily impressed by people you meet and hope that they will be similarly impressed with you. You attract powerful individuals with strong egos who always try to gain dominance over you. Without realizing it, you are showing that you doubt your own significance, in the hope that others will reassure you. Somewhat unsure of yourself, you fear you will be rejected in your relationships. You become affiliated with successful persons whom you can admire, because you need to know that you are genuinely appreciated, not merely tolerated. In other words, you are always looking for backhanded compliments. You enjoy having people fawn over you because it bolsters your sagging opinion of yourself.

In personal relationships, you try too hard to do everything you think is expected of you, as if to make doubly sure that your friends think well of you. You must become independent of the security you had in your parents' home and transfer your need to belong to someone you can related to personally.

Before asserting your own opinion, you always try to put yourself in the other person's place. This can be a definite asset if you decide to go into business or a profession,

because you would give your clients the impression that they are the most important people in the world. Flattered, they would happily pay for your services. Those who are the recipients of your services know your worth better than you do.

You have no difficulty in communicating with people, perhaps because you really enjoy having people around you. But you have to work hard to convince associates that you are as capable as they are, and if they don't accept this you prefer to work alone. You need to assert yourself more aggressively when competing for job opportunities, or you will be left out.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Sun on the Descendant can sometimes seem to 'give' their Sun to others, in as much as they give power to other people. I have particularly noticed this with Sun-Descendant clients, for they seem to take more than usual notice of what might be said during a consultation, tending as they do to ascribe far too much importance to the views and opinions of others at the expense of their own and frequently looking to other people to make their decisions for them. The astrologer-client relationship, like any other counselling situation, is based on equality and sharing. If one person could be said to be more 'important' than the other, then that person is clearly the client. In the most extreme instances, the person with Sun in the 7th, when in the role of client, is reluctant to accept this fact. He / she gives away his / her importance, fights shy of the limelight, and tries to manipulate the situation so that the counsellor is centre-stage and the one pulling the strings in the client's life. Where this does happen, it is usually repeating a situation that has been created in their other partnerships, whether personal relationships or working partnerships. All too easily, the Sun-Descendant person can believe that his / her life is fated and that he / she is merely a pawn in the hands of the heavens or of others' superior power.

This is not always the case, of course, but certainly Sun-Descendant, rather like a Sun Libran, does like to share the decision-making process and does like someone to do things with. Relationship and partnership are very important to this type. It's a good placement for people who work in a partnership, and indeed for anyone who works in a one-to-one situation. In some cases, the Sun-Descendant might say 'I am nothing without a partner; life has no meaning without another person'. More positively, Sun-Descendant people might say 'I find myself through close interaction with another person'.

This is a very good placement for analysts, therapists and the like. They can find their identity through close interaction with another person, and, similarly, in a one-to-one situation they can enable others to shed light on themselves. They may even achieve personal distinction and recognition through relationship. It's a common placement in the charts of lawyers too; they often work in partnerships, and on each case they work in partnership with their clients; usually, also, lawyers are involved in litigation with 'open

enemies', and are working, ideally, for justice and fairness.

The father of the person with Sun on the Descendant was usually viewed by the individual more as a husband to the mother than a father to the child. Sometimes this is literally true, where the father-figure in the home during the formative years is not in fact the biological father; but usually this is more the psychological experience than the actual one. Father was concerned with being a partner (in the marital or business sense) above all else. If the Sun is in the 7th house, the individual will seek through marriage a relationship with the father archetype, either by playing the role of father or by expecting the 'other' to do it for him / her. If the Sun is in the 6th house, the individual considers working partnerships to be especially important. In any event, the individual is usually 'fathering' others in the sense of providing some sort of identity for them.

Descendant-Sun people are proud of their partnerships. This is the type who, aged 70 or 80, can be found linking arms with their spouses and stating proudly that they have been married fifty years or so. It is not that relationships are more likely to last with the Sun conjunct the Descendant, or that it is necessarily a good thing if they do, or even that the relationships will be necessarily better than any other people's. But with this placement relationship tends to be the most important thing, and something of which to be proud.

#### Sun square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Things are not quite so easy in tense aspects between the Sun and Ascendant. These people's influence still makes a direct impact on those around them, and they do have a desire to manifest in their environment; the trouble is that they are very uncertain how to do so. Therefore external behavior is erratic: at one moment they sound brimful of confidence but the next day they clam up as if they were unsure of themselves. This makes them hard to understand and complicates relationships with people. They shrink from criticism since it feeds insecurity. Sometimes they withdraw into a shell or hide behind others.

With the tense aspects, the ego is out of step with expectations, and these people have difficulty in seeing how they ought to behave. The world does not always respond to them as they think it should - at least, not until they learn to adjust.

(Betty Lundsted)

When the Sun squares or opposes the Ascendant, there is more difficulty in expressing the qualities of the Sun in daily activities. Constructive action may not be easily taken until these individuals become conscious of the sign dilemma. When the Sun in the 7th

house opposes the Ascendant, a compromise between selfinitiation and relationships. This may indicate individuals who feel they must give up a great deal of freedom and personal decision-making in order to marry and have a partnership.

5) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°48') ♃3 | ♆5

(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 glimmers 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.

6) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°27') ♃3 | ♄10

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests that most of your problems and challenges will arise in the area of interpersonal relationships, often created or stimulated by your own unconscious expression of this energy, which requires a deeper understanding and inner adjustment to be achieved before you can consistently benefit from its power.

Your temperament can be assertive, aggressive and extremist, tending to use your powerful will like a sledgehammer to achieve objectives. You prefer to force situations so that you are ready to take the advantage before anyone else can, or will act through impulse without fully considering the consequences of following your desires and aims. To others, your will and personality can seem a little overbearing, provocative and

dominating, especially as you always prefer to be in control of all situations, and hate to feel unsure of your ground or realise there is nothing you can do to influence circumstances in your favour. This is why you desire to be in a position of authority, calling the tune and writing the rules, yet are so rebellious when roles are reversed; you then use your influence to be subversive and manipulate others to resist authority.

You will feel a desire to change the world into your image, reflecting the way that you think it should be. As virtually everyone else is attempting the same in small or large ways, inevitably you may experience conflict with others who do not agree with your panacea for the world's ills. If you attempt to dictate to people, by forceful expression, you may easily fail to get the right kind of support and co-operation, especially if it is made clear that you intend to be the kingpin and final arbiter. The problem with dominating and forceful personalities is that usually they insist on having their own way, and are rarely, if ever, wrong. This usually ends in relationship conflict which leads to their more creative supporters quitting, leaving behind 'mere followers' who remain with the 'leader' in sycophantic acquiescence.

Without proper awareness and understanding, these tendencies can become negatively expressed, eventually to your detriment. Yet equally they can become extremely positive qualities to be used in socially creative ways once excess selfinterest is transcended, and you move towards the higher solar path of your individuality rather than just satisfying lower egoic needs and desires. You will need to undergo a period of self-regeneration, to acknowledge the needs of others to be themselves, not as mere adjuncts to your dictates, but people equally able and right to assert themselves. More harmonious and successful relationships are possible, especially when your need for self-assertion diminishes through self-understanding and confidence in your own worth. This can involve learning to be self-reliant in achieving your own aims, rather than having to manipulate others into unconsciously aiding your private intentions. Inner changes leading to a less aggressive attitude and less suspicion in working with others, more co-operation to achieve mutual goals, and a degree of compromise in your attitudes, will certainly bring more benefit to you and others. Gaining an understanding of the elements present in your psychology which desire for you to become an authority and leader can help to bring about an inner adjustment, and an ability to work with others can then emerge.

7) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (2°00') ♄8 | ♀7

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition between Mercury and Mars shows that you have an active mind with limitless resources of intellectual ability. You are restless and impatient to demonstrate your competence whenever you can. But people who feel threatened by your mental superiority will oppose you, and you seem to attract such individuals. You have to resist the tendency to argue when compromise and mutual understanding can achieve more

positive results. Unless you make a sincere effort to compromise, you will make matters worse. Refuse to argue when provoked by someone, and then you will be forced to discuss your differences and, it is to be hoped, resolve them. Until you can reach out to people this way, you run the risk of being unpopular. It isn't that you are unable to relate to people, but that you strike them at first as hostile, which makes them defensive. You find fault with everything, as though you were sure of your own perfection. The sign that reads 'Stop, Look and Listen' was probably meant to protect people of your temperament from accidents. Try looking at things from another person's point of view; you might learn a lot. Don't draw any conclusions until you really hear what other people have to say. Your ability to judge will improve remarkably at once.

You have the opportunity to be successful in anything you choose, although you may miss it by assuming that you know all the answers. Start with the premise that you know nothing; and then begin to learn from every resource available. You will endear yourself to persons in authority, you may be very helpful to you. Play dumb if necessary, and become really informed where it counts. You can never know too much.

You may be attracted to such occupations as public relations, counseling, education, or even acting. You don't lack any talent in communicating freely; you simply have to learn to voice your opinions more moderately and discard the brutal technique. Don't speak up in your own defence unless you are truly being challenged. To do so is a waste of time and effort that could be used more constructively.

Be diplomatic at all times in your contacts and dealings. You cannot afford to allow enmity to develop between you and people who may prove useful to you later. Above all be very careful about your language. Profanity only cuts off the lines of communication between you and others; resorting to it shows you are fighting a losing battle.

(Betty Lundsted)

Words pop out of the mouth, and, in spite of himself, this individual has said something he could have held in. This aspect has the power of the conjunction and the square, but it's easier to learn how to handle. The compromise will be indicated by the signs in which the opposition takes place.

Mercury square or opposition Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the tense aspects, greater care is required, because it may be difficult to coordinate Mercury's outgoingness with the combative egoism of Mars.

When this individual is conversing with others, he or she strikes them not only as very alert and very subtle, but also as rather too sharp and aggressive, and this can arouse antagonism. It is hard for this person to exercise restraint during discussions and, when attacked, he or she easily loses the temper; so these aspects present one or two problems, but the latter can be solved if the individual will accept that there is usually something to be said for the other person's point of view.

Mentally, this individual can perform outstandingly well under high pressure, but runs the risk of overstrain during more peaceful periods because he or she seems unable to switch off. The tension makes the person cross and irritable, or even rude. He or she is also tempted to think a lot of self and to put self in the foreground in thought and deed. by thrusting others to one side (often quite unintentionally), he or she creates awkward situations. For example, this type easily adopts what others have said or written, if it happens to appeal to him or her; the material may be presented as if it emanated from him- or herself.

The biggest problem in the hard aspects is the lack of balance between quicksilver Mercury and hasty, hot-headed Mars. Not only can this encourage one to behave unwisely in dealings with others; it can also make one rash and prone to accidents or near-accidents.

(Charles Carter)

These contacts have a bad name among astrologers. They are certainly very frequently found in cases of crime and of insanity - indeed, it is probably that they are more frequently present in these classes of nativity than they are absent. But in judging their effects care must be taken to consider the other factors that may modify these evil results. For example, good sign-position or the intermingled rays of benefic planets. In regard to the latter, even bad aspects are better than none.

The general effect of the combination is to increase the mental energies, sometimes to the extent of causing danger of mental or nervous breakdown. With their exercise much of the Martian influence is mixed, so that the native is either combative, faultfinding, and self-opiniated himself, or he encounters the opposition of others who possess that character. It must be agreed that usually the former condition is the nearer to actuality, for aspects of Mercury seldom fail to affect the native's own disposition.

If the chart as a whole is benevolent, then the native will attack what he conceives to be abuses, but if it is of a malevolent type, then he will assail others out of either greed or ill-nature. As a rule, the combination is not acquisitive in the way that Mercury-Saturn can be, but it has the name of being a thief, and writers with it are sometimes plagiarists.

In some cases it attacks the nerves, and makes a person irritable in the way that nervous people commonly are. The temper is seldom of the best, and the native is rarely



a favourite, for the tongue is sharp and not always controlled. There is an element of ill-nature and a tendency to backbite. In children, there is often impertinence and rudeness. Adults are sometimes unnecessarily outspoken and rough-tongued; sometimes it goes with the type that affects to consider politeness a form of hypocrisy, a vice to which this combination is but little prone. In low types of charts, it may indicate 'pure cussedness' or the spirit of unvarying contrariety.

It is rarely if ever lacking in intelligence, but rather tends to fail in using its brains sensibly and advantageously.

It is not good for the native's children, who are usually few in number and subject to dangers. Very often there is childlessness.

From the standpoint of moral character, the most needful lesson is, as a rule, to learn to appreciate the values of opinions and types of character different from one's own; and to realise that we are all sometimes mistaken.

8) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°54')    ♀7 | ♃2

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Mars to Jupiter shows that you enjoy challenges and eagerly seek them out. You are physically competent to take on any adversary to prove to yourself that you can succeed, and you do need to prove it. You use competition to reassure yourself of your capabilities. You might fail, but you are willing to take that chance. However, you sometimes bite off more than you can chew, which you regret later when you are thinking it over in private. You operate on the premise that the one who strikes first has the advantage over his opponent, but that is true only when one has first made careful plans. Being both imprudent and ostentatious, when you succeed you make grandstand plays to call attention to yourself.

You resent people who demonstrate their superiority over you, and you may resort to unfair tactics to discredit them. This tendency alienates your associates and friends, who view you with suspicion and give you a wide berth. They may also try to destroy your credibility because of their resentment. You must be careful not to cut off all sources of support, for it can be lonely to be cast off by your peers.

Your best opportunities to gain recognition and express your creative potentials would be in law, government, sports, communications media, acting, teaching, or public relations. Once you learn to temper your combative tendencies with moderation, you can achieve great heights. Even your competitors will admire you for a job well done. Your only problem is your fear of inadequacy in the face of responsibility. Careful planning and application should relieve you of any anxiety in this respect. You've got to know you are qualified to meet challenges without feeling threatened by competitors.

