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Chakra's



Summaries

Aquarius Sun ☿ ♊ and ♊ ☾ Gemini Moon man

([837] i.thehoroscope.co)

An Artistic Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Attractive, charismatic and outspoken;

Negatives: Uncensored, clumsy and impatient;

Perfect partner: Someone who they can have fun with.

Advice: To try and spend more time at home.

Sun ☼ in V 5th House

([863] i.thehoroscope.co)

A happy personality - Summary:

Strengths: Original, eccentric and bold;

Challenges: Attention seeking and superficial;

Advice: They should try to be more sensitive with others.

Moon ☾ in IX 9th House

([880] i.thehoroscope.co)

Dreamy and true visionaries - Summary:

Strengths: Inquisitive, witty and adventurous;

Challenges: Mysterious and obsessive;

Advice: Not letting others take advantage of you.

Neutral: Not big fans of intimacies and emotions

Moon ☾ in 6th Nakshatra: Ardra

Short Version [2]

Strength: acts quickly, curious mind, craves knowledge, good memory, strong communication skills, truthful, compassionate toward those in pain, physical work is preferred over mental work, easily gains support from government, overcomes bad habits.

Weakness: arrogant, ungrateful, mischievous, reckless, anti-social, causes trouble, self-serving, stubborn, critical, impolite, untruthful, poor financial planning, lust for material attainments, excessive indulgences, creates pain or agony for others, inconsiderate, abuses power.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in second pada

(10°00'-13°20' degrees Gemini): Capricorn navamsa. Hard work doesn't faze you and you work with determination and diligence. Material success is important to you and you work hard to get it. You have a tendency to bend the rules to get results and can be dishonest. Despite your hard work, you often seem to have bad luck and may deal with a number of adversities.

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

Mercury ♀ in ♈ Aries man

([884] i.thehoroscope.co)

He's the one rushing to speak first - In a nutshell:

Positives: Disciplined and responsible;
Negatives: Narrow-minded and obsessive;
Soulmate: Someone who is observant and kind;
Life lesson: To get less annoyed and more attentive to criticism.

Mercury ♀ in VII 7th House

([914] i.thehoroscope.co)

Hard to impress - Summary:

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

Venus ♀ in ♏ Pisces man

([943] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Intuitive and sociable;
Negatives: Cynical and cruel;
Soulmate: Someone who can read into his deepest wishes;
Life lesson: Being more careful about his social interactions.

Venus ♀ in VI 6th House

([950] i.thehoroscope.co)

Very talented at anything visual - Summary:

Strengths: Affectionate, practical and dependable;
Challenges: Demanding and prone to worrying;
Advice: Sometimes, in life, you just need to give it time.
Neutral: Obsessed with perfection

Mars ♂ in ♊ Gemini man

([961] i.thehoroscope.co)

A penchant for mind games - In a nutshell:

Positives: Free-spirited and easy-going;

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

Mars ♂ in IX 9th House

([989] i.thehoroscope.co)

Curious and open-minded - Summary:

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♎ Libra man

([999] i.thehoroscope.co)

A balance of needs is required - In a nutshell:

Style: Gracious and trustworthy;
Top qualities: Wise, encouraging and fair;
Weaknesses: Prone to conflicts of interest and criticism;
Advice: You don't need to force yourself to cooperate with everyone.

Jupiter ♃ in I 1st House

([1005] i.thehoroscope.co)

A confidence that can't be easily undermined - Summary:

Strengths: Ambitious, sociable and elegant;
Challenges: Pessimistic, criticizing and stubborn;
Advice: They should rely less on their past and on assumptions.

Saturn ♄ in ♈ Aries man

([1017] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Undoubting and strong;
Top qualities: Focused, productive and loyal;
Challenges: Obsessive and superficial;
Advice: Life experience will force you to learn valuable lessons.

Saturn ♄ in VII 7th House

([1035] i.thehoroscope.co)

Often looking for some kind of validation - Summary:

Strengths: Diplomatic, loyal and caring;
Challenges: Nasty, shy and judgmental;
Advice: They need to stop looking for other's validation.

Uranus ☿ in ♏ Scorpio man

([1048] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Passionate and resourceful;
Top qualities: Intuitive, loyal and affectionate;
Challenges: Manipulative and easily changeable;
Advice: Move away from the idea you can control people.

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 ♎ Libra man

([1071] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Spiritual and ethical;
Top qualities: Idealistic, justitiary and astute;
Challenges: Grumpy and fixed;
Advice: You should be more committed to personal goals.

Neptune ♆ in I 1st House

([1077] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

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

Pluto ♇ in ♈ Aries man([1089] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Full of desire and empowering;
Top qualities: Quick, accomplished and optimistic;
Challenges: Impulsive, insensitive and arrogant;
Advice: Don't be ashamed to ask for advice.

Pluto ♇ in VII 7th House

([1107] i.thehoroscope.co)

Challenging their own identity - Summary:

Strengths: Intuitive, empathic and strong-willed;
Challenges: Aggressive, conflictual and distrusting;

Advice: They should allow themselves to express their emotions freely.

North Node ♍ in ♊ Capricorn

([1122] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Intuitive, disciplined and observant;

Challenges: Distracted and stubborn

Discipline can bring them a sense of accomplishment, At the mercy of karma

South Node ♋ in ♋ Cancer

([1128] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Responsible, precise and ambitious;

Challenges: Selfish, bitter and conceited;

Letting go of angst and worries, Authoritative but emotional

North Node ♍ in IV 4th House (Cancer)

([1116] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Comfortable, ambitious and responsible;

Challenges: Fixed, criticising and stubborn

Continuously developing and evolving, More focused on their ambitions

South Node ♋ in X 10th House (Capricorn)

([1134] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Determined, authoritative and straightforward;

Challenges: Anxious, insecure and controlling;

Positive and comfortable, In need of respect and recognition

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♌ Leo

([1141] elsaelsa.com)

Resilient Bloom

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in XI 11th House

([1159] elsaelsa.com)

Outcast

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars - (0°40')** ♎7 | ♊9

([188] astromatrix.org:) Fighting To Win

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

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

► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♁ Lilith** - (1°33') 006 | 811

([634] astromatrix.org.)

Opportunities: 1. Dropping codependency 2. Exploring various relationships

Challenges: 1. Accepting your unique quirks 2. Exploring deeper sexuality

► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☿ Mercury** - (3°18' S) 77 | 77

([170] astromatrix.org.) Fear of Rejection

Opportunities: 1. Having Stimulating Conversations 2. Working in Teams

Challenges: 1. Getting to Know Your Opinions 2. Overcoming Fear of Rejection

► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♁ Lilith** - (4°30' A) 99 | 811

([642] astromatrix.org.)

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

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

► **Moon ☾ Square ♀ Venus** - (3°58' A) 99 | 006

([389] astromatrix.org.) The Overreactor

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

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

► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☾ Moon** - (8°21' S) 11 | 99

([319] astromatrix.org.) Personal Sacrifice

Opportunities: 1. Finding Meaning in Giving 2. Taking Part in Public Life

Challenges: 1. Understanding Your Emotional Nature 2. Knowing Yourself Through Others

► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°30' A) 11 | 99

([346] astromatrix.org.) The Challenger

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

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

► **Midheaven MC Trine ☉ Sun** - (2°06' S) 11 | 55

([309] astromatrix.org.) The Achiever

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

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

► **Midheaven MC Trine ☾ Moon** - (6°12' A) 11 | 99

([320] astromatrix.org.) The Collector

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

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

► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (8°18' S) ♊5 | ♏9

([298] 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

► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (2°18' S) ♏7 | ♏11

([647] astromatrix.org:) Having Rebellious Views

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

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

► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (7°50' A) ♏7 | ♏11

([651] astromatrix.org:) Finding your purpose

Opportunities: 1. Creating a new lifestyle 2. Finding freedom

Challenges: 1. Believing in your abilities 2. Overcoming your reservations

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 ♄ Saturn** - (1°04') ♄1 | ♃7
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (1°11') ♄1 | ♄2
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°12') ♄1 | ♄1
- 4) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°40') ♃7 | ♄9
- 5) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°30') ♄9 | ♄9
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°59') ♄9 | ♄2
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°13') ♀6 | ♃7
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°31') ♄9 | ♄2
- 9) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°52') ♄9 | ♄1
- 10) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (0°15') ♄1 | ☾10
- 11) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (1°51') ♃7 | ☾10
- 12) ► **Uranus ♅ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°23') ♄2 | ♄1
- 13) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (7°32' A) ♄1 | ♄1
- 14) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (1°34' A) ♄1 | ♄1
- 15) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (6°50' A) ♃7 | ♃7
- 16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (7°16' S) ♃7 | ♃7
- 17) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (7°17' A) ♃7 | ♃7
- 18) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (10°08' S) ♃7 | ♃7
- 19) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (3°58' A) ♃7 | ♃7
- 20) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♆ Neptune** - (9°41' A) ♃7 | ♄1
- 21) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (0°42' S) ♄1 | ♃7
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (1°05' A) ♄9 | ♃7
- 23) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (5°49' S) ♄5 | ♄1
- 24) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♄ Saturn** - (6°31' S) ♄5 | ♃7
- 25) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♀ Venus** - (3°58' A) ♄9 | ♀6
- 26) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ☾ North-Node** - (6°35' S) ♃7 | ☾4
- 27) ► **Neptune ♆ Square ☾ North-Node** - (3°06' A) ♄1 | ☾4

- 28) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (2°37' A) ♀7 | ♄4
- 29) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (8°21' S) ♄1 | ♀9
- 30) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°30' A) ♄1 | ♀9
- 31) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (6°12' A) ♄1 | ♀9
- 32) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (8°18' S) ♄5 | ♀9
- 33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (3°40' A) ♄5 | ♄1
- 34) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (4°38' S) ♀9 | ♄1
- 35) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°44' A) ♀6 | ♀2
- 36) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°02' A) ♀9 | ♄1

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♒ **Aquarius** 3° 49'

(Betty Lundsted)

Aquarian children come into a very impersonal household. The father runs the show and instills in his child the philosophical basis for life. The father is interested in the unusual and the unorthodox, and may have what the neighbors think are strange or odd involvements politically or philosophically. He lives in his mind and is often quite distant from the child. Aquarian children want approval and acceptance from their father, so they grow up to pursue the world of 'the idea' even more thoroughly than the rest of the Air signs. For some reason, Aquarians don't fit into the expectations of the family or the environment, and they grow up feeling there is some mysterious plastic wall between them and the rest of the neighborhood. This instills a feeling of loneliness, causing them to spend a great deal of time as adults looking for groups they can join in order to achieve a sense of belonging somewhere. However, because so many years pass without the 'belonging' experience, Aquarians tend to question everything - every tradition, every group moral - and seldom stay involved very long with any one idea. This separation from other children (Aquarians can be alone in a crowd) serves to give them impetus to develop their minds more than other children, so the Aquarian types can be infinitely creative. Because the child doesn't fit in, the adult doesn't fit in either. Aquarians end up being the square peg in the round hole as far as society is concerned. The 'misfit' complex has benefits however: innovations and inventions are created by those who hear the beat of a different drummer.

Aquarians bring new concepts to everything they touch. They make innovations in social

work, spirituality, humanitarian areas and the scientific world. They take the traditional ideas that Capricorn presents, and bring them into new perspectives. This creative ability doesn't always make them popular, and can even compound the Aquarians' difficulty in fitting in with the group. Natural talents or abilities are seldom recognized when attention is focused on what is lacking: the Aquarian focus is on belonging somewhere when it should be on the creative process.

Aquarians are raised in an impersonal atmosphere - one of ideas, intellect and words. Life situations are handled by their parents with rationality. Aquarian children don't see anyone reacting in an intense and personal way. It is difficult for them to develop the personal side of relationships because they have so little experience from the childhood environment to guide them. When personal problems arise, they tend to be solved with theories and ideas, which is more appropriate for dealing with concepts than with people. Although Aquarians can be social innovators in theory, it becomes hard to put theory into practice in personal relationships; they feel more comfortable in groups than in one-to-one situations.

The Aquarian woman is interested in following in her father's footsteps. Like her other positive sign sisters, she wants to be known as a career woman. She's unsure of herself sexually for her mother doesn't present a sexually feminine image. Since her father is known for his unconventional stands, she wants to be known for hers - therefore, she will pursue anything that seems different or unusual. She remains unsure of herself as a woman, for when concentration is on mental abilities, the physical side remains unfamiliar. She may want to reassure herself that she is a woman, but she gets nervous when too much attention is paid to her body. The dilemma concerns which direction to follow, the intellect or the emotions, and she vacillates back and forth. When she's feeling emotionally insecure, she can become what is commonly called promiscuous. But she isn't promiscuous at heart - she's only searching for her identity. As she gains a sense of identity, or if she gets hurt enough, she'll stop. She has to learn that self-assurance comes from within and can't be gained through approval from others.

The Aquarian male has trouble settling into a relationship because he, as well as the Aquarian female, has a strong need for social interaction and intellectually stimulating relationships. Since he also questions his sexuality, he may experiment with sex for a while until he figures out which direction he wants to move in. Most of his problems in relationships stem from the fact that he is too impersonal. He doesn't know how to give personal reassurances or the emotional responses necessary to his partner. He needs to learn how to operate in a personal relationship. He doesn't know what is expected of him.

When he was a child, his mother often protected him against the violence (either mental or physical) of his father. Consequently, the Aquarian male is chary of accepting help from a woman. His mother asks that he never forget her and that she helped him, and he's afraid all women will require the same commitment. He can be an interesting and

diverse partner if his need for freedom is understood.

(Haydn Paul)

The Aquarian personality displays a tendency towards humanitarian service designed to benefit others. You are likely to be friendly and sociable with a large circle of friends and acquaintances, although you also have an impersonal attitude towards them. You are sincere, or at least you think you are, and usually have quite distinct likes and dislikes in life.

Your mental outlook tends to be dispassionate, based on logic and reason, dealing well with facts; and you have a good retentive memory. You prefer your attention to be directed towards intellectually appealing topics. Your mind is very fertile, imaginative and quick-thinking; but you may need to stop sometimes and consider before speaking, as you can create problems by speaking out first without giving due thought to content or effect. You may be interested in artistic expression, and can display some ability, too.

You are often motivated by strong ideals, which you try to use as a guiding force in your life. You believe in the values of a co-operative approach to life, but this can clash with your need for personal freedom. You often forcefully project your ideas and thoughts; and idealistic or practical disagreements with others can break down attempts at cooperation. Positively though, you are capable of applying great energy towards furthering any cause that you believe in, and are likely to tend towards unorthodoxy and unconventional behaviour, attitudes and ideas; sometimes you can be unpredictable, eccentric, and attracted to anything unusual, at least through curiosity. There can be a conflict within you of introversion or extroversion, where a part of you wishes to be quiet and unobtrusive, and another aspect wants to be a centre of attention and a dramatic focal point.

You can be impractical with possessions, and may need to learn how to deal with money more efficiently, as well adjusting any attachment to material possessions and the values given to them.

You usually overflow with ideas and talk about them at length, but there can be problems in application and seeing projects through; it is the mental world of ideas that fascinates and stimulates you, and you often lose interest when time comes for practical application. If you allow it, you can become obsessed and immersed in work, taking it very seriously, and this often leads to worry and nervous problems.

You do not fall deeply in love easily or often, as your mind remains detached from your emotions; when you do, however, you might have difficulty coming to terms with your emotional power and intensity. Generally you succeed in keeping emotions away from many aspects of your life, believing that they distort the joys of the intellect. You may be late settling down with a partner, and need to choose wisely by seeking an intellectually

compatible personality. You wish to retain independence and do not like being dictated to or dominated.

This extends to common Aquarian beliefs in universal justice, peace, equality, and radical change of anything that leads to suffering for humanity. Your views are strongly expressed, and radical enough if you persist in them to disrupt groups or upset people. You may need to avoid a tendency to make 'speeches' calling for progress, liberation etc., and yet, when the time comes for action, being engaged elsewhere. You could be a visionary, but will need to learn the values of persistence and action to make those dreams a reality. Prestige and achievement is important for you, but be careful not to get a mentally inflated self-image if it does occur.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Aquarius individuals feel they have the right to be different and unique; to be impersonal and objective in their search for individuality; to intellectualize the sensitivities of others.

Static

Your attention might focus on wanting others to reflect a public acknowledgement of the Aquarius uniqueness. This focus may lead to behaving in ways that do not actually contribute to the group or to individuals but merely serve as ego enhancement. You might want to be recognized as co-operative and fair, yet feel defensive about losing your identity in relationships. This may lead to responding in ways that are erratic and disruptive to others, and can result in alienating them.

If, under the pretence of objectivity, you try to impress others with the Aquarius certainty of knowledge, you may develop detachment and insensitivity to individuals as well as the group. This might result in a lowering of vitality if you become uncertain of your own wisdom in interplay with others.

Dynamic

When you focus on inspiring others, you may realize that your knowledge is less important than the individuality of other people. By allowing others to express their point of view, you can expand the facets of your intelligence. Then you can share appropriate knowledge that contributes to the situation for mutual inspiration. When you use your objectivity within the framework of other people's sensitivity, your unique talents are enhanced.

Awareness of the power of your identity and natural independence allows you to share insights in a balanced way. This revitalizes you and the relationship. You can recognize the power and the willfulness of the free child within yourself. This gives you the clarity to

handle relationships with a sense of humor and perspective, to relate peacefully.

You possess the ability to view any situation objectively. Thus, you can inspire, enhance, and lead group activities without giving an impression of dominance. You have a soothing ability to take the vote or get the data effortlessly. This automatically leads to the cooperation of others, since they feel included in the government of the group.

Aquarius females

You can lead a horse to water, but.... So the saying goes, and it most certainly applies to an Aquarius woman. This lady can be as fixed and determined as any person you've ever met, but you can win her if you follow these hints:

1. Since she is idealistic and airy in temperament, take her bluster and show of pugnaciousness with a grain of salt. Smile at her; make her realize that, no matter what she thinks, you are her friend. She appreciates and understands friendship, perhaps above all else.
2. Let her know she is not the only person with Uranian interests. Tell her about a few of your own, including astrology! Let her know that you are on her side when it comes to bucking tradition and caring for the underdog.
3. This might be the most important hint of all: be charming and imaginative in entertainment plans; remember, she lives in a world where dreams can - and often do - come true. If you are drab in manner, in entertaining, in presenting your ideas and ambitions, she is likely to think you a fool - or worse, a bore. She is a stimulus in the manner that cold, bubbly wine is - and before you know it she'll go to your head!

This woman does like to have her own way. When she is right, let her. But when you feel she is in error, fight her every inch of the way! She enjoys a good fight; it has a tonic effect on her, and she will look at you with new respect. She'll lead you in circles if she can get away with it. Tell her where you stand, what it is you want and expect of her, and you will be on the way toward a happy, fruitful relationship. She loves the unusual. She wants you to be daring, dashing. Admittedly, this can be tiring; but the lady is worth it!

An Aquarius woman can bring out the best in you. Her own poise, mental and physical, can be an inspiration. It can also be damned irritating! That's part of the inspiration: being inspired to think of ways to shake her up.

In all, the Aquarius woman is loyal, is a wonderful person to take your problems to, and is able to help you to help yourself. There are likely to be very few dull moments with her. Her intuition is developed to a fine hone; she can usually sense what the future holds.

Aquarius males

Sometimes this man's mind is so much on the future that he tends to overlook the present completely! Make sure he doesn't forget you. Let him be aware of your presence. Make yourself a part of his plans, for he is constantly planning, dreaming, inventing, devising, prophesying. He is airy in temperament, fixed, determined at times to the point of being stubborn. He isn't always easy to get along with, and he can be a bully, and absentminded: but those are the negative sides of his nature. On the positive side, he is worth working to catch!

This man has a tendency to make dreams come true. He can fight and work against the odds. But he needs someone to have faith in him: you can fill that role. Please do not expect the Aquarius man to be perfect: he has faults, loads of them - and he can be exasperating. However, he is generous, reasonable, and willing to help; to listen to your problems; and to offer intelligent, sometimes sage, advice. He practises what he preaches, too. You have to teach him to be practical. If left to his own devices, he might give everything away. He experiments; makes friends with persons others are apt to consider mere cranks.

He is willing to pioneer, to accept challenges, to lead a life of adventure and risk. Is that what you want? If it isn't, it would be better to forget these hints and to find yourself another, safer, more reliable individual. This man is not apt to fit into any pigeon-hole: he tends to sprout wings and to fly high.

This man possesses the ability to learn without formal study: his knowledge could be described as subjective or intuitive. His learning and abilities are not academic: he learns by doing, feeling, experimenting, making as many mistakes as any beginner, yet displaying a master's 'feel' for a subject. The Aquarian man is concerned with hopes, wishes, friends, loyalty, promises: a broken promise can mean a broken relationship as far as he is concerned. Here's an important hint: do not say one thing and do another. No matter how innocent or noble your intentions, this man can interpret your word to the letter; and if you break that word, it is a serious affair with him.

(Skye Alexander)

People with Sun in Aquarius are usually independent, unconventional, outspoken and fair-minded. You see your 'role' in life as the rebel, the person who rejects bogus authority and outworn traditions and ushers in the new order. However, you sometimes lack perspective in your battle with the establishment. At times, you simply provoke confrontations to see what impact you have on others; and you enjoy antagonizing people who are in positions of authority. You like to take chances, to keep things stirred up; and relish a good argument now and again. However, you may become the rebel without a cause.

Always ahead of your time, you are seen by others as a bit different or unusual - an image you encourage. You like to shock people and shake up institutions that have become too rigid. You have the ability to bring a breath of fresh air into stale, stagnant environments.

Equality, freedom and fairness are important issues for you. You believe all people are created equal and should have the same rights and opportunities. You are willing to stand up and fight for the rights of others as well as your own, often without regard for your own safety or advantage. Most likely, you are socially and politically progressive, and are concerned with humanitarian issues. Though you are interested in the well-being of others, your interest is in an abstract, ideological concept and does not stem from empathy or true feeling. Unless you also have several water signs in your chart, you can be quite detached and impersonal.

Inventive and ingenious, you eagerly seek out new ways to do things, and may excel in scientific or electronic fields, aerospace technology, computer science, astronomy or astrology. Generally, you can be found on the cutting edge of technology and scientific or 'new age' thought. Always looking to the future, you run the risk of losing touch with the present and not learning from the past.

Friendly and sociable, you probably have an extensive and diverse collection of friends and associates; and your friends are very important to you. You are not status-conscious; you choose your companions for their ideas, and enjoy the company of others of like mind. Intellectually oriented (though not necessarily intelligent), you are happiest in the world of ideas. You love to share what you know with others, and become bored easily with people who don't provide grist for your mental mill. Although at times you can be a bit abrasive and tactless, you are usually good-natured, enthusiastic, off-beat, and willing to try almost anything - qualities which gain you popularity among your peers. You are most comfortable in group situations, and might belong to numerous organizations, clubs, and professional or social groups.

However, you may have some trouble in intimate, personal relationships since your feeling don't run very deep and you tend to be quite detached. Close emotional relationships also can threaten your independence. You insist on remaining 'free' to do your own thing, and to engage in relationships with whomever you please. Unless your Venus and / or Moon are in more emotional, possessive signs (such as Scorpio, Cancer or Taurus), you may decide to remain single or insist on an 'open marriage'.

At your best, you are the one who fights for liberty and justice for one and all. At your worst, you are the freedom-monger who seeks change for the sake of change, without offering a better alternative to replace the structures you've destroyed.

(Sasha Fenton)

Aquarians, while being very friendly, are actually quite hard to get to know; and some of them are so strange that it is difficult to work out what they are doing and why.

An Aquarian friend of mine who, unusually perhaps, is not interested in astrology pointed out that both he and his wife are Aquarians, as are seven members of their family. He told me that, as all these people were very different from each other, this proved to him that there couldn't be anything in astrology. I laughed and told him that all Aquarians are different from everybody else, including fellow members of their own sign and of their own family. Each one is an individual who marches to his own drumbeat and doesn't follow any kind of collective thinking. Each Aquarian must live by his own rules and needs to do his own thing most of the time.

Intelligent, logical, and blessed with the ability to think not only laterally but also around corners, these subjects are possibly the most exciting of the zodiac. They can also be infuriating because they choose to cling to their odd way of life and their ideas with great tenacity. Parents with Aquarian offspring frequently write them off because they cannot be made to conform to the family pattern. Aquarians make the most wonderful friends, but anyone who tries to cling to them or expects their friendship to be exclusive will be very disappointed. Anyone who needs encouragement can be sure of receiving it from an Aquarian friend, but they are quite competitive and won't appreciate being overtaken in their own chosen field.

Aquarius is a fixed sign, which ensures that these subjects stick to jobs and relationships through thick and thin. If they decide that they need to make a break, they do this in an almost clinical manner and, although they may feel guilty about leaving, they still go ahead with it. If possible, they try to remain on friendly terms with the person or group of people even after they detach themselves from them. Aquarians can be loners who feel stifled by too much closeness. They don't like to be closely questioned about their intentions, or even their whereabouts the previous night! But they appreciate a nonclinging relationship. Aquarians do need to relate to others on a deep and loving level, but it may take them some time before they can relax and trust others to love them or to be loved by them.

Aquarians can be stubborn and determined, and also inflexible in their attitudes; and they may have an attitude of superiority. They genuinely believe that they are special, and may patronise those whom they see as unfit or unable to come up to their exacting standards. Most Aquarians have fields of specialist knowledge, often in offbeat and interesting areas; and they are happy to teach anyone who shows an interest in their particular subject. Some become involved in politics or causes of one kind or another, and are often way ahead of the crowd. Their very stubbornness makes them the most loyal and wonderful friends; the kind who can be called up in the middle of the night and asked for help.

Most Aquarians love to teach and have a real talent for the job, and many of them work

in the field of education, while others are happy to coach others in a more casual manner. These subjects derive a real sense of achievement from improving the lives of others, either on an individual basis or by educating the world in general. I have noticed that most Aquarians are strangely blind to the pain and anguish of those who are around them. They can deal with problems on a distant level - for instance, by campaigning for political change - but, when it comes to their own families, they cannot. Some of these subjects genuinely cannot see that a child or a partner is suffering, while others can see the pain but are irritated by it. One Aquarius friend tells me that, if anyone in his family is ill, he gets out of the house because he knows that he will lose patience with them if he hangs around. To be honest, most Aquarians are extremely helpful and sympathetic, but none of them can stand moaners or the type of person who has a negative attitude to life. They will, therefore, help out immediately when faced with a practical problem; but they become distant or angry when faced with someone whose emotions are out of control. They respect strength of character, and have very little time for what they see as weakness or failure - even when this is their own failure. Aquarians need to see themselves as competent, clever, and successful in their chosen field. They need to stand out from the crowd and to be respected for their knowledge. There is a tendency for Aquarians to be tactless, and some can be bullies. This is because they are devastatingly honest about other people's faults and failing, and also because they sometimes fail to understand how their behaviour affects others. In some ways, these people are easy to respect but hard to love.

The typical Aquarian is tall and slim, while some are positively skinny. Many have a strong, bony frame. In white races, the complexion is pale and the hair blond or mousy. Many Aquarians have wispy and lifeless hair, and many Aquarian men go bald. If the Aquarian is blessed with good hair, then it is very good indeed, being thick, straight and dark. Their hands and feet are long and elegant, but they sometimes look as if they belong on a much older person. Many Aquarians have a strong jaw and a large, toothy smile and light-coloured or very bright eyes which look at others with a very direct and interested gaze. Their choice of clothes is totally individualistic and often downright peculiar! Aquarians adored the fancy dress which was fashionable in the late 1960s and early 1970s because they could indulge their personal fantasies to the hilt. Even in the staid and conventional 1990s, Aquarians were seen in jodhpurs, flowing kaftans, strangely patterned denims and top-of-the-range designer model clothes.

The ankles are the traditional Aquarian weak spot for health, which suggests that breaks and sprains are likely. Flebitis, thrombosis and leg ulcers are also possible. Quite a number of Aquarians have sensitive lungs, so they may suffer from asthma, and they may be uncomfortable when among smokers.

Aquarians are so varied in their nature that they can do almost any kind of work. However, self-employment and owning a small business appeals to many of them. Some years ago, my friend Denise had to hire a fairly large gang of workmen at her place of work, and she commented to me that out of the twelve workmen with whom she

was dealing, eleven were Aquarians! It's not surprising that Aquarians find their way into building and other practical crafts because they are the world's best problem-solvers and they are also very independent. This is the sign of the journeyman, craftsman and computer-whizz. Many Aquarians take up astrology, so much so that it would be a very strange group of astrologers that didn't include at least one Aquarian. Many are drawn to the world of teaching because they have a real gift for this. All Aquarians have extremely enquiring minds, and often have a great depth of knowledge in a variety of areas. Many are excellent advisors, counsellors and listeners, which leads them into either paid or voluntary counselling work. Aquarians are attracted to committee activities and to politics; and many of them find work in those areas where their sense of commitment, logical minds and humanitarianism can be put to good use. To be honest, Aquarians can be found in almost any kind of job, but they usually gravitate to something which has a humanitarian edge to it. Among my Aquarian friends I can count a bank clerk, the head of the central sterilising department of a large hospital, a designer of surgical instruments, the head of a large mail-order firm, the owner of a small publishing firm, shopkeepers, craftsmen and craftswomen of all kinds, computer experts, and astrologers by the dozen.

If an Aquarian cannot help people, use his intelligence or specialise in his work, he will use these skills in his hobbies. Aquarians take their spare-time activities very seriously. These subjects may look after animals, work for the preservation of our planet, or make ships in bottles, but they don't simply come home and sit in an armchair in front of the television. Perhaps the greatest Aquarian hobby is friendship, because they love to chat and learn about ways of life which are different from their own. Oddly enough, very few of them seem to be keen on travel, and some become very ill-at-ease when away from their usual surroundings.

Aquarians have a reputation for being non-materialistic, humanitarian and eccentric. These subjects are supposed to be elevated to an exalted level where all is love and light, and where money is unnecessary. Poppycock! Aquarians like money as much as the next sign, and more than many. Some Aquarians like money so much that they are prepared to work hard for it. Others are content to fiddle and dream their lives away while their spouses, relatives and friends pay their bills. Many Aquarians work at jobs which are far beneath their levels of ability, possibly so that they can expend their energies on more interesting pursuits. However, those who do pursue a career enjoy being well paid. Aquarians are so different from each other that few generalisations can be made. Some, for instance, live in pristine cleanliness in ultra-modern apartments, while others live in rambling old houses which are filled with children, animals, visitors, lodgers and filth. Many Aquarians work close to home by running farms or smallholdings; and others have offices or even schools within their homes. This suggests that their homes are viewed not as a possession, but as part of their general lifestyle.

There are Aquarians who have a multitude of fascinating and wonderful possessions, ranging from the latest in computers to mobile games, ornaments and even, perhaps, a

spaceship in the garden. Others collect antiques, junk or animals. All Aquarians seem to collect books and bits of paper. Some Aquarians spend their money on experiences rather than things. Aquarians can be found riding horses, learning to paint, hunting for ley lines or attending astrology groups. However much friendships and experiences are valued, the Aquarian also values a comfortable home, a good, fast car, and whatever eclectic status symbol appeals most to him.

Aquarians need friends, but they don't all necessarily need lovers, partners, spouses or families. Their needs can change from one phase of their lives to another, so the Aquarian who starts out as a loner may end up happily surrounded by family and friends, or viceversa. These subjects are so unusual that they need partners who can understand their peculiarities and can put up with them. The best relationship for these people is usually with a partner who shares their interests and wants the same kind of lifestyle. It is not uncommon for Aquarians to live with other Aquarians or to choose partners who have a strong Aquarian cast to their charts. Hot favourites are Capricorns or Pisceans who have neighbouring planets in Aquarius. Anyone living with an Aquarian will have the benefit of his / her excellent mind, while another benefit is that boredom is unlikely to set in. Aquarians are not really homemakers in the old-fashioned sense of the word, but they do like to live in a pleasant area with enough space both indoors and out for them to be able to breathe. Some Aquarians are exceptionally neat and tidy in their habits, keeping a really well-run home, but many others seem to prefer living in a mess, complete with children, animals and neighbours wandering in and out. These homes, albeit untidy, are wonderful to visit, because the caller is always sure of a cup of tea, something to eat and an hour or two of wonderful conversation. Mess or no mess, most Aquarians are very good cooks who try to ensure that they and their families eat a healthy diet.

Aquarians are not as easygoing as they first appear, because this is a fixed sign, which denotes a stubborn and determined attitude to life. Aquarians tend to do exactly what they want to do, usually just when they want to do it, and it is no good trying to get them to behave in any other way. These subjects seem to have an agenda all of their own, together with a hidden set of rules by which everyone around them is supposed to live. They frequently have strong political views, or they may be 'into' some belief or peculiar way of life. Even the most ordinary, unassuming and 'normal' Aquarian chooses the kind of career which will help humanity in some way. Sometimes their beliefs take over the whole of their lives. Being highly intelligent, these subjects are sure that they can see themselves clearly and that they understand others just as well. However, they actually have quite a few blind spots which can make them difficult to live with. Aquarians can be unrealistic and impractical in some ways, while being very sensible and capable in others. This all depends upon the frame of mind they happen to be in at the time.

Aquarian women need a job or interest of their own. They may choose to do something unusual but, whatever they do, they will be wholehearted about it and will find it hard to be clockwatchers. This means that their families will have to learn to cope by themselves

from time to time.

Some Aquarians are amazingly mean, being unable to see that others have any kind of claim on their income. Other Aquarians are amazingly generous because their values are mental and spiritual rather than materialistic, and they rarely worry about money or security. All Aquarians are incredibly independent people who are very hard to influence; but if they respect their partner's views and find them logical, they can usually be brought round to a different way of thinking. Most of these subjects lead very busy lives, and they would rather do almost anything in preference to sitting slumped in an armchair, staring at the television. Aquarians are frequently late for appointments because they try to pack too much into each day and they leave too much to the last minute. Aquarians enjoy going out with their families, and take an interest in their partner's hobbies or pastimes, although they may not want to join in on a permanent basis. These subjects need mental and physical space; and they are also prepared to give this to a partner. About the only thing they cannot stand is being probed and investigated, because they seem to need to keep a little part of themselves private. Aquarians can be rude, bad-tempered and arrogant, but if their partner can laugh off these foibles and concentrate on the Aquarian's virtues, the relationship will succeed. One thing Aquarians cannot cope with is an over-emotional partner, because too much emotion upsets their equilibrium and may make them ill. Oddly enough, many Aquarians are worriers, and this tension can translate itself into ailments such as asthma and eczema. All Aquarians can be kind, caring and loving if given half a chance, although I usually find that female Aquarians are nicer, softer and more genuinely caring than the males of this sign.

The vast majority of Aquarians are loyal and faithful lovers who won't break up a relationship without good reason. These subjects are not comfortable with duplicity; so if they meet someone they like whilst they are still in a relationship, they are likely to break up the first relationship before becoming involved in the second. Aquarians need freedom in a relationship; and a jealous or suspicious partner is absolutely no use to them at all. They find it hard to give reassurance when none is needed. The vast majority of Aquarians are perfectly reasonable people who like nothing better than to find a soulmate and spend their lives with them. Unusually, in this age of short-lived relationships, Aquarians tend to get married when young and then stay with the same partner throughout. They love to talk to just about everyone, but they don't usually allow emotional or sexual curiosity to get them into triangle situations.

The saving grace of Aquarians in all situations is their wonderful sense of humour. Aquarians vary so much from one another that it is not surprising that they vary in their sexuality. Many of these friendly, outgoing people are very attractive, but whether they will actually take up all the romantic offers they receive depends upon other factors on their charts. Some Aquarians prefer to be on their own, without any kind of involvement other than that of friendship; while others only really enjoy sex when in a safe, comfortable partnership. These subjects have many friends, but are cautious when it comes to deeper relationships, and they prefer not to flirt or play dangerous games with

other people's partners. Once they are in a happy relationship, they enjoy making love, and can achieve a greater sense of closeness through sex than they can in practically any other way. Aquarians like a bit of variety in their sex lives, and will take pleasure in a partner who dresses well and wears attractive underwear. They themselves are usually slim, elegant and good-looking people who can be quite vain about their appearance. They either are well-dressed, appreciating the pleasure that this gives their partners, or dress in an eccentric manner which pleases nobody but themselves. Aquarians can be fussy about their partner's appearance, and they appreciate a lover who keeps in shape and looks good. These subjects especially enjoy the sight and the feel of food underwear, and they can have fun by dressing up specially for love-making. If the sexual side of a relationship diminishes, they will remain friends, but they may not continue to feel as deeply about the other person.

Aquarians usually have many friends and acquaintances; and they are quite happy to have company or to go on holiday in a group. As far as the family is concerned, they try to avoid too much closeness. Aquarians see themselves as equal to other people; therefore if a member of the family demands to be treated with deference, the Aquarian will not accede to this demand. If any member of their family or of their partner's family needs help, the Aquarian will do whatever he can, but will not be bullied or dictated to by anyone.

Aquarians are good parents, especially if their children are reasonable and intelligent, but they will switch off if a child becomes awkward and demanding. They will try to do everything in their power to help a child succeed, but they are not good at handling a child's emotional problems, and they may not even notice when a child is unhappy.

Aquarian children are not difficult to deal with, as long as their parents respect their dignity and realise that they have strong opinions of their own. These children are usually keen on school and fond of a variety of outside interests. They have many friends, and adjust fairly well to whatever circumstances they find themselves in. Despite their logical and somewhat unemotional natures, they need to feel secure and to be understood in addition to needing space and freedom.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The Aquarian need for independence can't be underestimated, and it is essential that Aquarians develop and sustain the right lifestyle. Although they have the reputation of being friendly, in many ways they are very private and dislike having their privacy invaded. Their natural friendliness is linked to a genuine desire to be helpful, so anyone in trouble will always find them ready to help, approaching others' problems as they approach their own - logically, detachedly, and without undue emotion.

Aquarians have an original, idealistic streak; and the more positively this is shown, the more fulfilled they will be. However, this originality must not become too idiosyncratic or

perverse, as others can then be at best embarrassed and at worst seriously annoyed.

Aquarius is an air sign, and its inhabitants need air, both physically and metaphorically. They must realize how very stubborn they can be, and should try to counter this tendency. When young, they are usually leaders of their generation; but sometimes they continue to cling to youthful opinions, so that what was once a splendidly forward-looking nature becomes ultra-conservative. Again, awareness of the problem will go far to counter it.

Positive and optimistic even when life gets difficult, Aquarians rarely lose hope; and their natural humanity always reminds them that many others are less fortunate (in every sense) than themselves. Their chief fault is usually unpredictability; but their independence can also make them very remote, causing emotional problems. Partners and friends may be justified in suspecting that sometimes Aquarians act out of sheer perversity.

Of all the Sun signs, Aquarians can find it most difficult to settle into and sustain a close emotional relationship. Their powerful need for independence makes it particularly hard for them to let others into their lives, for they realize this will mean modifying their lifestyles and tolerating an invasion of their living space - psychological as well as physical. They often decline to enter into a relationship until they are so set in their ways that it all seems impossible, so remain permanently single. Even so, there is a strongly romantic streak in many Aquarians, who like the glamor of romance, and once committed are - like their Capricorn cousins - very loyal. The placing of Venus will color this aspect of an Aquarian's life, and may modify the attitude considerably.

Aquarian individuality and the need to be different will soon emerge in children of this sign, who on the whole will be happy and positive, with a great desire to do their own thing. Parents should watch for waywardness; the best antidote is to suggest that they do the opposite of what you really desire! Bear in mind that they will truly need to be unconventional, so a school devoted to rigid discipline, with very strong or obsessive academic aims, may not be suitable. They are rational, however, and always listen to reason. This will be a distinct asset in later life.

Aquarian children are naturally friendly, but alas this means they may be overtrusting and too ready to wander off with passing strangers who take advantage of that friendliness. It must be very firmly impressed on them from an early age not to do this. It is particularly good for young Aquarians to become involved in charity work; it will help them to develop their strong humanitarianism, which is likely to be one of their strongest and most positive traits. Creative and scientific flair should be eagerly encouraged when and if it develops. These children often have an interesting sense of drama, but it can be exaggerated.

Aquarian parents can have a very individual attitude to the education of their children.

They must remember that the child may be more conventional than the parents, and it is a mistake to force him or her into a particular mould just because they wish it. Security and discipline may be really important to a child; and the parents, however adventurous, should accept this. Aquarian parents should always ask themselves whether they have moved with the times. Their immediate reply will be 'yes'; but they should realize it is unlikely (especially for them), and should not assume automatic and complete understanding of their children. They must learn to really listen to them. Despite possible problems, they usually make lively parents, always ready to bring out their children's potential and make the most of it.

Aquarians must have a free rein to do whatever is expected of them in their own way, uninhibited by continual advice or the insistence on a particular régime. They have to express their inventiveness in their work, whether creative or scientific (or both). They may become inventors of some kind. Some do extremely well working in communications - the airlines, or the technical areas of television or radio, for instance. Despite their keen sense of ambition, they enjoy and are good at work which allows them to express their concern for humanity. They make excellent field or social workers, or administrators for large charitable organizations. Not obsessive about income, they must avoid wasting their money on trendy fripperies.

Aquarians are often quite seriously disturbed if they are kept waiting for final decisions, or feel some change hovering over them without knowing precisely when it will happen. A sudden decision (whether their own or someone else's) is not nearly as difficult for them. Their quick reactions may even make them sweep out of a well-established job given enough provocation. They should try not to let the prospect of retirement make them miserable for ten years before the event, instead gradually building up new areas of interest which can fill more of their lives when the time comes. If their work has been dull, uninteresting or too conventional, they should surely look forward to being able to express fully their originality and creative or scientific flair. They should give special thought to any necessary adjustments they may have to make, perhaps thinking of ways in which spare-time work can bolster their retirement income.

The circulation can be vulnerable. Aquarians are often at their best in cold weather; and, like Capricorns, they usually enjoy it; but they should keep warm, wearing light but windproof clothes which won't restrict their movements. Regular exercise should be creative rather than dull or repetitive. Like all air signs, Aquarians thrive best on a light, nourishing diet. The ankles are ruled by this sign, and can be vulnerable; exercises to strengthen them, perhaps shoes with good ankle support, are desirable, especially if skiing or winter sports are enjoyed.

(Robert Hand)

You like new things and new ideas, and are bored by old ways of thinking and acting. The friends you choose are people who feel the same way. You are an individualist and

a free spirit, but at the same time you need to work and share your life with other people. Friends are very important to you, although if they try to hold you back or make you conform to their ideas, you will rebel and go your own way.

However, even though you are attracted to new ideas, you don't readily change your thinking once you have made up your mind. Actually you are quite stubborn, which may confuse other people, who interpret your interest in everything new and different as evidence of a very changeable mind.

Because of your fondness for new ideas, you enjoy studying science, technology and other subjects that enable people to control the world in some way. As you get older, you may be attracted to more offbeat studies, such as astrology and the occult.

When you are with a group of friends, who think about the group as a whole rather than just about yourself. You try to do what is best for everyone, without at the same time going against your personal needs. This can cause problems for you if your needs conflict with the needs of the rest of the group. But basically you are fair, and you try to make sure that everyone gets the same deal. You will stand up for anyone who is not being treated fairly.

(Grant Lewi)

The motivating force behind Aquarius is some form of gregarious, or herd, instinct. He likes folks. He is sociable. In a higher manifestation, he is social. In a lower manifestation, he thinks that the world - the folks - owe him a living. Any way you look at the Aquarian, and whatever Aquarian you look at, you will find folks at the centre of his attitude. Either he depends on them or they depend on him. Whether he is a social reformer, or a hobo, people will be around him; he will be holding them up, or they will be holding him up. He thinks himself a great individualist, and he may be, but you'll rarely find him alone. Rich or poor, great or small, deep or shallow, he is the life of the party. He may put his mind on the woes of humanity, solve their problems, give his time for theirs in a figurative or literal sense. Or he may fritter away his time in pool halls. But he will always be where there are people, in the flesh or in theory. His best expression comes when he has hitched his wagon to a star of social work or one of the social professions: invention, medicine, law, politics, architecture, literature, science, music or art with some social application. His worst expression is going places and doing things to no purpose. Some prime examples of wasted talents come in this sign - as well as some of the greatest martyrs and benefactors of the human race. Aquarius is generally misunderstood even when he has achieved greatness - and always think he is misunderstood when he is wasting himself. In love, Aquarius is noble but not necessarily conventional; loyal, if not faithful; affectionate, if not independent, and resentful of intrusion on his private studies, which may irk the spouse because they never seem to produce anything except big electric-light bills. Aquarius the social or sociable can be anything or nothing, but the one thing he will almost never be is lonesome. He may think

his spirit yearns for understanding, but he will never be far from someone to listen while he attempts to explain himself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Individuals born under the sign of brotherhood and fraternity have as their symbol the water-bearer, who spills out to mankind the life-force and spiritual energy. Since the planet Uranus rules Aquarius, friendship and companionship are extremely important to Aquarians. Those whom Aquarians befriend have their unswerving loyalty.

Born under a fixed sign, Aquarians have eccentric temperaments and are determined and stubborn. They sometimes feel that those who are listening to them are unreceptive and incapable of comprehending their ideas, and they tend to become annoyed when people fail to understand them. Then Aquarians argue; and when they do, they stir up opposition from others. They are capable of discarding these people from their intellectual circle. The key phrase for Aquarians is 'I know'.

There is no affectation or snobbery in the Aquarian personality, but a dislike of spurious imitation and hypocrisy in any form. Aquarians operate as equals among equals. However, they are not dependent on their environments for their security, because they derive this from being in the company of others.

Persons born under Aquarius can be anything or nothing, but they are never lonely. The influence of Uranus promotes an honest enjoyment in meeting new people and exchanging ideas. Aquarians' group instinct will always direct them to where there are people, or else people will come to them.

Since Aquarians have friends of both sexes, they see no reason for giving them up, even after marriage. Because Aquarius is an intellectual air sign, those born under it relate to others at a mental level.

Aquarians love the beauties of nature, but they like to admire them in comfort. They long for material possessions but are not greedy. They are disinclined to engage in sports as a rule, except as observers. Their pursuits are more intellectual than physical.

Women with this sign should watch their tendency to exaggerate their problems. However, one can forgive them, for their charm and brightness of expression make them very attractive.

The Aquarians' appearance of calmness is deceptive; their anxiety can even make them feel ill. Since they take their work very seriously, nervousness and apprehension seldom leave them. They do their best work with others or with organizations that attempt to bring about some ideal. In such pursuits, their excellent memory, creativity, knowledge, love of freedom, an humanitarianism find their outlet.

Their interest in and sympathy for human problems win the respect and confidence of those about them. Their sympathy is impersonal and their response intellectual, but once aroused, Aquarians are tireless workers.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have an open, though potentially indifferent, heart. You should aim to have the will to use generously your sense of impartiality - without your becoming impersonal. Your life should be led in a spirit of liberation and reform - as opposed to your being aloof or antisocial. Your father is seen or expressed as one who is cool and friendly, and / or icy and remote.

You generate a regard for Other's uniqueness and quirks of personality, thereby making him / her feel special. You create an electric and unusual atmosphere that is a constant source of surprise. You assume an air of gentle detachment that does not judge other, giving him / her space to be free.

You can alienate Other with your oddness; or, by way of compensation, with your being a nonentity. You can also alienate with an unpredictability that is borne of your refusal to accept the limitations that make possible a measure of stability. Or you can alienate Other by a failure to tune into where he / she is at emotionally.

You overemphasize your idea that Other and the world in general should fit some kind of social or scientific theory. You overstress an insistence that you be treated in some special way, and that you be unconditionally accepted, for all your foibles. You overaccentuate a set of values that often finds Other wanting, but always exonerates yourself.

You can feel weak when having to live in the real world of material / emotional things, or even within your own physical body; when you realize that this imperfect world will not offer you very much until you offer up your own imperfections; and when nobody accepts or is impressed by your version of how things ought to be.

When you are alone, it is because you have allowed detachment and eccentricity to run rife and develop like a virus until Other can no longer be bothered with trying to relate to the absurdly non-negotiable front you present. More than any other sign, you are capable of making being alone into an art form. The trouble is that this might not amount to quite what you originally had in mind. Beneath all your rationalizations of you-versus-the-world lies a deep fear of being seen to be just another human being, complete with emotionally tacky bits. But the paradox here is that they are partly what make anyone special! And the more we look at and allow others to see our emotional interiors, the more we grow and develop as people, rather than remaining frozen at some icy altitude of emotional immunity. A failure to evolve and mature in this way can mean that Other

changes but you do not - leaving you apparently outcast. You must track back to when in your life you cut out emotionally in the first place - and why, for it holds the key to how you got to be this way.

(John Townley)

You are a very understanding lover, with a special ability to be helpful when a partner is having emotional difficulties. Your sympathy of others' foibles may even appear excessive to some people. But you do draw the line in what you will put up with, and when a partner goes past that point, he or she will find it very difficult to get back into your good graces.

You can enjoy a wide variety of sexual experiences, and if you limit yourself to one partner, that person should enjoy lovemaking as a continuously changing adventure, not just as a series of repetitions, however affectionate.

You are not the type to be tied down intellectually or emotionally, so you must have a partner who respects your freedom; and that respect will bring you closer to your lover. True freedom and equality bring a closeness, a mingling of mind and body that can't be attained in any other way.

Achieving the kind of communication you want requires contact on many levels with your partner, so a close relationship will develop slowly. Once established, it will last a long time and be strong enough to withstand the heaviest assaults.

Although you find sex by itself naturally satisfying, you are quite capable of carrying on a love affair without any sexual contact at all. You can transmit the same deep and loving communication through other channels of expression; and that is the essence of an affair for you.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of originality manifests through inventiveness.

Symbol: A plane loaded with passengers rises gracefully into the sky.

People born with the Sun in Aquarius are charged with a subtle electricity which works quietly but effectively to make them more dynamic than they seem. There is a power as paradoxical as that of a heavy metal plane which uses the air to overcome the pull of gravity. The Aquarian who lives up to his inner potential can transcend ordinary limitations by invoking nature's higher laws, and he sees nothing mysterious about so doing. Therefore, the sign is associated with both Saturn (law) and Uranus (breakthroughs).

Since Aquarius stimulates the mind, as its opposite sign Leo arouses the emotions, the

native of this sign is governed by his head rather than by his heart. His love nature is more altruistic than egotistic, and he prefers to express it in an impersonal manner. This coolness may seem enigmatic to the sentimentalist for whom love is a warm, spontaneous feeling rather than a mighty cosmic energy which can be tapped and utilized as scientifically as the physical energies of heat and light.

At first, it seems a contradiction that Aquarius should be both a fixed and airy sign, for air must move and circulate. However, by one's broadening one's perspective, it becomes apparent that the only really fixed mass of air is that which envelops the Earth, remaining with the planet while it circles the Sun, and serving as an insulator and as a medium for the transmission of light. Analogously, the Aquarian temperament is programmed to regard things from many points of view and to think on a global scale rather than in terms of the needs and desires of its own chauvinistic group. Abstract principles rather than outward appearances are sensed to be the enduring realities of life.

If many Aquarians seem aloof and detached, it is not because they are indifferent to others. Often they are too deeply concerned with the plight of humanity as a whole to expend themselves catering to the foibles of individuals. To the Aquarian, time is energy; and he is choosy about the people with whom he spends this precious gift. Since he is relatively unegotistical, he may not bother to exert himself to win approval. He would rather tend to his job and let others curry compliments.

Despite his underlying impersonality, the Aquarian is human in the most literal sense of the word. When one says, 'Oh, be human', he is appealing to an individual's higher nature. To be a humanitarian means to show compassionate concern, not only for family and friends, but for all mankind. Man is called *Homo sapiens*, the creature that thinks, and it is the rational faculty that the Aquarian glorifies, believing that intellect is the most purely human part of any person. Because man transforms himself and his world through the application of his mental abilities, the Uranian sign of transformations is associated with the higher mind.

Aquarians seldom fall very low or engage in criminal acts, but too often their energies are short-circuited and they fail to fulfill the promise of what they might become. If they have not evolved to the point of being able to express individual love in the impersonal manner of dedication to a cause, they may remain uncommitted to anything. Then they become drifters because, like the air, they must move and circulate. If their unusual ideas cannot find a responsive audience, Aquarians may simply slide into a superficial existence.

Sometimes so much of their energy goes into cogitation that little remains for tangible achievements. Aquarians can rationalize their lack of accomplishment by declaring that the game is not worth the effort, and think that the world is unprepared to be awakened. Their outlook may be too panoramic to make the everyday struggle to eat, reproduce, and survive seem worthwhile. Then, if an Aquarian is unable to rise to the challenge of

Uranus, he falls back into Saturnian pessimism and inertia. Some modern-day 'dropouts' seem to be tuning in on the vibrations of the Aquarian Age in this negative fashion.

The Sun is in detriment in Aquarius. Symbolically, this shows that the desires of the individual personality must now be subordinated to the requirements of society as a whole. The scientifically enlightened Aquarian realizes that there are many suns in the heavens and that, of these, Earth's Sun is but a minor star. This broad view makes him a co-operative member of a group or association. Since he does not seek power for himself alone, people instinctively trust him and elevate him to a position of authority.

As the most liberty-loving members of the zodiac, Aquarians can relinquish their petty egotism because they realize that it is man's self-centeredness that makes him a slave of unworthy impulses and an enslaver of others. The lesson this sign teaches is that the more charitably people behave, the greater are their chances of enjoying the benefits of freedom. Consequently, Aquarians are simultaneously the most individualistic and the most group-oriented of all the zodiac types. If, however, this individuality is carried to excess, it becomes mere eccentricity.

Aquarians instinctively realize that true liberty grows out of freedom of thought. Yet Saturn's practicality, carried over from Capricorn, reminds them that the goals they seek must be won through the betterment of material conditions. Therefore, they often devote their talents to the task of making this earth a more comfortable place in which to live. They are concerned with abstract reasoning mainly because their experience has demonstrated that ideas are the most potent forces at work in the world today.

(Isabel Hickey)

The Sun in Aquarius is represented by the 'clear crystal electric air of winter'. The keyword is 'I know'. It rules the ankles and the circulation in the physical body.

Aquarians are the mental pioneers, the forward-thinking individuals who live in the future and not in the past. They are outgoing and impersonally friendly, and appear to have a great deal of confidence. The fixity of the sign is not apparent on the surface, but Aquarians are inflexible in their ideas and cannot be pushed into anything they do not want to do. There is an impersonality and a detachment that is maddening to those who are completely immersed in their emotions. Aquarians approach life through their intellects, and it is difficult for them to understand those who respond to life emotionally. Aquarians function exceptionally well in the scientific fields or in research work of any kind.

Aquarians are much more emotionally involved in their work than they are with people. It is important that they like the type of work they do, for it occupies most of their time and they invest most of their vital force and energy in their occupation. The Aquarian's home is important as a status symbol. It has to be a home that increases his / her sense of

pride and prestige.

Aquarians heartily dislike any restraint. They are rebels and individualists that have to go their own way. Independent, imaginative, creative and inventive, they possess a genius about them if they are evolved. If they live on the destructive side, they can be mentally cruel, sadistically so, and totally lacking in love or mercy. Because of their strong will that brooks no interference with their desires, they have difficulties in marriage or in unions.

They have strong physical bodies, though they would rather use their minds than do physical work. Aquarians are critical and demanding in positions of authority, and it is not easy to be their employees. There is a coldness and a detachment that repels rather than attracts, especially if the Sun is afflicted. When they are evolved and their emotions are tenderized, no sign is more magnanimous or as monumental. When they 'feel' love instead of 'think' it, they are great souls. No-one can 'think' love; one has to 'feel' it.

The Aquarians usually have two types of friends, and never the twain do meet. They have the conservative, traditional type and the unconventional bohemian friends. One type represents the Saturnian side of their nature, the other group the Uranian side.

Aquarians work well in organizational work or in big business. They are capable of being good leaders and organizers. They are the individualists who are ready and willing to break new trails where inventive ideas and new procedures are concerned. When Aquarians are of the higher type, they make lasting contributions to the world.

Aquarius has two rulers: Saturn and Uranus. They must work together or chaos will result. Uranus is the shattering force that breaks up old forms. Saturn is the agent which crystallizes forms or structures and establishes them in an ego complex. Saturn is the oldest of the gods, and represents the first law of manifestation: the law of limitation. Without the concentration of energy within a defined field of activity, there would be no power or focus. Uranus represents the power or life force; Saturn represents the confining form that makes it useable on the earth plane.

Sun ☉ in 5th House

(Haydn Paul)

In this house, the natural tendency of the Sun is towards more egocentric, hedonistic pleasures in life, which may be associated with the releasing of a creative artistic spirit. It is a search for enjoyment that becomes a path of development, although care may be necessary to moderate any innate selfish traits that rise to the surface and demand satisfaction. An underlying attitude is likely to be a self-centred naive innocence, which may sometimes fail to be consistently conscious of the reactions and feelings of others.

This can be displayed in attractions towards romances and love affairs which initially often appear so enticing and exciting, and yet can bring considerable confusion and emotional suffering in their wake when the spark of love or lust extinguishes itself. You may notice that while the flame of love burns brightly as passions are ignited, your intensity of feeling is more short-lived, and your interest wanes. Maintaining permanent relationships may prove problematic for you; and attractions to pleasure may sometimes prove detrimental. You will enjoy children, however, feeling great pride in your creative prowess, and will happily spend many happy hours playing with them or performing dramatic theatrical roles for their entertainment.

Your attitude is that life should be fun; and you intend to pursue this theory and prove that it is right. Your vitality is increased by spending as much time as possible devoted only to doing things which are generally enjoyable. 'Why waste time in activities that are not enjoyable?' you wonder. Ideally, you want to transform your whole life into one of pleasure and interest; and it is through your endeavours to achieve this that your direction unfolds with a sense of purpose and meaning. The search for personal satisfaction motivates you; and if this diminishes in your life, then so does your level of vitality, as the two are interwoven and affect both your psychological and physiological states of well-being. Expansive desires could become distractions for you, as you may feel that you have to chase every object, person or interest that activates your curiosity. You may express a childlike one-pointed focus of desire towards whatever promises you pleasure, and this could have compulsive qualities. You may be like a child standing in a toyshop, who looks round and says 'I want' to everything.

Developing your artistic creativity could prove important to release self-expression and a channel for some of your overflowing energies. Such creativity is likely to have a passionate emotional content, a dramatic or theatrical intensity and joy which adds increased colour to life, lifting it above the greys of mundane superficial existence. Perceiving yourself as a creative artist in some sphere offers an alternative self-image and a social role to perform to increase your influence in the world. You enjoy attracting attention, and this helps to vitalise your sense of identity, as you hope that you stand out from the crowd; being anonymous and invisible is not to your taste, and you prefer to be noticed and appreciated by others.

You may overproject yourself at times through sheer ebullience, and you may need to keep a wary eye on any adoption of roles, so that you do not begin losing your full nature through the performance of selected facets. You can be over-confident, taking unnecessary risks or adventures, or through unwise speculation may jeopardise your position or family security. Sometimes, a pause for reflection and thought may be appropriate before you leap into action.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Those with Sun in the fifth possess a strong sense of self, a natural pride and dignity, and exhibit great creativity and originality in everything they do. They can be self-centered, so inner-directed that they may lose sight of others; but once reminded, are usually quick and generous in their response. They like being left alone to do things their own way, though, as soon as they feel the need for companionship, it is easy for them to find, as they are charming and entertaining companions.

They are usually healthy, strong, and very courageous - physically in Earth, mentally in Air, emotionally in Water; and apt to be reckless in Fire, taking risks without paying much attention to danger.

They are very inclined toward love affairs and romance all their lives, which can be a problem; other placements will show how much of a problem. Affairs are brief, intense, and sexual in Aries; they are sexual and enduring in Taurus, and liable to become marriages or as enduring as marriages. In Gemini, affairs will be sentimental or mostly mental; they may involve two partners at once, or a relative, neighbor, or childhood companion. In Cancer, love affairs are very emotional; in Leo, very sexual; in Virgo, cautious but enduring; in Libra, marriage, sometimes several, sometimes a refusal to marry anyone; in Sagittarius, intense but brief; in Capricorn, slow to develop but enduring; in Aquarius, either sudden and unique, or similar to Capricorn; in Pisces, sentimental first, then sexual.

There is a danger with this fifth-house Sun of withdrawing from life to too great an extent, shutting out the world and its confusing demands, protecting a privacy that becomes all-engulfing, particularly later in life. Here are mavericks, eccentrics, loners; those who go their own way, no matter what. There is the danger of ignoring the attitudes of society to too great an extent, ignoring public opinion.

These people are hard workers, able to keep at the job longer than others. They like to work hard and relax thoroughly. Physically, they are healthy and strong. They generally like competitive sports, especially in Earth and Water signs, and like to play hard to use up their abundance of physical energy. The competitive nature of the fifth house is not so apparent with the Sun in it; it seems to scorn competition. The true competition here is with the self, to outdo oneself, to be better each time than the time before. Self-development is generally more important than a single steady career effort.

Frequently, the family pet in childhood, the apple of the parents' eyes, these individuals have been given such a strong sense of their own innate worth and importance that they feel no need to prove themselves to anyone but themselves.

(Bill Herbst)

Conscious persona: With the Sun in the 5th house you are truly the 'star' of your own life-movie. Persona, and the paradox of controlled yet spontaneous behavior that

accompanies it, is crucial. You have come to the Earth to develop more awareness of the self's radiant power, and to use that power as an actor would, fuelling a consciously-chosen ego-role. Every time you see your name in lights on the marquee, every time you occupy center-stage successfully, you absorb basic life-energy, which is then transformed for use in other areas of the psyche. The pitfall involves becoming so self-centered, so enamored of your ego presentation that others are alienated. Pomposity is not becoming to your essential dignity. The challenge is to develop a consciously powerful personal charisma that retains its sensitivity both to the audience and to other performers.

Romance, giving love: Life is a continual romantic adventure. You are the courtier who loves nothing better than the pursuit of a possible beloved. The very center of your life-purpose lies in loving, in the risks, the excitement, the sheer thrill of personal impact through the game of courtship. The aspect of performance in loving is part of your core; one way life-energy is absorbed from the cosmos. If you stop the creative flow of the risk to love for a short time, energy intake is reduced sharply, allowing any backlog to radiate outward, thus re-establishing homeostasis. But if the risk to love is curtailed for any prolonged period, your life-energy can be endangered. Love alone is not enough; you must have powerful impact on others for love to be fulfilled. First generate charisma; then learn to use it well.

Sexual performance: Sexual performance is an important part of your life-purpose. You are charged by the impetus toward being 'the world's greatest lover'. Directing energy into another person, having the thrill of seeing, sensing, and feeling the result of that psychic - and physical - penetration is an experience that goes right to your core. Naturally, the Sun's sign and interplanetary aspects strongly highlight your natural approach to lovemaking; but with any condition, what's important is the concrete experience of self-validation through the successful expression of sexual ardor. You love the idea of having children. However, whether you love the sustained effort of raising them is another matter entirely.

Personal creativity: You are creative by nature, and it is a significant part of what you intend to develop and express in this life. You may choose an obviously artistic path, but it is more likely that you will choose your niche in the world based on other considerations, then attempt to use that niche as the outlet and arena for your creative impulses. Whether or not your creativity ever fully fleshes itself out, and whether or not it is considered successful, depends on a myriad of factors beyond the condition of the Sun, factors that go beyond even the symbolic indications of astrology in general, qualities such as 'heart', depth of character, and, especially, flexibility in the face of criticism.

Competition: Life is a gamble, a game to be won or lost; and no-one appreciates this more than you. Every time a risk is chosen, every time competition is accepted, lifeenergy flows into you. The very essence of your life involves the paradoxical dance

between confidence and risk. Winning or losing is not the crucial issue. The challenge is to play the game fully, with all the consciousness you can muster. Go for the gusto.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your ability to develop your creative potentials gives you many options for selfexpression. You are generally a charming person who looks at life optimistically, knowing you will reach your objectives. People who are close to you find you delightful, and you enjoy their attention. You should take advantage of your creative gifts, or the chances of achieving your ambitions will be greatly diminished. You have lots of talent, but it may be obscured by your preoccupations with pleasure; and you may not have enough time to reach your goals. You cannot afford to take that chance. It's fine to believe in your eventual success, but until you can demonstrate your effectiveness in real situations, you haven't achieved anything. The future is not a vague abstraction; it is every tomorrow of your life. Your magnetism and dramatic flair for communication are your best assets, which you should use to distinguish yourself. People like you and you like them, so you could work most effectively with the public. Once you get started, you will be filled with enthusiasm, and every success will be a catalyst for greater achievements.

You know how to communicate with people, and they respond to you. You capture the public's imagination and win their confidence that you will fulfill your promises. You know how to generate enthusiasm, for which people are very grateful. Your partner will be loyal and dedicated to your causes. You may have more to choose from than most people, so your decisions may be more difficult.

Pattern your growth after the lives of your successful associates; learn how they establish and realize their goals. You need substantial financial resources for the lifestyle you want, and you must accept responsibility for devising ways to increase your income. Even people who are less talented are able to do well financially, but you could do at least as well as they, if not better. You can easily resolve these developing anxieties about your worth by applying yourself. Before you do anything, however, you must define your goals and objectives and glow with the expectation that you will achieve them. By developing self-discipline, you can sustain yourself solely on your merits. This investment means sacrificing certain pleasures, but you will have established your priorities, which can guide you.

You will have to give up some of your self-indulgent ways to make a personal investment that will provide long-term dividends. If you start at the bottom, you can learn how not to fall flat on your face; and if you suffer some setbacks, only a few people will know. Put your vanity on the shelf, and do your best to earn the position you want. If you bring all your creative resources to the surface, you will attract the attention of important people, who can help you move up the ladder of success.

Your early conditioning has give you a good base on which to build your life. But don't think that you can coast along, letting your family take care of your needs. Your heritage should be the bottom rung of the tall ladder you will climb in fulfilling your destiny. Creative talent has no value unless you develop it. It's what you do with your creativity that determines how successful you will be. You may not enjoy hard work, but you, especially, have to accept its reality in your life. To escape from it is to escape to nowhere.

The Sun is strongly placed in the 5th, its natural domain. For those with this placement, a sense of identity, power and purpose in life is found through wholeheartedly engaging in activities which make them feel good about being alive. The need to give expression to the self is vital to physical and psychological health; and people become ill and depressed if they have nothing to live for. Of course, they also fall sick if they are trying to pack too much in. It is not a case of how much the 5th house Sun can do, but rather the quality of the involvement and the degree of satisfaction which is obtained from it.

Some form of artistic expression is advised - not necessarily in order to be another Mozart or Matisse, but more for the sake of freeing the spirit, releasing emotions and feelings, and having the opportunity to create from inside the self. The richness of life is also enhanced through hobbies, sporting events, recreational pursuits, trips to the theatre, art galleries, etc..

The 'playful child' is alive and well in someone with a 5th house Sun, and struggling to be free. No matter how creative people with this placement may appear to others, they usually feel they could be better at whatever it is they do. The Sun by nature is expansive; and in teh 5th it seeks to express itself more and more and continually increase its territory of influence.

For those with the Sun in the 5th, love affairs and romance heighten their sense of participation in life as well as embellishing their feelings of specialness. Producing children is another way they can bolster their sense of identity as well as extending their power and influence. There is a danger, though, that a parent with this placement could attempt to 'live out' his or her life too much through a child, projecting unfulfilled needs for fame and glory onto the offspring. The child might be exhibited like a work of art in the hopes that what has been 'produced' will be praised.

The need to be the centre of attention is very strong with the Sun in the 5th; and these people may be unable to tolerate situations in which all eyes are not focused on them. A difficultly aspected Sun in this house could resort to devious, manipulative or exaggerated ways of gaining attention: even negative 'strokes' are better than no 'strokes' at all.

Moon ☾ in ♊ Gemini 12° 7'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you seek others to provide an emotional escape from the isolation of your mental gymnastics, you embark on a search for the perfect person. This may lead to the frustration of never finding a single relationship that can satisfy and provide release from idealistic mental visions.

If you lack confidence in your instincts, you may fear losing one option by choosing another. Such behavior does not bring stability in relationships. Constant disillusionment can result in an endless series of relationships, a scattering of energies, and loss of identity.

It can be difficult to see inspiring influences that you can trust and aim toward. This results in a loss of confidence in your ability to be spontaneous. You may hold back in communicating, due to fearing that others will judge you; thus, you lose the benefit of others' abilities to put your ideas in a practical perspective. You may deprive yourself of the very solutions you seek by withholding the truth.

Dynamic

You can create an atmosphere in which you get your point across by noticing that logical methods have not worked. The truth is that others cannot accept ideas that are not relevant to the practical solutions they are seeking. The lesson is to allow the needs of others to direct your mental talents so that you can share ideas they can accept. This is accomplished by focusing beyond the threat of others' motives. Then you can see the disorder in their lives and their attempts to organize themselves.

Sacrificing the assumption that you know what is right in the long run enables you to accept the needs of others. This acceptance allows their goals to guide your intuitive talents for mutually beneficial and practical results. When you realize that in order to achieve happiness it must be given to others, you experience what you are giving in the process. This interaction brings about wholehearted participation in assisting others to find their answers.

When you pay attention to problems others are having in their daily lives, you can make a commitment to serve on a practical level. Thus, you discover the very solutions that are next on your own path. You gain the spontaneous faith you need by encouraging others to believe in themselves. The power to direct your life is finally realized as a by-product of inspiring others; and your own role as a mentor is appropriately exercised. The realization that your excitement comes from serving and inspiring others develops unshakable self-confidence and a sense of variety in all relationships.

General

You have a feeling of incessant restlessness. You feel the urge to move on, thinking that there is always something new and exciting over the next hill or that the grass is greener in the next location. What actually lures you on is the feeling that the next piece of information to be gained and shared with others is to be found in the next town. Thus, the urge for continual movement from person to person continues.

You are constantly seeking new mental stimulation and may have a difficult time settling down with one person in a family relationship. An internal restlessness drives you on with the lure that the best relationship is just over the next hill. This idea can lead to a feeling of dissatisfaction in whatever relationship you are in, no matter how idyllic or healthy it may be for you.

You are learning to relax, to deepen your mental connection with those in your immediate environment so that the stimulation you seek can be satisfied at deeper, more profound levels. You are learning to exchange a quantity of ideas for the quality of a deep rapport by integrating the dimension of feeling into your arena of mental exchange. In this way your desires for constant communication take on a new dimension of satisfaction and fulfillment.

In order to develop deep mental connections with others, you are learning that you must first develop a connection with your own spiritual, intuitive processes. Once in touch with your intuition, you will have access to the information you need, when you need it, without the restless feeling that you continually need more information in order to feel secure. Then you can share ideas with others with a feeling of ease based on the joy of exchanging those energies that release both people into truth.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Moon in Gemini need to communicate verbally, to interact with a variety of people, to awaken and satisfy our curiosity, to train and utilize our minds, to develop basic skills, and to be open to and engaged by a stimulating environment. The deepest needs of our Gemini Moon pertain to experiencing and expressing our feelings in relationship, and to cultivating a network of people and activities which truly nourish us rather than simply pique our interest. We also benefit by feeding our hunger for knowledge and developing our capacities as thinkers and communicators.

When our real needs are not met, we may lose ourselves in compulsive Gemini behaviors - we may talk incessantly and superficially without making real contact; we may scatter our energies widely, shifting from person to person and activity to activity without experiencing fulfillment anywhere. We may seek refuge in knowledge for knowledge's sake and intellectual activity as an escape from feeling.

Negatively, our Gemini Moon suggests that we experienced one or both of our parental figures as changeable or inconstant, as overly identified with the mind and inclined to rationalize and intellectualize rather than directly express feeling. Such a parent may also have been high-strung, nervous, and preoccupied with trivia. Positively, our parent may have encouraged and supported our verbal and intellectual abilities and provided us with considerable stimulation and challenge.

If our parent did not provide the nurturance we needed, we may have internalized messages which incline us to deny or explain away our feelings, and to remain open to too many outside influences at the expense of learning to make commitments or develop an area of expertise. Feeling insecure in our bodies and emotions, we may have exercised our mental capacities to such a degree that we have become adept at rationalization and prone to use words and superficial interactions to defend against our needs for real contact, intimacy and communication. Our task may be to reconnect with our feelings and bodies in such a way that we may think, communicate and structure our lives to make our mental activities and relationships truly nourishing.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Gemini is indicative of one who is mentally alert, keen on self-expression - perhaps a literary buff, a reporter, one who can tell a good story, is adaptable, versatile, and has a tendency to scatter his forces. Seems to move about constantly - if not physically, then certainly mentally. He can see various points of view, but doesn't often go too deeply into any one subject.

He can be perceptive, can hit at the truth in a lighthearted manner; he would make a good satirist, for he is flexible, tends to doubt the seriousness of his own acts, intentions, statements, writings. He would make an excellent humorist, but when things are not going just right, he is inclined to nervousness, brooding, self-suspicion, doubt, envy, and perhaps even a 'persecution complex'.

He is articulate, seldom at a loss for words; but he might spread himself too thin, at times becoming involved in absurd causes, attracting 'tricky' friends, flirting with the underground or passing a bit of money under the table.

He possesses a great amount of curiosity, but once he finds the answer, or thinks he has, he tends to lose interest. He does not have the staying power of the Moon in Taurus, but he is a better self-starter - more active and more likely to do something about changing an unpleasant situation.

Self-control is essential. Greater self-discipline is also necessary if the native is to be more than merely an attractive but superficial individual.

The native finds it fun to use his hands skillfully, such as in sleight-of-hand; he is fond of short journeys, getting around and contacting people. He would make an excellent salesman, is capable of living by his wits, and is willing to experiment with an occupation.

His strong points: versatility, curiosity. His weak one: a tendency to be superficial and flashy rather than thorough and knowledgeable.

(Haydn Paul)

You will feel an important need for mental stimulation, verbal communication, and a variety of relationships with others. Satisfying an alert curiosity and a desire to know will be a high priority, and your intellectual life will be a continuing sequence of 'fascinations', as exploring areas of human knowledge attracts your interest. While, over time, you can acquire a broad knowledge base, you may tend to develop only superficial knowledge, lacking real expertise in any particular subject. But the Gemini influence is like the magpie's activities, and accumulation is the game played; this may partly satisfy the lunar need for acquisitiveness. Displaying a fund of information will be enjoyable, and you hope that others will be impressed and respect you more.

Mental stimulation enlivens your life, although, with the combined Gemini restlessness and Moon changeability, interest will wax and wane in most subjects, only to be reawakened by the next exciting set of ideas. Indeed, words, ideas, and symbolic conceptual structures may be especially attractive; and in these you can almost become lost; the danger may lie in the trap of misrepresentation, where you focus on the pointing finger instead of that toward which it is pointing.

You may favor the Gemini dimension of this astrological relationship, and there are benefits from following this. Mental development through training and constant use can help your responses to a highly stimulating environment; and any knowledge acquired can always have a potentially practical application. Rational analysis can be used for decision-making; and a higher quality of interpersonal communication may also be achieved when involving the intellect.

Yet there are also the more negative aspects of a Gemini-placed planet. Since Gemini characteristics are favored, the Moon influence receives less expression and acknowledgement. The negative attributes of an unbalanced Gemini Moon can include a lack of mental consistency, unduly influenced by every temporary attraction. Ideas and projects may suddenly be dropped due to more exciting ones appearing. The inability to sustain interest and complete things may be a weakness, both intellectually and in relationships. You insist on the freedom to change, and tend to express this by seeking variety, even to the point of being fickle with lovers and friends. You may find difficulty remaining committed to any idea or person for long; and being easily bored and restless does not help to create stability.

The Moon's influence and needs are probably denied to some degree, and yet will still filter into your life despite attempts to block them. Your emotions are changeable, and represent an unintegrated realm of your nature, one with which you prefer not to have to deal too often. Their subtle influence often distorts your reasoning faculty - even without your conscious realization - and helps to form judgements, decisions, and personal values, even if you do disguise these in apparent rationality. Begin to examine your defensive arguments, and you'll observe a deep emotional bias to them; what you are really protecting are unacknowledged lunar tendencies.

You may also attempt to rationalize away feelings, reducing their impact or covering their inner messages - avoidance tactics. Ignoring instinctive feelings can lead to expressing more compulsive and negative Gemini-type behavior, such as excessive talking, continual information acquisition, engaging in a whirl of nonstop superficial social activity, or a general scattering and dissipation of personal energies.

If this happens, there may be an unconscious attempt to convey a message of confusion derived from previously ignored feelings and instincts. Often these are related to unease with the demands of your physical and emotional natures. Your mind has become overly dominating and out of harmony with other parts of your self. To redress this imbalance, you may need to reduce involvement in any wide diversity of activities and interests, and, at least temporarily, recenter yourself; stop displacing your identity into external interests and activities.

Relationships need transforming so that you become free to experience and express whatever you really feel, perhaps by concentrating on the quality of interpersonal communication with a more select and intimate group of friends and family. Essentially, you may need to re-evolve the Moon qualities in yourself, integrate denied feelings, and allow them release and acceptance. Intellectual activity should not be used as an escape from or substitute for personal feelings. You may need to reconnect to any repressed instinctual feelings, satisfy emotional needs, and integrate your personality, rather than believe that fulfillment can be still found by repeatedly ignoring inner promptings. These needs are also an integral part of you, and require acknowledgement.

(Skye Alexander)

You are generally easy-going and good-natured, and rarely stay angry or unhappy for long. Friendly, gregarious and sociable, you probably have a large circle of friends, lovers and acquaintances. You enjoy parties and get-togethers of all sorts, and will find any excuse to socialize. When you can't visit with friends or family members in person, you call them on the 'phone or write them long, chatty letters.

All types of communication interest you, and you are never at a loss for words. You

probably enjoy reading, writing, languages, word games, and of course, talking. Many people with this Moon placement have natural writing ability.

You are always eager to meet new people, and want to experience as many different kinds of relationships as possible. As a result, you find it almost impossible to remain faithful to one partner for long. You might miss out on something! Quantity is more important than quality to you, and you are inclined to be fickle. You'd prefer to have two (or more) partners simultaneously - if you can keep them from finding out about each other.