Your physical desires are as powerful as your ambitions. You are not satisfied unless you can express your sexual appetite when aroused. This can cause problems, unless you are lucky enough to have someone available at all times. This will not be an important matter if Saturn makes a contact to Mars, giving you a built-in factor of self-control. Your mate must match your physical prowess in this respect, or complications will develop that can seriously endanger the relationship.

Moderation is advised in everything you do. Indecision will be an irritant until you recognize your self-worth and can take a firm stand without waiting for approval.

(Betty Lundsted)

The opposition is similar to the conjunction or the square, for it indicates a person who may not relate to the action taken. The individual is raised in an atmosphere of law and order, but with little explanation as to why one does what one does. It indicates a person who feels he must compromise his action or his sexual needs in order to have a relationship. This attitude is learned in early childhood. It can help develop an excessive attitude, and the person may push to have his own way; he may overreact to life situations and take excessive risks. He may act before he thinks; he may generally be an over-responder to many life situations presented to him. This can indicate poor judgement as far as career moves are concerned. It can indicate the type of person who is in love with someone new every few weeks, for the exuberance is rarely lasting, and as one exuberance fades, another comes along.

In order to rechannel the opposition, the compromise must be understood, and overreactions have to be checked. Individuals in the process of overcoming the aspect are forced to think out every move, and they may spend six months evaluating every decision. 'Will this action be good for me six months from now as far as my overall goals are concerned?'

The cause of the frustration comes from either the family environment and the ethics or traditions espoused, or from one or both of the parents. If the opposition also ties to the Sun or Saturn (the father) or the Moon or Venus (the mother), the parental influence can be determined so one can see where the pattern comes from. In order to develop consciousness we must each take responsibility for what we do, and that is difficult as long as the opposition causes us to function without regard for actions taken or our sexual needs.

Mars square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although the optimism and enthusiasm, the executive power and force of the Mars / Jupiter aspects already mentioned are equalled if not exceeded here, this is not an unqualified blessing. Great care is needed; for not only are the two planets not noted for self-control, but the strain set up between them makes it hard to use and manage our energies properly.

We are never satisfied, but are always looking for more - though not necessarily in material things; the aspect works even more strongly on the mental plane. We crave adventure, have an enormous need to prove ourselves, and want to be completely unfettered and independent. We ram our opinions home (soetimes we go on about them far too much), and are extremely pugnacious where ideals are concerned. Fair play is something on which we insist, and we champion new things or indeed anything we find absorbing. But the constant danger is that, because we can underestimate the force and application needed to gain our ends, we shall always be wanting too much and pushing ourselves (and possibly others) too hard, often to the point of exhaustion. All the same, we do manage to keep extricating ourselves from self-made difficulties, and our sense of purpose can be tremendously stimulating to those around.

9) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°11') ♀7 | ♁12

(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 eczematic 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.

10) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°47') ♃7 | ♅5

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction can pose several difficulties: in choice of actions, where you may struggle to establish what your real aims are; in making that final decision to attempt to achieve them, and in ensuring that sufficient and persistent effort is then made to guarantee success. An unintegrated Neptune can dissolve that focused will, making decisive clarity difficult to maintain. Additionally, you tend to avoid accepting the consequences of your choices, and there can be a refusal to acknowledge responsibility when such actions lead to failure or negative results.

Part of this derives from lack of prior consideration and a willingness to sometimes jump into action on impulse alone; yet this is often used as a spur to be decisive. 'I didn't know it would turn out like that...' is used as a defensive excuse, and is probably true because possible repercussions were not evaluated. Yet continuing with such an approach is essentially avoiding personal responsibility. You may realise eventually that most actions you take on impulse go awry in some respect, rarely fulfilling your initial intention.

This issue related to choice and action is one which needs clarification and resolving. You may find that it is beneficial to pause before acting on impulse, and sensible to slow down and take time to consider the likely results of your decision. This may then show you alternative routes to take, or may even dissuade you from taking action at all. As Mars will influence you to be more dynamically assertive, you need to take into account your effects on other people too, especially any family and those closest to you. This may then modify your more self-centred tendencies and ensure that through insensitivity you do not then create unnecessary pain for anyone.

You can be quite attractive to others, as the Mars-Neptune energies combine to create a potentially dynamic glamour, yet this apparent combination of action and sensitivity can often be superficial when the Mars characteristics are dominating the more subtle Neptune ones, which is more often the situation. Neptunian qualities come through disguised as a flexibility of personality, a set of masks and images that you almost automatically assume in your relations with people and in social or work environments.

You recognise that these lead to some inner confusion, especially in respect of decision-making; but they are also usable for self-projection. You quite enjoy playing with these masks and feeling that your real intentions are hidden within a secret persona; you do not really like others to know you too well.

This leads to the attraction of acting behind images, and there is often a dramatic side to your nature, perhaps through some creative expression or even theatre work, where imagination can flourish in an evocative situation and you can be hidden behind the mask, performing a role. Certainly you will develop a favourite image of yourself which is projected out for others to see you through. Some have affinities with medicine and healing abilities; even here, you may hide behind the image of nurse, doctor, consultant or psychic healer. Alternatively, your dreams and desires about yourself could be unrealistic; and whilst you aspire to great status and achievement, your lack of will or application and your impracticality defeat you. Ultimately, your image of self-elevation may only exist within your imagination.

Steps can be taken to improve matters though. Feeling able to release your blocked imagination into daily life is important, because whilst initially such a move may be glamorous and ineffective, you can learn to direct it towards deliberate intentions, and so use it as a powerful energy to achieve your aims. Techniques of creative visualisation are recommended to take advantage of this process of mental imagination, and can help to re-create your life. Future planning can help you to gain greater control too, so that there is less opportunity for something unconsidered to destroy your intention. And working hard to actually achieve viable skills is another way of helping yourself; if you do not do this, that unintegrated Neptune will serve only to dissolve those dreams instead of helping to fulfil them.

In intimate relationships, more awareness will probably be needed. A combination of impulsive Mars and the self-deluding tendency of Neptune may conspire to show you the pain of disappointing illusions in love. Mars can encourage you into sudden passionate affairs, caught within the glammers of a new lover, but when you are directed by purely unconscious motivations the likelihood is that suffering will result, as a prompt to make you more aware the next time. Be wary of any personal tendencies toward self-deception and deceiving others or being deceived; these may be likely, and can be associated with the sphere of the conjunction's natal house. Try to remain honest and frank, as communication is vital in relationships, and you have a tendency both to be emotionally vulnerable and to have unusual emotional needs, so the quality of your intimate relationships should ideally be high.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have the planet Mars conjunct Neptune, indicating some conflict between your impulses to act and your willingness to accept responsibility for the results of your actions. You may not deliberately avoid the consequences, but it is often difficult for you

to clearly see the burden of guilt. Your imagination is sometimes blocked because you are unable to plan ahead well enough, and you allow chance to determine the results. Almost everything you do on impulse will prove disappointing. Before you act, you must realistically weigh the energy you are investing against the probable effects. You are inclined to ignore reality and the feelings of others when you assert yourself.

People are drawn by your magnetic appeal. You easily take on characteristics that will please others and not appear threatening to them. The theatre and related fields are especially suited to your active imagination and great creative potential. With your acting talent, you can also successfully 'play the role' in many professional activities. To gain acceptance in your field of interest, you may have to resort to subterfuge. However, honestly developed skills must soon replace the act, if you expect to retain your position. If other factors of your chart indicate caution, reserve, and responsibility, medicine may be the best field for your sensitive nature.

Be extremely careful in your romantic relationships. What may seem to be true love could turn out to be merely an escapade for you or your partner. Such a disappointment would be very painful. It is easy for you to become entrapped in an alliance that would be embarrassing if it were revealed. Don't deceive others, or you risk being deceived by them too. Any contacts you make must be made honestly.

Be wary of medication unless a physician advises it. Good hygiene is essential, for you are more susceptible to infection than others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the desire for self-preservation, executive ability and energy (Mars) conjuncts a need to blur the borders and thus to refine, to idealize or to make things fluid (Neptune), very divergent and apparently conflicting elements may be expected. The background of the signs plays an important role in this, however.

If Mars has few or no dignities, Neptune may drain the energy of Mars, leaving less resilience, less self-assertion, and less pugnacity than one would normally expect. Even if Mars is well-fortified, Neptune will still undermine, and the Martian influence will be rather impersonal and idealistic, yet will work in such a way that we can throw glamor around ourselves and we appeal to others as very lovable. For film stars and models, this aspect is ideal. Incompatible as the two factors may seem, they do interact. That is to say, Neptune transforms the manifestation of Mars: either the energy is reduced, or else the attitude is relatively free from Martian egotism and so indefinite that others read into it what they will.

The conjunction also makes us a trifle woolly-minded but idealistic. We want to help humanity and can work hard for a social cause. We regard Martian energy as something to be used for the group rather than for personal ends: the collective within us takes



precedence over the individual. Therefore a Mars / Neptune conjunction can cause a certain amount of trouble with relationships. Neptune is a planet capable of producing glamorous, shimmering illusions, whereas Mars gives a need for down-to-earth activity. Therefore we can be very romantic, but are liable to deception by an internal dream-world, which we may also project on the things we see around us. A plus point here is that, for the professional artist, this is a fine aspect which enhances his or her powers of expression.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars symbolizes the action principle; Neptune adds fantasy, illusion or delusion to any facet of the action principle. In one sense, this conjunction can indicate inspired action; it conveys creative activity. It may also indicate a person who doesn't know what he's doing.

Since Mars rules sexuality, the Neptune influence indicates one full of fantasy and delusion; and that fantasy can manifest in myriad ways. It can indicate the person who must have a spiritual and inspired sexual relationship; it may reflect the person who wants to live out all his sexual fantasies. To determine whether or not the conjunction suggests those who may have unprofitable or strange sexual relationships, one must check the other aspects in the chart to see if sex is viewed as something abnormal. If so, the conjunction will support that abnormality; if not, the conjunction will reflect a person who may be at least an interesting sex partner. Sexual dysfunctions will be indicated by other aspects to Mars, Moon or Venus. If the Sun is afflicted, the person may have an unhealthy self-image and therefore take sexual action that reflects his self-image.

This particular conjunction must be interpreted according to the additional aspects to it, for the energy will syncretize all the planets involved. If the individual develops a sense of self-worth and becomes trained in metaphysical principles, the energy can be indicative of brilliance.

(Charles Carter)

This is a very potent feature in any chart. The temperament is often fond of romance, colourful things, painting, ritual, music, dancing, and similar expressions of the emotions. There may be vanity and much self-approbation, with lofty aspirations which tend beyond the possible and desirable. The enthusiasms are not always wise or well-controlled. There may be an analytic tendency, a desire to plumb the depths, or there may be a soaring ambition, but the native seldom seeks ordinary or merely routine things.

With respect to externalities, things ruled by the house wherein the conjunction falls are likely to present intricate and important problems; and perhaps ill-will and cunning will be aimed at the native from those directions. Sometimes there may be great apparent

success and power in regard to the matters denoted by the houseposition and rulerships, but often this proves illusory or is marred by treachery. Bitter disappointment and disillusionment may follow on bright beginnings. As a typical example, in the 5th house, still-born children may occur.

11) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°43') ♈2 | ♋12

(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.

## 12) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°53') ♈2 | ♅5

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition has several similarities to the square, but here the source of 'contention' is projected externally onto the outer world and people. There is the difficulty of 'followthrough', where intentions and plans are often thwarted by an inability to actually realise them, despite your original aims; things are started but never completed in any satisfying way. You tend to resent and resist any external pressure that can be placed on you by others' expectations of your performance and abilities.

Conflicts often arise in interpersonal relationships, especially with other work colleagues, who may attempt to take advantage of your skills or persuade you to take on responsibilities which may be thankless tasks, or in which for reasons of their own advantage they expect you to fail. There is often a lot of manipulative activity in work places, and you can become a victim of this if you are not aware of the hidden motivations of others. You can become paranoid and suspicious of people, perhaps as a result of previous experience, and there is often a kernel of truth and validity there; yet equally, part of this is a projection emanating from you based on the tensions inherent within this opposition. You tend to either oppose or antagonise others, sometimes by being too direct in your comments and attitudes; there is little social diplomacy in your style of expression, and sometimes you can be very tactless and too adversarial.

There can be a blind spot in your character that is often unrecognised, and is related to the sign and house positions of Jupiter and Neptune. Whilst you may fail to fully comprehend your own nature and what you 'should be doing', you still express yourself forcefully and with a tendency to be authoritarian. Yet you also often challenge the dictates of those in positions of authority, questioning their perceptions and rights to wield power. There is less of a social awareness and conscience here with this aspect,

as most of the energy is tied up in an external uneasiness; you do not have any great trust in the good nature of others, which, whilst possibly more realistic, is also symptomatic of your own inner fragmentation and stress - you cannot relax and trust yourself either. You need to learn how to accept others as well as accepting yourself; the two are intertwined, and if you can manage this then stress will be diminished and all your relationships will improve as you correspondingly feel more at ease in your own nature.

Intimate relationships can pose difficulties until the step of personal integration and resolution is taken. Your choices of partners may be unwise, especially where those anima-animus projections are superimposed on the partner, apparently turning them into the ideal lover who possesses everything that you believe you desire and need. When these projections collapse, you are liable to be emotionally distraught and see that person as another one who has deceived you; in fact, it may have been your own illusions that have been self-deceptive, and so the consequences of a hurt heart should not be taken out on your partner in any emotional or physical aggression. Resorting to the Neptuneian addictions of drugs or alcohol must be avoided at such traumatic times.

Some form of religious or spiritual life and aspiration is likely, yet this too can suffer from some distortion and invalid projections. Your spiritual attitudes may lack a practical dimension, or even a serious application by yourself in everyday life. There can be a greater attraction toward the glammers of more exotic religions, which offer a colourful fascination and mystery that appeals. Cultism and an idealised surrender to gurus can be a temptation, despite your resistance to forms of authority, and can seem to offer a way out from the disappointments and stresses of your life. Alternatively, you may dream of foreign travel or pilgrimages across the world as an antidote to the lifestyle you feel trapped within.

Realising that so much of what dissatisfies you in the world is a reflection of an inner lack of integration would be a major step forward. Reabsorbing those powerful projections, allowing yourself to re-own them, can only strengthen you and give you back the ability to redirect your life in ways that you want it to move in. Taking such control and self-responsibility is crucial, unless you want to persist in the likelihood of unsatisfactory relationships with others, where your need for development and expansion is perpetually thwarted by 'external resistance'.

13) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°36')    ♄12 | ♅5

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect occurs approximately once every thirty-six years; during the last century, in 1917, 1952 and 1989.

The effects of Saturn have a beneficial influence on the tendencies of Neptune, helping

definition, stability and ease of expression; the potential is for practical idealism and an ability for positive application of the ideas and imagination emanating from Neptune. This is useful for creativity, as the inspiration of Neptune can be given adequate form and manifestation by the concrete tendencies of Saturn, and so the imagination is not left swirling in an inner world of dreams and fancies but is released onto the physical plane to be shared with others.

There is less of the delusive nature of Neptune present with this aspect, and there should be a greater perceptive clarity than usual, one that is especially sensitive to issues of deceit and glamour. You are less prone to make mistakes through such reflective blindness, and tend to be self-protective mainly by a careful and wary distancing that you maintain with strangers or new acquaintances. This is part of the Saturn contribution of caution and unease with anything that is unknown. Trust needs to be progressively developed in you, whether in people, circumstances or situations; and you are usually reticent in making any firm commitments until you have thoroughly evaluated any set of choices. You tend to rely on a faith in facts, and impersonal judging of what seems to be the wisest choice to make; this can be beneficial in your life, privately and in a career.

It is probable that the Saturn energy will be the dominant one, with the Neptune energy occasionally repressed for practical reasons. If you allow Saturn to be too emphasised, then opportunities may be lost through excessive evaluation and lack of decisiveness; that fear of the unknown will also act as a restrictive and inhibiting factor. You are likely to erect a well-defined lifestyle and personality structure which allows relatively little space for the Neptunian influence to be expressed, as it is more anarchic and expansionary. What can occur is a sense of confusion regarding your own personal limitations, where they begin to feel imprisoning and Neptune agitates to dissolve those barriers and to experience those repressed dreams that you are attempting to ignore. A careful balancing of both these planetary energies is essential, both for inner harmony and for external success. Otherwise, degrees of distortion and lack of perspective will increase, as the Neptune influence demonstrates its repressed presence through more negative characteristics.

For those exploring the spiritual dimension of life, this aspect offers several valuable assets, in that there is a questioning of dogma and assumptions, a tendency to deglamourise through a more earthy perspective, and a developing ability to rely on the inner guidance of intuition rather than on external 'authority sources'. This stage may have been reached as lessons learnt through earlier phases of gullibility and submission to teachers, possibly through religious or parental conditioning which you begin to cast away as inimical to your own development. Discrimination is important in life, and especially so when contacting occult teachings, where the likelihood is that through a lack of real personal experience only genuine ignorance exists; and the tendency of most is to fill that void by passively accepting whatever teaching is making an impact on them.

As you continue to develop, especially through standing alone and living through your own light, a greater maturity and perception will unfold. Insight and compassion founded on living experience will be gained, and if you practise meditational techniques then your own power and light is likely to shine brighter as your inner clarity emerges. Effective concentration and meditation should be possible, and some signs of psychic abilities may also emerge from the Neptune energy being released. You may become a channel for the transpersonal energies to enter these levels, and there will be a sense of social responsibility and of the context through which they can operate.

Your intimate relationships are likely to be deep and enriching, partly as a result of your careful evaluation of suitable partners; and in those relationships where your heart becomes involved you will tend to be cautious before opening to a full commitment. Relationships are important to you, and you place great emphasis on continually working at them to ensure that they are mutually beneficial and a source of evolutionary growth. You believe that 'right choice leads to right action'; and this is a key to your success and to your procedure of careful evaluation of options and decisions.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Saturn conjunct Neptune, it is very unlikely that you can be deceived for very long. You usually protect yourself by being distrustful of situations or people you are unfamiliar with. Even in spiritual or religious matters, you object to accepting dogma unless you can work it out logically. Perhaps in your early years you readily accepted those teachings, and later, as you began to question their validity, you felt guilty about them. In general, you have a mature attitude about religious matters, and deep insight into your social obligations.

You are psychic in the most realistic sense; and your experiences guide you in the use of developing your intuition. You are suited to work in an executive capacity, for you can make important decisions with a high probability of success. Your professional affairs benefit from your ability to detect dishonesty or deception. In your pursuit of the facts, you insist that others prove what they say. You fear the unknown and are cautious about making a decision until you can examine all the facts. Your inspiration has practical value, and you can express it concretely.

In your romantic relationships, you are similarly composed. You are an idealist, but a practical one. You do not generally make an emotional commitment unless there is solid evidence that the feeling is mutual. You don't offer yourself casually to anyone, friend or lover. Your temperament is not suited to superficial entanglements, but you are willing to make an enormous contribution to a relationship that obviously has sustenance.

Avoid taking medication that is not professionally prescribed. Artificial vitamins, stimulants, and depressive drugs are not for you, because they may cause unpleasant

reactions.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction between Saturn and Neptune, form-building and form-disintegration go hand in hand, a state of affairs which can give a wonderful combination of qualities (provided personal planets are involved) - or it might more often be truer to say a weird and wonderful combination. Whenever we are engaged in giving concrete form to ego or are concerned with things with which ego can identify (Saturn), the form-dissolving processes of Neptune - which tend to blur the edges of the personality - are automatically activated. Therefore we keep making big or little formal changes and have little difficulty in giving the ego a regular shape. On the other hand, when formulating goals, we get feelings and insights that increase their depth. There is no knowing at any instant whether we are going to be changeable or insightful; in fact, we can switch imperceptibly between the two states of mind. Suppose, for example, we are writing a report: we may communicate in a well-thought-out style that expresses our feelings on the subject; but then we can introduce paragraphs with no proper structure at all, paragraphs with the meaning 'left hanging in the air' to such an extent that the reader is utterly perplexed. Or we may wander from the subject entirely. The danger of this conjunction is that the formless and spiritual (Neptune) may undermine awareness of the concrete and everyday (Saturn).

Yet this conjunction could enable us to investigate the invisible and transpersonal world in a matter-of-facts, methodical manner. Much depends on the relative strengths of the two planets.

The Neptunian sense of unity and communal service can be made concrete by a conjunction with Saturn; and then we might work hard for a better world, a more closely knit human race and a deeper religious or metaphysical understanding. But, by the same token, the cautiousness and ambition so characteristic of Saturn can be subverted by Neptune. We have no control over the latter planet, and can be so swayed by it that ambitions are imbued with its spirit of renunciation. Possibly we shall sacrifice ourselves for some idealistic goal we have painted in glowing colors. Needless to say, this aspect may feature in the charts of ascetics or of others who do not ask much from life.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn indicates the psychological influence of the father on the psyche of the individual. It indicates that part of the personality that one is most apprehensive about, the facet of self that one regards with caution. Neptune brings a sense of creativity or illusion/delusion regarding insight concerning the father.

People with this aspect may not really understand the kind of effect their father had on them. This influence may be determined from other aspects to Saturn or the Sun. There



have been cases where mother-dominated children have been deluded about the father, especially if he was missing. There have been instances when a child is unpleasantly surprised about paternity itself, for not every legal father is a child's physical father. These situations are difficult to diagnose and more difficult to discuss; they must be handled with tact.

When a father-dominated person has a Saturn-Neptune conjunction, there may be some idealization of the father. When a mother-dominated person has the conjunction, the mother may misrepresent the father in some way - the kind of man he is - or some delusion about the family or inherited family responsibilities may be engendered. The delusion about the father influence may merely be that the person doesn't know about the family influence or interests. These people will be influenced by certain delusions or illusions regarding authority figures; they may be hurt by the reality of the traditional approach, for they want to support illusions.

(Charles Carter)

In a good chart, this gives unusual powers, the native being able to plan and to execute, working hard. It is excellent for business or for politics, and has some affinity with the church. It is apt to produce something of an egotist, though the disposition may be kind. The native is apt to think himself or his work much more important than it really is. It is often found in the horoscopes of those who, with affected or sincere humility on the personal side, insist that they are instruments - the chosen and special instruments - of Exalted Beings, and so forth. In such cases, it is the expansive and formless side of Neptune which overcomes and drowns, as it were, the matter-of-fact sense of Saturn.

It appears to favour both mathematical and musical ability, perhaps by reason of its sense of exactness, time, and order. In any case, the abilities are very often out of the ordinary.

Provided Saturn is the stronger, it favours success by hard work, but usually also at the price of scandal and defamation, often in respect of sexual matters, or as the house occupied may indicate. It is not a position which is likely to cause the native to be fond of contact with the downtrodden or the poor, and is somewhat ambitious, fond of authority and management, and liking to exercise disciplinary powers. But if Neptune predominates, these ambitious tendencies will be much less in evidence.

Owing to the contrary natures of the two planets, there are often two sides to the character, or two periods of the life, the one materialistic and hard-headed, and the other idealistic. Or, if other aspects help, these two may be blended concordantly.

14) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (1°43')    ♃2 | ♄10

(Haydn Paul)

The aspects of Uranus to Pluto tend to be socially and generationally orientated; and the qualities, tendencies and attitudes associated with them are those which give a distinct conditioning tone to society during the period of the aspect.

The conjunction is quite rare, being made the last time around 1848, a time of social revolution in Europe and a time of great civil unrest and social change in Europe and America, and occurring again in the period of 1963-68.

The influence of these potent transpersonal planets is likely to be radical and far-reaching, setting a trend for the following century to develop and integrate, one which requires a long period of time for society to assimilate. In that sense, the influence is world-wide, and the period in which the close conjunction is made should be carefully analysed to perceive the essential thrust of this directive energy and the emergent trends for social development over the next hundred years.

With the cosmic periodic releasing of such powerful energies, the human reaction to them is varied and often polarised in response. These reveal the interface between the individual life and the collective life of a society. It is as though from a multiplicity of sources a new alluring voice is rising, which is revealing a new approach to life for society to absorb. Certain individuals respond enthusiastically to this new siren call, embracing 'the new way', and begin to group together as an influential minority within their own society. They then reflect the new ideas, impregnate society with them and act as transmitters of change. Broader social reaction to 'the new way' is often slow, apart from the inevitable reaction against the new trend; and often society attempts to use the power of its established structures to resist what appears to be a threatening impulse.

The influence of the conjunction is to initiate a new phase of social change; and during the 1963-68 aspect, it is that of a revolutionary new spirit in the air, extolling the virtues of individual rights and freedom, stimulating the need for the transformation of the existing social establishment and the breakdown of outdated and limiting social and national attitudes and engrained patterns of thinking.

For those who were (and still are) attuned and receptive to this visionary energy, there is a personal feeling of involvement in a vast process of evolutionary development occurring on earth, a feeling that their individual life is intimately linked with a vast plan slowly unfolding into manifestation, and that their lives are guided by some greater consciousness, participants in a planetary drama. AS a world-wide group held together by shared response, they collectively form a conduit for the new social approach to be mediated into human life and consciousness. Some reflect this in a more conscious manner, by seeking to manifest the overshadowing energy via deliberate meditation or occult rituals, etc..

What is of importance to this group is the respect and value of life in all of its forms,

ranging from human life to animals, plants, all of the many appearances of Nature, and the abundant creativity of Earth. Life is viewed as essentially 'holy', to be cherished, respected, enjoyed and protected. It is a basic attitude to life that wants the highest quality of life for everyone, founded upon a balanced and careful relationship with the environment and the natural world, whereby human society moves from being a dangerous exploiter of nature's gifts to living in a more natural harmony. Individually, there is the need to develop as a unique person, free to live and express oneself within a peaceful, co-operative co-existence, to learn how to unfold innate potentiality without it infringing on the rights of others.

Some twenty years after the close conjunction, the attitudes released into the world at this time were still serving as a necessary social direction; and many pressure groups had been formed to further the progress of such causes. The succeeding century needs to see more development for the benefit of mankind.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Pluto shows that if necessary you will go to extremes to preserve your freedom. Being free mean many things to you. It means freedom from pollution, disease, unemployment, and economic control by the industrial establishment. You want the right to 'do your thing', especially the right to make some important contribution to mankind along with others who are similarly motivated. You support local and national programs to improve the quality of life and may even become actively involved in seeing that this work is carried out. You realize that hard work by everyone concerned is the only way to reverse the continual plunder of natural resources, which leaves only a blighted landscape. You have a deep respect for all living things, including people, animals, and plants. When you observe how the earth is so freely desecrated by private interests, with little regard for those who will inherit it, you feel the need to dedicate yourself to preserving those elements.

This conjunction occurred from 1963 to 1968. Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring' was a grim reminder of how seriously we were upsetting the balance in nature. The United States Government report on Smoking and Health pointed to the much higher incidence of cancer and heart disease among smokers than non-smokers. Along with the disturbing reports of these publications, there was an increasing use of mind-altering drugs such as the hallucinogenic LSD, marijuana, and 'hard' drugs such as heroin and cocaine. The use of the drug thalidomide by pregnant women in Europe produced deformed children, until the side-effects of this medication were understood.

You are offered two alternatives: either to turn your back on the decaying quality of life or to make some effort to restore order to the chaos that man's insensitivity has produced.

(Betty Lundsted)

The keyword for Uranus is 'I behave', and the keyword for Pluto is 'I am unconsciously motivated'. The combination doesn't occur too often; it last happened in the 1960s. Here, the process of individuation can be either confused or overwhelmed by some unconscious force or energy. The behavior may be controlling or strangely eccentric.