Emotionally shallow, you don't tend to form strong attachments or get deeply involved with anyone. Though you may marry or maintain long-term relationships, you never become really intimate with your partner(s). Unless you also have water signs prominent in your chart, it's almost as though you think your emotions rather than feel them. You aren't very introspective and don't examine life below the surface. Consequently, you tend to misinterpret other people's needs, motives and desires. Unless you have Scorpio or Capricorn energies prominent in your chart, you can be quite naive and are easily duped.

Freedom is important to you, and you don't want to be restricted by emotional demands. Jealousy and possessiveness have no place in your relationships, and if a partner becomes too clingy or serious you might start looking for someone new.

Infinitely curious, you want to know something about everything. A life-long student, you enjoy taking classes, reading, going to museums, attending lectures, socializing with people who can teach you new things, and sharing what you know with others. Ideas nourish you, and your minds never stops buzzing. Your interests are many and varied, and you'll try just about anything once. However, you have trouble sticking with anything for long, and don't usually become proficient in any area. Nervous and high-strung, you are rarely still, and tend to flit from one thing to another like a butterfly sampling flowers.

At an early age, you displayed your cleverness and your ability to learn quickly. You probably impressed your parents, who encouraged you to develop your mind. Perhaps your parents, or at least your mother (or nurturing parent), were intellectuals and valued mental ability. Your earliest recollections might be of your mother reading you stories or teaching you the alphabet. Your parents may have sent you to good schools and praised your mental acuity, but neglected to nurture your feeling side.

You strive to teach your own children all you can, and try to instill in them your love of knowledge. Though you enjoy talking with them, taking them places and playing games with them (non-physical ones), you aren't very comfortable showing them affection. Any sort of physical closeness can seem cloying, and your children may not get enough hugs and kisses from you.

Your physical home isn't terribly important to you, and you may never choose to own property; you don't want to be tied down or be responsible for maintaining it. Probably you change residences more often than most people. Other than books, you don't tend to acquire many possessions, and our home may seem rather stark and uncomfortable to those whose nesting instincts are stronger.

Because the Moon is an embodiment of female energy, women usually respond to it more easily than men do. Women with this Moon placement are likely to demonstrate their Gemini characteristics readily; men sometimes project this part of themselves onto the women in their lives and are attracted to women who are friendly, communicative, intelligent, high-strung and somewhat superficial.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are interested in the intimate contact of the moment. Your emotional personality requires variety and novelty rather than duration and depth of feeling. You are generally incapable of long-sustained feelings or of undivided loyalties. Though at times you can be insensitive, your perceptions are quick and accurate. You sustain impressions through thought rather than feeling.

Your senses serve the intellect rather than the emotions. This results in an ability for dispassionate observation and reasoning. Your mind is changeable and at times chaotic, but you can assimilate an indefinite amount of detail. Being versatile and adaptable, you may have two or more vocations, often at the same time.

You have a fondness for action and movement, either physical or mental. Your hands are able, facile and skillful, and you have a well-developed sense of smell. You are not intuitive, but rather you are observant, quick to form impressions, and usually able to verbalize these impressions.

You are drawn to artistic and literary professions or any area involving communications. A preference, even a need, to do several things at once is important for your psychological well-being. The intellectual ability of this placement often makes you an avid reader or a talented artisan.

You are reserved in personal matters, and at times others find you cold; you are more interested in the here and now than in the past. Torn apart by changing feelings, you can spread yourself too thinly and scatter your forces; this can manifest in nervous tension. You know how to play up to others, and at times you may be too shrewd for your own good. Your restless nature is always in search of something new.

This position of the Moon may indicate superficiality and a lack of domesticity in a woman's chart. A man with this placement is attracted to an intellectual partner who can fit herself into any social role.

You see your mother as emotionally detached, social and versatile, yet supportive of your education and early attempts at conversation.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is not really comfortable in this sign, and this may lead to some conflict within the personality. The instability of Gemini plus the fluctuating nature of the Moon could make your emotions a little too changeable and your nerves jumpy. If you have something steady such as Leo or Taurus on your Sun or Ascendant, then the Gemini nervousness would just be confined to bouts of irritability. You are impatient with demanding people and cannot cope with those who are chronically ill. Your own health is not all that good but you try to ignore bouts of illness and hardly ever take time off work to recover or recuperate.

The mutability of this sign gives you a fascination for new and interesting people and places, and this leads you into the kind of job where you continually come across new people and get around from place to place. You like to be in the swing of things, and hate to miss anything that is going on. Your private life is probably less changeable, but you certainly have many friends and can usually be found on the end of a 'phone somewhere.

Women with the Moon in Gemini need to be out at work. This is even stronger with the lunar type than in women who have the Sun in Gemini because the underlying nature is highly ambitious and rather calculating. Both sexes like the home to be clean and orderly but are not interested in doing much housework themselves. Both sexes like to look nice and tend to feel confident if they go out knowing that they are well dressed. Your mind is very active and you may be intellectual; even with very little formal education, you would be a deep reader and a self-educator. Your mind (unless Mercury is badly placed) is very quick and acute; and you have a fine, fast sense of humour and a gift for making amusing and witty comments. The reverse of this coin is that you may become sarcastic if irritated. Lunar Geminians think fairly deeply and are less likely to be content with surface knowledge than are Sun in Gemini subjects. However, in addition to this depth of thought, you also have a dustbin-like mind full of rag-tag bits of knowledge. Although chatty and friendly to every new face on your scene, you do have strong relationships with your family and you will keep your most personal friends for years. Your moods change quickly but you don't sulk, and you have no patience with those who do. Your attention span is strange; people who moan about their problems or go on at length about their pet subject bore you, but an interesting book or TV programme will hold you riveted for ages. Your thought processes are logical and you learn in an orderly fashion, but you can blend this logical approach with instinctive or even psychic awareness if there is help from other areas of your birthchart.

There is a kind of Peter Pan aspect to this Moon position which I think may also apply to

the other air signs of Libra and Aquarius. Somehow you never see yourself as quite grown up, and can continue to display quite babyish behaviour when away from the outside world. The reverse side of the coin is that you do seem to keep your youthful looks and a young outlook to life far longer than most. You have creative and artistic ability, and may paint, or make ornaments or interesting clothes. You may be interested in model-making or computer techniques. You have strong dress sense and a good eye for matching up an outfit.

If given the opportunity, you learn to drive a car while you are in your teens, explore your own neighbourhood, and then travel the world as soon as you are able. Cities appeal to you more than the countryside, and you particularly enjoy visiting foreign cities. You are resourceful and can usually find a way to solve practical problems. You are probably quite good with your hands.

Although not a social reformer, you hate racism and ill-treatment towards those who can't stand up for themselves such as children or animals. As a parent you would make quite sure that your own children were being well-treated, but would not want to spend all your time looking after them. Your worst fault is a certain inner coldness. You really cannot take to people who wish to lean upon you, and may give the appearance of having very little depth of concern for others. You can give practical help when it is needed, but you may find people's emotional problems hard to cope with. Being logical by nature, you cannot see how or why they fell into their particular emotional mess in the first place. Care must be taken to watch that your witty tongue does not spill over into sarcasm.

Oddly enough, you can suffer from depression at times, and can become so downhearted that you feel life to be a total waste of time. One case of those feelings might be when you are suffering from exhaustion, because you have few reserves of energy to call on and you have the habit of going beyond your limit if there is work to be done.

Some of you may delay marriage or parenthood until you feel that you are sufficiently grown up to cope with it, but when you do take the plunge, you are quite serious in your attitude. You make a delightful parent because you never quite grow up yourself; therefore, you relate easily to children. You will break the bank to provide them with a good education, and your children will never be short of books, materials of any other kind of mental stimulation. You will try to remain close to your grandchildren, as you value family life.

You can have a real problem in the realm of relationships, leading a very busy life which leaves you too tired and over-stretched for much relating. To some extent this is a mechanism which helps you to avoid the reality of responsible relating. This 'busy-busy' business could hide a deep well of unspoken unhappiness. You may avoid emotional commitment, preferring to keep your contacts with the opposite sex on a somewhat

shallow level. You could attract (or choose) a rather weak, dependent type of partner who would be drawn to your inner strength - remember Gemini is a positive sign, but you are better off with one who can stand on his or her own feet. Helen, a young Moon in Gemini travel agent, tells me 'I'm not so much afraid of commitment as bored by it. I still feel at my age (early twenties) that I want to play the field. I have to admit that to some extent I dread the thought of being tied down.' Perhaps you need to get in touch with your own feelings before being able to handle those of others. You could be a theorizer and, as far as emotions are concerned, you may prefer to read about emotional matters and to rationalize them than to feel the reality of them. To some extent this derives from a mistrust of the opposite sex and possibly a lack of sexual self-confidence. You don't like to be emotionally fenced in. Malcolm, a high successful Sales Manager for a vehicle hire firm, told me recently that he had just fallen in love for the first time at the age of forty-eight. 'Why?' I asked him, 'why now?' 'Well', he replied, 'I suppose I was always nervous of being somewhat vulnerable or of committing myself totally. I did go through some really stupid escapades with a number of totally mindless women at one time - escaping reality, I suppose.'

You don't suffer from jealousy if you see other people making a success of themselves; and, like most of the lunar masculine signs, you measure your own successes against your own achievements. Not being jealous or possessive yourself, you strongly resent being on the receiving end of this behaviour by others. You are proud of your achievements however, and also proud of your family. You could push your children educationally, and will make sacrifices in order to help your family.

Sex has to start in your mind and, if you are not careful, it can stay there too; like lunar Pisceans, you may be happier fantasizing about sex than actually indulging in it. If you find a compatible partner who encourages you to relax, you can bring all that sexuality down from your mind to reach the parts that the other beers cannot reach, and then you could become the lover you always wanted to be. You are easily put off by coarseness. Your nerves are sensitive; therefore, a quiet atmosphere, an amusing lover and a couple of drinks will work wonders. You may possibly experiment with bisexuality, and may privately enjoy rude books and even blue films! Oddly enough, both solar and lunar Geminians are tactile. They enjoy hugging, touching and being touched, as long as they are not smothered or held too close. Before leaving the fascinating subject of sex, it is worth noting that anyone with Gemini strongly marked on his chart can do two things at once!

The position of the Moon will not indicate any specific career, but will show your inner motivations. People, mental activity, words and travel are essential ingredients for your working life. You may work in sales, telephone or telex communications, or marketing. Writing, especially journalism, may appeal; also all forms of teaching. Your own education may have been of almost any quality, but many of you do teach yourself, then others, possibly in the realms of sports or dancing. You are generally respected by others both for what you know and for your pleasant way of handling people.

Your mind should be orderly (unless there are other indications on your birthchart) and you can organize both yourself and others. Travel appeals to you, especially air travel; and many lunar Geminians work in the airforce or the travel industry. You all seem to love driving, and may be able to pilot a plane as well. You have a quick grasp of new ideas, and can communicate them well to others. You are very good at handling people and make a wonderful manager. You can be canny and crafty in business; you love wheeling and dealing, and you may not always be a hundred percent honest. You are at your best when teamed up with a practical partner. As this sign rules the hands and arms, you could be a super craftsman, printer, manicurist, or even a palmist.

Oddly enough, religion and mysticism may interest you, but only on a surface level. You may enjoy the social side of a religious group rather more than the deeper elements of its philosophy.

(Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

The chances are that you had one parent, probably your father, who tended to lay down the law to you. This gave you an awareness of the need to be obedient and to conform with the parent's ideas of behaviour. Your childhood home was probably filled with books and educational aids; and your parents will have been quite happy for you to have tuition in practically anything. There would have been good conversation and interesting visitors in your home. You should have been born fairly easily and may have been the youngest child in a small family or the only one of one sex among a family of the opposite one. There is some evidence of deep unhappiness in childhood, and a sense of not fitting in anywhere. This may have been within the family or at school. You may have been on the receiving end of racial or religious prejudice! You may have been compared to other brothers and sisters, a dead child or even one of your parents, and found wanting. It is possible that you fancied working in the services or in a hospital but somehow this either doesn't happen or just doesn't work for you when you try it.

An unusual mother is indicated for you. She may be a career woman, highly intellectual or just plain eccentric! Your mother would have shown you, either by direct reference or by example, that women must be able to stand on their own two feet in life. This will influence you, if you are female, to become a career woman; if male, to choose a career woman for your partner.

The problems associated with this placement could jump back one generation and apply more closely to one of your parents's experiences of childhood.

This is not a healthy placement for the Moon, especially if it is also badly aspected by other planets. Your lungs may be weak; also there could be problems with your hands and arms. Some lunar Geminians suffer really horrendous accidents which affect their arms, hands, teeth and faces. This lunar position can lead to bones and features having

to be rebuilt! You can suffer allergies and may have one or two ailments from among the range of nervous or auto-immune diseases. This could be asthma, eczema, rheumatism, migraine, psoriasis, ulcers, colitis, etc.. Your nerves may be your worst enemy. You need to find an outlet for your nervous energy; sports, fresh air pursuits or even sex could help!

(Julia and Derek Parker)

A very quick verbal response to situations is characteristic of the subject who has Moon in Gemini. He or she will, especially when young, often express him- or herself in such a flurry of words that they can sometimes tumble out in an incoherent muddle.

The versatility of Gemini is present, and will be seen particularly when the subject is confronted with several tasks. Rather than consciously deciding on a particular order of preference or importance, the tendency will be to start all of them at the same time,

Our emotional responses are powerfully influenced by the Moon, so there can be conflict, when a contrary instinct to rationalize argues with emotion and intuition. The individual must come to terms with the fact that intuition and objective rationalism must merge and flow positively.

The Geminian tendency of not entirely trusting the emotions will be apparent; and, because we are dealing with the Moon, the traits will not be far from the surface when the subject is challenged.

The natural instinct to speak up will be very strong. For example, the individual will rush to telephone the local radio station in order to join in a discussion on a topic in which she has an interest or firm views. Indeed, this is one of the planetary placings that indicates a chatterbox!

A certain impatience and restlessness will also be obvious. While the individual may well be aware of this and do much to counter it, nevertheless it is to her advantage to realize that her resources of nervous energy are very high and must not be allowed to stagnate. This is where difficulties can be encountered, especially if other areas of the chart suggest a much slower, more stolid personality.

In theory, there should be the ability to get the best of both worlds, with the Gemini Moon adding a natural quickness of response and the heavier traits contributing stability and patience. Good aspects between the Moon and other personal planets will help, and there could well be a positive or negative link as a result of Mercury's influence.

Sometimes nervous strain and pressure can lead to periods of tension, and digestive problems may be one of the results. In certain cases, because of the Gemini connection with the lungs, asthma (again as a result of tension or worry) may be a problem.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker)

The Moon in the sign Gemini indicates an emotional nature that is likely to be vacillating, although quick-wittedness and resourcefulness are also present.

Persons with the Moon in Gemini tend to talk incessantly, sometimes to the point of annoying others; they are the type of person who never gets off the 'phone. They are inclined to rationalize their emotions, so that sometimes they do not know what they really feel. There is a great deal of restlessness, with frequent changes of residence and many short journeys. These people are often nervous and fidgety.

With this position, there is a tendency to spread oneself too thinly; to become excited momentarily by many ideas without being able to follow through on them. If the Moon is well-aspected and other factors in the chart indicate practical ability, there can be resourcefulness in thinking up solutions to practical and domestic problems. If the chart is favorable, this Moon position can subject the emotions to rational analysis. However, if the Moon is afflicted, the emotions can distort reason. Heavy afflictions to this Moon position indicate excessive vacillation, superficiality, and confusion.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a friendly though potentially flippant soul. You need to be in communication with Other - but without resorting to rationalizing emotions. You have the instinct to acquire knowledge - but should avoid overlooking feelings. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is quick and light-hearted, and / or shallow and cynical.

You naturally respond with a carefree lightness that gives Other the impression of your being fun, interesting, and easy to be with. You respond to Other's problems and questions with a ready wit and an informed mind. You respond with bright ideas and alternatives that refresh and stimulate Other.

Your inner child reacts by skipping over or trivializing deep or difficult feelings that you or Other might be experiencing or presenting; with clever quips or fast and easy remedies that are ultimately ineffectual; and in a contrary way that disputes or twists much of what Other thinks or says.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who are emotionally uncomplicated and who feel no need to plumb the depths of the soul; towards Others who (also) appear to be flighty, naughty and hard to pin down; and towards Others who are mentally stimulating and 'in the know'.

You can get caught up in relationships which lack the 'X factor' or the opportunity to reach the part that you find, through dissatisfaction, you want reached; in 'curiosity killed

the cat' situations where you get in over your head and so have to become more emotionally earnest; and in 'all head and no heart' situations.

When you are alone, it is more than likely to be because you find it hard to commit to a relationship deeply enough for it to be sustained, and you have flitted on to another flower, or are in the process of doing so. Having said this though, it is quite unusual for Moon in Gemini to be on its own because you are so adept at making new contacts, friends and lovers - as well as keeping things interesting. However, if you are alone, or caught between two Others, as it were; or if you are feeling alone within a relationship, it will be because of that reluctance to commit. Consequently, Other could give up on you for sitting on the fence too long; or no Other would be forthcoming at all because you are putting out this 'non-committal vibe'. Behind your fears of commitment is a predisposition to avoid confronting what is called the 'dark twin' - that is, the side to your personality that you don't want anyone to know about because you believe it to be unacceptable. But this is possibly down to your mother not recognizing this facet of your personality. So it is not really 'bad', but just made to feel that way through not being acknowledged when you were little.

(John Townley)

Your style of lovemaking is very supple and adaptable; you happily participate in any kind of loving that pleases your partner. Indeed, you could become a true expert in sexual technique.

Do not let the physical elements of sex interfere with or overcome the emotional side of loving. Sometimes deeper communication gets lost in the complexities of a pyrotechnical sexual performance, and for that reason it may be better to keep it simple and sincere.

Many people find it hard to talk about sex, but you should have little trouble in discussing it openly, finding out just what your lover's tastes are and how you can best please each other. Your partner should have a good sense of humor, because someone who takes sex very seriously is seldom willing to talk much about it, oddly enough.

You should choose a partner who is not too possessive, for you need to know that you have freedom, even if you don't choose to exercise it. Be careful about making a personal commitment, for a lover may take it more seriously than it is meant, which could cause harm inadvertently. A few words spelling out your expectations from time to time will make the relationship go more easily.

Moon ☾ in 9th House

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

not for long.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, the Moon reveals that you nurture yourself mentally. The higher mind is emotionally satisfying; and you need to move into those airy realms of pure thought in order to feel safe and certain, every single day of your life. Your interest in thinking is automatic and habitual, although your thoughts are not. You also nurture others by providing the same mental food for them, offering the comfort of

wisdom. This is one of your strongest traits, though it can also be a pitfall. People don't always appreciate mental generalizations when they're needy, no matter how true or optimistic the message may be. Your challenge is to learn about the protection of maternal images, including the Earth herself. Feed yourself from her wisdom.

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

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

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

Ideal society: You believe society would be a better place if it were safer for all of us to open our emotions, to express our needs more honestly. There would be no hunger, neither physical nor emotional. Pure mentality would be relegated to a back seat, used only as a tool for better communication of feeling. You idealize a more secure culture where family values are sacred, but not limited to mere biological relatedness. You want the world to become one huge family, where the predominant concern is for children, either literal young ones, or the child within each of us. As Ruler of the World, you would be warmly maternal, firm in discipline, but willing to take us back into the fold.

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

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

Maintaining a high standard of ethics in your job and in your dealings with the public is very important. Otherwise you risk severe chastisement, which could undermine your career. Your superiors may ask you to take liberties with what is legally acceptable in your career, but you must refuse. You don't need that kind of harassment, and you can surely succeed without it. With your resources, you can always offer your professional services to people who need them. Your career could be in family counselling as well as in counselling groups or individuals about their financial affairs.

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

Mercury ♀ in ♈ Aries 17° 10'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you fear losing the visible impact of direct and authoritative communication, you cease to communicate successfully with others. You may have a tendency to speak in ways that appear aggressive, overbearing, and almost militant in expression. This challenging, intimidating attitude toward the audience can result in alienation and misunderstanding.

Dynamic

When your attention is on communicating in a way that inspires others to act, your

natural sense of combat is turned into a creative, stimulating interaction. By focusing on inspiring others, you are able to express yourself in ways that awaken them to new perceptions of their immediate circumstances. By becoming aware of their reactions, you can know in advance the impact your communication will have. This awareness of the other person leads to gaining the Aries sense of freedom for assertive expression.

(Grant Lewi)

Your reaction to sense impressions is keen and alert. You detect smells, sounds, sights and tastes acutely and are very much alive to what you do or don't like in the world of sense impressions. Your sense of touch is not as alert as the others senses, though you are capable of training this sense if one of the others is served by it. Thus you can develop the sensitive fingers of a musician (violinist or pianist), making your touch serve hearing; or the robust hands of a sculptor, to make touch serve sight. Your reaction to sense impressions is personal; you interpret what you sense in the light of your ego, and are a scientific observer only if your total ego development is along those lines. Generally you will be impressed by, and remember, what serves your purposes; let the chips fall where they may. Sound is very important to you, and you should strive to live only amid harmonious and agreeable sounds. Cultivate the habit of listening to music, for sound penetrates directly to your ego centers, and, if it is harmonious, serves to harmonize your whole nature.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aries, Mercury tells of one who reacts quickly, is sensitive, perceives artistic values; appreciates originality; is delighted by skill, talent and creativity; and is capable of offering criticism on the highest level. The astrologer must help the native to become something more than merely clever. He needs to learn the value of being thorough, determined - creative rather than merely headstrong.

Indications are that the native is fluent in speech. Grant Lewi makes that point that sound is very important to the native, and he should strive to live amid 'agreeable' sounds. The native, thus, would be attracted to music and should be encouraged to develop his sense of music appreciation. He reacts to first impressions and must avoid acting completely on impulse. He has an active imagination but requires direction, discipline and realization of his own potential.

(Skye Alexander)

Your mind is quick and active, and you tend to grasp concepts with lightning speed. If an idea or subject interests you, you pursue it with fervor and enthusiasm. However, you have trouble sticking with anything for long, and your memory isn't very good. Your mind is always racing from one thought to another, and you find it difficult to concentrate. Consequently, you probably weren't an 'A' student even if you are quite bright. Mentally

restless and easily bored, you need to be continually challenged intellectually in order to keep you interested.

You especially enjoy exploring new ideas and concepts. You don't believe something just because everyone else does, and you can be something of a renegade thinker. Conventional wisdom and accepted truths don't have much value for you, and you are eager to contest them with original ideas of your own. This is the position of the inventor and the adventurer. Because you aren't blinded by religious attitudes and beliefs, you sometimes come up with brilliant insights and epiphanies. But in your headlong rush to discover the new you sometimes overlook important bits of information or are careless in your research.

You have a powerful voice and tend to speak loudly and forcefully. This planetary position often signifies the dynamic orator or the irritating loud-mouth. You love to argue, and will debate almost any issue heatedly, even if your purpose is only to exercise your mental muscles. Verbally assertive, even provocative, you get yourself into trouble regularly because you don't know when to hold your tongue or use a bit of tact. You have a real knack for saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. Even when you aren't angry, your tone of voice can be so abrasive that it antagonizes others immediately; and you can be difficult to get along with. Your bark, however, is much worse than your bite, and if your Sun is in Taurus or Pisces you are probably a pussycat who roars like a lion.

You often espouse unconventional beliefs, and aren't afraid to champion an unpopular cause. Direct and honest (sometimes brutally so), you say what you think. Not deceitful, you believe in laying all your cards on the table so that everyone knows where you stand and what your intentions are. Your purity of intent at times is so innocent and naive, though, that people who are more conniving or cunning can easily take advantage of you.

Mercury in Aries focuses energy into your hands, giving you great manual strength and / or speed.

Saturn aspects to your Mercury will help discipline your mind and focus your attention so that you can direct your mental energy into productive channels. They also improve your memory so that you are more likely to retain what you learn.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are imaginative, and you have good foresight and a desire to be first in everything. You can express yourself easily, and you can improvise beautifully. At times you use your nervous energies cuttingly or even sarcastically. Impetuous and impulsive, you may tend to sudden shifts and changes of viewpoint. This placement is not well adapted for sustained mental effort; therefore you need to cultivate patience and learn not to be impatient with delays. Witty, inventive and quick on the trigger, you have original ideas.

Combative, you love a good debate. Sometimes you can be too headstrong or too self-centred. If there are challenging aspects from Mercury to Jupiter in your chart, you are prone to exaggeration. You tend to look at the world as you wish it to be, not as it really is. Many fixed planets in your chart will help to stabilize this placement of Mercury.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury placed in the sign Aries indicates a way of thinking that is inclined to be decisive and competitive. The natives are fond of debate and argument. They often have the ability to think rapidly, and may produce many original ideas. However, they can be impulsive when making decisions and see things from too personal a point of view. If carried too far, this tendency can result in intellectual egotism and headstrong attitudes.

These people are impatient with opposition and delays; consequently, they will often act just to make a decision, to avoid being subjected to lengthy, frustrating decisionmaking processes. But their impulsiveness means they do not always follow through on ideas they initiate, unless a fixed sign emphasized in the horoscope indicates otherwise.

If Mercury is afflicted in this sign, there can be irritability and a quick temper.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This gives decisiveness, quick thinking, and the ability to assess problems in a straightforward way. If Mercury is in negative aspect to Mars there may be impulsive thinking and hasty actions. Usually, however, the natural decisiveness works well, with the individual making the right choice and taking positive, assertive action. There is a love of argument and debate, with a tendency towards stimulating and provocative remarks. Generally fools are not suffered gladly; the individual comes straight to the point, and his or her outlook is both positive and optimistic. The overall grasp is excellent; but help is advisable when making plans, for he is bored by detail and prefers the broad sweep of a project. It can be difficult to concentrate for long, so study may be erratic. Here is someone who will stay up all night before an exam - and often this is no bad thing, since he is more concerned with the here and now than with facts he tried months before to memorise.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, Mercury in Aries adds necessary decisiveness, a more positive outlook, and to a certain extent more self-assurance. The imagination will be ignited, and as a result the creative potential will be expressed positively when in other cases it can lie dormant due to lack of self-confidence. The high emotional level of Pisces will be expressed; and the ability to communicate feelings enhanced, although if Mercury is negatively aspected by the Moon or Uranus there can be an above-average amount of tension, and excitable, positive moods can alternate with periods of uncertainty. Piscean strength of will is increased.

If the Sun sign is Aries, the Arian need for action, and to be out in front, is spiced with extremely quick thinking processes. There is a general hastiness, with patience almost non-existent, unless the Moon or Ascendant suggests otherwise. Directness of approach, decisiveness and positive, uncomplicated thinking are splendidly in tune with Arian characteristics; and if they can be tempered (look for positive help from Saturn) the individual will certainly make his or her mark on the world. Impulsive, hasty actions with unnecessary risk-taking, and selfishness due to a lack of thought, must be controlled.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, speed and vivacity are added to the stable Taurean type, making him or her less cautious but more assertively decisive. However, the individual will also be less patient and may even show some irritation when others do not greet his ideas or suggestions in the right way. Problems and projects are approached with realism and enthusiasm; and the Taurean need for careful planning will be enhanced by the ability to grasp a situation quickly and concisely. A spirit of enterprise blends with the Taurus business ability.

Mercury ♀ in 7th House

(Freda Edis)

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

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

The sign on the house cusp of the seventh will affect the operation of Mercury. With Pisces on the cusp, the planet may allow people the capacity to talk through emotional difficulties with a partner, though not without some vacillation between conflicting

emotions. Mercury with Gemini here can lead to underestimating emotional needs. These people may delude themselves by thinking that all difficulties can be worked out rationally, or they may pick partners who show these traits. Aspects of Mercury to any seventh-house planets will also affect the quality of the relationship.

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

These people can't be accused of being locked up in themselves. They look to others in order to know and understand themselves. On the path to self-knowledge, they may give themselves over completely to a teacher at some point, or go from teacher to teacher, ever seeking self-revelation. They are not usually secure enough in their egos to seek the limelight.

They are usually restless, without as well as within, seeking an ideal place to dwell, and will travel a lot, or go from one living place to another. They may even try to change

themselves totally in some way once or twice by moving away from home, changing their names, and so on.

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

Co-operation: You are compelled not so much by co-operation as by ongoing negotiations. You are not always co-operative, but you're more than willing to discuss the possibility, sometimes endlessly. You're stimulated by differences more than by togetherness. The pitfall is remaining in a never-ending series of negotiations, setting up

the rules, defining the exceptions, tallying what's already been decided, etc., without ever co-operating productively. You're susceptible to logical argument, however, and can be convinced by a silver tongue, so remember the challenge of coming back to yourself, or you discover yourself creating something with which you don't even agree.

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

Your most urgent priority is learning to be more self-sufficient and have enough confidence to make personal decisions. you are too easily intimidated by competition, so that you don't assert yourself enough. you should compromise only as much as your career requires. You are at a crossroads, and there is tension between your early conditioning and your aspirations. Making the right decisions for yourself, in spite of your parents' opinions, will be a critical factor in determining your destiny. To fulfill your personal desires, you must either concur with parental suggestions or risk alienation. Your task is to help people establish a foundation on which they can successfully build

their ambitions.

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

While being careful not to approach the whole delicate and mysterious area of relationship too much 'from the head', some degree of objectivity and detachment is required to sustain a long-term involvement. With Mercury in the 7th, many problems can be 'worked through' if they are discussed and analysed. Some people with this placement may be fairly (or should I say 'unfairly?') critical and judgemental about 'those little things' which their partners do that annoy them. Fortunately, the antics of the god Mercury remind us that a sense of humour about such things is the great balancer.

Venus ♀ in ♓ Pisces 16° 5'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might lose your sense of self-worth if you withhold sharing your compassion with others. Fears of inadequacy may suppress potential psychic healing ability. The result may be a feeling of helplessness to alleviate the discomforts that affect others.

When you allow other people to take advantage of your gentle, sympathetic manner and you absorb their ills, you might experience a depletion of energy. Indiscriminately indulging in the Pisces romantic ideal of serving and helping others may diminish your self-worth.

Dynamic

You have a natural gift for relating to others on the level of unconditioning love. Your compassion can overcome any social disharmony that arises.

When you see beyond the rules and regulations to the spiritual purpose of relationships, your compassionate understanding and willingness to fully participate can automatically heal the situation. You are able to establish a firm sense of self-worth through sharing with others your ability to respond with compassion to both the seen and the unseen sources of disharmony.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Venus in all the water signs tends to be non-judgemental, but it is especially so in Pisces. Someone with this placement has a tremendous capacity for compassion and selfless, devoted love. More than the other water signs, these people lack discrimination and can have their feelings easily played upon. Believing the best of others, they lay themselves open to hurt, felt all the more keenly because of their sensitivity. When hurt, they act like a wounded creature and retreat a long way away. They can then be very hard to reach; someone with Venus in Pisces can become 'lost' to his or her partner.

People with Venus in Pisces will be romantic and idealistic. They will yearn for a perfect love, which they may not find. Because they expect so much, they are easily disappointed and disillusioned in relationships. As a consequence, they may spend long periods not involved with anyone, not wanting to settle for less than the perfect love they dream of. They may hold on to the memory of one brief ecstatic liaison and treasure that for ever in their heart, content not to have any current involvement. They may live with a fantasy of an unrealized love, projected either onto a real acquaintance or onto

someone with whom they have no actual contact, such as a film star or an imaginary character.

Whether in reality or in the imagination, someone with Venus in Pisces can love a partner in an undying way. These people promise eternal love; and this is what they long for. This is the stuff that fairy-tales are made of.

When their capacity for selfless devotion is misdirected, Venus in Pisces people can confuse sacrifice and martyrdom with love. They can allow themselves to become a doormat in their relationships. They wield a convoluted power as a hard-done-by victim over their loved ones, playing on their partner's guilt. This is by far the most extreme and distorted face of Venus in Pisces.

Someone with Venus in Pisces may have spiritual beliefs, or may simply long for a sense of a spiritual connection to someone he / she loves. The love he / she offers can be more akin to that of a spiritual devotee for a Master, which when offered to a mere mortal is bound to end in pain. Nevertheless, at its best Venus in Pisces is capable of a love that has a spiritual component, which transcends the more mundane level of life and unites them through another level on a higher plane.

(Skye Alexander)

You have a wonderful imagination and a keen sensitivity to color, tone and rhythm; and you might possess great artistic ability. You hear the music of the spheres; and your inner world is full of visions of exquisite beauty or horror. This position can be indicative of the creative genius or the madman. Your imagination sometimes overwhelms you; and your hypersensitivity can make it difficult for you to deal with the harsh and ugly side of life.

Though you might have plenty of talent, you tend to be lazy about developing it. Being an artist requires discipline and effort; but you'd rather dream about your creations than work to bring them to fruition. You could benefit from the influence of a strong, pragmatic manager or partner, someone who will push you to do your best.

In relationships, you are inclined to be overly idealistic. You are looking for the perfect lover; and nothing less than Apollo or Aphrodite will do. As a result, you usually end up disappointed by mere mortals. You might reject all possible lovers' flaws because none meets your unrealistic standards. Or, you may deny your partner's flaws and see him / her in the light of your romantic fantasies, just as Don Quixote imagined the prostitute Aldonza Lorenzo was the virtuous lady Dulcinea. Your capacity to delude yourself is infinite; and your unwillingness to look at your partner's true character can cause you to get involved with people who aren't right for you or who take advantage of you. Even if you end up in a relationship that is happy and enduring, you probably have a good many false illusions about your lover and the partnership in general.

Extremely emotional and romantic, you want to be able to share your deep, intense feelings with your lover and to relate to him / her on an intuitive level. So sensitive and attuned are you to your partner that you seem to be linked psychically. Ideally, you'd like to erase the physical boundaries between you and become totally enmeshed in each other. What you are looking for - a soul-mate, a spiritual union - is hard to find on the Earth plane.

A sucker for a hard-luck story, you have a soft, forgiving and gullible heart. You want to help those who are less fortunate than yourself, and thus may fall for someone who seems to need you, someone you can 'save'. For instance, a person who has a substance abuse problem or some other emotional or physical disability awakens your compassionate feelings and your desire to be needed. You often mistake pity for love. In relationships, you tend to see yourself as the savior / martyr, sacrificing your own best interests for your partner; and doing so makes you feel virtuous. However, this is a subtle form of manipulation, for in reality you are attempting to make over your lover, and you might be surprised to find that she / he resents you for it. You appear to be meek and passive in the relationship, but you actually have a great deal of hidden power.

Women with this planetary placing can seem almost ethereal. Your idea of femininity is being gentle, delicate, graceful and helpful. It may be hard for you to assert yourself because, to you, it's 'unladylike' to go after what you want or to stand up for yourself. You may even feel that you don't deserve to get what you want, and that it's better to give than to receive. Therefore, you might let yourself be pushed around by your partners (unless your Sun is in Aries or Aquarius). Because you don't have a very clear image of who you are and tend to undervalue yourself, you are easily influenced by others, and try to become what you believe others want you to be.

Your love of beauty, color, texture, etc., might inspire an interest in fashion. Even as an adult, you enjoy playing dress-up, creating different illusions with costumes and make-up; and you may be quite photogenic.

Men with Venus in Pisces are attracted to women who are passive, fragile, sensitive and pretty in a delicate, china-doll way. You tend to put women on a pedestal, and are looking for a fairy princess rather than a human being. Your ideal woman is Cinderella. Strongwilled, outspoken or independent women don't interest you much. Nor do you find earthy or sensual women very appealing. Both types are too threatening. You want someone who needs you, is completely devoted to you, and professes her undying love in poetry and song; but you almost prefer to worship her from afar because touching her would destroy the fantasy.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Pisces is in its exaltation. Here, the love principle reaches its highest evolutionary development; the natives marry for love, no other considerations being of

any consequence. Venus in this sign manifests deep compassion and sympathy verging on spirituality - the understanding of and unity with all life. The universality of Venus in Aquarius, combined with the empathy and emotional depth of Pisces - which is ruled by Neptune - produces an emotional rapport with the life of all creatures in the universe. The individual sees the Eternal Life principle flowing through all manifestation, uniting the soul with all life. These people have a high capacity to understand the feelings of others; they know what it is like to be in another person's shoes. The experience of having been through all the signs of the Zodiac gives the soul the ability to identify with all types of humanity.

People with this position of Venus are romantic and sensitive. Unless they receive clear demonstrations of love and affection from others, they feel lonely and disappointed. Sometimes, the disappointment leads to a feeling of martyrdom, which may be sublimated into religious expressions. Or it may lead to neurotic tendencies or mental illness. The Neptunian rulership of Pisces gives intuitive inspiration to Venus, making these people capable of drawing on higher dimensions for resources in artistic, poetic, and musical creation; many great composers, artists and poets have Venus in Pisces. This Venus position probably has more innate ability for inspired artistic creativity than other placements.

Because the natives are highly sensitive to the suffering of others, people may take advantage of their sympathies unless their discrimination is well-developed. Their extreme emotional sensitivity means they are often afraid of being hurt through rejection; thus, they hesitate to express their feelings, suffering the pangs of love in silence. Sometimes they miss romantic opportunities. They are inclined to become emotionally dependent on others or have others become emotionally dependent on them.

If Venus is afflicted in Pisces, there can be excessive sentimentality, lack of discrimination in choosing love objects, laziness, hypersensitivity, and overdependence on others. Strong emotions can stand in the way of objective perception of reality.

(Grant Lewi)

Your response to emotional stimuli is a good deal deeper than you are able to get across to those you love. What you feel is difficult for you to express; and frequently you are misunderstood and imposed on because of this. Your muscles react to emotional stimuli - your impulse is to do something for the loved one, to run errands and to give presents; and you get genuine joy from the giving. Your judgement of people isn't too good; this is because your deepest interest is in your emotions for their own sake, and secondarily in the person on whom they are fixed. As a result, they frequently fix on someone not especially interested in you, and you may lavish a lot of emotion and attention before you find that your love is not reciprocated. Your own responses are true and fine; you expect the same of others, and must learn to estimate others better in order to get back from the world some fair return for all the devotion you give to it.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus rules personal affection and Neptune rules divine compassion. Venus in Neptune's home, Pisces, symbolizes the love that is willing to sacrifice and is not afraid of suffering. It is wounded often by its understanding of love. It is exalted in the sign Pisces because it has come to understand that only through love can we know the freedom of the spirit. Aphrodite, rising out of the foam of the ocean (ruled by Neptune), symbolizes the love that rises out of the sea of emotions and finds herself free in the upper air (symbol of spirit). Highly emotional and supersensitive, she suffers through love. Through suffering she goes free. Poetical and musical. Extremely psychic. Attracted to the underdog and those less fortunate. Needs to learn discrimination where love of a personal nature is concerned. Softness and tenderness is part of her nature, with a great capacity for self-sacrifice and devotion. An extremely romantic nature. In the younger soul a strength of character is missing. When disappointment and disillusion come, there is a retreat rather than a facing up to difficulties. With Venus in Pisces one must love for love's sake. Personal love must be lost in divine compassion.