Pluto rules the underworld in mythology; it has something to do with the archetypal energies of the unconscious depths. In the 1960s, people became interested in hallucinogenic drugs. Some of them experienced an inner exploration of the self induced by chemicals. Literature has been written comparing the drug experience to that of the mystical path of Oriental philosophies. People also became involved in supporting 'people' rights, and the peace marches began - the march on Washington occurred, as well as marches supporting young people's rights to refuse to fight in the Vietnamese war.

People born during these years will be highly individualistic and unorthodox. Whether this energy will express creatively or destructively will be apparent in years to come.

#### Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between

Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

15) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (7°31' A) ♈2 | ♈2

(Robert Hand)

You are an ambitious person who wants to get ahead, not just for yourself, but for the benefit of the larger world to which you belong. While you are young, you will express this as an interest in issues that are usually of concern only to older people. Your wideranging interests may include such topics as religion, geography, and even politics and government. In school you may get involved in student government and become quite a leader among your classmates. But they will respect you for this, because while you make it clear that you expect to benefit personally from what you do, you also feel responsible to those around you.

If you receive any kind of religious education while you are young, it will have a tremendous impact, and you will carry those teachings with you all your life. As a result, your standards of ethics and morality will be higher than most people's. You will always be concerned with doing what is right for its own sake, not for what you can get from it. In fact, this position is often found in the charts of those who enter the ministry or priesthood. If you don't receive any religious training while you are young, you will develop your own religious views anyway, which will be as important to you as if they had been taught from earliest childhood. You will always want your life to stand for the highest and best values - honor, integrity, respect and truth. Even when you cannot uphold these principles as you would like, you will respect them. And if you violate your principles, you will hurt yourself more than anyone else.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction with the Midheaven, a need for expansion can express itself powerfully in the social field. This is why this placement is traditionally regarded as a very profitable position. Due to an optimistic, forward-looking attitude, and to the ease with which we present ourselves to the outer world, we have a lot going for us. We tend to take the long view and are possessed of a social conscience. Jupiter always represents the spiritual and religious needs of humanity, and someone with a Jupiter / MC conjunction often makes an ethical or moral stand in the community.

Smugness is also well-known in this position; the great ease with which everything is managed tempts us to display an attitude of superiority. Modesty is not our strong point. Although outgoing and friendly, we have an air of condescension. This is a fine position for teaching, religion and other Jovian activities.

(Sue Tompkins)

Jupiter on the MC suggests that the individual has confidence about the eventual successful outcome of his / her goals, although the goals can be so large that success may prove elusive. Those aims may well revolve around a Jupiterian vocation: teaching, publishing, travel, religion, politics, philosophy or law. The person would probably like to be seen by the public at large as being full of generosity and good will. This placement suggests that the individual would like to 'play God' in his / her career in some way, and he / she may well take on the role of advice-giver or benefactor. These people are often influential in moulding other people's beliefs; and this can apply to all aspects to this axis.

The Jupiter-MC individual will usually be very 'future-orientated' and may be happy enough to put up with a less than wonderful past or present in the confident expectation of things improving in the years to come. The vocation may also deal with other people's futures in some way. One of the parental figures may have had strong religious or

political views. That person may also have been rather dramatic or larger than life to the child.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect is favorable for attaining prominence. The fact that the natives are usually honest and benevolent in their dealings often leads to promotion, public confidence, and a good reputation.

If the natives were born in lowly circumstances, they usually rise to a position of importance. Often a profession in the ministry, law, education, or business is indicated, since this conjunction favors people who are in the public eye or who pursue a career in politics.

If the conjunction is afflicted, ambition and desire for importance for its own sake are indicated

16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (5°09' S)    117 | 117

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

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

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the Descendant, or making hard aspect to the axis, may be more combative than Mars rising. Those with Mars on the Descendant may see others as aggressive, or look to others to help them find their own retaliatory impulses. This is a splendid combination for lawyers or others who have to fight on behalf of another's point of view. Often those with this placement have to put a great deal of energy and sometimes real 'push' into achieving a position of co-operation. A key phrase for this combination may be 'fighting for co-operation'; fighting too for justice and fairness as they see it.

Like Venus-Mars contacts, the Mars setting person may be impulsive about relationship, jumping into liaisons with a real spirit of adventure but not a great deal of forethought. This is a good combination for competitive relationships -partnerships that involve a bit of rough and tumble and don't rely on everything appearing to be sweet and nice. Thus, relationships with people with Mars along this axis may feel either very alive and stimulating or as if World War III had just broken out.

Mars square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

It is hard to regulate energy with these aspects. At one instant we are rushing matters; at another, we are frittering energy away on futilities; and generally speaking we are pretty inconsistent.

We flare up easily, and are always ready to take a poke at someone, but soon calm down. Also we sometimes react angrily to the (often well-meant) advice of others, which we regard as meddling in our affairs. We are quite capable of managing on our own, and make a point of doing so. Even when we know we will be rebuffed, we prefer going our own way to following someone's lead. As in the other Mars / Ascendant aspects, there is energy, daring, courage and enterprise - but we do need to be careful that impetuosity does not lead to ruptures with others. And we must not be surprised if we get some rather adverse reactions now and then from those around us. No-one could call us docile; and we never let anything go by default.



(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars squares or opposes the Ascendant, it is not easy to energize the creative potential in the personality in an appropriate manner. When the square appears, the action taken doesn't complement the persona. The action taken may not express the career interests, for career moves may not be perceived appropriately. Goals may be confused. Since Mars also rules sexuality, the sexual expression may not make sense either, for the career may be affected by the choice of sexual partners, or the career life-style may not connect in with the love life.

When the opposition occurs, a compromise is indicated, for the persona, the public attitudes claimed while we put 'our best foot forward', may not agree with the action taken in life, or with the sexual needs. When these people understand the various possibilities regarding manifestation of this energy, they can make conscious decisions regarding how they wish to use it.

17) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♋ **North-Node** - (6°43' S)    117 | 117

(Betty Lundsted)

This conjunction brings fortune through the natives' ability to sense and to flow in harmony with the prevailing current of events. In other words, they are instinctively capable of taking advantage of current trends. Carried too far, this attribute leads them to jump on whatever bandwagon happens to be passing, without due concern for the consequences. Natives' enthusiasm brings them popularity. Good fortune in dealing with women or the public is also indicated. Thus, the aspect is beneficial to those in public relations, selling, entertainment, and politics. If the chart as a whole bears out this tendency, natives will be generous and interested in religion. This is a favorable karmic influence, created by generosity and helpfulness to others in the native's past.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A spiritual link or union with others. An emotional attitude towards associations. Associations or alliance between women, blood-union, any community or association of people in groups small or large as the case may be.

(Bernice Grebner)

This gives a pleasing physical beauty, especially if in an angular house. This person has a good personality, well-received by the public. The feelings, emotions, and personality blend well with the North Node development and seem well-suited for projection into the new area. In my opinion, Moon conjunct North Node makes it a more familiar territory than other aspects. This means the person has progressed further in his evolvment than a South Node conjunct Moon person. It favors a repeat life like South Node

conjunct the Ascendant, or Moon conjunct Ascendant. For a man it can indicate help from women with his North Node area. For a woman it can mean great influence from her mother, or work with women on a personal basis or in an organizational way.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides great internal emotional satisfaction for these people. If not, at least they will provide such satisfaction for others. Basically, this aspect represents better emotional distribution within or without the individual. Support from mother or 'mother-figure' is of utmost significance for them in this life. The idea of taking something from 'mother' and being a 'mother-figure' to someone is highly under focus. These people go through ultra high and low emotional stages in this category. As a result, it is best not to provoke them emotionally at the wrong time. Vivid imagination and stronger sensitivity towards some of the past-life experiences and their illumination is noticed in this aspect. They may go through typical or unusual emotional experiences which could be a part of their recent life externalization, with a great similarity to reality.

(Donna van Toen)

An emotional outlook that attracts relationships that encourage growth. A need to meet people, participate in social activities, etc. stimulates awareness of the need for growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

When there is a conjunction with the Moon, the sensitivity is greater, contacts are taken very seriously, and the native is occupied by emotional matters. Therefore the development of the capacity for friendship and love comes very much to the fore. Love and affection, pampering and dependence are experienced intensely. Because the Moon is a fluctuating emotional element, reversals are often suffered; and there is hurt and disappointment when a cooling off of love and affection occurs followed by disregard.

18) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♀ **North-Node** - (9°56' S)    ♀7 | ♀7

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with Mars conjunct North Node tend to act in harmony with the people in their environment, thus gaining both co-operation and approval. However, as the saying goes, 'Nobody is right if everybody is wrong'. The desires of the natives and their resultant actions can be swept along in a chain of mass passions that ends in self-destruction. For example, individuals caught up in a flood of misdirected patriotism can find themselves the agents or victims of war.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Collaboration and co-operation, union based on physical attraction alone. A lack of adaptability, the desire to quarrel. Associations of people working together to a common end or purpose.

(Bernice Grebner)

Mars energy is very forceful for North Node activity. This position over-stimulates and sometimes exaggerates sexual arousal. It definitely puts action behind the North Node growth.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides strong interest in athletic or physical activities in these individuals. In this matter, the secret of their success depends largely upon the instincts rather than just a discipline. These instincts have long been developed in them from previous life, which increases their ability to react to situations tremendously. In this case, tempers and aggressiveness go hand-in-hand to achieve the objective without wasting any time. If they fail to get what they want, their temper provides the continuation of energy to either 'get even' or go after something more comparable. Their energy applications seem to have a preprogramming that once the things get going, it is more of a remotely controlled operation. Physical sex drive is often at its highest; and it has certain past-life connections. Sometimes these connections are in the form of unfinished manipulation or simple 'get even' from the previous life. It seems as if the Martian energies are coupled with the previous memories, and they have a Scorpionic touch. In a female chart, it indicates reversal of normal roles from the past life to this life (man-wife relationship turns into wife-husband, brother-sister to sister-brother, etc.). Strong assistance from brothers and sisters is seen in getting ahead in life, or vice versa.

(Donna van Toen)

Assertiveness leads to growth, although during the overcompensating phase of the nodal balancing act assertiveness can get out of hand and lead to quarrels. Ability to concentrate on whatever goal is represented enhances growth potential. A need for activity stimulates growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, Mars is experienced as a powerful driving force for progress. The personal advance upward is courageous, although unsuitable means are frequently used. The native has ambition and does not mind the trouble involved in undertaking unusual tasks, which often tax the strength, yet are carried out with energy and enthusiasm. Depending on the sign and house involved, the Martia

19) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition ♄ Pluto** - (8°45' A)    ♄4 | ♀10

(Haydn Paul)

The challenging aspects of square and opposition invariably display the dark face of the distorted Pluto energy, and require considerable individual transformation and selfunderstanding to mitigate the potentially negative impact on life that they will otherwise influence a person to experience. It is important to remember that this influence to confront the darker side of the psyche is inherently positive and creatively beneficial if it is used to reorientate the inner life, and that this is the hidden purpose of the Pluto impulses.

It is likely that you will experience a repetitive pattern of sexual love and emotional affairs which either do not seem to satisfy and fulfil you, or collapse into failure, acrimony and suffering. This can lead to a jaded, cynical attitude founded upon a frustrated, demoralised emotionally battered perception of love.

Your emotional intensity and passion is likely to cause difficulties for you, as it often seems to run away out of your control, and can take you into situations and encounters which from a clearer perspective you would consider to be undesirable. Certainly you are looking for something; but your sexual and emotional desires can be too strong, creating distortions of inner energy and leading to compulsive behaviour on your part - followed by an attempt at justification in the vein of 'I couldn't help myself...'. Either you will feel driven to experiment in various relationships on a continuous basis, or, as a reaction, you may attempt to avoid entering any emotional affair as you are afraid of experiencing the old established pattern again.

Problems can arise in your intimate relationships due to your tendency to introduce the element of domination. You tend to demand your own way or assume a dominating role, sometimes played out in potentially damaging sexual and emotional contexts, sometimes obvious, sometimes more subtle. Even if you assume a submissive role, it is only as a hidden way to manipulate and achieve your intentions through a subtle route; it is not your natural approach. Usually, you want your partners to change to suit you, and you can put intense pressure upon them, especially sexually and emotionally.

You will need to learn the necessity for mutual compromise in relationships, to understand your inner underlying desires and impulses which are conditioning and controlling you from the depths of your unconscious. It may be appropriate to study humanistic psychology, or take part in a course or therapy designed to bring about safe release of hidden impulses into the light of conscious awareness. Such impulses, and unconscious inner fantasy lives, are present to some degree in everyone; but with this aspect they will stimulate problems for you, which are resolvable if you are willing to confront them in an act of personal reintegration and transformation. This will also serve to balance out your erratic flow of emotional desires, which often seems to confuse you

and your partner, as you appear to 'blow very hot and very cold' in your responses to them; this is when your inner impulses arise and fall in some hidden rhythmic cycle, leading to uncontrollable emotional and sexual needs and intensity, or to a lack of response and to coldness.

Always, the choice is yours; potentially you can defuse many of the difficulties that usually face you in relationships, or you can continue hoping that they will lift of their own accord. Pluto is influencing you to take the positive approach, by facing you with the results of being passive to the inner forces and by remaining unconscious of their hidden promptings.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus opposition Pluto, your intense emotional nature may create many problems for you, as you strive to force your demands on others. On the other hand, you may avoid involvement with others, fearing the responsibility of an emotional attachment. In either case, you will alienate yourself from those who may be dearest to you.

In any permanent relationship, money is often seen as the cause of disharmony. The real problem, however, is usually the excessive demands you make of your partner, or your partner's possessive attitude toward you. You must appraise your feelings realistically to see if the two of you have simply grown apart, or if you have tried to remake your partner to fit your ideal image.

Before making any contractual commitment to someone, you should try to examine your prospective mate's potentials carefully. This means realistically evaluating his or her capacity to fulfil your needs, both as a partner and as a parent of your children. The best physical mate does not necessarily make a good parent. There may be an inability to accept the responsibility of a family and the restraints to personal freedom and mobility.

Any problems you may have, however, can be resolved if you are willing to compromise. The freedom you can enjoy together may be greater than any freedom you could have separately.

Early in your professional career, as you are trying to become established, you will encounter certain difficulties. Some individuals may try to take advantage of your naivety to create trouble between you and your superiors. You are sure to encounter severe competition from your co-workers, who will feel threatened by you.

Avoid forming a close alliance with anyone until you are sure that person can be trusted with your confidences. This is especially true of your boss. Being friendly with him may give you job security, but it will certainly disrupt comfortable working conditions with your fellow employees, and these are the people you have to live with each day.

To be truly effective, try to maintain a purely social attitude in your professional endeavors. Any emotional involvement will unnecessarily complicate your goals. It is easy to be victimized by a person for whom you feel an emotional attachment because it is so difficult to say 'no', even to excessive demands. If you allow yourself to be used, you will increase the chances of being abused.

20) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°52' S)    ♀4 | ♃2

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from Venus to Jupiter shows that you have an outgoing personality. Your ease in expressing yourself endears you to everyone with whom you deal. You know how to say the right thing at the right time for the results you want. You are generous with praise when it is deserved, and sometimes even when it isn't. Others think of you as a kind, sympathetic, and understanding person who can always find the time for someone who needs assistance. Even people who are inclined to pessimism come away with hope because you can always visualize a solution to their problems. You don't generally interfere in the affairs of others, but you will make yourself available if necessary. Your attitude is, 'If they need me, I'm as close as the telephone'. You are popular because you don't make excessive demands on people, being tolerant of their frailties.

You can apply your talents in many diverse directions, for this planetary combination does not of itself give a specific talent. It does give a personable quality that is a distinct asset in certain professions and fields. Any occupation involving public contact is far easier with this kind of temperament. It would be especially beneficial, both to you and to others, to work with the public in some capacity, perhaps as social director of some large organization, as a teacher, or as a travelers' guide. Writing would be another avenue of expression for your creative ability. You are not patient enough to submit to the rigorous discipline required for writing lengthy stories, but essays or magazine articles would certainly be suitable.

The 'good life', with comfortable surroundings, a lavishly furnished home, good friends, and plenty of social activity, is what you desire. You would find it difficult to accept a life of austerity that allowed only the barest essentials.

You round out your daily living with a variety of avocational interests. Reading, travel, social activities, music, art, and theatre are some of the many interests that enrich you and give you pleasure. You not only enjoy these interests as a spectator, but you also participate in them when you can.

You expect honesty and sincerity from anyone with whom you have more than a casual relationship. Even among your casual acquaintances, you are 'turned off' if you discover them to be deceptive, indifferent, insensitive, or coarse. You identify with people who are

not content to stand still in their development and are always eager to improve themselves.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile indicates a person whose psyche is constructively affected by his mother, for she shows him that relationships can take place, that one can reach out and be favorably received. Metaphysically speaking, we all get what we expect. Some people are naturally able to reach out - to respond to others, to ask for what is needed - because the early childhood environment was encouraging. This individual will have an inner sense of security that will enable him to have the confidence he needs to pursue his goals.

For a woman, this aspect indicates a predilection for comfortable emotional relationships, and she will pass her responsiveness on to her children. For a man, the aspect indicates an interest in relating to his children; he can encourage them to respond and relate. The trine aspect will also encourage this kind of attitude.

Venus trine or sextile Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the natal horoscope has Venus and Jupiter in harmony, we stroke people as being very charming and friendly. We mingle social graces and geniality, and instinctively know how to be popular. With a kindly word, a friendly gesture or the latest joke, we get people on our side. No wonder these aspects are reckoned to be among the most useful to own.

The ease with which we sail through life is based largely on the way in which we inspire confidence. These are really beautiful aspects for forming secure relationships and for success in love and in material things - provided we can rule ourselves. The harmony of the aspects should keep us relatively free from marital problems. However, Jupiter increases the demands of Venus and may leave us continually wanting more emotional satisfaction and more material possessions. Therefore, we do not always find permanently happy marriages under these aspects. Nevertheless, there will certainly be a high degree of stability in a relationship.

Loyalty, cheerfulness, affability and a fondness for amusements and luxuries are characteristic.

(Charles Carter)

Nearly all, or perhaps quite all, of the persons known to me with this combination are by no means placid or tranquil by nature, as might be expected from a good configuration of the benefics. The great gift of the combination seems to be grace of expression, although this may be expressed in some forms only. A case like that of Tennyson shows that the grace of expression may be expressed only through writing, for he was often gruff in his behavior. Sometimes there are oratorical abilities. As a rule, the grace is verbal, but sometimes it would be more true to say that there is an attractive grace of demeanour. I have occasionally noticed this even in persons with Venus and Jupiter in bad aspect, provided they are in congenial signs.

Often the feelings are capricious and restless, so that connubial happiness does not always accompany this contact, nor is the native always happy in disposition: its chief influence seems certainly to be in the direction of art and literature.

It promotes popularity and affection, so benefitting anyone who has to do with the public, especially in the way of amusing or pleasing them. It is less good for those who must correct or instruct.

The effects of this combination on the health are considerable, and it seems to promote longevity, perhaps because the influence of Venus tempers and moderates the Jovian tendency towards excess and hazardous conduct.

21) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°48' A) ♊2 | ♏12

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile of Jupiter to Saturn indicates that your greatest asset is a vast reservoir of information. You are well-informed, and your comprehension is excellent. You invariably find uses for the knowledge you've acquired, no matter how useless it appears to others. You belong to the classic tradition that considers all knowledge useful, or at least broadening and enriching.

Because of your skill in planning, your creative ideas have an excellent chance of succeeding. Enthusiastic and optimistic, you believe in yourself, but you also realize that even the best-laid plans require hard work if they are to succeed. You are always searching for new avenues of expression, because you are determined to grow to your highest potential of development. You insist that your activities are entirely within the law, and you pride yourself on achieving your goals without resorting to questionable ethical practices. Your interest in philosophy has doubtless strengthened your conviction that honesty and sincerity pay the biggest dividends in the long run.

Many fields are suitable to your particular talents, including law, education, writing, journalism, politics, and the ministry. You would derive enormous satisfaction from efforts to improve a particular personal or social environment. You are especially



concerned about mismanagement in government, and could easily launch a campaign of writing and speaking to alert the public about such practices. You always make sure you have the evidence before communicating your information to the proper authorities; you take total responsibility for everything you do, and will fearlessly challenge anyone to a debate on the matter.

You would make an ideal teacher, for you could dramatize your sense of history and the lessons learned from it in an exciting way. With young people, you convey an intimate understanding that can stimulate them in their search for meaning in life. Your knowledge and appreciation of contemporary social structure are easily picked up by those who wish to learn and benefit from them.

In your own way, you make a substantial contribution to society by your genuine concern for its members. Your depth of understanding might be the basis of a published work on some important issue that involves improving the management of social programs. Whatever gains your interest must have significance for you, and you feel responsible for communicating this to others. In many ways, you are a standard bearer for the forces that spotlight social injustice.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile between Jupiter and Saturn indicates a pretty healthy home environment. The relating principle is not adversely affected by the individual's father. The sextile indicates that the father's influence probably helped the individual to view the reaching out and opening up process as normal. Authority figures were not damaging to the development of this person's relating ability.

Although the aspect may not be appreciated until after the age of thirty-five, the later years bring a maturity and a consciousness to the concept of relating that this individual can use to better develop the potentials of the Sun.

Jupiter trine or sextile Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The way in which we seek expansion, improvement and increase harmonizes here with perseverance and the way in which we discipline ourselves and define our egos. A balance between the two planets gives us the possibility of being level-headed visionaries looking for a solidly-built future. A structured career pattern is another possibility and is quite likely to bring success.

We are often filled with a justifiable optimism, a sort of well-balanced enthusiasm, and

this enables us to promote joint efforts in a thoroughly relaxed way.

We are good organizers, and know how to combine a look ahead with a sense of current realities; responsibilities seldom over-burden us, and we have little dread of the future. Nevertheless, the promising and stimulating side of these aspects will never turn our heads. We are and remain serious, and will retain the necessary self-discipline to achieve our ends. For in these aspects Jupiter strengthens the ambition and the diligence of Saturn so that we never rest until we have attained our goal.

(Charles Carter)

This combination is commonly regarded as singularly fortunate, particularly, of course, if the signs and houses occupied are of a congenial nature. It is the token of constructive power, the progessive energy of Jupiter taking form and permanency through Saturn. Hence it is a common aspect in the charts of materially successful people.

The type of character engendered may be described as one of serious purposivity, the native being as a rule much in earnest, and yet cheerful and optimistic.

The constructivity lends to many forms of expression such as politics, municipal and administrative work, art, and commerce: sextiles between the two planets, especially from Libra to Sagittarius, or from Sagittarius to Aquarius, or from Aquarius to Aries, seem very favourable to art.

It must be recollected that the best of any aspects between heavy planets such as these can only appear if the lighter planets are also well placed; in a sense, the heavy planets depend for expression on the lighter. Therefore, too much must not be expected from this combination alone. But few contacts possess greater potentialities.

The native will have the ability to take long views, and he will work steadily towards one end in life, year after year, with the utmost patience, learning from the past and adapting its lessons for the future. He is usually generous, but is judicious in bestowing help.

There will probably be a distinctly Jovian streak in the character or pursuits of the father, who may be a religious teacher, a sailor, a lawyer, or may show the less happy aspects of the planet and be feckless and irresponsible, if Jupiter is not strong.

It inclines to mould the native in Jovian ways also, as, for example, to make him travel, or to follow law or some other Jovian activity; and sometimes family influences are the determining factors in this matter.

22) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Sextile** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°29' A) ☾5 | 177

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates the intuitive ability to harmonize with and subtly influence existing social customs and institutions. The natives instinctively ride the currents of public mood, opinion, and action. Their understanding of cultural trends allows them to circumvent this influence on their lives if they so desire - always by subtle evasion rather than open confrontation.

(Donna van Toen)

A readiness to sacrifice can contribute to stagnation. Plans are carried out in a more methodical way, with less striving for new heights. Growth is a slow process, sometimes involving intense suffering or guilt pangs about leaving the comfortable rut behind; rejecting opportunities for growth may hold the person back.

Neptune trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Peculiar or strange conduct in communal life; occasional unreliability. The inclination to expect more than is possible from a community or from an association of people.

Neptune conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

Here we have a generous, hospitable, sympathetic nature, ready to help all in need. This person is talented in music and the arts, or has a great appreciation of them. His sensitivity and awareness are very keen. It inclines him to metaphysical studies. He seeks the seemingly impossible. Since there is a high spiritual development, he easily gets help from others, either in this world or from the next. This is related to beauty and creativity, and is said to be a gift. This seems to be a favorable karma. The person is favorably inclined to higher spiritual love. Another theory is that this person is from planet Neptune.

23) ► **Midheaven** MC **Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (4°23' A) ♈2 | ♅5

(Robert Hand)

This aspect can indicate extreme insecurity and self-doubt, unless your parents and other influential adults make a special effort to reinforce your self-confidence. When you meet a difficult person or an obstacle, your first tendency is to run away, because you feel that you cannot overcome it. This is probably not true, and you must learn what you

really can do, instead of limiting yourself to the few tasks that you are not afraid to do.

Sometimes you seem to be surrounded by energies that are very weakening, usually from people you are with who give off very negative energies such as resentment, hostility or anger. You don't attract such people to any unusual extent, but you suffer more than others from being around them. As much as possible, you should associate with positive and optimistic persons.

This empathy has a positive side, however, in that you understand other people very well, knowing what is going on in their minds as well as what they say. But it will take you a while to learn how to interpret the signals you get from others. While you are young, you may frequently misinterpret people.

You will feel a need to work for an ideal that is higher than yourself or for a person whom you can idealize and respect. This is fine, but you will probably be taken advantage of by people who are unworthy of your devotion, unless you work very hard to get past your idealizations and see who they really are. Then you can choose intelligently.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square, unless contradicted by other influences in the chart, indicates unreliability in professional obligations and confusion in domestic affairs. The home will be messy and disorganized, and sometimes the scene of alcohol or drug use.

There can be deception and irresponsibility on the job, in the form of laziness, inefficiency, or both. In rare cases, the natives are deliberately dishonest or deceptive.

This square can also manifest itself in escape from domestic and professional duties through daydreaming.

Neptune square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Neptune and the Midheaven make us insecure, and we have considerable trouble forming an identity. For not only are we very sensitive to what the world says of us; we are inclined to misinterpret what it says. To make matters worse, the world has a false impression of us anyway. But however that may be, with these aspects we are liable to run round in circles for a long time, worried by the difference between thoughts and impulses that are generated by ourselves, on the one hand, and our thoughts and impulses that have slipped unobserved from outside into the unconscious mind - from where they rise to influence us - on the other hand.

Hence we are extremely suggestible and easily misled; especially when, as often happens, we have not yet found our bearings. By drawing an inaccurate picture of self and society, we can become deluded and create confusion. On account of the pretence we know how to make, people can impute to us things for which we are not responsible. The other side of the coin is that we can go on to do extremely well in areas where pretence and illusion are raised to a fine art: the world of film for example. We need to be on guard against various forms of addiction; addiction to drink or drugs say, which may seem to offer a refuge from hard reality but, being impersonal, impedes personal development. The addiction can also be to unworkable religious and idealistic concepts that equally help us to avoid confrontations with everyday problems and push personality into the background. In addition to idealism, we are full of both empathy and sympathy. If we find ourselves in a stimulating environment where no unfair advantage is taken of our sensitiveness, pliability and insecurity, we gradually shed uncertainty and (provided we engage in Neptunian occupations with the active support of others) can do much to further our ideals.

24) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (7°01' A) ♃3 | ♀7

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to Mars gives you much enthusiasm and energy to carry out your tasks, but under prolonged pressure you periodically need to wind down and get away from your work. You must try not to drive yourself so hard in fulfilling your ambitions. When your efforts don't yield the expected results, you become annoyed and fly off the handle in disgust. Experience will probably teach you that you did not plan your actions carefully enough, so that you got exactly what you deserved under the circumstances. In time you should learn to meet obstacles by anticipating them and taking steps to overcome them in advance; in this way you can avoid the frustration of resistance. Think before you do anything, and you will save the precious time that is wasted in doing it over again. You need to learn patience in handling difficulties and to conserve your energy for constructive purposes. When challenged, you react with indignation, feeling that your competence is being threatened. You would be better advised to observe and learn how others conduct themselves under pressure. This is better than indulging in a senseless argument or a bitter display of temperament.

There are many fields in which you could successfully apply your talents, such as teaching, writing, sports, military service, medicine, law, and police work. However, you would have to understand the limitations to your freedom that these careers involve. Because you value your freedom, you should determine your priorities before indulging in any worthwhile endeavor. You must be willing to make that investment if you expect to gain prominence and recognition.

You are fairly good-natured and enjoy the company of many friends whom you admire

for their own accomplishments. But you can be overbearing in demanding attention and trying to focus discussions on subjects that you are especially knowledgeable about. You have to learn to be a good listener too.

Although you have a highly developed sexual nature, you aren't too successful in overcoming the frustrations involved in satisfying it. Either you want what you can't have, or you've grown disinterested in what you do have. It is obvious that you will have to compensate as much as possible by diverting your energies into satisfying any enjoyable activities. The mate you are looking for is one who can match your physical needs and also be a companion in your other interests.

Somewhat careless about safety precautions, you invite accidents. Take care of any cuts as soon as they happen in order to reduce the possibility of infection.

(Haydn Paul)

You may be confronted with frustrations and a lack of satisfaction with this aspect, partly as a consequence of your own attitudes and style of expression which often spoil your chances for success and fulfilment. You can feel a restless energy seeking release, and this inner agitation linked to strong desires can lead to an uneven and eventful life, resulting from the effects of impulsive and sometimes ill-considered actions. You easily become impatient, especially when results are slow in coming, feeling anger and frustration; your natural reaction then is to apply more force and will-power to attain your aims, but this does not necessarily create the effects you want. By tending to act without prior thought, you often sow the seeds of your future failures, undermining what might have been perfectly reasonable plans if they had been more carefully thought out.

You are a self-seeking individual, looking to impose your presence on society and make a mark on the world. Striving to prove your worth, you may find that by modifying your approach you achieve greater success. You can have plenty of energy and enthusiasm, yet one problem can lie in your ability to direct and focus these along positive and constructive channels. It may be that certain lessons require learning before your path forward opens. More forethought and planning would be helpful, minimising wastage of energy and restrictive directions, enabling you to plan ahead and form contingency routes to surmount any predictable obstacles. Patience is necessary, so that temporary setbacks do not frustrate too much, and you are able to rely on ingenuity and faith in your abilities to persevere. Being able to maintain your directional focus is also important, as there is a tendency to lose confidence and change direction when you hit obstacles and disappointing results.

Changing your relationships may also be a key which benefits you, especially in consciously modifying any tendencies towards arguing, demanding attention, egocentricity and being temperamental. While you can be good company, your lack of tact and diplomacy is sometimes striking; ill-considered impulsive comments may not be

appreciated nor any attempts to hijack conversations so that they focus just on you and your interests. You can react against any opposing points of view, often seeing them as a personal attack, rather than carefully listening to see if they offer new perspectives which can enrich your perception and understanding of life or a specific topic.

Sexuality will be a major focus of expression, and your passions will run strongly with this aspect, although there may also be frustrations and constraints facing you. These could range from a lack of a partner, to desiring someone who is unattainable, to falling out of love with a partner. An ideal lover is one who suits your needs on every level, and careful choice needs to be taken in deciding to settle down with anyone, or else you may discover that freedom has been restricted through an impulsive action. Right choices depend on self-knowledge; deepening self-understanding will reveal the type of partner who can complement you. Be wary of allowing a contentious nature to interfere with your intimate relationships, or else they could degenerate into an emotional battlefield. If your sexual energies remain high, and there is little opportunity for a healthy release, then to avoid becoming increasingly irritable and unstable, a redirection into creative channels may be recommended. Allowing sexual preoccupations to become dominant in the personality is also unwise and rebalancing may be necessary for adjustment.

With several personality modifications, your future can look more promising, and you may direct energies into the spheres of writing, law, medicine, teaching, or military style careers which could suit your temperament, although limitations on freedom may also occur. Freedom is important to you, so you may oppose any demands for commitment made of you, through work or partnership; and, until that issue is resolved, you may feel unable to take full advantage of presented opportunities. If you are confronted with situations which may compromise your freedom, then you react by being less decisive, as you hate feeling imprisoned in any way. Finding employment that allows you scope for movement and independence, and a partner that recognises this need, may be a step in the right direction. Your abilities are present, but may require unlocking to become manifest, yet once they begin to flow can be highly transformative.

25) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♀ **Venus** - (2°14' S)    ♀7 | ♀4

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates probably inner stress and tensions related to your social and intimate relationships; your emotions will be the battleground.

These emotions will feel extremely powerful; and your fear of losing control over them may result in repressive behavior which tends to avoid relationships that awaken deeper emotional responses. Yet at the same time, you need this emotional involvement and those intense feelings. With your emotions and feelings being polarized, you often prefer to retreat from commitment, rejecting the personal obligations that may be required from relationship.

These behavior patterns can be seen in a starker light at times when commitment is required in relationships. Because you refuse to acknowledge the depth of your feelings, deep-rooted fears begin to rise. These can include fear of losing freedom, fear of another's power over your emotions, and fear of experiencing love's transformative fires. Once someone begins to impose his or her needs, demands, and will on you, his / her expectations of your predictable behaviour often awakens a rebellious attitude within you. Your insecurity and fears result in contrary behavior that can create relationship conflict just when real progress could be made.

Your reactionary drive for independence and your tendency to reject signs of possessive behaviour or demands for your exclusive loyalty may shatter any potentially restrictive relationship. While there may be valid grounds for rejecting such tendencies, your reaction mainly reflects inner fears and unresolved personal issues, and tends to be negative, resulting in heartbreak and disillusionment for yourself and others, and enforcing an increasingly bitter and cynical view of the nature of intimate affairs.

Other behaviour patterns associated with this square include self-indulgence and sensuality. You may become involved with indiscriminate affairs and unsuitable partners as a consequence of lacking self-understanding, coupled with a deep need for relationships. Often, attempts at breaking free of threatening restrictions only propel you into other, equally unsatisfying relationships. If you adopt a more passive response to your relationship stresses - instead of taking the active and dominating role - you may experience others taking advantage of your initial trust, manipulating your emotions and needs, and using you as a support and foil for their own emotional tensions and confusions.

Sometimes emotions blind you to the real feelings of a partner, until a situation occurs in which, to your surprise, you realize that their feelings are not as powerful as yours. This tendency toward illusions also spills over into your social relationships, where you often misinterpret the honesty and sincerity of others. You can lack understanding of their motivations, so that judgements are seriously affected. Yet this also springs from your lack of self-knowledge; getting to know yourself better will help you to understand others too, and this will enable you to avoid unsuitable relationships. By analyzing the types of people that attract you and the resulting types of relationship, you can expose your hidden needs and behavior patterns, and become aware of those unconscious traits which shape your choices.

At some stages in your life, you may need to withdraw a little to gain these perspectives, especially when you are trapped in a repetitive whirl of failed relationships. Your needs are still urgent and pressing; but transforming attitudes through self-understanding may be crucially necessary. Certain patterns active in you are probably derived from childhood experiences and conditioning. The relationship with your parents may have been unsatisfactory, especially in shaping emotional responses, which is why you now



have ambivalent and contradictory feelings of need and denial when commitment is expected. There may even be feelings of guilt and non-acceptance of your emotions. A withdrawal from relationship commitment could stem from a similar withdrawal of a parent from you during childhood. You may now unconsciously seek to punish a parent by rejecting others who try to get close to you.

Choice of partner is extremely important, and the key to relationship success; but the art of choosing a suitable partner depends on self-knowledge, so that both are complementary and in essential harmony with each other. Your early choices are likely to be unwise; and any early partnership will probably run into troubled waters due to your inner confusions and unresolved issues. New perspectives on yourself and your needs may be achieved through a transformative period of relative isolation from relationships, allowing a pause to dissolve patterns through greater understanding; this can enable insight, emotional maturity, and greater independence. Personal therapy or relationship counselling could be important to progress in future partnerships. The main obstacle to relationship success and sustaining a love affair is often your unconscious patterns; transcend them, and a new world of satisfying experience can open for you.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Moon to Venus means that you are apprehensive about forming close emotional ties because you fear the responsibilities they bring. You are defensive in admitting your feelings for others, fearful that they will make demands on you if you do. Your deeply ingrained ties with the past were probably etched by your relationship with your parents. No doubt you were expected to show undying loyalty to them, to the complete exclusion of anyone you might choose. It is wrong for you to feel any guilt about trying to transfer your personal feelings, for your parents should not try to hold you to a total commitment to them. Your priorities are distorted, and a change of attitude is in order; otherwise, the danger is clear.

Your rebelliousness can introduce problems in your personal relationships. In an attempt to get away from the restrictions that you feel closing in on you, you may indulge in an affair that is less than desirable. You could become the dumping ground for the emotional anxieties of others, and you would be abused and deceived into thinking that the feeling toward you was genuine.

It would be advisable for you to become independent as soon as you can earn a living and take care of your own needs. You need the companionship of people who don't expect anything from you except friendship. You should develop a new perspective so you can relate to people with greater understanding and mutual trust. If your intense emotional nature requires that you become involved, be hesitant about making any binding commitments. Marriage could be a disaster if you have not overcome the subtle distortions of your early conditioning. You would in a way be 'getting even' with your partner for damages wrought by someone else; you would be punishing the wrong

person. You are enormously vulnerable to manipulation, because you tend to be indiscriminate in satisfying your emotional hunger. By assuming that everyone is honest and sincere, you could be left high and dry when you most need co-operation.

Time is the factor you have going for you, because in time you will gain maturity and judgement. Don't take a shortcut and avoid the laborious process of learning to understand people and their motivations. That would be asking for unhappiness. Become involved in group endeavors that will bring you into close contact with people so you can learn how they behave and how they are motivated in their objectives. You will also learn to understand human failings and to judge more clearly anyone to whom you are affectionately drawn.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the physical mother and how she reacts to her life at the time of our birth, and how she reacts to us emotionally. Venus represents the psychological effect of the mother's concepts of femininity and love that is retained in our psyche. The square between these planets represents emotional stress absorbed in the childhood. This square indicates excessive feelings of resentment regarding the biological role women are forced to play; it therefore indicates that the mother had certain resentments about the responsibilities of motherhood when this child was born. She may have grown out of these feelings; she may have adjusted to the role of motherhood later on in the marriage. But when this child was born, the mother passed on a feeling that women had to justify or prove their existence, that a woman was a second-class citizen.

When this aspect occurs in a woman's chart, it often indicates a deep-rooted feeling of insecurity about her femininity, feelings of insecurity about motherhood, feelings of resentment about the biological role that women must play. The resentment is directed toward the dedication that is deemed necessary in order to raise children, for a woman with this aspect doesn't like the drudgery involved in caring for children. Women with this aspect may not marry, because they are often afraid to admit that they don't want children of their own. They may not feel that they are really womanly or feminine; they resent the freedom they think men have; sometimes they function on a homosexual level in order to avoid pregnancy. If they have little exposure to the concept of femininity on any level, these women may even be prone to hysterectomy, for they are subconsciously willing to give up the physical symbols of femininity. It's very difficult to get mature women to talk freely about this aspect because our culture programs all women to 'enjoy' motherhood. Until recent years, if a woman didn't want children we thought there was something wrong with her. Until now, a woman who didn't want children had to avoid discussing her feelings about the matter; she simply would avoid marriage, for example. She might have dated only noneligible ne'er-do-wells, enabling her to 'righteously' avoid marriage, since it makes no sense to marry an alcoholic, a drug addict or an unemployable. (Her friends and family merely deplored her taste in men.)

There are many ways this aspect can defeat the feminine function. A woman may fall in love with a married man, but the relationship obviously cannot be consummated with children. Or, she may avoid all relationships. Or, she may function on a homosexual level; everyone is so busy diagnosing her 'homosexual problem' that they never look into the underlying cause - a fear of motherhood, a rejection of the biological role. Women who have children in spite of this aspect are often pushed into motherhood by the social pressures engendered by friends and family. They seldom enjoy the early years of motherhood, and resent not being free to have a career. Sometimes this resentment is taken out on her children. How much resentment may be directed toward her children will be shown by the other Moon or Venus aspects in her chart. This aspect is seldom discussed with her children, for she often feels guilty about her attitude toward them and later pretends that she 'loved' her children always.

If the woman with the Moon-Venus square understands that she is afraid of motherhood, as well as the feminine side of her nature, she can then begin to consciously open up to allow herself to examine the 'woman' experience. A 'woman' doesn't have to be our mother's concept of womanhood - especially in today's culture. Today's woman is free to explore her femininity; literature is available about the women's movement, the mythology of woman, the positions held by women in ancient religions, the female goddesses, and the emergence of woman-consciousness. These doors are closed to her if she cannot first accept that there is a problem to be worked out. Many women think that if they recognize Mom's problem they have to hate her for it. As we mature and as we begin to experience our own life crises, we begin to understand that we, too, may have a child in the middle of a growth cycle and that our growing pains will affect our child as well. When we understand this, we can no longer hate a mother who gave all she was capable of, for she could give only what she knew. Perhaps both the child and the mother learn something from their relationship to each other.