Freedom in Pisces can only come through spiritual growth and understanding.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The emotional level is greatly increased, and the individual is entirely swayed by emotion in all spheres of life. The subject can all too easily be taken advantage of, and as a result usually learns the hard way, often tending to make the same mistakes (especially emotional ones) time and time again. Look for other indications of a practical approach and rational outlook - Mercury in Capricorn or Aquarius will help. The need to express love and affection is powerful and sincere, albeit sentimental at times. Care is needed that self-deception or a tendency not to face facts is countered. Parents of a child with this placing must firmly encourage truthfulness. Taking the easy way out of difficult situations is common, especially in relationships. Self-confidence may be undermined, especially with regard to the powers of attraction. Charity can become a fault, leading to cashflow problems. This is a tender and caring friend.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, this Venus placing warms the Capricorn heart and softens the attitude towards partners. Social climbing is less pronounced; and time will be spent enjoying relationships and children, rather than worrying about material matters. Capricorn characteristics will counter the gullible emotion of Pisces, adding common sense to the extreme fluidity of the Piscean emotion. Here is a practical and sympathetic friend. In financial affairs, and particularly investment, the intuition should be followed.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, this placing adds to the kind, humanitarian and charitable qualities of Aquarius and warms the emotions, making the subject more responsive and less distant. Emotional involvement is increased, yet Piscean emotion will blend with

Aquarian independence. This is an understanding and sympathetic friend. Money may be handled badly - advise professional help.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, there is a great deal that is beautiful about this placing, but the individual must realize that his or her emotions can dominate all too easily. Too much kindness and sympathy may exist, plus a tendency to become a doormat. Sacrifices may be made to the considerable detriment of the subject. All indications described for Venus in Pisces generally (above) will apply very strongly. Financial problems can occur through excessive generosity.

If the Sun sign is Aries, here the Fire and Water emotions are combined, but the fire of Aries gives a natural assertiveness so that inner strength will be added to the warmth, kindness and passion. The placing softens the selfishness of Aries, and adds understanding and sympathy. There is great sexual exuberance, making for an enthusiastic partner. Both partners and friends will be given positive encouragement. Money-making ideas can sometimes be harmed by an overly enterprising spirit. Look for other indications of practical common sense.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, this is a delightful combination, giving a gentle but nonetheless deep and meaningful expression of feelings. Taurean possessiveness is less likely to be a stumbling block, but emotional security is important. The emotion of Venus is controlled, creating an individual who is a very caring, passionate and sensual lover. Too much money can be spent on creature comforts.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Pisces, Venus feels a great need for self-expression, but often finds it difficult to get his point across. The native is subject to being misunderstood, though generally he is kind, sympathetic, and easily impressed. He is philanthropic, and attracted to work in connection with institutions; he helps the underdog, has friends among those who are weak or afflicted with emotional or physical difficulties. He gains pleasure through secret affairs of the heart, is attracted to the occult, and tends to resign himself to his fate - he is not always fortunate in affairs of the heart.

The astrologer must help the native overcome a tendency to be more indolent, satisfied merely with existing instead of living life to its fullest. He is more vital in helping others than in aiding himself. He must become less modest, more direct, and a bit more determined to better his own position. His greatest need: more ambition, and greater appreciation for the material things in life.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a compassionate, though potentially deluded, lover. Love for you is something that is all-encompassing and unconditional, extending to all forms of life, not just the

human. You are thereby able to tune into the very soul of Other, inspiring and releasing talents and relieving pain and longing. However, you can be taken down to levels of acute suffering by such self-sacrificing devotion or addiction for it may indicate little love for yourself, and as such is delusory to the point of sheer fanct.

You attract with a pervasive charm that evokes in Other romantic feelings and soulful longings; with creative or healing talents that enchant Other, making him or her fan, follower or slave; and with a compassionate and seemingly selfless sensitivity that tunes into exactly what Other wants or needs at the time.

You repel with a seductiveness that works overtime to meet unrealistic and fanciful expectations; with a switching back and forth between total submission and wanton evasiveness; and with an almost insane idealizing of Other, or preoccupation with him / her, that eventually makes him / her (want to) run away from you.

You are attracted to glamorous, wayward, otherworldly Others who weave a spell; to an Other who is unavailable because you are into dreaming rather than having; and to losers and sad cases, because they appeal to your compassionate soul.

You are repelled by harsh, brassy, over-confident Others who are only into material things; by a dream that is in danger of coming true, because then you'll have to live up to it; and by Others who take advantage of you - or at least, you should be!

When you are alone, it is because it's Nature's way of giving you an emotional cold turkey. You are so prone to becoming addicted to Other, or rather your idea of him / her, that isolating you and denying you a 'fix' is the only realistic way of getting you to face the music and own up to the facts. Until you realize and appreciate that you are being victim to some notion or feeling that has more to do with your own soul or past hurts than with Other, then you will be forcibly and unavoidably 'on the wagon'. An alternative to this, or possibly a stage or so further on from it, is that you are learning to 'suffer nobly', which means that you are having to turn the other cheek for the overall good, whatever that might mean to you. For instance, your suffering may be the only way that Other can learn a lesson that he / she has long been avoiding.

(John Townley)

You most enjoy the attentions of a lover who gives the utmost in love and devotion and holds nothing back from you. Under such conditions, you can achieve a total communion in love that is matched by nothing else. Sex in itself is not so alluring to you; but with the right lover, it can be a powerful vehicle for deep communication.

Because you prefer not to be too verbal about your needs, you appreciate a lover who can intuitively plumb your feelings and discern your most intimate desires without asking. But that is a lot to expect of anyone all the time, so try to meet your partner halfway and

help him or her get to know you well.

Your sexuality may become mixed with religious feelings, and to that extent may elude physical manifestation entirely for periods of time. There is some advantage to being able to attach the power of sexuality to higher spiritual goals; but unless you are careful, this tendency can degenerate into sexual confusion or religiosity without transcendence. Doing this successfully requires considerable self-awareness, and you should think very carefully before turning your sexual energies in this direction; it takes great strength of mind to make abstinence pay off spiritually and not simply end up as frustration.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Devotion is expressed through sacrificial service.

Symbol: A nurse massages a patient's feet.

Pisces brings out the best in Venus. It elevates and refines the sentiments and gives a capacity for humble, self-abnegating co-operation. People born with this combination are endowed with a profound appreciation of beauty; but the art most valued is the art of loving. Less voluptuous than the earthy Venusians of Taurus, and less contriving than the socially ambitious Venusians of Libra, they have tender and solicitous emotions. They are more vulnerable to hurt; but the suffering they endure is often a purifying force in their lives and may be transmuted into sympathetic understanding of the woes of others. Their willingness to be helpful is seldom confined to family and friends, but diffuses into a general compassion for all who are in distress.

Venusian Pisceans are particularly fond of music. Even when they do not produce it themselves, they are strongly affected by the moods music creates. They also have a fondness for art, poetry, and dancing, especially the ballet.

If a capacity for discipline is not shown elsewhere in the chart, this proclivity to be emotionally swayed may give way to maudlin sentimentality, as though the Piscean waters were melting the practicality of Venus into a shapeless slush. In matters of love, such individuals may be too easygoing and submissive, yielding to inveiglement when a firm stand would be better for all concerned. Venus in Neptune's sign would never be deliberately hurtful, but it can be muddlesome owing to deviousness and an inability to face facts.

People with Venus in Pisces believe that marriages are made in heaven, and idealize their partners. They cannot live for themselves alone, but want to share their pleasures with an appreciative companion from whose reactions they derive a vicarious satisfaction. Their eagerness to merge their personality with that of their loved one in a romanticized relationship may induce them to sacrifice their own best interests for an insubstantial dream.

There may be times when these tenderhearted people should be prodded into standing up for their rights, even if it involves saying 'no' to a friend, relative, or spouse. Otherwise, an unconscious resentment against those who draw unduly upon their time and resources may build up beneath a façade of charity or devotion and lead to a vicious cycle of guilt and atonement. Although there is always a possibility of neurotic self-denial, Venus is sufficiently well-placed in Pisces to confer a genuine desire to be of assistance.

From a metaphysical viewpoint, the exaltation of Venus in Pisces shows that love is the final goal of the evolutionary process. The journey of Venus through the zodiac gives a marvellous symbolic picture of the soul's circuitous passage through the signs, as it endeavors first to engross itself in the material world and then to extricate itself.

In Pisces, Venus is exalted. The work of Saturn has ended, and there supervenes the sacrificial (or sacred) love of Neptune, planet of transcendence.

The Venusian Piscean is completing one stage of his earthly journey. He may have other rounds to travel, but at this point he should be capable of experiencing some measure of the reverence for life which is the seed of the divine compassion by whose grace Matter is redeemed and made to shine from within.

(Donna van Toen)

You need a very emotional, sympathetic, affectionate mate, preferably one who's not too moody; as you may have a tendency to absorb negativity and let it get you down. You need love to be expressed constantly, consistently, and gently in order to be happy. Sex is probably less important than kisses and cuddles. If you have a belief in a specific religion or a branch of metaphysics or astrology or whatever, this needs to be respected as well. If these convictions are belittled or interfered with, you can become very mixed up and may feel you have to make a choice between your mate / lover and your beliefs. Sacrificing either for the other is apt to cause pain.

(Robert Hand)

A dreamy and fanciful person, you like books that appeal to your romantic sense of adventure, and stories set in weird fairylands with beautiful princesses and dashing heroes. Often your private fantasies seem much more interesting and beautiful than reality, but you will have to learn to deal with the real world, too. While you are young, you should develop enough discipline to stay in touch with reality when your dreams are more appealing. The positive side of this is that you have a very creative imagination, which would be very useful in any kind of artistic work or design. If you can learn to communicate the visions in your mind to other people, you may become a creative artist or writer.

You are very unselfish toward the people you like. You want what is best for them, and

will give of yourself whenever a friend needs help, for helping others makes you feel much better about yourself. Your sensitivity may limit you to friends who are rather quiet or who do not attack your beliefs. However, you can genuinely love people, and others will respect this in you. Your only problem is that you may pour out a great deal of energy and attention on people who are not really worth it. That through never seems to cross your mind, but it would be good to be a little more careful about choosing your friends and those whom you work hard to help.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: self-sacrificing, compassionate, reclusive, sensitive, escapist, deceptive.

One of the most compassionate placements in the entire zodiac, Venus is exalted in the sign of Pisces - a position that nurtures the planet's most beneficial qualities. The empathy and unselfishness that guides the behaviour of people with Venus in Pisces is so enormous that they will literally give you 'the shirt off their backs'. In fact, the difficulties confronting these individuals stem from a willingness to give and to sacrifice and an inability to say 'no'.

Just as Venus in Aquarius people feed their egos by participating in idealistic and inspiring group activities and causes (usually political or social), Venus in Pisces will, if humanly possible, offer financial or emotional support to anyone in need. If they have bettered the life of even one individual they are fulfilled. Yet they often confuse sympathy with love; and the belief that emotional strength and / or financial assistance is the means to attract others can be a fatal flaw leading them away from developing a strong sense of self.

Although this is a truly benevolent and compassionate placement, these individuals are oft-times compelled to sacrifice their own agendas to win love and affection. Due to misplaced sympathy they attract needy people, thus forming co-dependent relationships and preventing their true creative strength from shining through. Should their partner recover or become too strong, the relationship often disintegrates since it has been based not on love but rather on the need to help and support. It is important for these sensitive, sensual, creative and loving individuals to believe that someone will love them for who they are and not for what they have to give. If they exercise professions or volunteer for work where they can help others, they will have an outlet for their compassion so they will not feel a duty to be caretakers at home.

Incredibly kind, gentle, affable and liked by everyone they meet, these sensual individuals are usually motivated in everything they do by the sheer need to feel good. Since they simply want to love and be loved, feeling good can mean being paid attention to, sexual enjoyment, or the elation that comes when they feel they are helping someone get back on his / her feet. Like Pygmalion, the sculptor in Ovid's myth, people with Venus in Pisces have a strong fantasy life and are quite often unable to cope with life's harsh

realities. While romanticism is a wonderful attribute by which a relationship may be kept alive, it is imperative that they view partners with a discerning eye rather than with fanciful expectations. They can misread the object of their affections.

It is not recommended that individuals with this placement follow Pygmalion's lead, falling in love with someone whose image they wish to make over completely; more positive, however, are the sculptor's highly creative and imaginative aspects. Accordingly, Venus in Pisces is found in the charts of romantic writers, dancers, musicians and painters. It is to the world of the imagination that these people often run when they wish to re-establish their self-worth and discover their hidden voice.

Due to the ability to project an image (Venus) of illusion (Pisces), this placement as well as Venus Neptune aspects frequently appears in the charts of politicians, movie stars, artists and religious figures. What each group has in common is the ability to instill fantasy, hope and / or compassion into the lives of those who need to believe in something beyond their reach. The danger arises when these people, capable of lifting others' spirits, forget the border between fantasy and reality and, at its most extreme, believe in the illusions they have created.

Venus in Pisces has an idealistic, visionary, humanitarian and 'dreamy' quality. Venus in Pisces people can be obsessed with being loved.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual is learning the lessons of divine love. His sensitive, compassionate and charitable nature has a strong ability to express true feeling, while his imaginative sense of romance and his sacrificial nature make him one of the most beautiful souls in the zodiac.

Venus here can be like the love of a monk or a nun, as the individual identifying with the eternal giving stream of God's love finds that his unselfish character is easily moved in sympathy with the needs of others. He responds to human suffering, always favoring the underdog, the disadvantaged and the weak or poor. He encourages others, and regardless of any weakness in himself can be a supportive influence and a source of inspirational strength to any who ask for his love.

From his ability to absorb nature's aesthetic environment, he feels the flow of life on a deeply mystical, artistic and intuitive level. As a result, he has an enchanting sense of love which is at the same time both intriguing and powerfully motivating. Yet, his fragile imagination can make him overly impressionable and vulnerable to negative psychic feelings. He can misinterpret not only the good intentions of others, but also lose his own identity in a myriad of self-imposed illusions that overtake his sensibilities. When this occurs, he can make himself forlorn and depressed, often finding martyr-like excuses to debase himself in a sea of sorrow where he hides from reason in the confusing mist of

muddled thinking and emotional despair.

Thus, there are important lessons that he must learn if he is to see through his own vulnerability and realize the great beauty of the Venus in Pisces placement.

The Yod to this Venus is formed by the inconjuncts from Leo and Libra; and it is from the lessons of these signs that he begins to realize his true identification with divine love.

The inconjunct from Leo gives the individual the boldness to let his love pour forth, without fear of ridicule or embarrassment. As he learns to gather the strength and willpower which helps him to surface the depths of his feelings, he begins to overcome defeatism, triumph over a subconscious sense of failure, and surmount life's obstacles through spiritual love. In this way, he rises above the psychic undertow of an insecure imagination, and setting his feet firmly on the strength of his beliefs learns how to overpower his shy and withdrawn feelings. Thus, from the Leo inconjunct, he gets the strength, the moral sense of honor, upstanding virtue, and noble worthiness which he must feel before he can experience the true essence of divine love.

The inconjunct from Libra awakens the individual to the lessons of harmony and balance. He learns about the proportional symmetry to life; and from this he develops a sense of cosmic fairness, which helps him to deal with his highly sensitive emotional nature. The overly-sympathetic feelings of Pisces which often lead him to personally suffer for others become balanced with a Libra-like sense of impersonal empathy. The individual learns that he can fully understand the feelings of another without having to personally experience the emotional drain which occurs from absorbing their sorrow.

Libra symbolizes lightness of feelings, happiness through love, and balanced relationships built on sensible fairness. From this, the Venus in Pisces individual must learn how to lighten his martyr-like emotional nature, and seek instead the true fulfillment of joyous love.

The sextile from Leo to Libra teaches him how to activate his love, bring it to the surface of his conscious life, and make it the very center of all his activities. Libra is the center of the zodiac; and Leo (ruled by the Sun) symbolizes the center of the solar system. From these two signs, the individual must realize that the great inherent beauty of love is not to be hidden in silent inner appreciation, but rather used, as the center of strength and creativity from which the flow of one's life must come.

Venus finds its exaltation in Pisces, and, once the lessons of the Venus Yod are learned, can manifest as the creative pouring of a life actively centered in the expression of divine beauty. The individual learns that rather than waiting for life, he has the power through love to meet it, create it, and thereby emulate the beauty of his Creator.

Some with this placement express their divine sense of union through the arts, music

and the aesthetic creations which help to put more beauty in the world. Others find their true nature of love unfolding through charity and a compassionate sense of responsibility through which they help to create better lives for the needy, the underprivileged and the poor. Yet, whatever the individual chooses to do with his life, it is always the active expression of inner beauty creatively expressed towards a world which needs it so badly that brings out his very special Gift of Love - his ability to see the beauty of God in all things.

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern, the Venus in Pisces people have been learning to embrace, on an archetypal level, a transcendent value system in order to create a sense of ultimate meaning in their lives. The evolutionary process leading to this need has been a series of lifetimes in which the individual has experienced a tremendous amount of personal and social disillusionment. This has created a sense of total meaninglessness associated with temporal values. Many individuals with Venus in Pisces have not consciously conceptualized or realized the archetypal intent, which is to embrace a transcendent, spiritual value system. This is important to understand because until they do, they will not have a clear and solid sense of who they are, and the experience of disillusionment will continue to occur.

For these individuals, the inner world is more or less like a giant movie in which a diversity of images, plots, scenarios, and possible realities swirls around in different combinations. Within this inner world, the Venus in Pisces person instinctively imagines him- or herself in these different roles, like an actor who assumes the identity of a specific character. By imagining and 'trying on' these different images and identities, like different parts in a movie, the Venus in Pisces person tries to relate to the ones that feel most like him- or herself. An additional cause that creates this need is rooted in a deep inner feeling of impurity, and the guilt that this implies. The guilt ignites an instinctual reaction of denial at an unconscious level. Thus, the individual will have a nebulous negative feeling about him- or herself. These feelings are then compensated for through the Piscean imagination - by creating false identities linked with the movie-like nature of their inner world. This creates the psychological dynamic of 'illusion as reality'.

These inner dynamics are very problematic because the Venus in Pisces people know at a core level that these different images and identities are not who they really are. Nevertheless, they will try to make them real, by acting them out through external manifestation, just like an actor in a play or movie. They will manifest the appropriate clothes, hair styles, home environment, types of possessions, and other factors that are symbolic of whatever the imagined identity is. Many individuals with Venus in Pisces actually succeed in convincing themselves that the artifact they have created is real. By externally manifesting the persona and the circumstances that reflect the inner imagination, it now seems tangible. They can point their finger to it and convince themselves and others because it obviously appears to exist.

Venus ♀ in 6th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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

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

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

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

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

Dutiful workers concerned with the happiness and welfare of others - to the detriment of

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

Moreover, an obsession with health and fitness often lends itself to vegetarianism (or some other special diet), yoga, meditation or regular physical exercise as part of a daily routine. Due to the practicality of the sixth house, people with Venus in this placement will make choices in their personal and professional lives that bring contentment, harmony and a comfortable income which will enable them to live healthy, fit and, thus, enjoyable lives.

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

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

participants go jogging together.

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

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

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

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

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

(Martin Schulman)

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

The individual can be excessive, allowing himself to become preoccupied with the trivial details which he believes bring him pleasure instead of the essence of what brings him

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

Frivolity aside, Venus in the 6th people take pleasure in developing and fine-tuning their talents, skills and abilities. It's not good enough to just do a job; it must be done beautifully. I have done quite a few charts for people with Venus in the 6th who have

careers in the field of health, beauty and fitness, and many others who put their artistic talent to practical use as designers and draughtsmen. One in particular was concerned with designing kitchen products which were both functional and beautiful. More generally, there is the desire for a harmonious work atmosphere and the capacity to bring good feelings into this area.

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

Duty and service: Loving and healing are almost identical, which is to say the urge to create personal love is very similar to the urge to help others have more harmonious lives. So strong is this merging of 'love' and 'therapy' that you may focus all your romantic energy on damaged individuals. This pitfall could be given many names: Stray Dog Syndrome, Wounded Bird Theory, Florence Nightingale Effect. Whatever we choose to call it, you must be certain of two things: first, that your receptivity is not

directed toward individuals who cannot return love in at least relatively healthy ways, and second, that you are not making your beloved sick in order to validate your healing powers. The challenge is to heal yourself through the conscious gift to others of grace, harmony, and pleasure. Remember: for love to flower, you need good seeds and good soil.

Technical mind: Mental analysis is linked with personal care. This has, naturally enough, a 'cooling' effect on romance. But the mind is most warmly appreciative of logical beauty. Mental discipline is not a forced purgatory, but a fine garden lovingly tended. You relish digging into any situation with your mental spade. Clearing the dense underbrush and fostering a sense of productive order makes you glow with satisfaction. However, keep in mind that relationships have their own indefatigable eccentricities; too much organization - too much taming - can kill the intangible beauty of sharing. The challenge is to enjoy the quest for mental perfection, and to appreciate emotions even as you analyze them.

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

You continue to have a good relationship with your parents, who gave you the selfconfidence to make your own way without depending on their support. You were impressed by the domestic harmony you enjoyed while growing up, and hope to raise your own family in a similarly fine environment. You need to be appreciated by those you serve, including your partner, who may take you for granted. You will attract as a mate

someone who has certain deficiencies for which you must compensate. As long as you are assured that your partner is grateful for your unselfish devotion, you are happy.

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

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

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

Mars **in** **Gemini** 23° 58'

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

Your energies flow naturally into adventurous paths. Movement, physical and mental, is essential to you, and you express best when working, playing, living actively, preferably at high speed. You are rarely bored or boring, but you can wear others, and yourself, out by the ferocity of your attack on life. You are extraordinarily aware of the world around you; sense perceptions are acute, swift, probably accurate; and you are voluble in

expressing what you take in. Energy flows naturally to the tongue; you are a better talker than a listener; and are generally glib, discursive, extensive in your remarks written or spoken. With any concentrative force, this position gains value; without it, you scatter your energies. You are something of a sensualist, and like the physical expressions of love; you probably think sex is more important than it really is, and by thinking make it so. Energy flows into mind force as well as into physical activity; this is peculiarly a position in which, to have a sound mind, you must also have a sound body. You must beware of neglecting your physical well-being through letting your energies dam up in the pools of the mind; also of being blocked by sensational thoughts which from time to time will tend to dominate you. The negative reactions of the sex urge, such as envy, jealousy and hatred, can frustrate you if you let them get hold. Mind control and bodily vigor are the two things for which you should constantly strive.

(Syndey Omarr)

Mars in Gemini gives the native an active, restless mind; it makes him want to change things, to bend situations to his own will. He likes action, but tries too hard, too soon. The astrologer can teach him the value of concentration and the necessity, at times, of making adjustments instead of insisting that the world adjust to him.

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

When you are alone, it is because you have found the pace of your love or sex life too nerve-racking to continue with. The reason behind this is that you have been driven simultaneously by a desire to satisfy your feelings on the one hand, and a fear of actually encountering them on the other. So when you do get what you desire, you then have to control it with your wits in a bid to avoid feeling what you are afraid of feeling. You set up reasons and schedules that pre-empt that dreaded encounter with your own emotional truth. This psychological split may well express itself as a love triangle. So being alone is telling you that it is time to stop living life on these two diverging lines of thinking and feeling, and to take stock of your inner fears and feelings with a view to understanding them. Then and only then will you be ready to emerge again into the fray.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

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

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Ideas are projected forcefully.

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

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

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

This position gives an adventurous streak, although there is no great fondness for 'roughing it'. Such a person is handy to have on an expedition, since he is a good sport, takes a keen interest in his surroundings, and can cope with almost any exigency. Although inclined to avoid heavy work, he knows how to mend things, improvise diversions, and boost morale. Later, he is likely to write a rousing account of his

experiences which he will not hesitate to embellish for added effect.

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

(Jeff Green)

Mars in Gemini reflects a desire structure that is energised through the motivation of independent thinking, and the desire to question every accepted opinion established by any authority. As a result, the mental temperament is argumentative and combative. Mars in Gemini desires to create its own mental constructions about the nature of things, to expand its level of awareness and consciousness through the expansion of its mental

horizons. This will occur through the formation and reformulation of mental constructions or ideas that become ever larger and more expansive. The desire to continually expand and know more means Mars in Gemini will even challenge its own ideas at key points in the evolutionary journey. The desire nature is very restless and curious, and can pursue many different directions simultaneously. The weakness in this is not following through or completing anything (two pages in a book are read without completing the book, etc.), since what was curious or interesting yesterday may be boring today!

Sexually, Mars in Gemini manifests a mental desire to explore and understand the diversity of all possible sexual orientations and behaviours. To say that Mars in Gemini is sexually curious would be an understatement. Many will study the sexual traditions of many other cultures in the desire to obtain as much sexual knowledge as possible. On a physical level, Mars in Gemini can find it very difficult to disengage its mind from the sexual act. There is an inner voyeur that is forever observing the physical act of sex. This observation creates a mental amazement regarding sexual activities. This can be frustrating to the individual, as well as to the partner. This frustration can lead to the use of sexual methods that lead to physical intensity as a way of bypassing the mental orientation inherent within Mars in Gemini. There can be strong desires to experiment with sexual toys or devices as a way of achieving sexual stimulation. There can also be a desire to challenge the limitation of gender roles, or the manifestation of bisexual or homosexual desires. At best, Mars in Gemini creates sexual versatility and adaptability to the desires of both partners. In and of itself, Mars in Gemini will not preclude any possible sexual scenario.

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

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

Mars in 9th House

(Donna van Toen)

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

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

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

The ninth house is that of the higher mind. Planets here are given to increase your understanding of life in general. They also influence your personal code of ethics by expanding and / or refining it. If Mars is here in the Equal House system, you've had a very dogmatic philosophy of life in the past. You tended to see people whose beliefs differed from yours as bad - even dangerous - people. You could have participated in the Inquisition, the Salem Witch Trials, or some other nasty piece of history, or you could have been just a run-of-the-mill Archie Bunker-type bigot as a result of a combination of ignorance and self-satisfaction. If Mars is here in the Koch system, you're here to be a pioneer or ground-breaker for some school of thought that departs from tradition. This may be in order to pay a debt caused by past closedmindedness, or it may have something to do with developing the courage of your convictions. The chief difference between the two Mars positions is that the Equal House position stresses that you open your own mind, while the Koch position involves opening other people's minds. (Of course, if Mars is in the 9th house in both systems, you're to do both!) Regardless of house system, this position tends to give a very restless mind, and, of course, learning to control this restlessness is one of your reasons for being here. There may also be a desire to work in a foreign country and / or teach and learn about a foreign country's people, customs, and philosophy. Doing one or all of these things may be instrumental in working out your karma.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

With Mars in the ninth, energy is directed towards expanding horizons and widening understanding. These people are always travelling, either physically or mentally. Increasing their knowledge is what makes them feel really vital and alive. Sex is invested

with great meaning and seen as a path to self-knowledge and personal growth. The person with this placement feels spiritually enhanced by sex, and may be a crusader for sexual enlightenment and liberty. These people are likely to take a high moral stance on sex, with some seeing the sexual act as a religious experience, and others, fearing its power, seeing it as incompatible with their religious beliefs. Among this group, too, are those who feel driven to campaign against sexual freedom, seeing it as a threat to the moral order they would like to see imposed in society.

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

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

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

Shared travel will be an important part of any relationship to a ninth house Mars, and will help to keep it alive and vital. To those who prefer travels of a more intellectual nature, studying together and engaging in deep philosophical discussions will fulfil the same purpose. These people are often attracted to those they meet in the course of their studies.

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

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, Mars indicates a passionate interest in mental

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

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

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

The search for truth: Getting to the truth is no problem. If there's a wall, you knock it down. Never one for subtlety, you ignore the convolutions, exceptions, and paradoxes, searching for basic truth. You like seeing the mind in simple terms of truth and lies. This is fine as long as the situation is clear-cut. But human interaction does not always reflect such stereotypes, and you need to understand that your truth may indeed coexist with that of others. So before you batter your opponents into the ground, a serious pitfall, remember to ask yourself if there is a larger truth than you knew. Look before you leap, and don't shoot before you see the whites of their eyes - they may be friends rather than foes. The real challenge is to eradicate the hidden darkness within yourself. Fight for truth, but remember that warfare is not a philosophy, only an extreme means of establishing peace. Truth is a sword and a shield.

Ideal society: You idealize the clarity and simplicity of archetypal morality, where good and evil are clearly defined, where everyone knows the score, and the strongest buck leads the herd. You'd create a world where sexuality could be more openly expressed,

one where desire would be acknowledged as the highest of emotions, the purest of drives. As Ruler of the World, you would be a proud samurai: strong, fierce, and noble.

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

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

When you are attracted to someone, you are not easily put off. You might even use your

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Mars in 9th or 10th House

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Jupiter ♃ in ♎ Libra 28° 0'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you postpone dealing with other people on a one-to-one level, fearing inability to maintain harmony in your relationships, you may experience many shallow, unsatisfying associations throughout life. If you avoid a deep, intimate alliance and instead adopt an insensitive attitude of expectation toward your friends and partners, you may inadvertently create isolation from others.

Dynamic

When you decide to take the leap of faith and put yourself in situations where you will experience intimate contacts with people, you can undergo a sense of expansion and

joy. As you accept and trust deep level relationships and can get close to people on more than superficial levels, you may find a continuous inspiration to self-growth. Self-trust increases as you use your natural abilities for creating ease in social situations to unite others into a harmonic whole.

(Marilyn Waram)

The individual with Jupiter in Libra is strongly oriented toward intellectual and people-focused pursuits. He almost certainly loves to talk. He genuinely enjoys people, their interests, and their lives. He probably likes to argue and debate, and may say something outrageous just to get a discussion going.

This person may struggle between his casual, exuberant and excitable side and the part of him which is sophisticated, refined and peace-loving. He may value harmony and cooperation, but find he starts disputes by saying too much, being indiscreet, or talking off the top of his head without being sure of his facts. He probably values involvement with others highly, perhaps too highly. He may just have a high level of reverence for others. He may go too far and expect them to live up to high standards, or expect others to know everything. He may think they do and feel somewhat inadequate in comparison. He may want to be the one with all the answers and have others look to him. In its best expression, Jupiter in Libra shows a very bright mind with lots of focus on, and zest in, intellectual and social exercises. The individual can learn almost anything quickly, and easily pass along to others what he has learned. It is best if it is a give-and-take situation, where he teaches others but also learns, rather than expecting to be all and know all himself.

This person will generally want his philosophies to have a certain elegance, a refinement and sophistication. He tends to value these qualities highly, and may prefer them to be his standards for his own behavior, or expect others to be this way, or both. He may be an enthusiastic supporter of the arts, with the vision to see how artistic endeavors could progress and improve. He may expect the arts or other people to provide him with complete fulfillment, rather than looking within. It is one of the placements with a propensity for dependency, if all the value is placed on the other person. If the Jupiter side comes to the fore, then the individual will either open himself up to only loosely structured relationships, or leave.

It is a somewhat restless placement, very much prone to living in the head and ignoring the body, which is seen as gross and indelicate when compared with the lightness and speed of the mind and its creative ability. Such an individual may have difficulty coming to terms with the aging process, and many other dingy realities of life. He will certainly not be comfortable changing diapers! He is essentially a creature of concepts, ideas and mental creations. He is also extremely friendly, able to get along well with people, and very mindful of social status. If this is projected, he could see his mate as freedom-loving, high-spirited, intellectual, and highly sociable. He may also notice that she is

more concerned about social standing than almost anything else, checks out emotionally if issues get sticky, and would far rather spend time talking with people than doing productive work.

This is a very interpersonal placement for Jupiter. There is much focus on what others are doing, and on what they think and say; and a certain tendency to place trust in others' ideas. This could be open-minded interest or escalate to lack of discrimination. The person with Jupiter in Libra generally thinks well of others, which makes him generous with them and trusting. He may be downright gullible, and have to learn to set some boundaries on how much trust he extends to others. In its better expressions, however, this placement indicates someone who is vitally interested in social values, education, and law or other issues which affect society. He may wish to use his intellectual and communication skills to further these interests, and to promote social concerns and endeavors, or religious, or philosophical ones. He can be extremely persuasive, with the ardent fire of Jupiter fuelling the cultivated and genteel Libra to produce someone with a great deal of polish, if he chooses to develop it.

At the same time, the individual with this placement will need to watch his tendency to place so much value on other people's opinion of him that he vacillates in his standards in order to match theirs. He can gain a reputation for extreme unreliability unless he adopts principles himself and lives by them rather than always trying to please others. He also tends to promise what he can't deliver, and again may end up with a poor reputation, although he meant his promise at the time. When under pressure, however, he may dismiss past promises as unimportant and forget about them. He could also expect too much help or generosity from others, and might even demand it as his right. This won't keep his friendships strong, or his marriage.

When Jupiter is in Libra, it is an indication that difficulties with values, faith and the search for truth are connected to overvaluing social favor and standing, too much flexibility in values and principles due to trying to please others, or expecting too much generosity or knowledge to come from others.

With Jupiter in Libra at its best, the individual has a lot of reverence for the importance of co-operation, between individuals to form a relationship, and between people to form social institutions which improve the quality of life. He has a powerful concern with justice and may turn his attention to political life as a way of expressing his concern. In such a role, with enlightened integrity and charming sophistication, he can talk others into programs which are idealistic, future-oriented and of benefit to many.

(Skye Alexander)

You are likely to experience some sort of growth and expansion as a result of your relationships. Perhaps a fortunate marriage or business partnership enables you to achieve greater success or recognition than you would have on your own. Or, because

of your relationships you might expand your horizons through travel, higher education, philosophy or religion. Your partners in love and / or business open doors for you - professionally, personally, intellectually or spiritually - and you come to understand yourself and your place in the Universe better through them.

You seem to be lucky in love, and never lack admirers. Love is certainly your game, and you not only play it well but also enjoy it immensely. Your relationships make you feel good about yourself, and you are never happier than when you are in love. Because you are so fond of companionship, however, you may get involved with someone just so you won't be alone. You are sometimes indiscriminate in your choice of partners and might be more concerned with quantity than quality.

Friendly, good-natured and diplomatic, you are popular with both sexes, and your social calendar is always full. It is quite likely that your social contacts will benefit you in some way, and you might have connections in high places that prove advantageous to you. In your professional life, you would probably be more successful and content working with other people - in a partnership or group - than by yourself.

Libra is the sign of the arts; therefore, you might find opportunities for personal growth in some artistic field. Perhaps you will even become recognized and respected for your talent. Unlike some artists who agonize over their work, you enjoy what you do, and being creative comes easily for you. However, you might take your ability for granted and be lazy about developing it fully.

You also like being in the company of artistic people. Even if you don't have talent yourself, you are able to recognize it in others. You might become a collector or patron of the arts, and thus help gifted artists grow and expand themselves.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Libra indicates a strong concern with justice or moral principle in marriage, partnerships and close personal relationships. Since the native tends to marry someone interested in religious, educational and philosophic thought, this position favors a marriage based on spiritual values and co-operation in contributing to the larger social order. Such values go beyond sexual attraction, so that there is promise of an enduring marriage (unless Jupiter is heavily afflicted here) and of a worthwhile home life (because Jupiter is exalted in Cancer).

Religious, philosophic, educational and social ideas are influenced by the spouse, other partners, and close friends. Natives with this position will equally influence the religious and social ideas of their close associates. Their religious concepts are centered on the love and fair play that make possible a harmonious social order.

These people are generous in their consideration of the wishes and needs of others, so

that unless Jupiter is afflicted, they are popular and well liked. This consideration produces an ability for dealing with the public, which enables them to be psychologists, mediators, diplomats, peace-makers, and public relations and sales personnel.

Their talent in these capacities lies in convincing people of the merit of certain ideas or social programs. Consequently they can be efficient promoters and fund-raisers for churches, charitable institutions, and other worthwhile social endeavors. On a more subtle level, they may be promoters of religious, educational, or social philosophies, depending on the overall tenor of the chart.

If Jupiter is afflicted in Libra, there is a tendency to make moral decisions for others. There can also be a desire to be all things to all people in order to avoid discord or gain approval; if carried too far, this attitude may lead to double standards on many issues. The person with an afflicted Jupiter in Libra may promise more than can be delivered, in order to gain favor. In the long run, he will attract the disapproval of individuals or society at large, despite his honorable intentions.

Natives with an afflicted Jupiter in Libra expect too many favors and considerations. They can initiate too many close personal ties at one time, arousing suspicions of disloyalty in those with whom they are involved. The result can be treachery from members of the opposite sex, who become jealous and vindictive when the personal consideration they expect is not forthcoming.

If Jupiter is badly afflicted in Libra, lawsuits may arise from unfulfilled legal or financial commitments related to business, property, or marital or professional matters.

(Grant Lewi)

This is a position of curiosity, capable of seeing opportunity almost everywhere. There is a certain perversity about it, because you seem willing to do anything except what your nature is best fitted for. The opportunity that will appeal most to you is very likely to be the last thing in the world you should do. You are all too likely to follow what someone else says you ought to do, or what chance throws in your way. You need to cultivate firmness of purpose, and to concentrate on one line in which you want to excel. Your need for appearing successful in the eyes of others, rather than in your eyes, causes you to see too much with the eyes of others, so that you lack the drive of those who work outward from their wells of ego into the world. You are all too likely to try to fit your ego into the demands of other people, and thus to flounder because your anchor is not within your own heart.

(Sydney Omarr)

Jupiter in Libra presents an extraordinary talent for spotting opportunity, for swaying public opinion, for winning friends and influencing people. The native tends to take too

many things for granted. He tends to back down when the going gets rough. This is because it is usually too smooth - and setbacks are something foreign to him. He needs to hear applause; he feels praise is more important than good. The astrologer must help him to see that principles, too, are important.

Gain is indicated through marriage, partnerships and projects which depend upon wide public acceptance. The native always needs to have a goal in sight and must be taught to create his own goal.

Jupiter ♃ in 1st House

(Stephanie Camilleri)

People with Jupiter rising always have the courage of their convictions, and often great physical courage as well. Often they are engaged in a lifelong pursuit of truth through systems and ideas. They are natural philosophers, seekers of wisdom. Because they love the truth and seek it, for themselves, they scorn lies and will rarely tell a genuine lie, though they will often stretch the mundane truth so much in the telling that a lessimaginative eyewitness has a hard time recognizing it. They are boiling over with creative imagination, and must have some area in which to use it, or they will drive their loved ones crazy. This is an ideal position for a salesman, politician, or minister. It is also excellent for a writer, artist, or performer.

Generally good to look at, with an appearance handsome, noble, or dignified rather than 'cute', Jupiter gives them a charisma that outshines any physical imperfection. They have an innate sense of style and generally dress to perfection, except in cases where the truth-seeking scorns the material level to too great an extent, causing him or her to scorn mere appearance; or to the opposite extreme, where Jupiter becomes overblown by aspects of the Moon, Sun, Neptune or Venus, causing him or her to overdress, overeat, and overdo in all areas of self-gratification. These people's delight in 'dressing up' extends into adulthood; and they love to get in costume for plays, masquerades, parties, and so forth.

They are always charming, good storytellers, and, in most cases, good listeners as well. They are born diplomats, courteous, at ease with all kinds of people, the life of any party. They are usually witty and entertaining speakers, but so generous in spirit that, unless other placements harden the ego, they will rarely keep the center of the stage for longer than is their fair share.

They are proud, sometimes to a fault - usually too proud to stoop to low behavior of any kind, although the definition of what constitutes low behavior will vary from one individual to another. Their only real faults are their lack of humility and a tendency to go to

extremes. They believe in themselves and the rightness of what they do, and are not inclined to question themselves. If they achieve power, they are generally noble in exercising it, unless aspects in the chart show a tendency to go to extremes in selfindulgent. In that case, the added power can make them grotesque in their hedonism.

Jupiter rising is often the sign of one who does it all by himself or herself ('Operation Bootstraps;), not because there is no-one to help, but because he or she is too proud to ask. These people sometimes get furthest by working for a cause, as they are perfectly capable of asking when it is for someone else.

If Jupiter is isolated - not related to other planets by aspect - they will tend to isolate themselves from the rest of the world, setting themselves up as higher somehow, wiser, more honorable, more worthy in some way, not condescending to associate with the lesser folk around them; kind and responsive to those who seek them out, but disdainful to seek out others themselves.

Jupiter rising can be the sign of those whose father failed to give them enough love, wisdom, or financial security, so that they are forced to seek it elsewhere and secure it for themselves. The lifetime search for truth can also be a lifetime search for a father figure, a guru, a patron - one who knows and cares.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-expression: With Jupiter in the 1st house, there is wide scope, a sense of bigness to the natural expression of personality. You are gregarious and generous in spontaneous expression, holding back little and amplifying almost everything. The breadth can be profound or simply extravagant; and there is a tendency toward the pitfall of exaggeration. You're very social in your orientation, passing up few opportunities to express yourself in group situations. It's as if you feel more comfortable when there is a group audience; it draws out the natural buoyancy of your expression. Often, you'll find yourself projecting a positive self-image toward others even when your inner world is depressed or you're feeling pessimistic. The challenge is to let your personality maintain optimism.

Natural persona: Easy expression characterizes Jupiter in the 1st. The face here is intelligent, positive, and generally winning, although excessive posturing and calculated opportunism can sometimes cloud the image.

Your name-tag says 'I am social and friendly, open and honest, and very wise. Trust and believe me, even if I exaggerate my own self-importance'.

Self-awareness: You become aware of your inner self by radiating generosity, social conscience, and a positive, philosophical worldview. You are most aware of yourself in

social or group settings; but even when you're alone, you often 'pretend' to be in the presence of others. It's as if you're preparing behind the scenes, practising your lines, for this process births your self-awareness. Similarly, you're likely to spend much time examining social issues; and when you embrace a broadly philosophical perspective, self-awareness grows. It's not necessary that you work at wisdom; simply let it happen.

Boundaries: Enthusiasm and an easy, flowing feel for social process keep your internal and external worlds linked. Inhibition, restraint, or pessimism split the worlds apart, but inflated ego and careless exaggeration confound the clarity between the two, resulting in wasted opportunities and unfulfilled promise. Others tend to trust you; do not break that trust. The challenge is to radiate buoyancy and a visionary social awareness without pretence. Let your perspectives grow naturally; don't push them to distortion.

Vitality: With Jupiter, the 1st house indications around vitality are generally positive, with a large and resurgent life force; but there is a marked leaning toward excessive pleasures, and a specific tendency toward obesity, with vulnerability in the bodily regulators of growth. The liver is an especially important and sensitive organ. As with Venus, you must learn moderation in all things; but what is most necessary is a sense of broad stimulation: too much of any one thing can blow you out.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are the supreme optimist, long on enthusiasm but a bit short on applying yourself to your goals. You are overly generous, and thus lose out on many benefits you've earned. Everything you do is in a broad perspective, and you are often embarrassed because you cannot live up to your own expectations. You tend to overextend yourself in grandiose schemes, but you believe in yourself and refuse to accept defeat. You sometimes find it difficult to focus on a subject, because your interest wanders. You eagerly absorb every bit of information, for you know your career will benefit if you are well-informed. You will also derive greater self-confidence, for you know you can accept increased responsibility. People look to you for help with their major problems. You feel a strong spiritual responsibility to help others; and you derive much inner satisfaction from exploiting your creative talents in this way. You hope your children will also learn generosity and find enrichment in giving of themselves.

Your understanding goes beyond your immediate circle of friends. You relate easily to everyone, regardless of his or her social circumstances. You don't classify people according to their social, religious or political affiliations, but regard them simply as people whose company you enjoy. You dream of being able to do all the things you have had to postpone for reasons of expediency in your career. But your dreams may not come to pass if you don't plan for them well enough. It is absolutely essential to save during your productive employment years, leaving nothing to chance.

You are at ease with groups of people; and you enjoy having them seek your advice.

You pride yourself on your good judgement, but you should be ready to compromise when others present arguments that contradict your position. You can make the best of any situation, because you know how to make people feel important. Your parents may have conditioned you to seek their approval before making your own plans for a career. Though you are naturally dutiful and loyal to your parents, their suggestions or interference in your affairs will annoy you. You want to live up to your own potentials rather than their expectations, unless they happen to be the same. For best results, establish your own priorities and stick to them. You can easily be distracted from your objectives by allowing others to make unfair demands on you. They will try to make you feel guilty for neglecting your obligations to them.

You trust people even when you know little or nothing about them. But sometimes you know more than you admit, and you may try to use your knowledge to gain an unfair advantage. In such instances, let your moral judgement guide you to do what is right. You are able to help others in their moment of greatest need; and if you can afford it, you might offer your services without charge. You are eager to show people how to be more self-sufficient.

Be aware of your careless disregard for money; you need to be more conservative! You tend to spend beyond your limit, so keep a watchful eye on your bank balance and pay some attention to your future needs. You put others' needs above your own; and you feel guilty about unjust conditions in society. Your compassion and understanding of other people's problems will enrich you even more than they benefit those who receive your unselfish generosity.

Saturn ♄ in ♈ Aries 27° 18'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might strive to stand out as a leader by ignoring established protocol and being impatient. This form of assertion may lead the material world to exercise harsh discipline over your energies by severe limitations. When you endeavor to lead for self-serving motivations only, your Arian manner might become restless and narrow. This may alienate others and result in frustration of your productive efforts.

Dynamic

You possess the skills and social ability to be a leader. You can acknowledge yourself as creator of your sense of independence and of situations in which you lead or follow. This self-recognition allows you to feel secure enough to act independently. As you use

your leadership capacity, more and more you become aware of others' wishes. Fostering new ideals and ideas into a form that answers a collective need, your innovative ambitions have the potential for reaching and affecting society at large.

General

Your destiny is to formulate a new identity. You feel very vulnerable because you have no instinctive ego to serve as a buffer against environmental stimuli. Thus, there is a tendency either to overreact or to underreact when asserting yourself, because you don't have a solid sense of self to assert from. Your goal is to formulate a new, more powerful sense of identity.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Aries forms a natural square (Saturn rules Capricorn, which squares Aries). The square calls for the integration of conflicting desires. Aries represents our feeling that we should have the right and the power to do what we please. Saturn represents the 'rules of the game' which set limits on life if we want to survive in this world at this time. Failure to integrate, to make peace between these two sides of life with some sort of compromise, can result in a variety of problems.

Individuals with a dominant Letter One emphasis in their charts may feel that their will should be law. Fire-Earth combinations may be steamrollers or resemble a molten lava flow. Just don't get in the way. Such individuals may live in a constant state of overdrive, trying to make the world do what they think it should. They may be dictators to the extent that they can, or they may simply be very responsible people who feel guilty if anything goes wrong. One-ten combinations can play 'Atlas' and try to carry the world.

The other extreme is the feeling that the world has all the power, so we might as well not even try - we would just fail or fall short. These people may simply lack faith in their own power, or they may feel that they do not have the right to be themselves or do what they please. We gain faith in our own power by doing anything successful. Of course, if our standard of success is too high, we may never feel we have achieved it. We don't know what we can do until we have done it. When the self-blocking is carried too far, when fear blocks the Fire need to express actively in the world, illness is possible. Fire is the faith which fuels the immune system, the creative recuperative power of life itself. Ignoring realistic, practical physical limits can also have negative repercussions for health. To integrate our self-confidence and our limits, we need reasonable ambitions and some kind of active accomplishment in the world.

Careers for Saturn in Aries should be entrepreneurial, active, varied, and self-directed when possible. Individuals with this placement are identified with their careers, so on the one hand they tend to feel they have lost their power and identity when they are not working, yet on the other they want to work in their own way, strictly on their own terms.

Self-criticism may be a problem if they 'become' the job and focus too much on their flaws.

A father or another authority figure will be a role model in the early life. If the father is a positive model, the individual tries to be like him, to win his approval. If the parent is a negative model, the individual tries to do the opposite. Competition with the parent is common; and frequently, individuals are not aware of how they are shaping their lives by their early experiences with authorities.

(Skye Alexander)

You probably have trouble asserting yourself and going after what you want in an aggressive manner. At times, it might seem as though some internal or external obstacle blocks you every time you try to push forward. This does not mean necessarily that you are timid or weak, but rather that you are reluctant to behave forcefully and don't like confrontation. However, you may feel that you are unable to stand up for yourself or to compete, and might experience anxiety whenever you have to be aggressive.

Your anger is kept carefully in check; and you rarely let your temper get the better of you. Usually, you seem cool and in control, able to act rationally and with moderation even in the heat of the moment. Therefore, you could be good at such things as leading troops in battle, managing an athletic team or directing new business ventures. Perhaps one of your tests in life is to learn to be a leader in times of stress.

Cautious and pragmatic, you carefully plan your actions and aren't likely to do anything impulsively. In most situations you play it safe and hesitate to take chances. You are inclined to overestimate the dangers involved and the strength of your adversaries. As a result, you sometimes miss out on opportunities because you are afraid to risk much and because you do not act quickly or decisively enough.

Men especially might see this as a weakness and overcompensate for their lack of daring by engaging in dangerous activities so that no-one can say they lack courage or are unmanly. Another possibility is that you might test yourself and put your life on the line in an attempt to confront and overcome your trepidation. One of your tests in this lifetime might be learning to take calculated risks and face challenges in practical ways that will produce tangible results, instead of engaging in foolish acts of bravado or rashness for no good reason.

Unless Mars is strong in your chart or you have several planets in Fire signs, this Saturn placement can indicate lack of vitality, strength and enthusiasm. You aren't very playful; and sports probably don't appeal to you much. However, you have determination and can focus your energy and discipline yourself so that, if you do have athletic ability, you could be quite successful. Your test is to break through old limits (Saturn) and introduce new possibilities (Aries).

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Aries indicates a person who is forced by circumstances to acquire initiative, patience, and self-reliance in providing the practical necessities of life. By the obligation to develop his own resources, he comes to develop his will and strength of character.

Saturn is in its fall in Aries because Aries is the opposite sign of Libra, in which Saturn is exalted. Aries represents the initial impulse of action, while Saturn represents the law of cause and effect that brings back the consequences of an action. Saturn in Aries is in its fall because there has not been sufficient time for these consequences to take effect. Thus it is difficult for people with this position to see themselves as others see them; they are initiating a new cycle of experience, and so they have not had time to learn the consequences of their actions. They may, therefore, lack awareness of the principles of social justice and the rights of others.

This position of Saturn gives resourcefulness; natives are capable of evolving new methods in their work. In the case of highly developed people, discipline combined with initiative leads to mental creativity, which enables them to produce new concepts in their chosen fields.

If Saturn is afflicted in Aries, natives can be very defensive, always expecting opposition from others; this quality makes it difficult for them to understand, communicate, and cooperate with others.

An afflicted Saturn in Aries also indicates self-centeredness and an impulse to self-justification. Since these people are concerned with their own ambition and security, they may overlook the needs and aspirations of others. Their tendency to pursue exclusively personal aims can hinder them from co-operating with others, and can thus place limitations on their success.

With this position of Saturn, therefore, one can be short on diplomacy. Natives tend to do things alone, taking care of their own needs without giving or requesting help. They prefer to be in business for themselves, but it is not always possible with this position.

Saturn in Aries can cause headaches and a tendency to worry because of a restriction of the normal flow of blood to the head.

(Grant Lewi)

Your defence mechanism is directed toward self-defence and self-justification. The problems of living constitute to you a direct frontal attack of the world on your own personality; and the vindication of this steal the show from concerns of material progress

and security. In its worst form, this makes for narrowness, self-centeredness, touchiness, up to and including delusions of persecution. All the forces of your nature unite to defend the ego, which imagines itself badly used and needful of maximum protection. From this can arise an almost unbelievable capacity to misunderstand others and a sort of chip-on-the-shoulder attitude which defies others to understand you. Carried upward and onward and broadened into spheres of usefulness, this makes you deeply desirous of self-betterment, capable of long, arduous mental work by which you succeed in making yourself the sort of person who will not require defending, but whose genuine traits will be the best defence against the world's attack. Not usually accompanied by introspection in any marked degree, this position, developed on its best side, makes you an aware, alert, profound personality. You eliminate the need for defending yourself by becoming an effective person when you have learned what every good general knows: that the best defence is an attack - and when you have marshaled your forces to attack life, instead of following your natural inclination to draw them around in a bristling ring of defiance.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Aries tends to make the native strive for responsibility; and, at the same time, fear it. He appears serious, but could lack depth. He wants authority, respect and dignity; but he often finds the climb a bit tedious and depressing - just a little too much of a test. The astrologer must help him go after what he really wants and needs, not the glitter, the glamour, the power he imagines is possessed by a 'big executive'.

If the native is to succeed personally or professionally, he must work - success does not come easily. He must persevere; his outlook must be realistic. He tends to believe someone else has the secret key - and that only he, himself, is made to struggle. He must learn that time is on his side; that the older he gets, the stronger he becomes; that the more he tries, the more he learns. In this way he is most fortunate; he gains through his efforts and eventually attracts the attention of the very persons he admires or is trying to impress.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The positive, energetic force of Aries is at total variance with the caution and restriction of Saturn; and on the whole the two are not happy bedfellows. The individual will be very strong, brave and assertive at times, but at others will show inhibition and even weakness. A balance should be consciously developed, as possible extremes of action and inaction will then be governed and the energetic force of Aries used with common sense and practicality. When the subject has come to terms with the Saturn influence, he or she will be determined, persistent, and able to cope when life is difficult. Physical and emotional energy must be evenly used, however, if strain is not to occur during demanding periods.

When the pace slows, the reverse happens, and stagnation, or restlessness and discontent, can build up. Any inclination toward depression should be worked off with a change of occupation - sporting activities, or workouts at a health club, may be the best kind of antidote. The authoritative inner voice can cause confusion and restlessness - at times goading the subject into action when he or she knows that inaction would be better, and at others sapping the self-confidence.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an independent rock, though potentially may suffer an independence block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to do things on your own account - but not to be anti-social; the time taken / allowed to develop powers of self-assertion - thus assuaging feelings of inadequacy; and the building of relationships that are respectful of individuality - yet do not become separative.

You can get stuck with relationships where neither you nor Other moves forward, individually or as a couple; with an Other who appears to keep you as and where he / she wants you; with strife-torn situations; and with projects and relationships that come to nothing.

You are learning to do what you want to do without Other or Other's approval; to become your own person, often through making your own mistakes; and to be patient and allow things to develop step by step rather than having one or two energetic but ineffectual stabs.

You commit to an Other who respects you as an individual and allows you to exercise your own will and discover your own strengths and weaknesses; to an Other with a strong character who can act independently of you, even though you may at first find this threatening; and to challenging situations and relationships.

You are or should be wary of Others who take you over, even though it may seem as though they are taking some weight off your shoulders; of overly forceful Others who selfishly do their own thing and expect you to sit tight or tag along; and of relationship prospects that are beyond your capabilities.

When you are alone, it is because you have chosen the ultimately most appropriate and straightforward way of living up to the task that Saturn in Aries has set you: independence. Without anyone - or anything - to lean on or blame, you finally are forced to confront your own weaknesses as just that - your own. Alternatively, you could be alone because you are with someone else. In fact, to be really honest, independence when there is no Other in your life is a bit like being a fire-fighter when there are no fires around. If you are alone but in a relationship, in the sense that you lead separate lives more or less, this is okay if it suits you - but I would venture to say that it doesn't really. This scenario is one of 'mock independence' where you are still dependent upon one

another to ascribe your difficulties, inhibitions or hang-ups to. For example, wishing you could go off and do your own thing but you cannot because Other wouldn't like it. Saturn in Aries calls for brutal honesty.

(John Townley)

You are probably a fairly demanding partner who does not tolerate and inconsiderate lover. You expect to be treated with respect and affection, and you refuse to let anyone take advantage of you.

This is an asset that can save you much grief and help you avoid exploitative relationships. But be sure you use it well, for you may be quite impatient with a partner who simply needs more tolerance to help bring the relationship to fruition.

Because of your rather high standards, you may have to spend a long time finding a lover of sufficient substance to fulfill your needs. That will be time well spent, for it is better to do without a lover than to waste your time on one who is unsatisfactory.

Although you may not be overtly aggressive, you have a formidable talent for cutting a presumptuous partner down to size. Save this ability for those who truly deserve it, and don't waste your words on minor offenders.

While you are young, you may be treated with the respect usually reserved for a more mature person. But oddly enough, as you grow older, you will seem increasingly youthful in style and will attract younger partners.

(Robert Hand)

This sign placement of your natal Saturn is important for you personally if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with your Midheaven or Ascendant or is aspecting the Sun or Moon. It indicates that you have difficulty thinking of yourself in easy, constructive relationships with other people. You are afraid that people will inhibit you and keep you from getting what you want, or that they will try to control you in ways that you don't like. Thus, you try to remain alone and independent of others, and yet you are rather lonely, because you still need human contact. The best solution is to seek out people who will allow you to be yourself and avoid critical persons, unless you really believe that their criticism is constructive and well-meant. Your relationship with your father is extremely important; if it is not positive, you may have a greater feeling of frustration and even more difficulty getting along with people.

Obviously, then, this placement is constructive in that it can help you become an independent person. You can learn how to stand on your own and take positions on issues without relying on others for support. You do not feel that it is necessary to either reject or follow anyone else's advice. You will make up your mind according to your own

criteria. Just be careful not to let your independence make it impossible to love and be friends with others.

This placement also makes you cautious and careful. You do not like to let your energies flow without following some kind of structure. You prefer orderly activities in which you have a definite feeling for what is wrong and what is right.

Saturn ♄ in 7th House

(Liz Greene)

The seventh house is traditionally that of marriage and the marriage partner as well as that of open enemies. The characteristics which are valued in others, and which are sought in a partner, are symbolised by this house as well as the characteristics which are possessed by our enemies and through which we are vulnerable to opposition. In the seventh house, the perfect match is represented, the attributes which, when added to the components of the personality of the individual, will round him out and make him whole. The situations which the person is likely to attract in marriage are also represented here; and some indication of what kind of partner the person himself is likely to be.

We have for a long time accepted a rather superficial interpretation for Libra and its corresponding house; and the psychological mechanism of projection is most clearly and obviously displayed by the traditional meaning assigned to this house of the 'other'. For the other is in the end within oneself; and it is a balance between the male and female halves of the man's own psyche which stands behind his balance with a marriage partner. We seek in others what we are not able to express consciously ourselves; and we also hate in others what we are not able to express. No perfect match with another can create inner wholeness. Marriage as it is reflected by the seventh house is a reality only in proportion to the inner integration of the individual; otherwise, it is a charade, and although this view is apparently a cynical or depressive one, it is possible that it is in fact hopeful because it suggests the possibility of something better than what we see around us. The basic psychological mechanism of projection of the unconscious, transsexual half of the psyche - termed by Jung the anima in men and the animus in women - is intimately connected with the qualities of the marriage partner as they are evidenced by the seventh house.

When Saturn is in the seventh house, the opportunity for an inner integration or balancing of opposites is offered, for it is unlikely that the individual will find the qualities he seeks happily expressed by a partner. It is more likely that he will attract to himself situations which involve some degree of pain, isolation, rejection, and disappointment until he begins to re-orient himself toward an inner search. This placement is analogous to the coniunctio or mystical marriage of alchemy, which in psychological terms suggests

an inner integration which results in a new centre for the psyche and new balance and meaning in life. In alchemical symbolism this marriage is always accompanied by darkness and death previous to the distillation of the elixir; and the darkness which often accompanies a seventh house Saturn is matched only by the brilliance of the gold which is also promised.

The most basic interpretation of Saturn in the seventh house is sorrow, difficulty, or constriction in marriage or other close relationships. Generally these sorrows appear to be the hand of external fate and often do not seem to be connected with any fault in the individual himself. Saturn in this house is frequently in his most elaborate disguise because his action is so completely externalised. It always seems to be the other person's fault. This is characteristic of seventh house planets; and good or bad luck, happiness or unhappiness, appear to come through the agency of the partner or the opponent. We are accustomed to interpreting this house as a symbol of the effects of others upon us without considering that these effects are the direct result of our own inner needs and conflicts projected outward upon others. It is not wholly the partner's shortcomings that are responsible when Saturn in the seventh house does not foster a union of unmitigated bliss.

The restrictions of a seventh house Saturn are often of a very obvious sort. Commonly, isolation or aloneness is one sort of restriction. We may also see the older, more serious partner who, although stable and faithful and perhaps financially solvent as well, dampens and constricts the individual's expression because he does not understand or appreciate his partner's thoughts and dreams. The partner may be ailing or dependent in some way through illness or monetary obligations, thereby becoming a responsibility rather than a companion. Sometimes he is possessive and demanding, or he may be a disappointment simply because he is incompatible, or abandons the individual, or causes hurt through emotional or physical infidelity. In situations of this kind, we are accustomed to assuming that it is the person's bad luck in the choice of a mate. Everything is usually all right at the beginning. It all seems to happen later, after the knot is tied. We may then hear the familiar cry, 'I never realised when I met him...!'

There is much that we know about others at the first moment of contact, for we are as sensitive to the subliminal signals given in a thousand subtle ways by our fellows as the lower kingdoms of nature are to the subtle signals of their environment. But these are intuitive realisations; and they are not often welcome if the inner needs contradict the conscious ideal of what a mate should be. It is invariably the inner needs which are expressed, and which are answered, for like attracts like. The fact that someone later seems to be different is due not to bad luck but to a deliberate inner choice which was made at the very beginning. Once again, it is wise to assume some responsibility where Saturn is concerned, for the awareness of these inner needs and the honest sharing of them is very likely to be a prerequisite for happy and productive union when Saturn is found in the seventh house. Although it may at first seem difficult to understand why an individual would choose, consciously or unconsciously, a partner who will hurt,

disappoint, or limit him, it is not so difficult to understand that a man may be at war with himself and be compelled by unconscious motives of which he is unaware. His choice of partner is often a reflection of this war.

The consistent thread which runs through the many expressions of Saturn in the seventh house seems to be the successful avoidance of a relationship which might involve real union on all levels instead of merely the physical or emotional. The dangers of dependency or vulnerability are carefully sidestepped by Saturn's action although the man may be unaware that he is doing this on a conscious level. Seen from the viewpoint of the detached observer, relationships formed with a Saturnian influence are often 'safe' in that the partner is himself dependent, weak, needful, and unable to form any kind of threat or support to the individual. The partner may be cold or unfaithful or incapable of establishing a meaningful relationship himself; and this is a neat mechanism for avoiding the effort and responsibility of a fully conscious union while having a scapegoat on whom the failure of the union may be blamed. Saturn in the seventh house does not necessarily describe the failure of marriage because of the failure of the partner; but it often appears this way to the conscious eye of the individual who must project his own inaccessibility onto someone else.

From the point of view of the personality, this mechanism appears to be a depressing one, for it would appear that there is something lying deep within the individual's psyche which will not permit him happiness in union. This is true, but is only depressing when seen out of context. What is really implied is that happiness in union is not possible unless the union is based upon values other than the ordinary superficial ones of appearance, financial status, emotional dependency, and social pleasure; for these causes carry with them inevitably the seeds of failure if Saturn is in the seventh house. He often places great emphasis on the formal structure of marriage while managing to avoid the inner exchange of which the formal structure is the symbol. Saturn in the seventh house tends to symbolise a rather painful arrangement because of the ensuing loneliness. But in the end, the thing which is sought is inner integration, an inner marriage, and inner wholeness rather than dependency upon another person for the centre of one's psychic life. From the point of view of the self, the total psyche rather than of the personality, Saturn placed here offers a great opportunity. There is no suggestion of the necessity of a lonely life; there is rather the inner push to understand the deeper levels of union, the psychic fact of which marriage is a symbol, and the kind of true relationship which stems from two people who have centres of their own and are therefore free consciously to choose.

Patterns of hurt and rejection are common with Saturn in the seventh house. There is often much talk of giving, for Saturn often plays the martyr; yet it is frequently found that the individual who complains the most about having given so much with so little reward has in reality given little that does not have a condition attached. He is frightened of being alone; yet he is equally frightened that he will be hurt; so he tries to follow both these impulses, and establishes relationships into which his inner self does not enter.

Often Saturn will overcompensate; and instead of being the one who is consistently abandoned, he will play the Don Juan figure - of either sex - and give the impression of being hard, callous, and unfeeling. This is very rarely the true inner nature of Saturn; but it is one of his most frequent masks. He is more likely to be morbidly sensitive underneath his armour, so he will seek safety rather than the possible pain of a union which might end in his rejection. Sacrificing love for safety, which he often calls duty, he may believe that he has made an advantageous choice and then finds he cannot extricate himself when the enormity of his sacrifice becomes clear to him. The man with Saturn in the seventh house who attempts to make a partnership a material affair generally finds that he must pay a higher price than he intended. This is often the case when Saturn's inclination toward truth and dispelling of illusory values is blocked. It is not necessary to postulate the idea of hell after death when one has glimpsed the inner hell of loneliness which is often the companion of this attempt to distort Saturn's energies.

Saturn in an angular house suggests that events, and direct contacts with others, are involved in the working out of the process of inner discovery. In the seventh, this is apparent in that the marriage partner becomes either a source of suffering or a source of great opportunity for mutual growth. This choice is free to the individual; but he must first realise that he has a choice; if he does not, it is not his bad karma which has brought him suffering, but simply ignorance.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the seventh house indicates the need to learn when to be an equal and when to wield responsible power and when to accept limits. The latter will usually be connected to the rights and power of other people. With integration, we can co-operate with others in marriage and in teamwork in a job, sharing the power and the responsibility.

A seventh house father may be a partner or may be gone in light of the potential for separations in the opposition aspect and the natural opposition of the seventh house to the first house of our own identity. The father may be artistic and pleasant or argumentative and combative. If we learn compromise and co-operation early in life with both authority figures and peers, we will be prepared to enjoy our adult equalitarian relationships.

Often Saturn in the seventh house calls for recognition that a variety of types of interactions can be appropriate, including co-operation, competition, and helping others. We just need to have a place in our lives for each and to know when to do which.

I was initially puzzled by a male client whose chart was dominated by air signs, which are normally equalitarian, but he had both major lesson factors, Saturn and the south lunar node, in air signs. But Saturn was in the seventh house and the south lunar node was in the tenth house, pointing to lessons somewhere in the area of equality and

responsible power. I described the issues to the client, and he was able to understand it. He said that he was a manager in his job, responsible for seeing that employees worked properly. He recognized that his tenth house Aquarius was leading him to be too equalitarian with the employees and they were taking advantage of his leniency. But in his seventh house, which was calling for equality, he 'had his thumb on his wife' to quote his phrase.

Seventh house careers can involve all kinds of teamwork, especially counselling or consulting in some way. Fields involving arbitration and law and politics are common choices. Litigation is part of the potential, or other forms of competition. Power struggles are 'healthy' and can contribute to both sides gaining skills if they 'play by the rules', are able to win sometimes and lose sometimes, and keep in mind that it is a game. Remember that until we are exercising our share of the world's power, we still feel that it is in the hands of others. Other seventh house careers can use its potential artistic talent for jobs in the graphic arts such as design, photography, architecture, city planning, and landscape gardening.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This placement of Saturn can cause a variety of results, depending on the sign it is in and the aspects to it. Relationships are always taken very seriously, particularly marriage. Requirements for a mate can be very exacting; sometimes so exacting that no-one ever qualifies. The mate is frequently older, more experienced, or more ambitious. These people may marry out of a sense of duty. Sometimes the mate is ill, or so heavily committed to another family or to a job or career that the relationship is not as fulfilling as they might wish. There tend to be difficulties with the marriage, sorrow, loss, loneliness, disagreements, separations, yet the sense of duty and commitment can be so strong that ultimately it wins out over all difficulties.

These people are very exacting of others, but equally exacting of themselves and their duty to those they love. They are always very responsive to what they see as their duty, perhaps to such a degree that it burdens their lives, especially in youth. They are attracted to ambitious people and are very ambitious for those they love and eager to help them succeed. Sometimes they feel a secret contempt for those who seem too lightweight, uncommitted, or free and easy. They tend to be a bit restrictive of those they love, to keep them on too tight a rein, or ask too much of them. If they rise to prominence, it is frequently through the efforts or ambitions of a parent, mate, or patron.

This location of Saturn tends to give physical strength, drive, and stamina, and the ability to overcome physical obstacles that would stop most people. They can work harder, faster, and longer than others, push themselves to break records, push past the herd in a physical sense, and to prove themselves in the eyes of others.

They seem to have more asked of them than most people. Because of their sense of

duty and commitment, others are inclined to place heavy demands on them, which they are glad of or resent, depending on other factors, but which they will in any case struggle to fulfill.

(Howard Sasportas)

Relationships are not that easy for people with Saturn in the 7th; and yet this is precisely the area through which they will be challenged to grow and examine themselves. Trying to wriggle out of the hot seat, they might complain that the right man or woman has just never come along, or moan that some flaw in the partner is the root of the trouble. However, rather than just blaming fate, bad luck or poor choice it is by searching inwards that they will unearth reasons for the dispiriting state of affairs.

Wherever there is Saturn, there is fear. Very often these people obstruct relationships because they are frightened of becoming too deeply involved with others. They may be afraid of the degree of commitment a relationship requires, and terrified of becoming too dependent on someone else. Dreading and half-expecting to be hurt, they cannot risk the vulnerability of true intimacy. As is often the case with the 7th house, in order to trace the origins of these kinds of complexes, earlier relationships will have to be examined.

Did they open to a parent and then experience hurt, rejection and misunderstanding? If so, they may still anticipate being unlovable or unacceptable to others. Was the parental marriage so atrocious as to obliterate the very idea of a happy union? If so, can they not learn from their parents' mistakes? By seeking answers and solutions to these kinds of questions, they grow wiser about themselves, relationships and life in general. This is the gift of Saturn in the 7th

I have seen many instances of people with Saturn in the 7th house who complain that their partners are too limiting and restricting - if it only weren't for their spouses, they would accomplish so much more. Sometimes this is true because they have chosen, unconsciously or not, ostensibly tyrannical men or women as partners. However, the belief that the partner is holding them back is a form of self-deception: in actual fact, what they have done is to project their own internal blocks and fears of stretching themselves onto the partner. Even when they are free of their supposedly restraining husbands and wives, many of those people with Saturn in the 7th will just find other reasons for not venturing forth and expanding themselves. Why not examine these inner obstacles first?

Saturn in the 7th may look for a partner who is safe. Sometimes the least risky ones are those who do not engender an enormous amount of passion. Or as a kind of self-protection policy, they may deliberately choose partners whom they feel are inadequate or lacking in certain respects. Therefore, if the relationship fails, and the other person walks out the door, they can reassure themselves that they are better off without that no-good lame duck. Others seem to select partners who have the same

weaknesses as they do, and then proceed to batter the other person for those things they feel unhappy about in themselves.

Saturn in this house also manifests in the search for a partner who will provide security and stability for them. For these reasons, this placement has often been associated with marriage to an older person, or a mother-figure or father-figure. This may work, but at the expense of keeping them small and dependent. Should it fail, it may be a blessing in disguise because they are forced to develop their own inner source of strength and support. While this is not easy, it is invariably a worthwhile achievement.

Saturn in the 7th may marry later in life or not find more complete fulfillment in a union until somewhat older - as if Father Time must teach them a thing or two before a truly mutual and healthy relationship can be formed.

More mundanely, lawsuits may be long and drawn-out, and it might be advisable to try to settle out of court.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are cautious and reserved about meeting people, and you don't form relationships with others until you've had time to evaluate their credentials. Your apprehensiveness comes from feeling that they will somehow try to make restricting demands on you. Your negative attitude makes it essential that you get an education to improve your chances in competition, where your credentials are certain to be challenged. While you admire and respect people who are sure of themselves, you fail to take the initiative when you are given an opportunity to demonstrate your skills. You must learn to react more positively in such situations, if only to prove to yourself that you can succeed in competition. Once you realize that you have the ability to win, you will learn to manage your creative resources so that you can achieve your goals.

While you may not like promoting yourself before the public, you will have to if you want people to buy your skills. Fear of ridicule is an unacceptable reason for withholding your talents from those who need them most. When you finally get over this hangup, you must establish a program to achieve your career goals ethically. It is important to keep your ambitions uncontaminated so you will know that everything you have gained through honest hard work.

Become as proficient as possible in your chosen work so that you aren't unnecessarily intimidated by challenging competition. Learn about your adversaries' credentials and get whatever additional training is required so that you can meet them on equal terms. You can learn something from every person you meet, socially and professionally, so take advantage of it. Your early environment had some limitations, which may have made it difficult to assert yourself as you should. Once detached from obligations to your family, you will benefit from external social contacts.

You may have to work hard to get patronage for your services, but that can provide you with an adequate and comfortable living. Success feeds on itself, and there is no limit to the goals you can achieve. Until you are confidently established in your career, do only what is required of you in any situation, and set aside some time for rest and relaxation. You have the impression that you are somehow indebted to everyone and that they can demand payment at will. Find out exactly what you must do, such as taking responsibility for your actions, providing the best possible product or service, and managing your affairs according to high ethical standards.

Find someone who shares your ambitions and can give you needed moral and emotional support when there are difficulties. There is no limit to what you can accomplish with someone you love, for you find shared experiences more enriching and fulfilling. Don't worry that people won't accept you, or you may fail to live up to their expectations. If you are properly trained and accept full responsibility for your actions, you will gain acceptance in your own social environment and win the admiration of your contemporaries as well.

(Bili Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: With Saturn in the 7th, it's difficult to understand that the image you see in others is truly a reflection of yourself, for it often appears fearsome and threatening, either demanding or rejecting, and thus it's easier to convince yourself that the other person is emanating these qualities. The major pitfall here is denial, the tendency to want to look away, to avoid real relatedness, since what you may see is so fearful. The challenge is to give yourself time to gradually overcome the intense fear of knowing yourself, so that you can eventually discover authentic self-acceptance.

Equal partnerships: Your relationships with peers have been conditioned by the anxiety that others don't want to know you as you really are. You feared rejection from your father or other authority figures, and learned to protect yourself from it. Even in adulthood, you continue seeking to prove your acceptability to authorities, so you often choose partners who are significantly older or younger, if not in age, then in some less tangible way. The pitfall involves pushing yourself so hard you simply blow out, collapsing in reaction into almost calculated insensitivity or irresponsibility toward your partners. The challenge is to respect your limits, growing through your fears. Discover that you have nothing to prove to yourself or us.

Contracts, commitments: Your anxiety over relationships is never more obvious than with regard to commitment. What if you choose the wrong person? Will you be humiliated if you're not perfect in your performance of the contract? Will the Gods set you up for failure no matter how hard you try? Fear may become self-fulfilling prophecy: you could refuse to make any promises, resulting in painful isolation; or you might close your eyes and plunge into total commitment, hoping that everything will magically turn out all right -

inevitably resulting in ruined relationships. The challenge is to learn responsibility slowly by moving through stages of commitment. If you get in over your head, pull back to a lower level. Commitment is not birthed whole; it is built oneo brick at a time, just like maturity.

Co-operation: You want co-operation deeply, but you fear being abused, and worse, you worry that you actually deserve mistreatment for unknown flaws of character. Why would others want to co-operate with you, especially the powerful father figures to whom you are attracted? There are two pitfalls: first, you may bend so far in accommodation that you harm yourself; or second, you may so far rejection that you refuse to negotiate with a coldly defensive posture. Remember that just because your partner wins, you don't have to lose. The challenge is to learn that you can be in unresolved negotiations safely. You're correct to be cautious in negotiations, but your ambition to achieve full co-operation won't go away; you just have to work at it.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is one whose maturity and common sense are palpable, a person of achievement and steady endurance. Your natural mate has considerable dignity and psychological strength, with notable restraint that's backed by a clear understanding of repsonsibility. You must respect your mate in ways that enhance your self-respect.

A natural partnership for you feels very old, rocklike and solid. You needn't be totally secure, but you must feel awe and reverence at a physical level. This relationship challenges you to conquer your fears, but slowly enough that you're not overwhelmed. It helps you feel more adult. The image is a mountain of granite.

Uranus ♃ in ♏ Scorpio 17° 49'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Uranus in Scorpio have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new ways to substantially transform the society as it is presently operating, especially on a worldly and sexual level. Disruption occurs by holding on to outworn sexual standards and outmoded ideas about material partnerships.

(Joan Negus)

As Uranus moved into Scorpio, the focus was no longer on making peace. The last of the U.S. troops were evacuated from Vietname at the end of April 1975 but this was just as retrograde Uranus was about to re-enter Libra for the last time. Then other issues came into the foreground. The most prominent of these involved covert activities.

One such matter was concern about the role the CIA might have played in the death of former Chilean President Salvador Allende Gossens and the overthrow of his government. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee ordered an investigation into these allegations. Another incident was the seizure of a US cargo vessel by the Cambodian government with accusations that the ship was part of a United States spying operation against Cambodia. Still other examples were the establishment of a Commission to examine charges of domestic spying by the CIA, and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence activities looking into heretofore concealed questionable activities by the FBI, IRS, and the US Army, as well as the CIA. All of these investigations dealt with spying and ferreting out hidden information - appropriate concepts for the sign of Scorpio.

Two other newsworthy items that occurred during that period and were appropriate for the meaning of Uranus in Scorpio were the Iran Hostage situation and the case of Patricia Hearst. On November 4, 1979, a group of Iranian students stormed the U.S. embassy in Teheran and captured 66 Americans. The students were protesting the Shah or Iran having been allowed to enter the United States for an operation. They wanted the Shah returned to Iran to face trial. In retaliation for the hostage situation, US President Jimmy Carter deported Iranian students who were illegally in the United States and froze Iranian assets that were in American banks.

Although these measures failed to produce the return of the hostages, both the action and the response of the President illustrate ways in which people might act with Uranus in Scorpio. The captors did not openly remove the Shah from the hospital. Instead they took the circuitous route and tried to manipulate the Americans into returning the Shah. The response of the President was one of 'I'll show you'. The freezing of other people's money also seemed appropriate for the 'getting even' attitude of Scorpio.

The other excellent example of Uranus in Scorpio mentioned above was the story of Patty Hearst. The events that occurred in her life during this time speak for themselves. Without elaborating, they evoke keywords for Uranus in Scorpio. She, like the hostages in Iran, was abducted. Her kidnappers called themselves the Symbianese Liberation Movement. She was allegedly raped, and kept in a dark closet, and eventually was brainwashed into joining the group. She was transformed. She took on a new identity and even looked different from how she had done before. If someone were asked to create a work of fiction that would epitomize Uranus in Scorpio, they could probably not do better.