The male born with Venus square the Moon has a different problem because he is a man and not a woman. His mother didn't like her biological role; she resented being stuck with diapers and the 2 a.m. feedings, and she probably didn't get enough understanding or help from her husband when this child was born. The mother may have given up all hope of a much wanted career.

The male with this aspect has a different dilemma from the female who has it, for he will have to make peace with the concept of his emotional worth, or his values regarding women, or both. When he grows up, the chances are that he won't expect a woman to be in his corner, and he may have a closed attitude about the possibilities of any love relationship. He is affected by his mother's lack of respect for 'womanhood' in general. The square indicates that his Mom didn't like or respect other women; and, if she's a woman and she didn't like women, why should he?

His image of woman is not healthy. He may dislike his mother intensely, for if Venus indicates the psychological influence of his mother, the square indicates that the

influence was not constructive. Venus (the concept of love) works against (square) his normal emotional responses (Moon). He is apt to be confused about love situations. In order to further understand the possibilities of this particular configuration, look at the other aspects to Venus, the Moon and Mars. This will give a picture of the odds as to how he will choose to express himself emotionally. This can be the chart of a man who chooses to express himself homosexually because he really dislikes his mother as well as women in general. This may be a man who overreacts whenever he has contact with women. This aspect can indicate a man who doesn't appreciate (Venus) his own feeling nature (Moon).

26) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (6°31' A)    ♄7 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

Intimate relationships may be difficult, with emotions intense and extreme. An atmosphere of emotional brooding may surround you; and others may prefer to withdraw as they sense elemental danger.

Needs for control influence choices and actions; you believe your environment and emotions need controlling to avoid 'threats' from others. This increases your preference for relationship dominance, often demanding that others acquiesce to your desires and wishes, yet this will inevitably imbalance relationships. You intend to rule, and will never willingly be submissive. If forced to do so by partner or employer, you will later try to undermine their dominance by subversive efforts to regain control. You can react almost violently toward anyone trying to change you, and may deliberately act in more extreme ways when displaying the behaviour that another hopes to change.

You are a natural loner, impatient and potentially aggressive in attitude unless carefully controlled and moderated. Self-expression is often direct, with a style lacking in social graces and diplomacy, sometimes abrasive and brusque, especially with those you do not respect. This can create work and social problems; but these do not particularly bother you, as you prefer to be true to yourself. What you do need is to retain self-integrity and discover how to maintain a positive relationship with others.

You hate feeling restricted, and chafe against any imprisoning bonds, even if these were self-imposed for reasons which existed at the time. You are ambivalent toward the past, and often want to forget it as having little relevance; at other times, you display an attachment to it, attempting to reinvolve it. At least you know the past; the future sometimes scares you, stirring uneasy feelings, especially as this cannot be controlled.

You may find difficulty dealing with powerful feelings of destructive energy, an urge to smash and break down obstacles that prevent you from enjoying freedom. This inner state generates tensions and pressures which you control and repress, afraid that, if unleashed at an appropriate time, much damage could be caused. It can be hard for

others to understand how this sensation of destructive emotional energy shapes and restricts you. You also find it difficult to discover how to release this energy constructively; but it is essential that relationship conflicts be reduced. You may often force issues, releasing this energy in confrontations which create sudden and dramatic life changes, despite intending this simply to release inner pressures which increase whenever you feel as if you are not in control. Your tendency is to explode - or to implode - to stimulate a necessary transformation that can create space for changes to occur.

You need to trust more - your family, intimate partners, and others. Try to communicate your feelings and difficulties so that others can help you to release them less abrasively. Compromise is essential; the world does not revolve around your needs and desires, and living together requires mutual benefit and support. Redirecting self-preoccupation toward helping others could become a way for emotional intensity to flow safely outward, reducing inner pressure.

A deeper self-understanding, perhaps through courses and study in psychology, occultism, meditation, and self-exploration, would benefit you considerably, and give insight into the energies and levels of consciousness which create the complexity of the human personality.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Moon square Pluto, you are a deep-feeling person who finds it difficult to let go of the past. You are apprehensive about the future and often withdraw defensively. Early parental conditioning may have been responsible for the way you anticipate danger as you face life's problems. Perhaps the relationship with your parents was strained; you felt rejected because you could not discern the love behind their discipline.

You tend to be a loner, but when you do relate to others you often force yourself on them. The result is that they become intolerant of your demanding nature. You expect others to make adjustments to satisfy your expectations of them. You have a lot to learn about human nature; until you do, you may suffer defeat and emotional anxiety. Try to examine situations intellectually and judge them fairly.

Emotional responsibility tends to be a burden. You want to enjoy the pleasures of love without having any limitations imposed on you. With your ardent nature you are inclined to form close but temporary ties based on physical expression.

You are an extremist in your relationships, and you need to learn the art of tender loving care. You must give others the opportunity to show they care for you without forcibly extracting this response from them. If you can modify your rather negative attitude, both you and your partner can derive mutual excitement and reward.

You should seek occupations involving the public so you can observe how people deal with one another. Learn to compromise when it will help you reach your goals. Recommended fields include rehabilitation and physical therapy, welfare programs, social security, or any occupation that helps the disadvantaged to reconstruct their lives in spite of severe limitations. As you assist others, you will realize how useful you can be when motivated by a concern for others. If you can redirect your selfpreoccupation toward others, you will be enriched more than you know.

To stay in good health, you must occasionally unwind and get away from it all. Problems may develop in the generative organs, and you should have periodic checkups, if only to keep your mind free of anxiety.

Be cautious about indulging in any aspect of the occult. You may be unable to keep the information that you gain in proper perspective without becoming confused.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect has much of the same energy that is present with the conjunction, except that it may be more excessive or obsessive. The Moon indicates how the mother responds emotionally to her environment when the child is developing his emotional responses. Pluto represents transformational energy: on the one hand it indicates the ability to transform the self; on the other hand, the energy of the square usually manifests in a subconscious urge to control others, to manipulate life so that one always knows where one stands. The low form of the energy shows more readily in the hard aspects.

In order to channel this energy for constructive use, the formation of the original pattern must be consciously understood. The mother of this individual needs to manipulate her universe; she controls her husband, family, friends and neighbors, and this child assumes her response is 'normal'. The area of emotional control can be determined more fully by the house placements and signs involved in the square. In order to be free of oppressive energy, this person needs to understand how he imitates his mother in his own personal life, how he manipulates those around him, and the manner in which he attempts to control others. He got the pattern from his mother. The person with this aspect can be obsessive about people he loves. He needs to learn spontaneity, for he often plans everything in his life and becomes upset when his plans don't work out. Creative and intuitive energy comes out when manipulation and control stop.

Each possible square between the Moon and Pluto can be discovered by working with the planets and the signs involved in the square. Each of us must discover the interpretation for ourselves, remembering that the aspect looks like one thing to an outsider and feels very different to the person who owns it. The house placement of the square comes into play too, for the emotional responses (other than love) that will involve the critical Pluto energy can be described by the houses holding the Moon and

Pluto.

Any square between the Moon and Pluto will be similar in that the mother controlled her universe the best way she could, and her child will imitate her. The person with this aspect will hesitate to embrace emotional involvements, for he wants to maintain control. The differences in interpretation will be the kinds of emotional responses and kinds of control involved in the aspect, for these adjectives come from the signs.

A woman with this aspect may appear to be cold, or she can obsess over any new emotional involvement. A man with this aspect often manipulates his relationships with women and plays all kinds of subtle control games. Anyone with this aspect who is not yet conscious of it can make others feel emotionally drained; sometimes the Moon-Pluto square loses out on relationships because they won't give the loved one breathing space.

Moon square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard Moon / Pluto aspects have very intense and forceful forms of expression. Whenever we look for security, we have a painful sense of insecurity. All kinds of unconscious and repressed contents obtrude themselves or, at any rate, affect the emotional health, and this is very unsettling.

More strongly than we would with the harmonious aspects, we feel impelled to ferret out whatever is hidden, to discover the source of things; and often we run up against very deep problems in ourselves and others. Since the hard aspects activate us, we feel impelled to do something. We may want to be maternal, but without having to expose our feelings - like a kind of Mother Superior. In everyday life, this aspect can express itself, for example, in the desire to accept, help and emotionally support everyone, while perhaps being very stoical and self-denying.

There is also a penchant for breaking taboos of every kind. Taboos always restrict freedom of action, or so we believe. Transforming Pluto makes us want to do away with limitations in order to rule the situation ourselves. Like the aspects of Uranus, these aspects have something provocative about them, but in a more subtle way. We oscillate between inferiority and superiority feelings, and this turns us into restless seekers. We are not very easy to get along with in our emotional contacts: although we may be utterly devoted to someone, we can be equally demanding. Pluto is never satisfied. Probably the search will extend to the impersonal realm of mystery, the esoteric, the veiled and the invisible. It is possible for us to travel very far in this realm.

We can get people's backs up with our endless demands, and sometimes with our over-direct (even brazen) interest. Folk feel spied on and manipulated; yet we can benefit

from our hassles with them, which give us insight into our own behavior as well as that of others, and also teach us about how we interact.

27) ► **Mercury** ♄ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (5°54' S)    ♄8 | ♄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 the 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 undeniably 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 react, 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 from 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.

28) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ☿ **North-Node** - (4°29' S) ♀4 | ♀7

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The emotional qualities of the natives and of their social expressions (these are the persons who flirt in church and giggle at funerals) are not likely to conform to prevailing social mores and attitudes. Marriages and financial dealings especially can meet with social disapproval.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, considerable stress and obstacles in love / romance are seen. These are needed in order to maintain and achieve the consistent growth of that soul regarding the Venusian direction. This transitional stage in life just checks you out as to whether you are ready for further enjoyment of life or not. This balancing of soul is achieved by giving you just the right proportion of support and hindrance in your Venusian activities. Thus, if you begin to enjoy the affair considerably, then sudden obstacles are noticed. On the other hand, if there are severe problems, then the circumstances will try to bail you out. Marriage and love affairs are always kept warm provided you are not overindulging in happiness from them.

(Donna van Toen)

Laziness can become a means of coping with nodal imbalance. Dissatisfaction at the nodal and Venus locations is common. Venus conjunct South Node tendencies may be displayed. This aspect seems to have a high incidence in charts of people who come from broken homes or have a history of romantic difficulties.

Venus square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, little endeavour to oblige other people, a disagreeable nature. A disharmonious love-union.

(Bernice Grebner)

This does not exactly favor happiness. This person is usually very sensitive and cannot express his affection comfortably. He cannot adapt easily to intimate relationships. For a man it may remove the woman he loves in some way, or may make the relationship difficult, especially if square. It may not deny love in his life, but it can put obstacles in the way that he must overcome. This diminishes the Venus charm and makes the feelings easily influenced. Venus square the Nodes tends to break up his numerous love affairs. Venus opposition the South Node designates an imbalance or excessive feelings. There can be great sacrifice to an ideal love. The square is not food for lasting love, and may tend to make the person tyrannical and jealous. The Node square Venus is especially significant for it takes much of the person's attention. The interest goes to the sign and house in which Venus is located; and great force has to be exercised in balancing the whole T-cross.

29) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (3°08' S) ♈2 | ♅5

(Haydn Paul)

The square aspect tends to indicate great promise which is usually frustrated by the more negative qualities of these two planets. It is the potent dream world that you create which is both the source of your creative potential and the cause of your challenges in actual achievement. The problem is that often your dreams remain just dreams, an inner world into which you retreat, a world that you invest much energy in maintaining. Dreaming becomes too addictive for you, and your life becomes just an unrealised dream.

This frustration is often caused by a lack of self-discipline and too much self-indulgence and time-wasting. Concentration is poor, and discrimination in decision making can be virtually non-existent at times, as well as being hampered by an unconscious attraction towards flawed ideas and projects. The influences of others are powerful, and you are often pulled from side to side as alluring ideas take control of your dreams. Confronting reality and accepting responsibility is not your favourite activity as you prefer to be absorbed within your current 'castle in the sky', which feels emotionally satisfying. You may be capable of spinning great yarns about what you are going to do, but time reveals that usually you are incapable of actually doing anything, except to dream.

Even when you begin to anchor an idea or intention, what occurs is that it is soon

revealed to have flaws, in that faulty logic and reasoning have already eroded firm foundations, and it is seen that those ideas lack real substance and an ability to deliver. Financial awareness is another area where you are rarely at your best, due to the distortions of Neptune and the expansive over-reaching of Jupiter. By unwise actions and lack of preparation, you can create financial problems for yourself quite easily. Your nature is a little other-wordly, running away from the realities of the physical-plane life, and you may have an ongoing struggle to shore up a collapsing ordinary life when your attention has been elsewhere for too long. You tend to become lost in cloudy visions, unable to see clearly through those mists and inner fogs. The real world can feel oppressive and too restricting, and you want to shake it away, yet really you need to properly face it or you will receive many more rude awakenings from those inner dreams.

Yet you are often generous and sympathetic with others, having a good heart which is also liable to be abused and taken advantage of by less understanding people. You can lack discrimination towards those in whom you place your faith and trust. That tendency to be gullible and naive will be present, and you may find that others use you as an excuse for their own failings, placing any blame on your shoulders. There can be the 'victim syndrome' operating through your unintegrated Neptune. Because both of these planets have similar characteristics, it is likely that you will express both of their more negative dimensions. This can cause a blockage in action, a hesitancy over decisionmaking. You can become like a seeker of a dream, frustrated by always looking and never finding. Eventually you may even become apathetic at the failure of your attempts and surrender hopes of ever achieving success.