This does not mean that everyone with this placement will behave as Patty Hearst's captors did. This example is rather meant to point out that there are two general routes the revolutionary with Uranus in Scorpio would be likely to follow. The first would be to convince, and / or perhaps manipulate others to join in their revolution. This route would also include the covert behavior such as the type alluded to, not only in the Patty Hearst

story, but in several of the other examples. The second route is the more overt one associated with the volcanic eruption quality of Scorpio. You take visible action on a large scale. This is illustrated by Patty Hearst's alleged involvement in bank robberies with her kidnappers, the assassination of the Chilean President and overthrow of his government, and the Iranian seizure of the American embassy in Teheran.

These two routes need not be exclusive of each other. In fact, although they may seem diametrically opposed, the second path may follow the first, and is probably the most comfortable procedure for a Uranus in Scorpio person to follow in order to make changes and / or express individuality. If you have Uranus in Scorpio, you might initially investigate the changes you want to make quietly, without fanfare. You can elicit support in any manner appropriate as long as you do not publicly announce it. Once you know that others are on your side, you will feel secure enough to take drastic, definitive action.

(Skye Alexander)

During the last century, Uranus was in Scorpio from December 1974 to April 1975, then again from September 1975 until November 1981. Scorpio is associated with all things that are hidden - occult knowledge, unseen worlds, the unconscious, secret activities and organizations, hidden resources, sexuality - therefore, these are the areas that your Uranus-group will change in order to provide more openness and freedom.

During the years when Uranus was in Scorpio, more and more people underwent some form of therapy to open up the hidden recesses of their psyches. New types of therapy were developed, and psychoanalysis lost its stigma. Many individuals also began delving into occult fields and the ancient mysteries; and publications that revealed long-secret knowledge proliferated. Those of you who have this planetary placement in your charts might be interested in probing these hidden realms.

Space exploration during this period exposed new information about the mysterious worlds beyond our own planet. Your Uranus-group could be responsible for even greater discoveries in our Universe, or for inventing the technology that will allow us to travel through space in the future.

Uranus in Scorpio also brought the secret activities of the government and powerful organizations out into the open. In the United States, the most notable of these exposures was Watergate, which changed the public's attitude toward government behavior and policies, and brought about a new desire for openness in politics. The CIA's role in the destabilization of other countries also began coming to light, as did some of the hidden horrors of the Viet Nam War and its effects on the veterans who fought there. Those of you with Uranus in Scorpio might be involved in uncovering the surreptitious operations of big business, multinational banks, government or other powerful institutions and in forcing them to be more equitable and truthful.

Hidden behavior and taboo subjects, particularly sex, also are in Scorpio's domain, and during the most recent passage of Uranus through this sign sex became more open and free than ever before. Frank depictions of sexual activity became popular in movies; and sex was an open topic for television, advertising, and books like *The Joy of Sex*. This new attitude of sexual freedom brought about a more relaxed approach to sexual activity. Greater numbers of people were engaging in casual sexual encounters and experimenting with unconventional sexual practices. Homosexuality came out of the closet, and gay rights movements gained momentum.

Those of you with Uranus in Scorpio are probably quite open-minded about sex, and your Uranus-group might be responsible for initiating new attitudes toward sexual liberation and openness. You also might enjoy experimenting with a variety of sexual practices and partners, and are uninhibited in your sexual behavior (unless other factors in your chart suggest otherwise).

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Scorpio is in its exaltation. As Uranus is the planet of drastic change, it is most potent in Scorpio, the sign of death and regeneration. Those born with this Uranus position must learn to adjust to the destruction during their lifetime of old forms of civilization, which is the necessary prerequisite to the birth of a new form of civilization. A previous generation of Uranus in Scorpio lived through World War I in youth - a war that brought the Victorian era to a drastic end and initiated a time of rapid change.

The last period of Uranus in Scorpio, which started in 1975, marked the beginning of the final destruction of the Piscean age in preparation for the Aquarian age. People born during this period will experience the greatest upheaval of human civilization in recorded history.

Those with Uranus in Scorpio have powerfully charged emotions. They believe in decisive action and cannot tolerate inactivity or laziness in any form. If Uranus is afflicted in Scorpio, they are likely to have violent tempers and a fierce determination to bring about change, no matter how destructive.

These people can be highly resourceful; they can possess great mechanical and scientific ingenuity. They can have strong occult tendencies, with knowledge of the afterlife and an awareness of the supraphysical dimensions of energy.

(Grant Lewi)

If Saturn is also in Scorpio in your Vitasphere, read that paragraph carefully and link it with this one. Uranus in Scorpio causes your genius to work through deep wells of the subconscious, and makes for tremendous power for good or bad. You are angel or devil - or, at different times, both. Your personal magnetism is powerful, and you seek from

your originality a personal tribute from the world or from individuals. You can be content with the worship (or fear) of a small circle and can, because of this, be capable of limiting the scope of your great powers. Love, or sex, is important to you; you rule others if you control yourself; and if you don't, you are the slave of others, or to your own instincts, which are very powerful. You are capable of gratifying your need for power by identifying yourself with machinery, and are often successful in mechanical or engineering fields, where you are able to feel your own strength in the strength of the machine you make or operate. You love speed, and feel at home when moving swiftly. If self-controlled, you are a powerful executive requiring absolute military obedience. Your deep need for self-control is manifest in your worship of method, system, efficiency and obedience. You should learn the law of obedience in the abstract, allow your great magnetism to express itself freely without mastering you, and thus have the world at your feet.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Uranus is perhaps at its most weighty and complex. Remember that the planet's influence is increased since it is exalted in this sign; the dynamic force of Uranus, added to the emotional intensity of Scorpio, gives considerable extra power to the subject. He or she is brave and daring, but tends to avoid showing the emotions and may even try to reject them. As a result, he will appear calm while much is boiling up on deeper levels of his personality. He must accept that the gradual release of emotional tension and energy is good, and when channeled they can be used positively and rewardingly so that inner satisfaction accompanies achievement.

A need for power is sometimes present. People with this placing will have been born between 1975 and 1981. If older generations do not give them careful, sound guidance, they will waste some powerful potential and energy. The influence will be at its most dynamic if the Sun, Moon or Ascendant sign is Scorpio, or if that sign and Uranus were on or near the Midheaven. These youngsters need to feel they are in a powerful position - often to help the world or to make it think in the same way that they do. If their parents realize they have potential and give firm guidance, they will do well; but association with the seamier sides of life may drag them down.

(John Townley)

Direct and sometimes adventurous sexual experiences are probably a key to your emotional and personality development. Indeed, you may take some risks to obtain the clarity and understanding that come with first-hand experience. Admittedly, you can get hurt, both personally and socially, by searching for this knowledge too actively or indiscreetly; but the rewards of this search surely outweigh the perils.

In this respect, you will be encouraged by your peers, many of whom are similarly motivated to explore the sometimes mysterious depths of human sexuality. On the other hand, if you are not personally inclined to take this direction, you may feel that others are

pressuring you to try experiences that you do not want or are not ready for. Take the responsibility of knowing your own mind and having control of your heart in order to avoid such difficulties.

In any case, you will learn a great deal through pursuing the deeper currents of your consciousness, particularly in respect to love and personal relationships. If you are willing to honestly confront and explore your inner feelings, no matter what their nature, your social and sexual experiences will be most rewarding.

(Robert Hand)

This generation of children may exhibit rather difficult moods and, according to adult standards, seem to act compulsively. It is rather difficult to get them to talk about their feelings, which they can't easily express in words. However, as they get older they will want to make sweeping changes in the world around them. As a generation, they aren't likely to do things halfway, and the changes they work for will be extremely important. When they are older, they may develop new techniques of therapy and healing for both mind and body. They encounter human needs at a very intimate and feeling level, and try very hard to implement whatever measures seem necessary.

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 perspective 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 ♎ Libra 7° 29'

No interpretation.

Neptune ♆ in 1st House

(Marilyn Waram)

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

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

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

The person with Neptune in the first house often struggles with a great deal of confusion about his personal identity. He may be so open to others that he picks up their moods without realising he is being affected. He tends to mimic, quite unconsciously, the strongest characteristics of the last person he was with. He can be easily misled by

others, for he fits himself into their 'head space' with such ease that he doesn't always realise he has done so, and may forget - or be unaware of the need - to return to his own thoughts and feelings.

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

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

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

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

The person with Neptune in the first house will tend to be physically inactive. He does not usually have the energy to lead a dynamic life unless there are other indications in the chart for this. He prefers quiet, spiritually nourishing pursuits to athletics. His very lack of interest in the mundane world in general and his own physical body in particular can lead him into careless dietary habits and a complete unwillingness to exercise,

which can quickly undermine his sensitive health. It is difficult for the Neptunian to accept, but he may have to discipline himself to follow a pure diet, to avoid or carefully monitor the use of alcohol and to be especially careful with drugs, medicinal or otherwise. Frequently this Neptunian requires lower doses of medicine than others.

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

There is a powerful reflective quality to your personality, almost like a reflection created by still waters, which can emerge as an unconscious mimicking of others as you take on their characteristics. Your persona (or social mask) is often shaped by your current influences and associations; and to others you may appear in the guise of a changeling

or chameleon-type personality, hard to fathom and lacking in consistency. You can try to be all things to all men, where your identity forms itself around others' needs and wants, and perpetually moves its ground of being. There is a tendency to move beyond boundaries, in that your private sense of a separate identity becomes extremely diffused and begins to adopt a more inclusive perception, although in distinction from the mystical position; your expression of this could be in becoming dependent and relying on others. Sometimes in being so sensitive to the needs of others, you can become sacrificial in attempting to satisfy them, and in so doing lose your own purpose and direction through a misplacement of your identity.

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

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

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

Use of drugs or alcohol is probably best avoided, especially with those tendencies of excess, as these will just serve to fragment an already fragile identity and stimulate the negative face of Neptune into action. There can be a strong charisma around you, an enigmatic and mysterious persona (because of its apparent depth and reflective nature)

which can intrigue many who desire to investigate your secrets. This can lead to unusual relationships, which can be very influential - positively or negatively - and you may be wiser to exercise some discrimination in this sphere, especially as your judgement may not always be too accurate. Some could take advantage of your mutability; for instance, by seeking to mould you into their own preferred shape. If this is allowed, then you could experience the Neptunian tendencies towards victim and martyr. The real way forward is to move towards the whole, and not become lost by reflecting just the parts of life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

Pluto ♅ in ♈ Aries 13° 12'

No interpretation.

Pluto ♅ in 7th House

(Ginger Chalford)

This house initially belongs to the child; and very often when people exhibit childish behaviour one can find planets which represent that behaviour pattern in the natal seventh house. As the young child begins to grow socially, she / he discovers that by imitating the adults in his or her environment, she / he is learning about personality patterns and growth-oriented interactions with others. This gives the child a sense of security. After all, there's no need to figure out how to act and what to do, for models of behaviour abound all around. Children with Pluto in the seventh house learn their lessons well, and can become accomplished mimics of adults. As they practise their new behaviours, they receive responses from parents, adults, and older children, which tell them whether the actions are pleasing or not. Children do want to please, for that assures them that the world is moving along smoothly, that they will have plenty to eat and other children to play with, etc.. This original sellout is necessary, since children cannot truly fend for themselves. The personal power is, as commonly happens with Pluto, exchanged for security. With this placement however, it is often more difficult to take that power back once adulthood is reached. It is here in the seventh house that social experiments are made, that the learning cycle on how to get along and fit in is begun. It is here that children establish their limits, the boundaries that demarcate what they can and cannot do.

With Pluto here, these boundaries can be very confining, which sets up a repression of energy that could either explode later or else seem to disappear entirely into the personality. Since children are rewarded for imitating adults and older children around them, the behaviour is reinforced and there is a tendency to continue it. These children look for validation of their self-image from others, hoping that they look right, act normally, dress within the mode (or code), and generally fit in with society. This process of learning is a seemingly long one, taking all of the early life to accomplish. Yet, the behavioural tools necessary to deal with unforeseen situations remain limited, even into adulthood. When disaster strikes, it is usually because of the environmental situation or someone else, rather than the Pluto native. This seeming passivity is a logical result of thought processes that set up other people as the source of power in life. (If others can give the self value, they can destroy it as well.) This child gets in touch with the emotional content of relationships very early in life. He or she may have been picked on by older children or siblings, or victimised by them in some way. One such case was a boy who was encouraged to participate in some naughty activities by an older brother. When the child was caught he was punished, but his older brother was not. (He had sworn to secrecy as part of the deal.) His loyalty to his word kept the parents in the dark

as to why their younger son was such a troublesome case, until years and years later. Yet, such experiences can leave emotional scars on young children, and they may try to avoid any intimacy or close involvement with another person as much as possible. They may withdraw and spend more time watching than actually participating in relationships, even though to have a friend or closer relationship is the one thing they desire most in life. Unfortunately, the child assumes that others have all the answers, and transfers the awe of parents and adult authority figures to other individuals who are older and / or seem stronger and more powerful. If someone else becomes angry with them, the impact on these Pluto people will be very strong. They will either meekly submit, while fuming secretly within; or they will become an aggressive, rebellious underdog and resist openly. Power plays in relationships seem to occur frequently, but that is the natural attempt of the Pluto individual to find the limits of his or her own power. Over time however, those with this placement may still not have discovered their own personal power, and may still be waiting for an okay from someone else before proceeding with their own life. All this activity can be subconscious, for the original feelings associated with the early adaptations have been lost. They have floated out of sight, only to run the show from a booth on the side rather than taking their place on centre stage. These patterns have a nasty habit of sliding by unnoticed through adolescence and into adulthood very easily, as they are strongly reinforced by the peer group (which is an adolescent replacement for the parental authority figures).

The person still has a tendency to expect someone outside himself or herself to know all the answers - a mentor, a teacher, a spouse or an angel from God. She / he may remain a passive resister of the first rank, leaving to someone else the responsibility for any messes that may occur in life. She / he will even move out of the familiar neighbourhood to be with someone who gives him or her that special feeling. Instead of adolescent games, the seventh house Pluto individual will have discovered a broader spectrum of games in the marketplace with other (apparent) adults. Just as this person was inadvertently abused as a child, now his / her business opponents give him / her a rough time. This can manifest as getting in trouble with his boss, a loved one or the bank! In order to appear as successful and 'together' as others, these Pluto people will try to have all the answers themselves. The unfortunate aspect of it all is that, due to their limited self-expansion and experimentation as children, they don't have that many answers. Somehow, somewhere, they will foul up and someone else will get the cake - the raise, the relationship, etc.. This can set up a pattern of frustration and anger at certain other manipulating individuals, which can fester over long periods of time. Whether they treat others nicely or not doesn't mean that the lesson of this placement has been learned. Being rebellious, treating others like dirt (a possible extreme manifestation) is still a reaction to the belief that the desires of others must always come first.

What these people have to learn is that by becoming the very opposite of what they were trained to be, they are not really rebelling. Instead, they are only confirming that their training was valid, that the parents and other adult authority figures were right. These negative actions are merely saying that the Plutonian is angry about it and wants

to punish others for having more important desires and activities than he or she does.

The other mode of response is that of the quiet, introverted, passive resister. These Pluto individuals can explore the opposite extreme of their unruly brothers and sisters, by trying to appease everyone they meet, cringing with anger and / or sacrificing the self for the hope of a harmonious relationship. These people will do anything to stay at home with someone in order to keep the game going, to keep the relationship alive. There can be a terrible fear that the relationship could end (generally when the other party walks out) - and then they will be alone, without someone of power around them to assure them that they are all right, etc.. They will also refuse to see the major impact they have on the partner's life, thinking themselves somehow invisible and unobtrusive. That's hard to be when you have this Pluto placement! Not trusting themselves, they look for someone else on whom they can rely.

Fortunately, many people with this Pluto placement do grow up and begin to make choices for themselves. This can create profound relationships, from exciting and synergistic business partnerships to soulmates. Even though the partner is usually a strong-willed person, there is an appreciation of his or her spunkiness and strength, and a willingness to make the relationship a special or even magical one. The two heads, like rams, may butt each other every once in a while, but the relationship definitely won't suffer from boredom! To others, these people may appear to have nasty fights, but instead it is a healthy way for them to let off steam, and the anger is quickly forgiven and forgotten. Both partners will acknowledge the power and impact they have on each other, and will be willing to commit themselves to working out solutions that don't hurt the other one or break his or her trust. These Plutonian natives have learned to balance their own desires with the other person's. They neither consistently demand to have their own way, nor do they give in to the wishes of the partner all the time. They have learned a great deal about life through relationships, and they have a healthy self-image. This placement is very good for those in the legal profession, including judges, because these people are very fair. They are also good psychologists, having come into that subject with an intense curiosity about what was happening in their own life and relationships. These Plutonians make many conscious choices during the day, without needing the advice of others. And they can keep up their positive energy, because they are confident in their public image.

Those with Pluto here can also do well in mass communications, should the rest of the chart favour that, because the public image can be powerful and their message can move multitudes. They take responsibility for their lives, and they have indeed grown up.

Situations that seem to accompany this placement can include disaster on the home front; separations, domination by partners and spouses, bitter ending of relationships, fighting futilely, vengeful partners, sudden disappearance of important people in their lives, and persistent difficulty in getting and keeping a mate. Generally, as was said earlier, events with this placement seem to come out of the individual environment, and

this can feel scary and evoke deep feelings of insecurity about possible future heavy events also catching them off guard.

When Pluto transit individuals realise they have a choice in the matter, the tables turn. But then they will have to accept responsibility for the tremendous power they have chosen. The partner is often the most significant person in this individual's life - particularly the romantic partner. Heavy karmic tie-ins to the past are possible if Pluto rules house ten or house four. In that case, the individual with this placement may be looking for a replacement parent. If you have this Pluto position, beware of falling into that trap! While Pluto transits this house, relationships will have to be overhauled. At the very least, the way the individual looks at the relationships will have to be transformed. Often, this can manifest as the disruption of a personal relationship or business partnership. It doesn't have to end however, if both parties can go through this transformation together. But the responsibility for communicating to the partner about needs and changes still lies with the Pluto person.

Legal hassles and tendencies to evade the law can come up at this time also. But generally, most of the results of this transit will directly or indirectly reflect the powerful impact of the person's overhaul on his or her environment. If seen that way, then something can be done about it. The crises must ease up, and this process must start with the individual who is affected by the seventh house Pluto, either natively or by transit. To change the negative impact of Pluto in the seventh house, one must stop being a martyr or victim. Forgive others (partners, ex-spouses) for what they've done to you, and clear that emotional debris from the past. See the fourth house for forgiveness techniques. Then look at your current life. Monitor a few days of your life, and note how many times you conceded or compromised your views for those of another person. Start paying attention to how you feel at those times. In many instances there are fine, practical reasons why you take the other person's ideas or activities so seriously. But in some instances, you will find that you have a nagging doubt, a resentment or a moment of indecision. It's this kind of situation you will need to focus on and change. Changing doesn't mean that you must now insist on doing something different from what the people around you are doing. That would only indicate that you have still failed to make a clear decision on your own, and are simply reacting to others in a negative way. What you really need to do is to regain conscious control over your thoughts and actions.

Every time you fail to clarify your preference, your own inner sense of security and trust suffers a bit. It's far better to say 'Wait, let me think about it' than to go along with someone else merely because that person seems to have stronger, more pronounced views and motivations than you. Don't submit to pressure from others through intimidation, anger, guilt, etc.. If someone is manipulating you, put them on hold until you have discovered what it is that you really want to do. Go off by yourself if necessary, and make them wait. If the situation is a crisis that can't wait, then let your instinct take over. But there will be very few real crises coming your way once you begin tuning into how you deny your own choices.

If you are the type of person who is blustery, and you don't feel well-liked or appreciated, then it may be that you have been playing the rebellious but passive resister all these years. Monitor yourself for a few days, and you'll discover that you may believe one thing but act just the opposite way. If this happens, you know that your assertion of independence and identity is not real. You still haven't discovered what you want from yourself.

When you disagree with someone, check within yourself to see whether it's an automatic negative reaction or not. Is it a habit? If so, remember incidents in which you disagreed with others, but eventually went along with them. Replay the scenes and rewrite the endings in your imagination, and then ask yourself how you could have handled the situation differently, so as to get the results you wanted. Learn the contemporary methods of personal assertion; how to get what you want while the other fellow is not manipulating or being manipulated. It's a wonderful new frontier! Now is the time to explore it, and discover the depth and vibrancy of your relationships.

(Liz Greene, *The Twelve Houses*, June 1, 2009)

The Greek sovereign of the underworld was only seen to leave his kingdom for the upper world twice: once to heal a wound inflicted on him by Hercules, and once to abduct Persephone into his realm. Similarly, the workings of Pluto can be observed most clearly in illness and in the sphere of close relationships.

With Pluto in the 7th, it is in the area of partnerships that Pluto is encountered. Rather than viewing marriage or close union as merely a 'happily ever after' affair, it is wiser for those with this placement to understand relationships as catalysts or agents for personal transformation, growth and change.

Liz Greene says of Pluto in this house that 'the entry into the underworld comes through somebody else.' In other words, relationships will plunge them into deep emotional complexes which have lurked in the recesses of the psyche from as far back as early childhood (or even further, if one believes in karma and reincarnation). Through issues connected to partnership, parts of the nature which have been buried, repressed or kept under control by the ego will erupt messily into the everyday life. After the blast, there is the task of putting themselves back together again, hopefully with greater awareness and understanding of their own complexities.

If they are not wholly in touch with their own darker or undifferentiated sides, then they may project these qualities onto the partner. If they have not acknowledged their potential for ruthlessness, treachery, betrayal, jealousy, envy and possessiveness, they seem to attract or constellate such traits in other people. Again, the nature of life is towards wholeness: if we are not living that wholeness, then the outside brings it to us.

Wherever Pluto falls in the chart is where the god of death and destruction can be found. Some with this placement sense their own proclivities for destructiveness in the area of relationships and consequently live in fear that others might be capable of the same kind of behaviour. Or they may totally disown their own destructive energy by just attributing it to the other person. Because of a nagging apprehension that sooner or later the other person is going to disrupt the relationship, they have difficulty trusting the partner or feeling safe in a union. Attempting to avert such a catastrophe, they may try to dominate, possess and control the partner. Unfortunately, such behaviour often serves to drive the other person away, thereby bringing about the situation which they most dreaded. As in the case with Pluto in any house, the deity which brings the illness is also the one who brings the cure. To clean up the mess that our own unconscious complexes land us in, Pluto hands us a shovel and says 'Start digging. In the process we may even unearth some very good reasons why it all had to happen that way.

I have seen many instances where those with Pluto in the 7th wanted to end a relationship but were afraid to do it for various reasons. Invariably, they somehow provoked the other person to do it for them.

Some may meet Pluto in the 7th through the death of a partner. If the partnership was a close, good one, then picking up the pieces after such a misfortune is a slow, gradual process with many phases. But wherever Pluto is, the capacity to rise again, like the Phoenix out of the ashes, is also present; although Pluto may teach them to be more careful next time about deriving their identities wholly from something external to the self. Even if the relationship was fraught with fights and bitterness, the loss of a partner through death can still be devastating - especially if the person feels partially responsible for what has happened, or the partner died before pressing interpersonal issues could be resolved. It will be important for the remaining partner to do what he or she can to work through these feelings; otherwise any later relationship may be tainted by them. Pluto's house is easily haunted.

Pluto is a planet of extremes and in this sense it is oddly placed in the house which is concerned with balance, sharing and learning co-operation. The issue of who has the power in the relationship is brought sharply into focus. Some will give all their power over to the other person, as if they want to be swallowed up by the relationship. Others will not feel safe unless they are the ones in charge. In either case, the balance of power is unevenly shared and lessons of true mutuality are still to be learned. Sooner or later one or the other of the partners may feel the need to break free in order to grow beyond the constrictions of such an arrangement.

In many cases I have seen, those with Pluto in the 7th actually have difficulty eliminating or letting go of a relationship. For some, this evinces a kind of loyalty which is determined to keep working at it. For others, their identity may be so tied up in the partnership that to lose it would be like death. In mythology, Pluto, compared to the other gods, was a relatively constant husband to Persephone, and was only unfaithful twice. In

the first instance, he developed a mad passion for the nymph Minthe, but in his wild pursuit of her, he accidentally crushed her underfoot. (It is possible that those with Pluto in the 7th can actually destroy a relationship because of their own intensity about it.) In the second case, he abducted one of the daughters of Oceanus into his kingdom, where she lived until she died a natural death.

Pluto may require the complete breakdown and elimination of an existing relationship to allow for the continuing individuation of each party. On the other hand, however, Pluto also suggests that a relationship can endure a number of mini-deaths and rebirths, coming up stronger each time, and lasting many, many years.

Those with Pluto in the 7th have the ability to help others through painful times of crises and transition. Some may have a profound influence on society in general. Two examples illustrate the social face of Pluto in the 7th. The Fascist Italian dictator, Mussolini, had Pluto here ruling the 12th house of collective movements. By contrast, Betty Friedan, the indefatigable women's liberation leader, has Pluto in the 7th ruling Scorpio on both the 11th and 12th house cusps. This house placement of Pluto is also useful in the charts of lawyers, healers, counsellors and psychologists.

(Jeff Green, *Pluto: The Evolutionary Journey of the Soul*, 1985)

As in all natural cardinal houses, Pluto in the Seventh House or in Libra demonstrates that a new evolutionary cycle has been and is still underway. These individuals have been learning how to develop an objective awareness of themselves and to understand their sense of individuality in a social context. In addition, they have been learning lessons of equality, relativity, and of listening. They have been learning how to listen to another's reality as it exists for them. In so doing, they have been learning how to give in relation to what others need according to that reality. Within these lessons, they have been learning how to participate in relationships as an equal.

In order to experience this evolutionary intent, those with Pluto in the Seventh House necessarily have had to be involved in a wide variety of relationships. Through involvements with a variety of people comes exposure to many different value systems, intellectual systems, emotional patterns and spiritual beliefs. Through this process these individuals have been learning how to understand their own intrinsic individuality through comparison or evaluation of the relationships that they form. In other words, it is through comparison with others that they become aware of who they are as unique individuals. In this way, these people have been learning, on a preliminary basis, the evolutionary lesson of objectivity versus subjectivity.

A fundamental lesson because of this prior evolutionary intent, is how to participate in relationships. From the First through Sixth Houses, Aries through Virgo, the focus was on the subjective development of the individual, which necessitated a self-centered orientation to life. The egocentric seed of individuality was planted in Aries. From Aries

through Leo, the First House through the Fifth House, this seed progressively expanded and grew in ever widening circles of development. In Leo and the Fifth House the egocentric seed had blossomed into the creative self-actualization of intrinsic individuality. In the Sixth House and Virgo, the archetypical need was to experience essential aloneness, and to purge or purify the egocentric balloon of self-importance. In addition, it was necessary to learn the practical skills or techniques that allowed for an appropriate harnessing, focusing and channeling of the inherent work capacities of the individual to serve the needs of the culture, tribe, or society in a practical way. This archetype produced an inverted pyramid effect upon the subjective development of the individual, purging the ego of delusions of grandeur and promoting essential humility.

In the Seventh House and in Libra, the potentially purified individual is now ready to relate with others on an equal basis, rather than on a subservient or dominant basis. Those with Pluto in the Seventh House will have felt in the past, and will feel coming into this life, a compelling need to be involved in relationships. This compelling need is rooted in the desire to complete the self through relations with others and to unite one's life with another's. Because of this prior evolutionary intent, the unconscious emotional security structure of these individuals is rooted in their need to be involved in relationships in order to feel fulfilled and complete.

Because Pluto in the Seventh House or in Libra represents a relatively new evolutionary cycle, these individuals have literally been learning the ongoing lesson of how to be involved in relationships with others on an equal basis. Most of these individuals have not learned how to do this. On the one hand, these individuals will need to take in information and differing points of view from many diverse types of people. This situation sets up the need to listen objectively to others in order to determine how to relate with them. By exposing themselves to the diversity of others, these individuals have been learning to understand objectively the relativity of human nature.

A potential problem that this prior life pattern promotes is one wherein the individual becomes overly involved with too many relationships, and takes in too many differing points of view and values. Becoming overly involved in this way, the individual can lose sight of his or her own individuality; he or she can become overly absorbed in the differing realities of others. When this occurs, the Seventh House Pluto individual can become compulsively dependent on the opinions, advice, or knowledge of others as a means of determining who they are, or what they should or should not be doing with their lives. The dependency is put in motion as soon as the individual loses sight of his or her own individuality.

In this condition, these individuals cannot relate to themselves without relating to others. They are not comfortable unless others are around. In addition, once the individual loses sight of his or her own individuality, the stage is set wherein the individual will be subconsciously attracted to very powerful individuals who appear to be very strong, stable, sure of themselves, and who have the ability (and perhaps the need) to guide or

control the formation and development of the Seventh House Pluto person.

In this situation, the individual has reached an extreme imbalance in which they are utterly dependent on the partner or people they are involved with. In the worst cases, this situation promotes the alter ego effect wherein the Seventh House Pluto person is promoting or fulfilling the needs of another to the exclusion of their own needs. The other person has manipulated the dynamics of the relationship above, the individual would necessarily have had to recoil or react to the imbalance through evolutionary necessity. In both situations described above, this reaction can manifest itself in one of three ways:

1. The Seventh House Pluto individual leaves the partner because the needs that created the relationship have been fulfilled. This situation sets up new needs, and therefore a desire for a new relationship. The process of leaving is not necessarily positive or easy. Often, the partner does not feel that the relationship should end, especially for the reasons that the individual claims. The relationship ends with the partner feeling unresolved as to why it ended. This unresolved condition sets up the karma to be fulfilled with that person at some other time.
2. The partner leaves because they do not feel that there is any more need for the relationship, or that they are not getting out of the relationship what they are putting into it. Their needs have been fulfilled. The Seventh House Pluto person does not feel this. They feel unresolved about why the relationship has ended. This situation also sets up the karma to be fulfilled with that person at some other time.
3. Both partners become mutually dependent on each other in whatever way it is defined relative to the two extremes mentioned above. The degree of dependency becomes so extreme that further growth for each individual cannot occur. In this situation the roles within the two extremes can be cyclically exchanged within the relationship, or they can remain polarized within the fixed positions of the extremes: one partner playing the dominant role, the other playing the subservient and alter ego role. In this situation one of the partners may be forcefully removed from the relationship, sometimes meaning death. The enforced removal creates growth for each through the intense pain, remorse and reflection upon the nature of their individual lives, and the nature of their relationship. Neither one was consciously ready for the relationship to end. Thus, unresolved, they will find each other again at some other time.

These reactions to the imbalance of relationships are to enforce the lessons of equality, balance, and relativity. A common astrological misconception about Libra and the Seventh House is that it is balanced by nature. The fact is, the Seventh House or Libra means learning balance. Very commonly, those with Pluto in the Seventh House have approached relationships in extreme ways in the past. In one relationship they will be the dominant partner, and in another they will be the needy, or alter ego person. And, of course, some of these individuals have been in relationships in which the roles of being in control, and being controlled, have been interchanged within the same relationship.

Any kind of imbalance within a relationship will produce necessary confrontations, either between the partners, or internally within the individual. The internal confrontations are manifested in order to force the individual to examine the nature of every difficulty or problem within him or herself, the relationship, and/or the partner. The nature of the difficulty or problem will always be linked to a need that is not being met. External confrontation between the partners will occur for the same reason. The essence of this evolutionary lesson is to learn how to give to another what they need and in so doing to have one's own needs met. Yet, because this evolutionary impulse is relatively new, the majority of these individuals do not know how to relate to themselves or others in this way. This produces not only the problem of imbalance, but also the phenomenon of conditional giving, or conditional love. Needs are linked to expectations, and expectations are projected upon a partner, or expectations are projected upon the individual by the partner. When the projected needs are not successfully met by another, then the withholding of love or giving can occur.

Because this evolutionary impulse is also teaching the individual how to receive love or giving from others, they may not be able to accept or recognize what comes their way because of emotional distortions that are linked to the problems associated with the unmet expectations or needs. Similarly, the individual may desire to give to another, yet the other may not receive, recognize, or accept the giving due to their own emotional distortions linked to similar projected expectations or needs not previously met.

This evolutionary dilemma is necessary in order for these individuals to learn how to relate to themselves and others in a balanced and equal way. The confrontations, the conditional love, the leaving or being left by another, the shock of losing a partner through death, the alternating of dominant and subservient roles within the relationship, relationships that are formed upon the fixed roles of dominance and subservience, all occur to enforce the lessons of balance and equality, objectivity and understanding one's individuality in a social context.

These situations also occur to teach the individual what their essential needs are in a relationship, who they are because of relationships, and to develop social values regarding how people should relate to each other. These situations occur to enforce the lesson of minimizing dependency on another person, and to overcome the tendency to make another person the god of one's reality, or to allow oneself to be made into a god by the partner.

These individuals will finally come to the realization that they need to be needed, and they will realize how this need controls the formation or dynamics of their relationships. Recognizing this dynamic they will also understand their compelling need to give to others, and to be given to. The ongoing evolutionary lesson will teach them when to give and when not to, and when giving, what to give, and when not giving, why they should not give. They can also realize that by appearing not to give in certain situations, they

are actually practicing a form of supreme giving. In other words, in certain conditions these individuals must learn how to withhold giving to others. The nature of these conditions will be when another keeps coming back for more without applying or working with what was given before. By learning how not to give in these conditions, these individuals will learn how to stop promoting dependencies upon themselves by others. This is utterly necessary from an evolutionary point of view. In the very same way, these individuals can learn how to receive that which is being given to them without becoming dependent on those that are giving.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°04') ♄1 | ♃7
- 2) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (1°11') ♄1 | ♄2
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°12') ♄1 | ♄1
- 4) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (0°40') ♃7 | ♄9
- 5) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°30') ♄9 | ♄9
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°59') ♄9 | ♄2
- 7) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°13') ♀6 | ♃7
- 8) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°31') ♄9 | ♄2
- 9) ► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (0°52') ♄9 | ♄1
- 10) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (0°15') ♄1 | ☾10
- 11) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ☾ South-Node** - (1°51') ♃7 | ☾10
- 12) ► **Uranus ♅ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°23') ♄2 | ♄1
- 13) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (7°32' A) ♄1 | ♄1
- 14) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (1°34' A) ♄1 | ♄1
- 15) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (6°50' A) ♃7 | ♃7
- 16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (7°16' S) ♃7 | ♃7
- 17) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (7°17' A) ♃7 | ♃7
- 18) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (10°08' S) ♃7 | ♃7
- 19) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (3°58' A) ♃7 | ♃7
- 20) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♆ Neptune** - (9°41' A) ♃7 | ♄1
- 21) ► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (0°42' S) ♄1 | ♃7
- 22) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (1°05' A) ♄9 | ♃7
- 23) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♃ Jupiter** - (5°49' S) ☿5 | ♄1
- 24) ► **Sun ☉ Square ♄ Saturn** - (6°31' S) ☿5 | ♃7
- 25) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♀ Venus** - (3°58' A) ♄9 | ♀6
- 26) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ☾ North-Node** - (6°35' S) ♃7 | ☾4
- 27) ► **Neptune ♆ Square ☾ North-Node** - (3°06' A) ♄1 | ☾4
- 28) ► **Pluto ♇ Square ☾ North-Node** - (2°37' A) ♃7 | ☾4
- 29) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☾ Moon** - (8°21' S) ♄1 | ♄9
- 30) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°30' A) ♄1 | ♄9
- 31) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ☾ Moon** - (6°12' A) ♄1 | ♄9
- 32) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ☾ Moon** - (8°18' S) ☿5 | ♄9
- 33) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♆ Neptune** - (3°40' A) ☿5 | ♄1
- 34) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ♆ Neptune** - (4°38' S) ♄9 | ♄1

35) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ⚙ **Uranus** - (1°44' A) 006 | 12

36) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°02' A) 19 | 1

1) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°04') 1 | 7

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn conjunct to the Ascendant indicates that you are conservative and self-disciplined in your behavior. You tend to be shy about asserting yourself, so people may assume you are indifferent to them. You have strong doubts about your worth, which makes you cautious when meeting competition. This lack of self-confidence will eventually be replaced by self-assurance as you learn through experience to understand yourself. You do not have the kind of aggressive drive that impresses people on first meeting, but you show reliability, and they learn to depend on you. Others see your good qualities long before you realize them. Self-effacing by nature, you prefer the sidelines rather than the spotlight.

You are efficient in mobilizing your resources and are sure to realize your goals, but you underestimate your abilities. You are a 'slow starter' who needs the reassurance of some successful endeavors before you define your objectives and make careful plans to achieve them. You are prepared to grow one step at a time in achieving the excellence you are capable of. When a decision is required, you tend to hesitate because you want to be sure first. You sometimes miss opportunities for fear you will be ridiculed if you make the wrong decision. Responsible to a fault, you will never let down anyone who depends on you. Learn to love yourself more, so you can feel you deserve the good things in life that you work for so diligently. You can be victimized by people who take advantage of your unwillingness to fight for your rights, but you never forget such incidents. Although not a vindictive person, you bide your time until the moment comes when they need your assistance; then you repay them with cool indifference.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When Saturn colors the way of presenting ourselves to the outside world, we give the impression of being sober, reserved, secretive and serious. Probably we are afraid to let go, and view people and things pessimistically behind a rather cold front.

Saturn is not a planet that leads us to be swayed by enthusiasm. We test the water carefully before we take the plunge. Safety first is our motto. The sense of responsibility that weighs us down is sometimes expressed physically in a stoop, as if we were literally bent beneath a burden - a burden we have taken on ourselves.

We seldom reveal what is going on inside, and people have difficulty in getting to know us. Defensiveness is responsible for the fact that we can be plagued by feelings of

loneliness. Yet Saturn can allow us to lose these feelings in the company of a special individual, a person with whom we feel safe. We would go through fire and water for someone like this; even so, it is hard for us to show emotions.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents what we approach with caution, and our feelings of insecurity. The Ascendant indicates how we start new ventures, as well as the persona we project. Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant indicates individuals who are often insecure about their abilities when they are young, for a self-worth facet in the personality needs development. In early childhood there was a rejection by the father in some way; these people didn't feel accepted or encouraged by him. As young adults they feel apprehensive about being approved of by those in authority; they may deem it necessary to work too hard in order to attain whatever life experience they seek.

The self-worth dilemma will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs. If Saturn is in the first house, then as these people mature and earn a concept of worthiness, a personal strength will emerge, for Saturn in the first house can indicate the ability to persevere.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Saturn rising person will usually approach the world with a certain amount of caution, as if on some level feeling that it is not a very safe place - certainly not safe enough to venture out without wearing at least a little armour-plating. Typically, the individual feels that he or she must be ready to defend him- / herself against possible disaster. I once looked after a boy aged about 11, with Saturn rising. Whenever we went out, he used first to go around the house, checking that the windows and doors were tightly bolted and that the plugs were all pulled out of the electric sockets. Thus his persona was a serious one. The immediate impression he made was of someone older than his years and very responsible. At the same time, being so well defended, it was not easy to see the vulnerable little boy underneath. The oldest in the family, he took on what he saw as the role of father when his parents divorced, and this is quite typical of a 1st house Saturn.

Margaret Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', has Saturn rising in Scorpio. She seems to have a very controlled persona, to have her guard up at all times. She doesn't seem very spontaneous. Satirists often portray her as being something of a heavy schoolteacher type, ready to discipline and control irksome cabinet ministers.

Because people with Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant do not see the world as a particularly safe place, they often take steps to control the environment and those within it. They want to leave nothing to chance, and they want to be seen as being a person who 'never puts a foot wrong'. In fact, this insistence on never putting a foot wrong is a

common Saturnian one, whatever the configuration.