Relationships can pose problems; distortions and misunderstandings may be common, your consistency questioned, or a liability to be emotionally abused is likely. Offering your heart to unsuitable lovers is probably inevitable at some point. What keeps you going? Dreams.... You dream of exotic adventures, exotic lands, exotic mysteries. You find it very difficult to settle in this world. A tendency of restless wanderlust is common, on physical, emotional and mental levels. Contentment is rarely found. Yet it need not be like this, as many of these frustrations are of your own making, and certainly the potential is there waiting to find channels of expression through a disciplined control being applied. It may be difficult, but facing reality, conforming to its restrictive limitations and learning how to be more practical could be the key to success. Some of those private dreams could become real if you became more concentrated and dedicated to achieving one at a time, instead of withdrawing when the going gets tough. The first step is to become aware of your receptive patterns, to see how they operate, see what consequences occur, see the point where things fall apart. Then, resolve to change that pattern, put more thought into building the dream, more realistic self-evaluation, more discipline and effort placed into making that intention successful. By slowing the process down, and by applying yourself more consciously to what you are doing, you may be able to transform this pattern of frustration into one of future success - it could be well worth the effort.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Jupiter to Neptune shows you have creative potentials that need only self-discipline and control to become activated. You are excessively self-indulgent, so the dreams you create never have the slightest chance of being realized. You tend to reject any social burden as being too demanding of your time. Yet you casually waste your time elsewhere and offer yourself to projects of questionable validity, although you don't see them in that light. You are gullible and easily influenced by others to adopt their attitudes.

Your greatest problem is in overextending yourself in buying on credit. There is no excuse for not using your intellect to determine how far you can indulge yourself before you land in trouble. Your higher mental faculties are in good order, but you don't want to face reality and responsibility. Your lines of reasoning are somewhat distorted, and your vision is clouded. Don't be a sucker for deceptive advertisements - they're designed to sway you and others with your vulnerable temperament.

You are sympathetic and kindly toward others, but it may be a mistake to extend yourself to people who will take advantage of your unselfish nature. In your professional work, be extra careful and don't take any chances. If an accident can happen, it will happen to you. Openly discuss who will be permitted to have classified information, and rigidly adhere to the decision. You could easily be the fall guy when there is an infraction of the rules. Mind your own business, and don't discuss your personal life with anyone. When you speak, you often reveal secrets without realizing it.

It would be wise for you to avoid any discussion about religion or occult matters in general. You are not temperamentally equipped to defend your position in such a conversation. Be hesitant and cautious in everything you do, and try not to emotionalize your romantic attachments. When you do, others may get the impression that you would indulge in escapades even with someone whose ethics and spiritual values were unacceptable.

30) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♄ **Neptune** - (5°16' A)    001 | 5

(Robert Pelletier)

Neptune trine the Ascendant gives you such deep sensitivity that it is extremely difficult for you to be satisfied in personal relations. Your expectations can rarely be fulfilled, for you seek the ideal human relationship. A romanticist at heart, you attribute to people qualities they don't possess and then you are disappointed when they let you down. Instead of dwelling on this, you should concentrate on developing your creative ideas. With your imagination and flair for translating your thoughts into inspired action, this should not be difficult. You can easily compensate for the dissatisfaction of personal

relationships by channeling your talents into artistic endeavors, where you can be fully appreciated. In the beginning, you may have to settle for meager returns from your efforts, until you acquire the skill of a true and dedicated artist. There are also many other ways to use your talents besides in artistic pursuits. It might be a source of great joy for you to work with young people and children, and see them develop under your influence.

You tend to dwell on your character faults, especially if others have pointed them out to you. Forget them and go on to develop your abundant positive qualities. You are inclined to feel that you must do more than others in order to get the recognition you deserve. But take care that you don't become a victim of friends who try to take advantage of your indulgent nature. You are not afraid to work hard if your efforts are appreciated. Knowing that you can make a contribution to society in some way, you must persist in finding out what it is, in spite of reversals. You should bring your creative gifts before the public and give your interpretation of what is needed to improve the quality of life for everyone. You can demonstrate your spiritual concern for man by actively helping to arouse every individual to use his or her highest values to make the world a better place in which to live.

Neptune trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is harmony here between our manifestation in the outside world and a need to refine and perfect by softening the strongly individualistic, we suffer even so from (over)sensitivity to trends and atmospheres in the environment. We easily tune in to them, but, like people with the conjunction, we must learn to distinguish what is going on inside us from what is going on outside. We soon become wrapped up in another person, identifying with their emotions, entering into their wishes, and falling under their sway. In other words, we are very easily influenced.

The idealism that is also a characteristic of Neptune is expressed harmoniously. But, because Neptune has little hold on reality even in the harmonious aspects, we can be led into difficulties by unworkable ideals, by looking at life through rose-colored glasses, and by a tremendous urge to be self-sacrificing.

Here, too, we give others considerable scope to make of us what they will: none of the Neptune / Ascendant aspects gives people much to go on. With this Neptunian factor, we can be slothful and dreamy, and sometimes strike people as rather unstable; but usually there is something appealing about us. Things people think they see in us may not really be there; but we display a spirit of general friendliness, and people of the most diverse kinds can fall in love with us.

All Neptune / Ascendant aspects favor design and finishing work, especially in photography and films; in fact, wherever skilful editing is used to create illusion.

(Betty Lundsted)

Trines or sextiles between Neptune and the Ascendant indicate individuals who were raised in a somewhat spiritually evolved atmosphere; their dreams and fantasies were encouraged by their parents rather than discouraged.

31) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (6°20' A) ♄3 | ♀7

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine of the Sun and Moon indicates that there is a certain harmonious balance between your will and your habits and emotions. You naturally react to stimuli in such a way that your ego can continue to develop properly. There is a good balance between the lessons you have learned from your past experiences and your ability to use these lessons to realize your destiny. Your relationship with your parents was generally favorable to your continued growth. They might even have inspired you to assert your own individuality so that you could become your own person rather than a reflection of their desires. You should enjoy a pleasant relationship with them and with other members of your family throughout your life. Only stress contacts between the Sun or the Moon and other planets in your chart could complicate the foregoing. In such instances, you would be responsible for the difficulties; the favorable influence here would still hold true, as you would eventually realize.

Your greatest problem, if it can be called that, is your tendency to be apathetic when you could deliberately assert yourself. You have an abundance of creative talent that can be usefully applied in situations that involve people and close relationships. Young people and children are comfortable with you and are on their best behavior because they want to please you. They respond to your attitude of protective caring for them, and they would never forget your contact with them.

You have the opportunity to rise to prominence if you want to. There is a luck factor in your favor, but you also have the temperament to feel completely at ease in positions of authority. You always exercise your will with an understanding of how people will react to it. Persuasive but not offensive, you have a knack for getting people to do what you want without appearing domineering. Your refined nature is a decided asset if you choose to pursue a professional career.

Your sincerity and honesty make you attractive to both sexes. You are warm and friendly towards casual acquaintances as well as close friends, and wherever you go you leave a lasting impression.

You underestimate your potential to climb to the top in any endeavor you find attractive. You should choose a field that has possibilities for growth. Land or land development, homes, and domestic enterprises in general are some of the areas in which you could build a very rewarding future. Working with the public is advised because you have the calm disposition to cope with any situation that could develop.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that there can be a positive harmony of conscious will and your instinctual, emotional, and habitual response patterns to life; fewer inner conflicts between your feeling reactions and the application of your purpose should occur. You are likely to feel self-confident and optimistic about fulfilling your potential, aims and ambitions, and you may discover that doors open for you at the right times, or people offer support and help which enable you to move forward; luck may be a factor in your life.

Your early life experiences, parental relationships and childhood social conditioning are likely to have been generally favourable, and little negativity has made any deleterious mark on your development. There may be benefits from hereditary influences, possibly in natural talents and gifts, and some of your habitual pattern tendencies may be family traits, although the likelihood is that they are essentially positive and constructive. In your adult life, you will try to maintain good family relationships, both with your parents and with any family that you are responsible for creating. You tend to relate well with young children, who enjoy your sincere concern, care, understanding and attention.

You ensure that you learn from all experiences so that lessons do not need to be painfully repeated. One area where extra prompting may be needed is in application. As your basic temperament is relaxed and laid-back, generating sufficient momentum towards achieving aims can sometimes seem to be too much hard work to bother. You may be unwilling to stretch and really challenge yourself to develop, and thus may fail to realise the depth of latent potential that you actually possess. In fact, you should have considerable natural talents waiting to be exploited, and you should become alert to any opportunities that offer the prospect of growth and unfoldment, so that your creative drives and ability to unite feelings and will are successfully released in your environment.

Self-assertion may need a concentrated focus for you to progress in a career; although the potential is there for good advancement to be made, there may be a question mark against your level of commitment and desire actually to enter senior positions. Your sensitive good nature may be less of an asset in such positions, however, where harsh impersonal decision may be required for business viability. Yet you could effectively serve in an authoritative role, especially in spheres of interpersonal contact and communication, where your assets of friendliness, sincerity, persuasiveness and understanding people's motivations can make you a very good mediator between levels of employees.



Feeling right with yourself is important, and you recognise that is a key to good personal health and enjoyment of life. The free-flowing nature of this Sun-Moon contact helps you to appreciate your strong physical vitality, stamina and ability to recover easily from any temporary illness.

In social situations, you tend to act as a 'bridge' between people, being able to understand and empathise with different types, and through that reconciling aspect of your nature can help people to join together more easily. You can be sexually attractive, and this can lead you into successful relationship experiences. The main issue is to use this aspect's positive and constructive nature as fully as possible, and not just allow that stable, tranquil and contented nature to cast a soporific spell over you. You need to awaken your solar nature and qualities, in addition to expressing your lunar qualities comfortably, because that will become your path of selfdevelopment.

32) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (6°50' A)    ♄7 | ♃10

(Haydn Paul)

The energy and qualities released through the trine aspect can be quite beneficial and socially constructive. In many ways, you should find this an uncomplicated and straightforward aspect to live and work with.

You will feel at ease in applying your potent will-power to ensure the success of any aims that you clearly decide to achieve and which are realistically within your scope. You are likely to observe over time that, when necessary, the self-discipline required to direct your will consistently in the chosen direction also stimulates an inner change to occur, whereby your qualities and talents seem to be remixed or rebalanced according to the needs of your objectives. This can be very useful as a regeneration of the inner life to reflect a pattern of internal harmony, in which conflicting energies and tendencies are no longer competing for expression and diverting your attention away from your purpose. However, this process should only occur during phases where you need to be intensely one-pointed and concentrated enough to make your decisive active step, and should not be encouraged to continue, as the result may be a repression of aspects of your personality and a pushing them down into the unconscious mind. See it as a temporary 'selective tightening' necessary for a short time, and then allow a relaxation and a release of these temporarily unexpressed aspects to be free again in your personality.

You tend to have insight into people and situations, and the capacity for direct, realistic analysis. You prefer to allow space for others to be themselves, being quite tolerant of most people - providing they are not causing deliberate harm or taking advantage of others. In addition, you have a clear sense of interrelationship with society, and feel that you have a natural responsibility to use your energies in a socially constructive way. In particular, you take a certain pleasure in attempting to resolve social problems by

becoming involved with social pressure groups which indicate directions to follow which they believe would be socially beneficial. You can become very committed to supporting causes that you have faith in, devoting time and energy to furthering the cause, and in being true to yourself and your personal beliefs. The only point to bear in mind with such a tendency is the need for an ongoing evaluation of belief and self, to determine your current standpoint and to allow it to change and evolve naturally, as you develop through time and greater life experience; belief should not be an unquestioning, static position.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars trine Pluto, your aggressiveness is well aligned with your dedication to causes. You can be effective in solving awesome problems in society because you have a deep understanding of those problems and their origin. You offer your services out of a spiritual conviction that you are obliged to do something constructive about your surroundings. You may even feel that as a member of society you have contributed to the problems. On the other hand, the ease of this planetary aspect may enable you to dispassionately detach yourself from any responsibility and remain simply an observer.

Your ardent sexual nature is reasonably under control. You are intensely concerned that the object of your affection truly cares for you in more ways than just as a lover. You expect more than a physical expression of love, and you offer more than this in your love. The physical release you seek is enriched by a shared spiritual union. Your loving nature extends in many directions to transform those you contact socially and emotionally.

You aren't preoccupied with power as an instrument for gain, but see it rather as a force for continued growth. you realize that life is a continuing spiritual process in which patterns of ever-increasing awareness unfold. Recognizing that everyone has his or her own level of development, you are tolerant when others occasionally stumble. You will offer your hand in assistance when you are needed, but rarely interfere except to avert an impending tragedy.

You are fearless in defending your rights and may surprise your friends with your ruthless courage in the face of overwhelming odds. You can draw on vast sources of spiritual energy to sustain you through the most difficult crises.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents the action principle; when it trines Pluto (our unconscious motivation), it indicates that the energies can merge in a productive manner. This individual was encouraged in childhood to express himself, to co-operate with groups, to act for the common good of the family. The collective images in the psyche may influence actions that are taken, but in a constructive manner. The creative facet of the aspect may not be used early in the life, for this individual will be coping with the more difficult

configurations in his or her birth chart at that time.

### Mars trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We have a great need to prove ourselves and to exercise power. In many instances, we manage to engineer circumstances in which - to a greater or lesser extent - we end up in a position of authority, even if it is only by doing something others cannot do. We have an unbelievable fund of energy, and, even if physical strength is limited, mental power and perseverance enable us to fight our way through.

We are often very self-willed with these aspects, and the fact that they are harmonious does not save us from confrontations. We enter into the latter with head held high, determined not to be done down, and becoming very angry when we are. Our grim determination can achieve a great deal, but can also isolate us somewhat from those around us. Even the easy aspects do not enable us to take things easy.

We can go far if we know how to use our energy constructively; but, by the same token, can go badly astray if we take a wrong turning. Easy aspects are actually the worst aspects when it comes to persisting in the wrong direction until finally being pulled up short by a dead end. But, as already mentioned, resilience is great; so that, in principle, we can overcome all our problems. Pluto is insatiable and will never be satisfied with what Mars can do. We expect a lot from ourselves with these aspects, and may overtax our strength, although the danger is not so great as in the hard aspects.

33) ► **Uranus** ⚡ **Trine** ♅ **Pluto** - (2°34' S) ♈2 | ♋10

### Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of

them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

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