The controlled responsible exterior may not necessarily be indicative of a particularly responsible or serious person, but merely indicates that is the impression that the individual initially makes.

Saturn rising is often associated with a difficult or delayed birth, as if the baby is reluctant to come out and enter into the world. Perhaps this infant is controlling the situation from the word 'go', or on some level feels he / she needs to. In any event, the caution about and fear of greeting the world naked and exposed seems to persist throughout much of life.

The Saturn rising person often goes out into the world ready to be a patriarchal figure, a disciplinarian perhaps, someone older than his or her years, and a responsible, dutiful type.

2) ► **Midheaven** MC **Parallel** ☿ **Uranus** - (1°11') ♄1 | ♀2

(Robert Hand)

People should be prepared to encounter in you an extreme individualist. Even while you are very young, you insist on doing everything your way, and you strongly resist any pressures to conform. In fact, the best way to ensure that you will not do something is to try to force you to do it. You are a rebel, and the established ways of living will not attract you particularly.

On the other hand, you can be very creative with this aspect, because you have much originality and can see life in ways that others are blind to. You may be very inventive; in fact, this placement is characteristic of people who make a career in scientific or technological invention.

You may get a great deal of satisfaction from goading others. When you see people who are set in their ways, you cannot resist playing jokes or otherwise outraging them. Obviously if you are going to do this, you can expect to have problems with teachers and other authority figures, even your parents, who would prefer that you conform a bit more and stop rocking the boat. Teachers might find you quite difficult to deal with, not only because you insist on breaking rules, but also because you are very restless and hate to sit still for long. This placement may indicate a nervous disposition as well.

Eventually, you should learn when it is worthwhile to rebel and when it is not. However, adults who want to restrain you should not try to do so by force. If they do, you will develop a lifelong negative attitude toward authority.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With a Midheaven / Uranus conjunction, we are constantly revising the view we have of ourselves and of our social and professional prospects. Business relationships change with the changing self-image. This can imply a run of different jobs, or a flexible work schedule with room for original ideas. Generally speaking, we cope well (if not absolutely calmly) with stressful situations.

One desideratum is a place where we can spread ourselves. Working on our own is what we find most attractive, because it leaves us reasonably free. It is best for us to have an employer; but one who gives us responsibility. We know our own mind. People sometimes see us as unco-operative: and not without good reason, since we have no time for rules and regulations and seldom go through the motions of keeping them. But this is part and parcel of a refusal to recognize limitations, the good side of which is a creativity that can take us far in technical or other work.

Now Uranus has a certain steeliness; once we have chosen the path, nothing and no one is allowed to bar the way. Having set our sights on some target, we are prepared to give it our best shot. On the other hand, if we lose interest in a thing we are very loath to waste further time on it.

(Sue Tompkins)

Uranus conjunct the MC often reveals itself as a marked urge to rebel against the social values or conditioning of a parental figure, and, in particular, to follow a line of work which might be contrary to the consciously stated wishes of that person. It may well be in line with the unconscious desires of the parent, however, who may look to the child to do all the exciting or unconventional things that he / she (the parent) would have liked to have done but didn't dare.

Uranus conjunct MC may be indicative of a vocation that involves technology and thus the breaking of new ground and the breaking away from a past established way of doing things. Careers in computing are sometimes those chosen at the present time, whereas electronics may have been more common several decades ago.

Whatever the actual vocation, this combination favours self-employment. For this individual often needs to do things in his / her own way and without interference. Sometimes the person, having needed to rebel against an early authority figure, continues to live out this process with bosses at work. People with this placement are too honest to want to toe the line. Their choice of vocation or the way they pursue their career must personally feel very fulfilling to them: there is usually no element of following a career for the sake of respectability or security. The vocation must be felt to be exhilarating and exciting; and as soon as the individual fails to consider it so he / she may well feel compelled to leave instantly and do something completely different. And not only do people with Uranus conjunct MC want freedom within their career, but that

career may actually concern itself with freedom for others. Thus sometimes there is involvement in a vocation which is concerned with liberating people, whether this liberation comes through supporting free speech, feeding the world, or the usage of technology which might liberate people from having to spend time engaged in boring and unstimulating occupations.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction indicates unusual conditions where work and public reputation are concerned. If the conjunction is well-aspected, the natives can gain fame and high positions by originating scientifically advanced methods in their professions. The conjunction favors jobs related to science, electronics, physics, and occult work such as astrology.

Other aspects made to Uranus can cause sudden changes in reputation and professional standing.

If the conjunction is afflicted, the natives may become impatient with professional routines and rebellious toward their superiors - often for foolish reasons - so that a change in positions is likely. They are happier if they are their own bosses or at least have a free hand in the work they do.

In politics, this conjunction may lead to revolutionary views. Unless other factors in the horoscope contradict it, the natives will be known at least for their liberalism.

3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♄ Neptune - (0°12')** ♄1 | ♄1

(Robert Hand)

This aspect presents many opportunities and many challenges. You are very sensitive to whatever happens around you, and you seem to soak up impressions like a sponge. But you do not always know what these impressions mean or what to do with them. Consequently there is a real danger that you will be confused much of the time, especially about who you are and where you are going. Unfortunately, with this aspect you tend to get discouraged and depressed about yourself, feeling that you will never get a real grasp of what is happening in your life. One of your parents, at least, should be able to lovingly but firmly guide you through life and point out the difference between realities and illusions.

This position is often associated with psychic ability, which may be the source of the impressions that seem so confusing and hard to understand. Your parents should accept the fact that your so-called fantasies are actually based on a reality that is not easy to understand. They should help you learn to interpret this reality rather than saying that you are only dreaming or making it all up.

It won't be easy to find the right course to follow in life, but this position provides a few clues. First of all, you should feel that you are working for a cause higher than yourself, whether it is serving or taking care of others in some way or working for an idea or faith. This aspect has a very strongly religious dimension. But it is more mystical than orthodox, and even while you are young you will be attracted to mystical and otherworldly ideals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The Midheaven represents social and business behavior based on self-image. With Neptune on the Midheaven, there is no possibility that a clear-cut picture will be obtained - the blurring and undermining influence is too great. As likely as not, we shall suffer from identity problems about who we are and about our role in life. This makes us extremely sensitive to what others think and say; and at first we shall be prepared to accept their assessment of us. But their assessment is wildly inaccurate, because between them and us drifts Neptune's hazy smoke-screen: what they tell us about ourselves sounds so unbelievable that we are thrown into utter confusion.

Besides all this, we seem to have a sixth sense for detecting undercurrents and changes in the human atmosphere; and this also affects the formation of our image. For a long time, these factors can keep us wondering what to make of ourselves and our prospects, and can hinder us from finding our true sphere in life. Yet we should excel in things governed by Neptune; that is to say, wherever sympathy and understanding are required, as in social and charity work, also where we can give expression to feelings and a love of perfection, as in creative and musical activities. Initially, owing to a lack of confidence, we are not very enterprising; but once we get started, progress is surprising and we become much more self-reliant.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct MC often suggests diffuse goals and an early uncertainty of direction with respect to an individual's choice of vocation. This aimlessness can sometimes be matched by a parent's ambivalent feelings as to how they want their child to be seen in the world. Many with Neptune conjunct the Midheaven want to be seen by the world at large as glamorous and wondrous: a saviour, a prince or a princess; perhaps someone creative or representing some kind of public ideal. Many with this placement, especially when young, can find it very difficult to get hold of the reality of what is fitting for them to pursue, given their life-situation and individual talents. In extreme cases, if they meet someone who is writing a book, they want to write a book; if they get to know a politician, they yearn to pursue a career in politics - and so on. They want the glamour that they imagine others have in their lives. Those with Neptune conjunct the MC tend to dream of the future; at best this can spur them on to achieving the recognition they yearn for by actually fulfilling whatever their dream is. And the dream is usually not strictly personal;

the individual often wants to 'save' the world in some way. This placement is ideal for any Neptunian type careers; the arts, music, work in welfare fields, charities, at sea, with water, to name but a few possibilities.

Neptune on either end of the MC-IC axis sometimes suggests a tendency to idealise one parent at the expense of the other. There is usually a distorted image of at least one of the parents and perhaps an experience of their being some kind of victim. For some with Neptune on the MC, it is the thirst for recognition from a parent that propels the individual into weaving all sorts of romantic dreams of what they are going to do with their lives; for they feel that if the world recognises them, then so will the parent.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this conjunction tend to be anything but the average employer's ideal of stable employees. The dreams and mystical qualities of Neptune do not combine well with the routine discipline required by the average job. These natives do better in professions that make use of their creative imaginations and ascetic traits.

The conjunction favors musicians, actors, painters, photographers, moviemakers, psychologists, and persons interested in the occult. Professions may be related to the occult in some way. Even though these natives may be in the public eye, they feel spiritually isolated - alone in a crowd, and in fact most people do not understand their inner motivations.

If the horoscope is that of an exceptionally developed person, he may be destined to perform a mission in the world that will lift many people around him to greater attainment and spirituality.

If this conjunction is heavily afflicted, scandal or public disgrace is a danger. This can come through the natives' unreliability or because of alcoholism, drugs, or other forms of addiction.

The natives should be careful not to get involved in secret intrigues, especially when they cannot know all the factors involved. Private secrets are not so private when Neptune is found in this position.

4) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Parallel*** ♂ ***Mars*** - (0°40') ♊7 | ♒9

(Robert Hand)

This position can have two quite different effects. On one hand, you may be subject to compulsive desires, wanting to do things without any special reason except willfulness. Such actions are usually rash and sudden, and may be caused by an inner emotional upheaval. Sometimes this happens because you have had such a stormy and turbulent

home life as a young child that all your resentment comes out in sudden aggressive energies. To counter this, your parents should provide you with a reasonably stable and supportive home life, where you can feel that you are accepted for yourself.

On the other hand, if you feel confident that your family loves and accepts you, you will experience the energies of this aspect quite differently. You will determine the course of your life very directly, according to your own inner needs and impulses. You will be conscious of these needs, so that you can gratify them in a controlled way instead of being at the mercy of your inner drives. In general, you will succeed by creating a satisfying inner life more than by achieving in ways that the outer world can easily recognize. You may or may not be successful in your career, but that will not be as important to you as inner satisfaction. While you are young, your parents should understand this and help you discover your own needs rather than make you conform to other people's expectations.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the IC suggests that the individual operates from a foundation of anger. Usually there is a history of conflict in the home, and individuals with this placement may do anything to hide their own anger from public view and sometimes from themselves. With Mars on or contacting either end of the axis, there is often tremendous anger felt towards one or both parents, an anger that can fuel the individual into accomplishing tasks that require tremendous tests of strength or energy. This placement will often be indicative of the person who works from home or who is always 'on the go' when actually at home. The home is a place of activity for Mars conjunct IC. Whilst such activity may be of a more Mercurial nature if Mars is in the 3rd house, this placement is also ideal for more physical tasks, for these provide a way for the individual to contact and work off his or her anger. Often people with this placement feel cut off from their physical energy unless they actively take steps to stoke themselves up. If Mars is making hard aspects to heavier planets, this placement can be indicative of accidents or fires. Such manifestations usually only occur if the individual is not actively 'using' his or her energy. Mars conjunct IC can also indicate an urge to dig out one's roots. For those with this placement, courage may be about unflinchingly exploring the emotional and sexual roots of the family and their own psyche.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

With this aspect, vehement actions and desires manifest themselves in the domestic life of the native. Since the conjunction of Mars to the IC partakes somewhat of Mars in its fall in Cancer, it tends to create a situation of disharmony in the home unless it is very well aspected. The forceful, combative nature of Mars does not harmonize well with everyday life, in which sensitivity and mutual love are needed. The home, which should be a place of beauty and harmony, can become a battlefield generating emotional tension and upset. Mars conjunct Nadir is something like a bull in a china closet.

This conjunction is favorable for people connected with industrial occupations having to do with the earth itself, such as mining or building construction. The Mars energy can also be used to make do-it-yourself improvements in the home.

Mars square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Mars in conflict with the MC, problems will regularly arise owing to an often too bold, sometimes too aggressive and vehement approach to others. We have a high opinion of ourselves and are not always tactful enough to hide it. We strike others as domineering, ambitious and belligerent. Socially in particular, that can spell trouble, because our attitude will come under attack more than once, and this is bad for our ego-image.

Once we learn to govern ourselves, enormous energy should take us far. To a greater or lesser extent, we shall always have to struggle to reach our goals; but this is something we are well equipped to do. Socially, we do best in positions where we can be very active and enterprising and also very independent. Freedom of action is something we prize extremely highly.

With these aspects, we usually have little regard for others, and often take the wind out of their sails by our speed and competitiveness. Whatever we feel like doing, we do as a matter of course.

Both career and domestic affairs are subject to strife. There is a tendency to transfer to the job the conflicts that result from quarrels at home and vice versa. Thus, problems in the profession or in the home life are likely to aggravate other spheres of activity. The natives must learn to use their heads more and their feelings less.

There is also an inclination to get into trouble with the state and with its legally constituted authorities. Sometimes the natives are unwillingly involved in military affairs; for example, they may be drafted.

5) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°30') ♀9 | ♀9

(Haydn Paul)

Moon and Mars contacts involve the psychological relationship between instinctive and emotional patterns with an ability to act decisively by applying a consistent will directed toward achieving aims.

The conjunction indicates you have strong emotions and feelings which influence perceptions and decisions. Their intensity may often feel uncomfortable and frightening, especially in situations of heightened passion or confrontation. You are aware that unleashing these energies often results in displays of temper, emotional outbursts, and anger, and that your sometimes belligerent style of disagreeing with others is actually a form of self-defence. Being overly sensitive to others' reactions and having emotional anxiety can create a mental state where you imagine that others criticize or plot against you. Before such situations are proven real, you are ready to retaliate.

Until a deeper integration and understanding of these energies occurs, you may find that contentious relationships continue. Those erratic and volatile emotions help to stimulate inner agitation, and this friction spills over into your exchanges with others. While you want to form better relationships, there are often problems with cooperation and trust, at work and in intimate partnerships. You are both attracted to and repulsed by emotional intimacy, often unable to deal with powerful feelings due to emotional immaturity; and others may sense these raging feelings and withdraw from closer contact. Rejection strikes into your deepest core. Reacting against the pain, you often strike out verbally with unkind words designed to damage and wound, or throw childish temper tantrums when needs are denied. You are liable to brood on any rejection, often continuing to criticize someone to friends for a long time afterward. Perceptions of losing erode a fragile self-esteem.

One of your major problems may be self-preoccupation; concerned with your private emotional world, you fail to recognize that others have needs too, and that they are also emotionally sensitive. Your world is egocentric and revolves around your desires, expecting others to serve your needs, and rejecting attempts at compromise. Being unaware of these tendencies is no excuse; failing to acknowledge that others have an equal sensitivity is a denial of reality. If you react against criticism, then so do others from you. You need to realize that others' needs are as important as yours. Compromise between all concerned is necessary to minimize conflicts. Emotional reactions distort your perceptions and evaluations, influencing choices, decisions, and actions; and sometimes these may contradict rationality.

This apparently negative portrayal of Moon-Mars conjunctions can, however, be transformed into a more positive approach. Much depends on an honest appraisal of your relationships, and of how you deal with inner difficulties, especially identifying how you project emotional frustrations onto others close to you, making these relationships fail to satisfy and later collapse. These intense feelings can be directed toward positive aims designed to shape constructive action. If you consciously attempt - even for a short time - to project yourself into the position of others and to imagine how life is from their perspective by seeing through their eyes and feeling through their heart, then your egocentric world may be transformed, and your latent sympathy and understanding awakened.

Moon and Mars can work successfully together, once inner adjustments are made; and feelings of personal anguish and frustration are reduced by developing awareness of others' needs. Then you may discover a new meaning and purpose to life. There can be a crusading spirit about this energy supported by powerful, assertive Martian qualities, which can increase persistence and opportunities for eventual success. This could initiate a real transformation.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Mars indicates emotional anxiety and impatience. Your feelings are strong and always in turmoil, because you are extremely sensitive to what people say or do to you. Your imagination works overtime inferring slights against you that were never made. You defend yourself against these imagined insults by abusing the people you deal with, even though they don't deserve such treatment. In your selfpreoccupation, you are sometimes unsympathetic toward people who are trying to compromise with you. In time, they will start to avoid you. When you feel threatened by persons who relate to you aggressively, you retaliate by putting them in their place. You want desperately to establish close relationships, but you don't know how to cope with them when you do. This probably started in childhood, when your parents erroneously accused you of wrongdoing.

This planetary combination does not of itself incline you toward specific professional interests. It does indicate problems in relating to your co-workers, no matter what your occupation is. When you lose, you are not especially gracious and may even imply that your competitor had an unfair advantage. In other words, you're a sore loser. You are so thin-skinned that even a minor criticism is enough to set off a temper tantrum. On the other hand, you can easily launch an almost sadistic verbal attack against another person, and then you are appalled at the response you get. There is a large inconsistency between your overly sensitive response to criticism and your indifference to other people's sensitivity. If you wish to achieve in occupations that involve close contact with the public and / or co-workers, you will have to solve these problems.

You assert yourself in extreme ways to satisfy your emotional needs. When you are rejected, you can be incredibly unkind, even vicious and vindictive. The people you care for need a variety of human companionship, but you are blind to their needs, and your jealousy distorts your reason. You complain bitterly of being 'abandoned' by them. Compromise is something you expect from others, but you fail to see any reason to make compromises yourself.

You have a lot of homework to do before you can expect to attain peace of mind. Start by postponing any decision pertaining to a relationship until you have all the facts. Try to put yourself in the other person's shoes, to imagine what it's like to be on the receiving end of your cruel outbursts. If you are honest with yourself, you will realize that you often

behave immaturely and unjustly. You have only yourself to blame if you can't get along with people. Try to assume they are not out to get you; the chances are that you have been imagining it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When security-minded behavior (Moon) fuses with the extremely energetic, fierce and executive Mars, there is a good chance that in doubtful situations we shall make it our business to go on the offensive in an impatient and quick-tempered, but also brave and enterprising, fashion. The speed of reaction that is virtually automatic in this lunar aspect may cause ruptures. Language is often forcible, and generally we do not stop to think what we are saying. Once we have had our say, annoyance is soon a thing of the past, but the consequences of plain speaking can follow us for a long time.

A good way to let off steam is physical activity; in a word, sport - preferably highly competitive sport, for Mars favors ambitious loners more than team players. The Moon / Mars conjunction makes a tough fighter, even though sometimes the combativeness is more of the mind than of the body. When contending with someone with a Mars / Moon conjunction, one should be aware that the antagonist has tremendous resilience. For Mars does not rule the idler, and the person whose Mars is conjunct the Moon will battle away without thinking too much about the odds.

The fighting spirit of a Moon / Mars conjunction finds a useful outlet in pioneers and in champions of various ideas. The ideas need not be reformist (or Uranus would be involved), but for them to be worth defending the native must feel they belong to him.

The aggressiveness and defensiveness of this conjunction must not be confused with militarism. The native has little patience with the strict regimentation of the armed forces; he is and remains a free spirit.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the physical body; the physical mother of the early childhood years; the emotional nature of an individual and his responses to life experience. Mars indicates how one acts, how one expresses sexuality.

The early childhood experience reflects an emotional mother; a mother who nursed her hurts, who reacted to her husband and children when her feelings were hurt. This child learns to respond in a similar way. The adult with this conjunction will be easy to anger, will act on hurt feelings, will act out emotional upsets rather than thinking them out. He may be seen as self-destructive because he seldom considers his own safety while in the midst of an emotional trauma. As he matures, and as he experiences physical pain because of his emotional reactions, he will eventually learn to think before he acts, but this behavior will be learned.

The conjunction can indicate a person who has a great deal of anger to cope with. He either explodes and takes out his anger on someone else, or he implodes and takes out his anger on himself. The conjunction can operate explosively, implodively, or in both ways. Rather than suppressing the anger, it is more important to understand it - to allow oneself time to work through it (writing letters that aren't mailed, sitting on reactions for several days prior to doing anything about a situation, getting a perspective from someone else) in order to learn how to channel the energy. Mars energy is creative; anger is merely the undisciplined tip of the iceberg.

The conjunction will express differently in each sign. The Mars energy will intensify the sign qualities of the Moon. When the supersensitivity is understood, when the overreaction to the environment is understood, this energy can be used creatively.

(Charles Carter)

Great energies, daring, and enterprise characterise this position, and the native usually takes many risks, both physical and financial. The same two sides of Mars will show forth - the bold and outgoing and the profound and penetrating. There is sometimes a reckless, irresponsible element, moody and resentful, but on the whole it is a healthy influence, which expresses itself freely and bravely as a ruler, teacher, reformer, or constructive man of business. There is often kindness and benevolence, at least in intention, but there is a tendency to extremes in action. It makes a good martyr if other parts of the chart concur, or it may be a revolutionary or rebel. It makes a combattant, and the character of the adversaries that are chosen depends on the general nature of the birth chart.

6) ► **Moon ☾ *Contra-Parallel* ♂ **Uranus** - (0°59')** ♀9 | ♀2

(Haydn Paul)

Challenges will probably occur within intimate relationships. These will reflect the clash between old and new, between familiar behaviour patterns and the attraction of renewal emerging from a chaotic unknown. Your inner life may feel like a battleground, as these two different energies try to influence choices and decisions; and at times of crisis, you may feel almost torn apart.

A tendency toward mental and emotional stress will exist, arising from emotional instability and problems created in relationships through unpredictable and frequent mood changes. The impact of the Uranian vibration may create sudden changes in the erratic mutability of the lunar emotions. This can stir choppy seas into more dangerous storms. If you then release this tension through conflict with those closest to you - which is a common behaviour pattern - relationships could become quite stormy. Others' inability to rely upon and trust you will obviously affect the development of long-term

relationships.

Your need for variety can also cause problems. This can be felt inwardly, where you easily get bored and lose interest in your home, employment, marriage, lovers etc., and then enter a phase of frustration if your need for new stimulation is denied. To break free from this tension, you may suddenly 'explode' toward new explorations, attempting to shatter all limitations and restrictions. This can lead to moving to a new house, changing employment or established careers to pursue other directions, or entering affairs or separating from marriage. You find responsibility and commitments hard to bear during times when the Uranian impulse is too strong and capable of breaking through the Moon's established defensive patterns.

What should be avoided is a repressive build-up of inner tensions, because if they 'explode' through you, their destructive quality will dominate, rather than their transformative intent. The first step lies in acknowledging this inner pressure, and then learning to release it slowly and with conscious control, directing it into suitable channels as a natural development of your life. Accepting this impulse for new experiences and interests can be adequately handled, if a continuous element of exploration in your life is sensibly allowed to operate in appropriate ways. This is an essential 'safety valve' to develop for your well-being.

Understanding this tendency will help in choosing a suitable partner, one who accepts this need of yours and is both capable and willing to compromise when necessary in helping you to find ways to safely release tensions. Any progress made in integrating your emotions and mind into a functioning whole will reap considerable dividends. Self-help techniques devoted to personal wholeness could be explored, offering potential positive development. Attempts by you to impose either emotional or rational dominance on your inner life will lead to additional friction created by the ignored planetary energy.

Feelings of instability that often persist also diminish your self-esteem, resulting in insecurity. You may lack a firm personality centre, fluctuating between Moon and Uranus, between emotion and logic, finding a home nowhere. You could find it useful to experience your emotional depths as deeply as possible. Let them rise to the surface; feel and understand their intensity, without cutting them off whenever they become unpleasant by an 'intellectual put-down' as inferior and not part of your preferred self-image. Equally, your mental interests and pursuits should be emotionally resonant, drawing both levels together. As your nervous system is overamplified, attempts like these help moderate and balance the flow of combined energies, thus making it easier for you to live with others without frequently feeling a restless obsession for change.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon in opposition to Uranus indicates mental and emotional stress. You are trying to integrate your feelings with logic to achieve a better balance between your inner and

outer lives. You constantly feel the need to make decisions involving others, and these decisions cause you much emotional turmoil. If your feelings dominate, you alienate yourself from others, but if logic prevails you feel crushed. Only experience can teach you to compromise so that both impulses are satisfied. The whole process will succeed if you are patient; this conflict can be resolved.

The crisis lies in your insecurity about projecting yourself in relationships that seem threatening. You are eager to make contact with others who will respond warmly to you. The important thing is to be yourself, realizing that others may have the same apprehensions you have. People will warm up to you and become friends if you give them the chance.

Your occupation should involve you in the personal affairs of others. In helping others to acquire self-confidence, you will increase your own. Teaching is especially recommended because it will force you to project your creative abilities. The constructive results you achieve will make you more totally aware of your potential development.

You may become involved in the most unusual romantic alliances. You tend to innocently form attachments with individuals who are either already attached or at least spoken for. You have a fascination for bizarre or complicated relationships. Perhaps this is your way of avoiding responsibility, which can never develop in such situations. You are emotionally promiscuous even if you never actually indulge in physical promiscuity. Others will insist that you put up or shut up.

Try to get as much rest as you can. Your keyed-up nervous system can seriously affect your digestion. A serene outlook will do wonders to help you avert physical distress.

7) ► **Venus ♀ Contra-Parallel ♅ Pluto - (0°13')** 006 | ♃7

(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.

8) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (0°31') ♀9 | ♀2

(Haydn Paul)

The energies generated by the opposition aspect are often projected out into the external world; and this will be true in respect of the powerful energy released by this Mars-Uranus aspect. If this is expressed through a more integrated consciousness, which is sure of the direction to travel, then its impact can be considerable. If it is manifesting through a less integrated personality, then it can create real problems in life.

Again, the revolutionary tendency is very strong, and you will have a natural antipathy

towards traditions and static patterns of acceptable social lifestyles.

Your attitude will be anti-authoritarian, and you will be iconoclastic in your questioning of the status quo, and critical of those who are in positions of social responsibility and power. Hypocrisy from 'leaders especially upsets you, and you can be scathing in denouncing it. In fact, you probably have developed a fairly demanding set of personal principles and ideals from which you perceive the world.

You tend to expect less from 'ordinary people', acknowledging their frailties; but you expect the highest standards from social leaders. Concepts of social justice, equality and change attract you, and this can draw you into relationships with revolutionary or reactionary political groups. Depending upon the overall bias of the chart, your radicalism could be directed towards a re-creation of past patterns or a new creation to suit future needs and realities. Generally though, with the Uranian impulse it will be future-orientated, and this will lead you to more altruistic liberal and humanitarian groups.

Your personality can be very assertive, even aggressive and combative. You have an image of yourself 'at war' with whatever you disagree with, whether this is just a war that you fight in your own head, or it is one that you externalise by opposing social establishments that you dislike. There is a stimulation for you in conflict; and whilst it may not always be openly displayed, you enjoy competition and intend to win and dominate. This is reminiscent of the Scorpio characteristics, which are reflected through this aspect, with the Mars-Scorpio link and Uranus exalted in Scorpio. The quality of assertiveness could be extrovertedly expressed, stridently and powerfully, or quietly through the power of a strong personal presence.

You enjoy arguments and discussions; here the stimulation of ideas, beliefs and attitudes can be enriching. Often you play devil's advocate on ideas, just to enjoy the sparks that can fly; but if it is on a subject close to your heart, then a more passionate, committed side of you emerges, one that is determined to 'win' the argument.

You oppose in principle any restrictions to individual freedoms, although in practice and with serious consideration, you do tend to impose 'limits' for valid social reasons. Your main thrust is towards a broadening of personal freedoms, and the creation of more variety and scope for potential experience and opportunity in life. If discipline is imposed upon you, and you feel that you are imprisoned in a stultifying routine, then you will rise to oppose it; however, for your own purposes you can be highly motivated and self-disciplined.

Freedom is extremely important to you, and is the key to developing your own uniqueness. You feel that you have to get your own way, and this can cause problems if you are too selfish about this demand. If denied, you feel emotionally frustrated, and this becomes a form of pent-up physical tension, which in extreme cases could result in

violence. Tendencies to be arrogant, authoritarian and too self-willed can cause friction in social and intimate relationships. If your lifestyle becomes inhibiting, then this can also create explosions of sudden temper and excessive arguing to release inner pressures.

Whilst you see yourself as an outsider, a loner following a personal path, there is an underlying lack of self-confidence, which Scorpio-like is hidden beneath the mask. You insist on finding and making your own way in life, pursuing one's 'dharma' (own truth), and will be like the traditional stubborn mule if anyone else tries to lead you against your will. You learn from life's hard experiences, and indeed, you tend to accept and welcome such intensity and challenges. Often, you will be tempted to throw off the binding shackles of the past, slough off the old skin like a snake, and burn those bridges to leave yourself free to travel forward into the bright future. You seem as though you know what you are doing, and appear to be optimistic, but this is the glow of a belief in your own ability to succeed, to cross those challenging abysses. You may need to unify your will and clarify your desires so that they work more in harmony.

Potentially, this aspect if rightly applied through a reabsorption of any negative projections back into yourself for transformation, can offer a 'magical' ability to succeed in your aims. The 'enemy' is not just 'out there'; and you need to use the tension for self-transformation, to balance out the relationship between yourself and society, so that your revolutionary spirit manifests as an agent for the evolutionary spiral of human progression.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars opposition Uranus, you have a genius for arousing others to challenge you. You enjoy competition, and have a flair for gaining dominance over others. The simple fact is, you are arrogant, demanding, and authoritative in your dealings, which tends to disarm people. You seem to thrive on bickering and argument, even if you aren't serious about it. This is just another way to provide continuing excitement.

Your behavior has little to do with your competence, although your forwardness often convinces others that you know what you are doing. With your flair for expression, you should seek occupations such as selling, politics, group interests, or science, that depend on this quality. You could become interested in hazardous occupations like flying, racing, exploring, or mountain climbing, but you must be extremely careful and take all safety precautions. Because you are accident-prone, these endeavors are not recommended. You tend to throw caution to the winds, especially when someone is watching. Your desire for approval is so strong that you will even risk danger to gain it.

You don't tolerate any restrictions on your freedom and mobility, and need to be constantly on the move. Is this because you are afraid others will discover how insecure you really are? Perhaps your life-style is a defence against admitting that you are mainly a 'physical' person.

You aren't the easiest person to get along with. Your outbursts of temper and cantankerous attitude really rub people the wrong way. A revolutionary, you are basically against tradition with all its limits to individuality. You are critical of anyone who wields authority, and want your own way so much that you become violent when anyone tries to deny it. Your unpredictable nature may cause you to lose dear friends who will not tolerate your arrogance.

(Betty Lundsted)

The action principle essentially describes the action taken (through Mars) to represent the Sun sign archetype. Uranus indicates how the generation behaves as well as the kinds of eccentricities to which an individual is prone.

When the opposition is in effect, the action taken by the individual is compromised or colored by the behavior pattern; he may not relate well to his peer group. This individual may take self-willed or erratic action rather than make necessary compromises in life. In some cases, he may be violent when angered or threatened. Because the will is involved in the action aspect, this individual may be overly willful and want immediate satisfaction because constant internal pressure is at play. The childhood environment was unpredictable, and this person may have been so repressed at home that high anger levels are considered 'normal'.

When people act one way and feel compromised by their eccentric needs, the action taken may not only be unproductive, but these individuals feel internally angry with themselves. If the anger is projected onto others; if others are blamed for the mistakes created by those who have this aspect, then the energy is destructive. They will have to learn to act in such a manner that any eccentricities within the nature also have a chance for constructive expression. When the anger is directed neither at the self nor at others, the energy is free to express creatively.

When attempting to determine where this behavior pattern comes from, check the planets that reflect the effect of the mother or father. This person may have been abused as a child. If so, much resentment may be harbored toward the parent, along with guilt because one is not supposed to hate one's parents. It's important that the anger be understood and not suppressed, for until the energy is free to flow, the creativity cannot be released. This person may wish to undergo analysis to get help breaking the old pattern.

Mars square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects are the most difficult to live with: we find it extremely hard to curb energy (Mars) because Uranus keeps it under constant tension. Strained and restless, we easily become irritable and quick-tempered. The (often unintentional) disruption caused by this combination is great; hence its traditional association with separation and divorce. Reactions are usually too sharp, too rash, too thoughtless and too energetic in situations which call for calm. Also, with these aspects, we are inclined to go our own way at all costs; and this can cause conflicts at school when we are still young. Whenever possible we do as we please, and being prevented from doing as we please drives us wild (to an extent that depends on the rest of the horoscope). In any case, we enjoy being provocative.

We are virtually unable to control our energy: Uranus itself would make energy control difficult, even if it did not throw a hard aspect. It is impossible to stick at the same thing for long. We frequently hop from one thing to another without getting anywhere. This is a shame, because the combination packs enough power to move mountains.

We are eager to express (Mars) our longing to be free and our originality (Uranus); but, with tense aspects, are liable to emphasize them unduly. The consequence can be asocial or even antisocial behavior; but at epochs when a break has to be made with outworn values, we come into our own. The destructiveness inherent in the Mars / Uranus combination can be channelled into fighting sports (preferably not dangerous) and into occupations such as woodcutting, where we literally break things up: the release of tension helps us to handle energy better.

(Charles Carter)

Here we get a good deal of self-will and eccentricity. There is no lack of energy, but it is often fitful and ill-directed, and the native is often a relative failure, being unable for some reason to make as good use of his talents as might reasonably be expected. Ill-temper is common, but is not always present; sometimes there is a tendency rather to fretfulness and erratic self-will; the native may be blunt and abrupt, or irritable and querulous. Sometimes the nervous conditions lead to shyness and retirement. The native is often what is known as edgy or cornery, and is frequently not well fitted for ordinary existence; it is distinctly unfavourable for married life or for any restricted or ordered way of living, but it is not an aspect which as a rule indicates any essential ill-nature or vice.

Like all combinations which create a desire for freedom and unrestriction, this often externalises in the shape of suicidal tendencies, the native being unfitted to brook patiently the check and delays that occur in most walks of life. Patience is a virtue that is seldom present, and humility is also rare. The native is likely to scorn diplomacy and any kind of manoeuvring, and is prone to throw up the sponge as soon as this is called for. In a word, he wants his own way at all costs.

As we have mentioned before, there are often attacks on the native's morals or honour, and sometimes there are direct assaults on his person, provided other more vital points are afflicted as well.

Accidents are not infrequent, and these aspects do not make for longevity, for there is seldom much placidity with Mars-Uranus; and the ability to acquiesce cheerfully and readily in the dispensation of Providence is not often very noticeable. There is often a disposition to take risks, and to overwork.

9) ► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°52') ♀9 | ♀1

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition is focused more on your outer relationships with people, although inner projections are often the key to their problematic nature. As with the square aspect, there is the presence of the unconscious mind being activated by a frustrated Neptune, which lead to distortions in action and expression. Inner motivation is often unclear in respect of its true nature, and often compulsive desires are hidden behind a façade so effectively that even you are often essentially unconscious of why you act in certain ways and way is actually making those decisive choices for you. Self-clarity can be difficult to achieve, especially in the areas of emotional and sexual desire, which can have a compulsive quality to them, and which can dominate your options. Those areas may become highly emphasised in your life, excessively so and out of a healthy proportion and perspective.

You probably lack trust and faith in life. Suspicion is a constant companion, and you see others through such a filter, yet this is often mainly composed of your own nature projected out like a shadow over the world. How can you trust yourself when you do not fully comprehend your own motivations and desires for actions? Yet you often mean well, but yare let down by your own tendencies of secrecy and manipulation. Your own attitudes are reflected back at you, so that mutual suspicion is often created, and you lose even more trust in people. Sometimes you tend to withdraw from social activity due to this. A refinement in how you choose to assert yourself may be necessary, as well as a withdrawal of these conditioning negative characteristics.

Confronting reality is essential, so that, by acceptance, a more realistic balance in relationships can emerge - one where your desires are less dominant and threatening, and where the emotional dimension is more integrated and explored. This will help to modify and redirect the blocked Neptune energy so that relationships become deeper, more satisfying and a bridge to renew your experience of social relating. Evaluating your ambitions in life can be more productive once the projections are being withdrawn, and using intellect and common sense can be more effective in realising them than following a path of glamour and compulsive desires which, whilst perhaps temporarily exciting, leads to a dissipation of your self and your objectives. Avoidance of unnecessary

stimulants is also wise, as these will not help; and a more perceptive insight into the nature of glamour and illusion will also be highly beneficial. This is especially so if you have become involved in the occult or spiritual realms of life, where there are always many candidates to take advantage of those who are more gullible and susceptible to the power of 'secret knowledge'. Those who have the desire to be 'special' are often abused physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

The nature and quality of your relationships can be transformed, provided that you deal with those problematic areas of your inner nature, trust, emotions, sexuality and illusions. Perceiving how you can negatively condition your experience is the key to realising how you can positively transform it too.

10) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ☊ **South-Node** - (0°15') ♄1 | ☊10

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) is similar to the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction. The endeavors of the natives may be blocked because of bad timing. Their social and ethical aims may clash with prevailing societal customs, creating conflicts of interest. At the same time, the natives can give a detailed and honest appraisal of commonly accepted values. They can encounter obstacles in obtaining higher education and find themselves in disagreement with prevailing religious institutions. There can be difficulties and delays in foreign lands, and problems connected with all these matters.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect often forces the people to swallow their own philosophies. This makes it quite easy for them to abide by any of their own philosophies. There is nothing wrong with coping with your own philosophies, provided you know beforehand that they may not be used against you. As a normal human being, one with always likes to have general philosophy for others with reservations for oneself. This aspect does not give that individual any discriminating rights or choices in that respect. Their own environment and structure often expands within, giving the person internal satisfaction. This expansion of inner dimensions is noticeable by others. As a result, others feel sorry for these individuals. In terms of esoteric or spiritual growth, this is considerably strong as an opposition. When one with this aspect brings down the universal consciousness to cure and heal the internal structure of his soul, the results are always helpful to him in most of the worldly senses. These people often learn to overcome the materialistic barrier either by choice or by heavenly force. On a mundane level, it creates problems with a child, or its conception. Based upon the rest of the chart, happiness from children might be a void issue to these people. Glandular function in the body is also distorted by this aspect.

(Donna van Toen)

Misguided religious, expansive, or revolutionary tendencies can impede growth. Sociability sometimes detracts from the growth process. Growth can be attained by consciously working on it; but often inner growth is confused with status or material progress.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, we can find the extreme pessimist instead of the extreme optimist: someone with absolutely no belief in the good in people or in the progress of humanity. At the Descending Node, the forces of Saturn are especially active, and they hamper Jupiter with its awareness of what is meaningful. Depending on the sign, the native can always find an excuse for personal weakness, and can believe, 'That is not really me'. Many are 'doubting Thomases'. They throw up the sponge as soon as difficulties arise. It is hard for them to look on the bright side.

Jupiter square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of good fellowship, the tendency to look out for one's own gain first. Disharmonious or anti-social conduct in associations.

(Bernice Grebner)

Here there is a lack of temperance; this person is at one extreme or another, never down the middle of the road. He can be overly religious or extravagant with possessions, and that can lead to catastrophe. He can be revolutionary and reckless. It gives great love of adventure, always seeking new experiences of some kind. Optimism is difficult to maintain at a steady level. It can give legal problems, especially in affairs of the Nodes. Example: third house, or Gemini, with brothers and sisters, people in the immediate environment.

11) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ☿ **South-Node** - (1°51') ♈7 | ♎10

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect tends to be extremely limiting; the natives' rigid personal habits and ambitions put them out of harmony with prevailing cultural attitudes. In order to overcome the isolation thus created, they must learn to co-operate with the ideas and the methods of their society. On the positive side, the natives may achieve things which put them in a class by themselves by their individualistic and painstaking approach to

work, in which all external influences are disregarded. This is especially the case with experts in obscure fields of endeavor.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, the individual confines itself with its own psychologically complex network. They just have to go through worldly and unworldly experiences and learn the significance of patience. Things have a tendency to occur as late as possible. Association with old folks or old ideas becomes a part of life. The native often runs away from his own creation; and this running around in circles is one of the karmic fulfillments of his soul. Depending upon the balance of Karma from the previous life, some of these individuals will experience the highest benefits in life, but only after significant hard work during the most of their life. The Saturnian principle with the South Node with it really makes the combination doubly Saturnian. Thus, hard work, patience and coping with restrictions is a major focus in this combination. On a mundane level, it causes weak bone structure, rheumatism, skin difficulties, etc.. One of the benefits this aspect provides is the ability to cope with disease and confinement.

(Donna van Toen)

Growth may trigger feelings of not fitting in or being out of touch; conformity may lead to stagnation. There's a strong feeling of something missing within the person, leading to dissatisfaction with relationships and circumstances. As with Saturn conjunct the North Node, there may be an illness connected with the nodal polarity. The tendency is to try to repress awareness of the need for growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, Saturn stands at its own point: for, in the classical literature of astrology, the Descending Node is also 'the point of Saturn'. Here it hinders the native's progress considerably, and the latter clings to old habits and fails to see the need for change. The native is liable to regress, and refuses to strike out in a new direction. Many are pessimistic and do not believe that there is a better life for them. They load themselves with needless responsibilities and are hardly free to act. Many take refuge in duty, and imagine they have to do everything and that, without them, 'nothing would ever get done'. With Saturn on the nodal axis, it is hard to break old habits: there is a constant temptation to lapse into familiar reactions and routines.

Saturn square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, great difficulties in cooperating with others, also a feeling of inhibition in the presence of other people. Inhibitions and difficulties in association of partnerships, termination of blood relationships, the death of relatives or of kindred, disadvantages through other persons, co-operative work or team-work which is steadily becoming more difficult.

(Bernice Grebner)

Sacrifice or surrender are the key words here. Saturn's house position may cause neglect of the nodal position's growth; and the balancing of the nodal axis may be much delayed. Success is also harder to achieve where Saturn's position is located by sign and house. Wherever Saturn is located is where we feel a great lack; where a father's influence can be most strict; where ambitions are thwarted. Other aspects taken into consideration, this is not a favorable position for a positive, enthusiastic spirit. Unless well aspected to Jupiter, the Saturn square must be corrected first by strict discipline in accepting responsibility that can't be refused. This position can give great loneliness. The life seems to be fated. Call it fate, karma, or what you will, it is that area which we can do little about but surrender to it in strict discipline. With this aspect, along with a good aspect to Jupiter, Jupiter's influence cannot be felt greatly until the discipline Saturn calls for is accomplished. The person who has this aspect lacked discipline in a former lifetime; hence he is being forced into it in this life. The lessons of Saturn are patience, duty, loyalty, and being in tune and in step with time as it is. Their destiny is to get in step.

12) ► **Uranus** ⚡ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°23') ♀2 | ♀1

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction came within a nine degree orb in November 1988, was exact in February, August and October 1993, and stayed in orb until 1998; the last time before that was 1821-3. These children will have a strong degree of identification with the collective mind and group consciousness, which in some cases could revert back to fervent nationalist affinities in countries that have a powerful controlling religious, racial, political and social structures. Yet in most cases it is unlikely that this will result in the emergence of charismatic demagogues as in recent examples of the manipulation of the masses.

There will be a directing sense of social responsibility, and an awareness of participating in a social community, which will be expressed in positive ways for the betterment of all. The merged energies of this conjunction will inspire concepts of brotherhood, which will reflect the ideals of Uranus and Neptune, as a form of revolutionary mysticism emerging from an acute mental and emotional sensitivity connected to an intuitive imaginative faculty.

Personal freedoms and rights will have a high priority, and there will be a new perception of 'leadership' being formed, which can dissolve those old patterns of a powerful leader and hundreds of following 'sheep'. There is a distrust of leaders, based on an intuitive perception of their real motivations and characteristics, which will also develop into a new understanding of authority and power in society. Those born under this aspects will be willing to 'fight' for the maintenance of personal freedoms and rights if they are under threat by the decisions of social leaders. A new balance of power between the people and the state will begin to form, and a new politics should rise into view, reflecting this increase in individual rights and power. Generally, this should be a period of spiritual and scientific development, where breakthroughs occur in the exploration of nature and mind.

Changes that became inevitable by 1994 will have to be more fully achieved and realised by this new generation, imbued with a more conscious spirit of human unity and solidarity.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Neptune shows that you are aware of your obligations to the social structure to which you belong, and that you identify closely with its mass consciousness. You are keenly observant of the deception that the leaders often use to gain and maintain complete control of the people, and this disturbs you deeply. You recognize that this pattern can lead to loss of personal freedom unless steps are taken to eliminate the offenders. Since you belong to a generation that will not tolerate abuses of authority and power, you realize that freedom can be lost if not protected against political erosion.

When the conjunction occurred in 1821-3, among the important achievements were the invention of an ingenious process for waterproofing fabric and the development of cement, which later played a large role in the industrial revolution. These physical phenomena - cement and waterproof fabric - exactly parallel the strong foundations of the courageous individuals who have this aspects and the process they use to protect themselves and their rights.

You respond to people who need your understanding of their social predicament, whether it is a personal problem or one they share with others. Although you know that you can do little by yourself, the combined effort of those sharing your concern can be a powerful force against social injustice. Working together, you can restore order and freedom where there was chaos and privation.

(Betty Lundsted)

It seems that the conjunction of these planets would make for some interesting life experiences - the concept of individuality or humanity is brought together with that of

creative expression. These are the times when important changes in attitude and / or consciousness take place.

When this aspect occurred in the early 1820s, it brought the world Mary Baker Eddy, Dostoevski, Clara Barton, Louis Pasteur and Johann Strauss. If this conjunction also involves a personal configuration, a personal kind of creativity emerges - for example, Clara Barton had this conjunction also conjunct her natal sun.

(Charles Carter)

This potent aspect occurs again and again in the charts of the great. It stands midway between the harmonious and inharmonious contacts, and produces the great savant or prophet, such as Pasteur and Ruskin, and people of remarkable but more doubtful repute, such as Nell Gwyn and Caesar Borgia. Dr. A. R. Wallace exemplifies the spiritualist tendencies of the aspect.

It seems on the whole to be self-willed, but frequently extremely able, and rarely to be lightly disregarded. One would expect eccentricity, but on the whole good intentions and kindness, Neptune softening Uranus, as it softens Mars.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. Hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible that he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in

the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

13) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (7°32' A) ♄1 | ♄1

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant, you are the epitome of optimism. You do nothing in moderation because you are always hopeful that some of your excesses will work out for the best in the long run. You have an endless source of ideas with which to plan your success, and you are sure that you will succeed. With boundless faith in your abilities and a certain measure of luck, you don't worry about tomorrow and you care even less about yesterday. You are ambitious, but in satisfying your ambitions you can bite off more than you can chew. You exaggerate your own importance, which can be a serious

liability if you are seeking supporters in your endeavors. No-one likes a braggart or a person who overestimates his worth. You are inspiring to those under you, but you should avoid making promises to them unless you are sure you can deliver.

You are generous, kind, sympathetic, benevolent, and the delight of anyone seeking a contribution in a fund-raising campaign, since you are a 'soft touch'. Generally you are well informed about subjects that have an important bearing on your professional goals as well as about matters of general interest. You have the highest regard for institutions of learning, and with your providential nature you will probably endow some school. You are too open with private or classified information, and if your competition beats you with a new product, the idea probably came originally from you. Try to be more conservative and serious. Your appetite needs curbing too, because you are inclined to put on weight, especially with advancing years.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Usually optimism knows no bounds when Jupiter is conjunct the Ascendant: we like to walk on the sunny side of the street. A cheerful attitude is displayed to the outside world and most people find us lovable. We have no difficulty in showing cordiality and warmth, and our brightness encourages others.

The joviality and generosity of Jupiter can manifest freely here, but so can the desire for freedom. We need acres of living space and find restrictions very hard to bear. Inwardly, too, the spirit of expansion is at work. Even when we are young, we are interested in everything but should be careful not to turn into know-it-alls. Moralizing and telling others what to do (while we, for our part, smugly go on our way) are two of the possibilities with this conjunction; which otherwise has enough optimism and resilience to be full of promise.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with this aspect were born into fairly comfortable circumstances. They tend to be overexpansive, or they tend to over-relate to the situations they become personally involved in.

The Ascendant indicates 'our best foot forward', and Jupiter there indicates a tendency to throw all the energies into each new beginning. Life is not approached with caution unless the Ascendant sign is a cautious one. It brings the quality of 'too much' into the lifestyle. In order to use the energy constructively, the concept of 'too much' will have to be thought about and determined where it occurs in the life. 'Too much' can be determined by the reactions of others to whatever we are relating to in an overly exuberant manner.

(Sue Tompkins)

Individuals with Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant go out into the world eager to embrace as much of it as possible. These people have an expectant attitude to life, and wish to go out into the world and explore it. The houses whose cusps are in Sagittarius and, perhaps to a lesser extent, Pisces will play a part in determining the areas of life in which the individual will focus these explorative urges.

Jupiter rising people often come across as being buoyant and optimistic, and as taking a philosophical stance upon life's trials and tribulations. This is the person who presents a happy face to the world, even if the rest of the chart is descriptive of a more cautious, serious and doubtful individual. They approach others seemingly without thinking twice about it. Those with Jupiter on the Ascendant often appear somewhat arrogant; in some signs much more than in others. Often the individual sees everyone else as very positive, confident and sure of themselves and cultivates a similar persona. If the rest of the chart describes an extrovert personality, this placement will increase this tendency. Shyer individuals may be able to be quite 'up front' and confident amongst strangers but rather less so with people they know a little.

The type would also often like to appear as educated or sophisticated in the ways of the world; well travelled, physically or mentally. The journey in life is perhaps to do with exploration of the self, and this self-exploration and discovery will often take place whilst the individual is either in an educative setting or abroad. As a young child, the Jupiter rising individual may have travelled a great deal or been exposed to different cultures or belief systems.

People with Jupiter on the Ascendant-Descendant axis are usually great advice-givers. Perhaps there is a need to be seen as both knowledgeable and generous.

14) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♃ Neptune** - (1°34' A) ♅1 | ♅1

(Robert Hand)

This aspect presents many opportunities and many challenges. You are very sensitive to whatever happens around you, and you seem to soak up impressions like a sponge. But you do not always know what these impressions mean or what to do with them. Consequently there is a real danger that you will be confused much of the time, especially about who you are and where you are going. Unfortunately, with this aspect you tend to get discouraged and depressed about yourself, feeling that you will never get a real grasp of what is happening in your life. One of your parents, at least, should be able to lovingly but firmly guide you through life and point out the difference between realities and illusions.

This position is often associated with psychic ability, which may be the source of the impressions that seem so confusing and hard to understand. Your parents should accept

the fact that your so-called fantasies are actually based on a reality that is not easy to understand. They should help you learn to interpret this reality rather than saying that you are only dreaming or making it all up.

It won't be easy to find the right course to follow in life, but this position provides a few clues. First of all, you should feel that you are working for a cause higher than yourself, whether it is serving or taking care of others in some way or working for an idea or faith. This aspect has a very strongly religious dimension. But it is more mystical than orthodox, and even while you are young you will be attracted to mystical and otherworldly ideals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The Midheaven represents social and business behavior based on self-image. With Neptune on the Midheaven, there is no possibility that a clear-cut picture will be obtained - the blurring and undermining influence is too great. As likely as not, we shall suffer from identity problems about who we are and about our role in life. This makes us extremely sensitive to what others think and say; and at first we shall be prepared to accept their assessment of us. But their assessment is wildly inaccurate, because between them and us drifts Neptune's hazy smoke-screen: what they tell us about ourselves sounds so unbelievable that we are thrown into utter confusion.

Besides all this, we seem to have a sixth sense for detecting undercurrents and changes in the human atmosphere; and this also affects the formation of our image. For a long time, these factors can keep us wondering what to make of ourselves and our prospects, and can hinder us from finding our true sphere in life. Yet we should excel in things governed by Neptune; that is to say, wherever sympathy and understanding are required, as in social and charity work, also where we can give expression to feelings and a love of perfection, as in creative and musical activities. Initially, owing to a lack of confidence, we are not very enterprising; but once we get started, progress is surprising and we become much more self-reliant.

(Sue Tompkins)

Neptune conjunct MC often suggests diffuse goals and an early uncertainty of direction with respect to an individual's choice of vocation. This aimlessness can sometimes be matched by a parent's ambivalent feelings as to how they want their child to be seen in the world. Many with Neptune conjunct the Midheaven want to be seen by the world at large as glamorous and wondrous: a saviour, a prince or a princess; perhaps someone creative or representing some kind of public ideal. Many with this placement, especially when young, can find it very difficult to get hold of the reality of what is fitting for them to pursue, given their life-situation and individual talents. In extreme cases, if they meet someone who is writing a book, they want to write a book; if they get to know a politician, they yearn to pursue a career in politics - and so on. They want the glamour that they

imagine others have in their lives. Those with Neptune conjunct the MC tend to dream of the future; at best this can spur them on to achieving the recognition they yearn for by actually fulfilling whatever their dream is. And the dream is usually not strictly personal; the individual often wants to 'save' the world in some way. This placement is ideal for any Neptunian type careers; the arts, music, work in welfare fields, charities, at sea, with water, to name but a few possibilities.

Neptune on either end of the MC-IC axis sometimes suggests a tendency to idealise one parent at the expense of the other. There is usually a distorted image of at least one of the parents and perhaps an experience of their being some kind of victim. For some with Neptune on the MC, it is the thirst for recognition from a parent that propels the individual into weaving all sorts of romantic dreams of what they are going to do with their lives; for they feel that if the world recognises them, then so will the parent.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this conjunction tend to be anything but the average employer's ideal of stable employees. The dreams and mystical qualities of Neptune do not combine well with the routine discipline required by the average job. These natives do better in professions that make use of their creative imaginations and ascetic traits.

The conjunction favors musicians, actors, painters, photographers, moviemakers, psychologists, and persons interested in the occult. Professions may be related to the occult in some way. Even though these natives may be in the public eye, they feel spiritually isolated - alone in a crowd, and in fact most people do not understand their inner motivations.

If the horoscope is that of an exceptionally developed person, he may be destined to perform a mission in the world that will lift many people around him to greater attainment and spirituality.

If this conjunction is heavily afflicted, scandal or public disgrace is a danger. This can come through the natives' unreliability or because of alcoholism, drugs, or other forms of addiction.

The natives should be careful not to get involved in secret intrigues, especially when they cannot know all the factors involved. Private secrets are not so private when Neptune is found in this position.

15) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Saturn** - (6°50' A) ♎7 | ♎7

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn opposition the Ascendant shows that you are defensive in your associations. You

have to exert a lot of pressure to get a response from people, and most times you don't think it's worth the effort. You tend to be so preoccupied with your own affairs that you can't be too concerned with anyone else's. But at the same time you accuse people of being indifferent to you. The truth is, you are so reserved about projecting yourself into their lives that you give the impression you think yourself better than they are. So they keep their distance and are not likely to warm up to you.

You assume people will not appreciate your talents, so you don't offer your services. Convinced that others are more competent, you are afraid to accept challenging competition. You need approval of others to reassure yourself of your skills. You cautiously test people's reactions to what you do and draw their conclusions for them before they have a chance to express an opinion. Probably you had an austere beginning and are not accustomed to being praised for your efforts. Although you have a mind of your own, you are never sure you can exploit your ideas and get a favorable response, which you desperately need. A minor chore like asking for a pay increase is a major event to you, and you have to have a lot of determination to do it.

You prefer people to come to you, because you fear they won't accept you if you go to them. You may be obsessed by the thought that your subconscious fears are obvious to everyone, but of course they are not. The only guilt you should feel is in your failure to assert yourself enough. Because you are more competent than most of your competitors, you will never take on a task you can't handle. Until you try, of course, you won't know this. You secretly fear responsibility, but you are more than able to perform your duties and fulfill your obligations, both to yourself and to others. You need the reassurance of knowing that achievement is well within your grasp.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Saturn on the Descendant often look to other people to live out the responsible, dutiful, mature or even patriarchal qualities, although they themselves will usually be very responsible about relationship matters and, in their own way, also very much in control. There can be a fear of relationship with Saturn contacting either end of this axis: fear of being in a relationship and fear of not being in one. At best, Saturn contacting these angles suggests that the individual is able to apply him- / herself to building up a relationship with another person by responsibly dealing with the different obstacles as they occur.

Saturn square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here the reserve and aloofness so typical of all Saturn / Ascendant aspects are caused

chiefly by the degree of vulnerability we feel. We respond to people in a nervous, even mistrustful way. When we wish to express ourselves, Saturn interferes and we clam up instead. Also, with these aspects, we can be heavy-handed; a trait unlikely to give popularity. The irritation shown by others further increases uncertainty and vulnerability. We must be careful not to keep saying 'I'm no good', 'No-one likes me' and so on: statements such as these have a knack of being self-fulfilling and may stop us finding the warmth we seek.

Due to unfortunate experiences in contacts with others, we sometimes go into complete seclusion, or hide behind a 'wooden mask' of some sort - that of a careerist, for example - in order to keep out of range at the personal level.

The tense aspects make us very insecure on this point and, when we brood over it too much, we are liable to suffer from listlessness and fatigue. With the unconscious working flat out in an attempt to solve problems that have arisen or might arise, energy that would normally be available to the conscious is used up. However, if we learn to confine worries to practical issues (as it is perfectly possible to do with the tense aspects), we can become the same responsible, down-to-earth individuals we would be with one of the easy aspects - although never the life and soul of the party.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Saturn squares the Ascendant, the approach to any new beginning is clouded with conflict, for early in the life the father was not encouraging. These individuals will commence new activities with caution or apprehension. Some of the conflict will be caused by an inner lack of self-confidence, for early problems with the father image usually manifest as problems with authority figures later on. The square indicates a selfworth predicament that can be coupled with the sign quality dilemma indicated by the square aspect.

With the opposition of Saturn to the Ascendant there will also be an early childhood conflict with the father, and there will be a need for authority approval, or a feeling of caution attached to any new beginning. A feeling of compromise occurs because the needs of the partner (or the partner's opinions) will influence the new steps forward in life.

16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Pluto** - (7°16' S) ♎7 | ♎7

(Robert Pelletier)

Pluto opposition the Ascendant shows that you attract people with powerful egos and strong temperaments. You have a strong desire for close, intimate contact with many of the persons you associate with, and this alone should be a warning to you. When you discover that someone is trying to make you over to satisfy his own desires, make a fast

exit. But this is also a sure sign that you try to do the same thing to those you are attracted to. You make extensive demands of the people you deal with, but you resent it when similar demands are made of you. This is essentially the meaning of the old saying 'Birds of a feather flock together'. Such problems can ruin otherwise fascinating relationships.

Your talents lie in your ability to mold people, so public relations is a field to which you should apply yourself. Political, social and financial activities are other areas in which you could find a great deal of satisfaction. You express yourself with dramatic flair, and people are impressed with your ability to command attention.

You generally get what you want when you want it, and you don't tolerate refusal of your demands. If you are motivated to change people's attitudes about their social obligations, you can accomplish miracles. You will be able to gain the support of your friends in seeking to improve intolerable social conditions. However, elected officials will try to discredit you and turn public opinion against you. But you aren't afraid of such tactics, because you have information about such officials that could be equally embarrassing to them.

In personal relationships you may have difficulty in achieving the success you enjoy in public conquests. When you relate to people at close range, you can become burdensome and make others feel uncomfortable. You understand how people think, and may even be psychically tuned to them. This ability helps you deal with people.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Pluto conjunct Descendant often tend to give their power away. They also often see other people (as opposed to themselves) as powerful, controlling, ruthless, manipulative or impenetrable. It is through one-to-one encounters that the individual is offered the opportunity of discovering the darker side of him- / herself.

Power struggles are inevitable with all aspects to this axis, and these are usually particularly obvious with Pluto setting in the chart. It is through one-to-one relationship and sometimes struggle that the individual is able to transform his / her self-image and way of relating to other people. Those with Pluto on the Descendant are often forced to grapple with many of the relationship issues that confront Venus-Pluto people. This is a useful placement for work which involves holding others through crisis and steering them through transformative situations.

Pluto square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hunger for power common to Pluto / Ascendant aspects is greater still when the aspects happen to be hard. Although we may feel insecure, we refuse to admit it. We are full of fight, are more ruthless than we intend, and can frighten people with a look. Our very presence is intimidating. We may not realize the force being generated by Pluto, but others feel its intensity and our readiness to go to extremes. We give the impression, without necessarily intending to do so, that the slightest opposition could lead to angry words and possibly to physical violence. For, with hard aspects of Pluto and the Ascendant, we can crush people with cruel remarks; and since Pluto encourages an eager interest in human motives and in anything suppressed or hidden, we have an unerring ability to find out the weak spots of others, and we do not hesitate to make them the butts of our poisoned verbal barbs. Obviously, with this ability we are more feared than loved. Yet it is a weapon in the power struggle that we would not lay aside for any price; and if it makes us disliked, well, Pluto gives plenty of resilience.

There is something provocative about our behavior, although not in the impulsive and cross-grained style of Uranus: Pluto causes us to act with more subtlety and more discretion, but invariably gives us the need to do our own thing regardless of whether this is socially acceptable or not. We do our own research, make our own discoveries, come to our own conclusions and formulate our own goals, and are not to be deterred from them. Therefore, this is an outstanding position for reforms; although initially we have to go through a (sometimes) not inconsiderable number of confrontations before being able to use the hard aspect rather more constructively. Our powers of penetration then enable us to see through people and their intentions, to build up a great knowledge of men and women, and to expand our view of ourselves and our surroundings by the addition of much that is new and of much that was formerly hidden. We unearth a great deal in our restless search. Pluto, wanting more, refuses to let us rest until we have got to the bottom of things. This can be very trying, because we feel compelled to see our own depths mirrored in our surroundings. But if we make some radical changes in our life, we should be able to get in touch with these deep values.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Pluto squares or opposes the Ascendant, the life takes on a different meaning, for the hard aspect indicates individuals who were raised in a strongly manipulative atmosphere. How the manipulation works and who was doing it will be revealed by the other aspects involved with Pluto.

When the square occurs there seems to be an excessive need to be in control of the environment, and of the circumstances of life; new starts will be hampered by some unconscious motivation that is reflective of the early childhood experience. The less productive end of the square might even mean that these individuals want to control and manipulate others before new ventures can be started. When the energy is turned into a productive phase, the need to control the environment has been let go, and the inner

motivation becomes joined with approvable action; they cease to view life as something that must be planned, and the energy can flow.

When Pluto opposes the Ascendant, another dilemma begins to show itself. It may look as though these individuals have chosen a controlling partner, but more probably some kind of internal battle is going on concerning a desire to control both new activities and partnerships. Giving may be a response to love that ends up being 'smother love', for the early childhood environment was strongly colored with controls.

Before one can eliminate unconscious needs to control, an understanding of the need to manipulate must take place. We are a species of imitators; if our parents play manipulation and control games, we will too, because we only have one childhood experience upon which to draw our concepts of normal behavior. In order to let go of old patterns, we must first recognize that they exist. Then each individual can consciously examine the need to continue. Unconscious patterns are the most difficult to break, for the patterns were formed many years ago and are not easy to recall.

In order to get the most out of the Ascendant qualities, the Pluto opposition needs to be understood, for it will cause a compromise to take place that ends up compromising every new endeavor. Once consciousness is applied to this aspect, it becomes a strong one indeed, and can be used in the transformation process.

17) ► ***Imum-Coeli* IC Conjunct ♅ Pluto** - (7°17' A) ♎7 | ♎7

(Robert Hand)

Your early childhood experiences will have an unusually strong effect upon your whole life. One parent in particular will be very important to you, and it is essential that that parent's influence be for the good. The problem is that the energies resulting from your early childhood experiences operate at a very deep inner level, probably unconsciously, so that they affect your life in ways that are difficult to understand. Negative experiences in childhood may give rise to fears, which bring about compulsive behavior patterns and bad habits. You might not even be aware of these fears, but if you understood them consciously they would be less difficult.

On the other hand, attitudes that you pick up from your elders may seriously limit your ability to make judgements on the basis of your experiences. Be very wary about acquiring any prejudices, and always question your beliefs so that you know they are helping your life rather than hindering it.

One of your parents may try to exert too great an influence over you, even when you have outgrown the need for it. That parent must recognize each new stage of your life and let go of you a bit at each stage. If he or she tries to control you too much for too long, your psychological development will be seriously retarded. Of course, good

influences from that parent will also have a very powerful positive effect on your whole life. It is simply that the bond with that parent is very strong, which can have both good and bad long-term effects upon your development.

(Sue Tompkins)

Pluto conjunct IC suggests some sort of violation at one's roots. I have known examples where the individual has discovered that he or she is the product of rape. Sometimes there is literal or metaphorical death or banishment of a parent. On other occasions, the person may have been transposed to a completely different culture or a completely different family from the one of his / her forebears.

Sometimes individuals with this placement attempt to purge themselves of their history. In attempting to eradicate their past, it is as if they sit on a time bomb, waiting for it to resurface suddenly and wreak havoc on their newly built foundations.

Still others with Pluto conjunct IC want to dig and dig to see where they came from: this must surely be a very positive manifestation of this combination.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction indicates a need for regeneration in the domestic life. How it should take place is designated by the houses where Scorpio, Aries and Leo are found, plus other aspects made to the conjunction. Thus regeneration applies especially to family relationships and, even more specifically, to relationships with parents. Conditions at the end of the native's life will indicate whether the Plutonian energy has been correctly used, as the flowering of higher spiritual faculties will take place in the later years.

In this conjunction (to the Nadir), as with Neptune conjunct Nadir, the home can be a place of occult activity or have peculiar conditions connected with it. There is often an occult attunement to nature and to the resources found in the bowels of the earth. Persons who mine Uranium ore will undoubtedly have Pluto in the fourth house. The conjunction favors those whose profession is geology. Many dowsers have this aspect.

Pluto square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects between Pluto and the Midheaven are particularly powerful in their effects. Friendly though we may otherwise be, there is something about us that warns others off trying to take advantage of us. Whenever we give vent to irritation, we should bear in mind that the Plutonian energy we radiate will make us sound much harder than

we suppose, and that we can really upset people or drive them into such a tight corner that they feel compelled to strike back.

With the disharmonious aspects, we have an enormous need to prove ourselves and to keep a grip on ourselves and our surroundings come what may. If we are not careful, we shall turn into slave drivers. Obviously, this will lead to power struggles, especially over social and business status. The tense aspects make us pugnacious and we are likely, sooner or later, to attack the things that displease us. Once again, caution is advisable. Pluto always goes hand in hand with tremendous intensity; and, in the hard aspects, it is difficult to adjust this intensity to the desired effect. Consequently, it may prove to be destructive rather than constructive.

Inquisitiveness is well-developed, but we do not always know how to control it. Thus we can catch someone on the hop with a completely tactless question, and surprise him into blurting out the answer. But, very often, this method leads to confrontations, although, with Pluto / Midheaven conflicts, we generally ferret out what we want to know. Also, it is quite common for us to use knowledge indiscreetly or at the wrong moment; and, given certain other indications in the horoscope, we could divert knowledge to bad ends by being manipulative.

When we begin any task, it is with complete dedication - maybe too much dedication. We might even undermine our efforts by an all-or-nothing attitude. Others do not always understand this lack of give-and-take, even when we are obviously being well-intentioned, because they simply cannot see why we should get so het up about things.

Nevertheless, we have great perseverance combined with enormous energy and love of action - all flowing from a need for power and recognition. If we learned to channel energy a little better, we could relaly move mountains. Then it would take an exceptional opponent to stop us.

18) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (10°08' S) ♎7 | ♎7

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury to Saturn shows that you are responsible, contemplative, and serious, partly because of your early training. You solve problems logically and waste little time with superficial matters. A veritable storehouse of information, you extract something meaningful from every experience. You are a good listener and cautious about voicing your own opinions in conversation. Rather than indulge in fanciful dreams, you prefer to apply yourself to goals that are well within your reach. You are sometimes pessimistic and may become severely depressed when you face reversals.

Your professional interests could be in mathematics, drafting, engineering, architacture, teaching, or politics. In fact, there is a wide range of occupations in which you could be

successful. However, you will lose interest in your job if it doesn't make demands on your talents. But if you know your own efforts are appreciated, you will make enormous contributions. As you tend to be a loner, you will work better if you can set your own pace. Generally you would rather work alone because you are irritated by distraction from associates. Your employer will always get his money's worth because you are honest and sincere and insist on fulfilling your part of the contract. You don't expect to get something for nothing.

Though you are intellectually capable and reasonably ambitious, recognition of your abilities may be delayed or overshadowed by your gregarious competitors. Be especially careful not to let your co-workers pick your brains; you are so eager to demonstrate how things should be done that you unwittingly divulge information that you should keep in reserve. However, don't be afraid to speak up when you have a good idea. If you are shy, get someone you trust to present it for you. Because of your air of indifference, people may think that you are not interested in social contacts. Actually, you are usually engrossed in deep thought triggered by something said earlier. You may be absent-minded at times. Even in a large gathering, you may become so dissociated that others do not realize you are there; nor do you.

You need to be able to confide in someone close to you whom you can trust. Your romantic interests are stimulated by a person who is mature, honest, sincere, and responsible. Tradition and custom represent security to you, and you respect them. Your religious beliefs are probably the same as your parents' and reflect your childhood training. You resist change unless it can be proven to be an improvement over the past.

Unless you take time to unwind often, you will invite tension. Take frequent 'little vacations' and just waste time doing nothing productive. Try to look at the bright side and learn to laugh at your own mistakes. It is essential to avoid becoming morbidly obsessed with the big, important issues.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The ponderous Saturn always makes itself felt in our contacts, speech and analyzing. Therefore we hesitate to take the initiative, but play for safety and wait quietly to see how things will turn out. In conversation, we usually seem very calm and matter-of-fact, and it is not easy to make us change our minds. The aspect does not encourage optimism and, indeed, we probably strike others as pessimistic. Quite often we suffer from fits of depression but, every now and then, feel an overcompensating need for entertainment, if only to break out of our inner isolation.

Feelings of loneliness are not foreign to people with a Mercury-Saturn conjunction: they are painfully aware of themselves. Yet, this conjunction has wonderful qualities: it connotes immense powers of concentration and an ability to marshal facts. All research is meticulous - a plus point, even though the motive is to overcome a sense of insecurity.

Because they possess clarity and the ability to think things out straightforwardly and step-by-step, the natives can make good teachers. They inculcate facts carefully, in easily assimilated instalments, and keep strictly to the subject.

With this aspect, we talk like people with a lifetime's experience behind them: but then, after all, Saturn is known as the planet of old age. Also, we are inclined to treat things too seriously and to disapprove of jests. Our thinking is unadventurous and rather conventional. We like to stick to well-known patterns (because this gives security). Therefore, opinions are rather rigid, especially if Saturn is the leading planet. However, if Mercury has more dignitaries than Saturn, there is greater flexibility.

The Saturn conjunction seldom permits mental repose. Even in the most relaxed moments, we lie thinking about next day's work or shopping.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect causes the person to feel restricted by the father in some way during childhood. On a subconscious basis, the individual will carry the father's effect into his adult life, for it seems that Dad inhibited the child's expression. It may be that Dad resents the child, or that the child's crying makes him angry. If the mother tries to shush the kid because Dad doesn't like the noise, the child with this aspect will develop an inhibition regarding communicating with his father. This will only happen if the father is angry in the child's presence. Other aspects will confirm the fatherchild relationship.

Because of the early influence of the father, the child will not respond early to the learning process that takes place in grammar school. He may avoid recitation or answering a teacher's questions. He may not be able to hear well; there may be some dysfunction, or he may be so tense that he 'can't hear' because of his apprehension. Under pressure, he may not be able to receive instruction or follow directions.

As an adult, words come with difficulty, and he may sound harsh while trying to get his point across. The harshness may be caused by a subconscious fear that any authority figure will reject what he says, so his conversations may be tactless and too much to the point. A great deal of resentment may take place before he feels strong enough to talk about his feelings.

Once the energy is understood, this aspect can be turned into a strongly constructive one, for it gives the ability to follow through on details, to work to the finish, and to seriously express the needs of the self.

(Charles Carter)

This important position runs the gamut from stupidity and inertia, in cases where Saturn

overcomes and stifles, so to speak, the action of Mercury, to the careful, methodical type of mind, with, possibly, great powers of taking pains, sustained highly focused concentration, and profound perceptions.

Provided that the remainder of the nativity supplies initiative and energy, this position is good for any post that calls for trouble, prudence, and caution; but of itself it may incline to waste of time and lack of energy, particularly if it be in water, when mental self-confidence may be lacking.

Depression is not uncommon, and there is a propensity to solitary habits. Yet, rather strangely, this position sometimes produces great volubility and a fondness for 'holding forth'. It often makes a good teacher.

Afflictions between these planets are common in cases of suicide, wherein Mercury is also often in a sign of Saturn.

There are often checks in the career, and in some cases there is a failure to fulfil youthful promise. Development is frequently slow and should not be forced, unless, as is sometimes the case, there is a tendency to procrastination.

There is often a good deal of self-will and obstinacy, and something of the type that argues to justify itself at all costs and will never admit its mistakes - this is common if Aries is also heavily tenanted. On the other hand, this same tenacity, when directed reasonably, makes a very excellent fighter in adverse circumstances.

19) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct ♅ Pluto** - (3°58' A) ♊7 | ♊7

(Haydn Paul)

You should have a powerful, penetrating and incisive mind, which is attracted towards delving deeply behind appearances. Whether these are social facades or intellectual theories or philosophies, your innate curiosity will enable you to look beneath the surface. As you tend to see your mind as a resource which you can utilise, you often collect many fragments of information on your searches, which you attempt to collate together into a workable source.

You feel 'at home' in your mind, enjoying applying it to a multitude of challenges and problems, confident in your ability to resolve them or make some kind of sense out of them. Following your natural investigative ability, you have an inner process occurring whereby you attempt to extract meaning from your studies and experience, hidden meanings that are mostly relevant only to yourself, although some may be of value to a wider audience too. There is a purist streak in your mind which prompts you to take quite an impersonal attitude to people and events, especially attaching a high value to 'truth' over the social games that people play; your directness is likely to stimulate reactions

from others.

As usual with the Pluto energy, there will be an unknowable depth and dimension to your mind, with a tendency towards powerfully expressed extremism and assertiveness as you proceed to manifest your objectives. Your ability to concentrate your willpower and sustain it for as long as necessary will aid you in achieving your dreams. Your beliefs and opinions will tend to be fixed; and you will be difficult to shake from any position that you have decided to take, preferring a vigorous expression of your standpoint against any opponents. As you hate to be seen to have a weaker or fallacious argument, you tend to be well-prepared and confident upon any theme that you may be challenged upon; otherwise you have already prepared some way to evade a confrontation if you feel that you could be defeated. There may be a tendency to hold a grudge against any who have opposed you, or who stand in your way; and you will remember them, waiting for a suitable time to settle the scores.

Unnecessary social problems and suffering for people will draw out a sense of aggrieved anger in you, as will social and political hypocrisy. You will tend to respond to these feelings by becoming more involved in reorientating your energies into channels which directly oppose those who appear to be creating or amplifying such problems. You feel that you can contribute towards changing things for the better; and this can lead you towards involvement with radical politics. The nature of your political views will depend on your personal analysis of causes; but in extreme cases may tend towards anarchism. Any tactics of subversion will appeal to the Pluto energy, as will the emphasis upon change and transformation. If the social emphasis of Pluto dominates, then much of your life will be directed by the theme of transformation, social and political.

You will tend to be demanding in your personal relationships, expecting a high quality and strength from any partner. But even though you may attempt to force him or her to submit to you psychologically, it will be much better for you if you fail, for a good relationship needs equality and mutual respect. You often tend to use your persuasive power to influence others to agree with you; but you have to learn more tolerance and a broader understanding of the freedom and rights of others to hold their own views. Ideally your long-term partner should be similar to you in outlook, motivation and interests, because you may tend to turn the relationship into a form of intellectual power struggle, which would probably turn it sour before long if you did not have these in common. The obsessive tone of Pluto may cause some difficulties, both in your mental preoccupations, and in your relationship, especially if you are unaware of this aspect to yourself, which can easily turn you towards being excessively self-centred if unmoderated. The positive side of a relationship is that it can break down such tendencies, and open up the awareness of 'the other'; certainly you should learn to appreciate any relationship as bringing a more expansive quality into your life.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury and Pluto shows that your mind is deep, penetrating, and inclined to extremes. You interpret your experiences like a detective reconstructing a crime, looking for hidden meaning in obscure detail. You evaluate matters subjectively, and your psychic sense often reveals clues that are hidden from less sensitive observers. Curious almost to a fault, you go to extremes in gathering the information you need to solve your problems.

You have a genius for asserting yourself persuasively whenever it seems the only way to accomplish something. You are fearless in pursuing your objective, and others admire your determination and persistence. Once your mind is made up, you don't change it unless the evidence is overwhelming. But because you defend your views so vehemently, people may find your attitude offensive.

You are fascinated by the mysterious and the occult. With your quick observation of details and understanding of their value, you could succeed as an analyst or investigator. Such fields as crime detection, chemistry, research, pathology, or surgery would enable you to apply your skills and potentials constructively. You could become an explorer or a financial analyst and advisor.

You should moderate your anarchistic inclination. Even when you are not actively vindictive toward those who defy you, you nevertheless think revenge. Social injustices are a particular irritant to you, and you could vent your hidden anger by directing your talents toward correcting them. You know how to dramatize situations to gain the attention of people in power so that changes can be made. You could easily become the spokesman for those who lack the courage to speak for themselves. Perhaps politics would give you the leverage to accomplish many worthwhile objectives for yourself and others.

In personal relationships, you are demanding and sometimes extremely intolerant of weaknesses. Although you seek out those who will submit to you, then you are contemptuous of them for doing so. This is the paradox of this planetary combination, and accounts for the difficulty others have in relating to you. The fact is, you admire strength and respect authority, so you challenge others to demonstrate these qualities. Ideally, your mate should be strong and be able to take a position with you so that you could contribute to each other's development and objectives. Sharing goals and motivation would produce a permanent bond between you.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A need to make contacts, to communicate, to reflect and analyze, and an ability to give factual descriptions (Mercury) is greatly intensified by Pluto. Not only do these people have a compulsive need to get in touch with people, but they may be dogmatic when talking to them. The unconscious power of Pluto builds up such a charge that they impress others as being forcible, and the effect of words is often greater than they can

foresee and may create problems within the circle of acquaintances.

Thinking is concentrated too. If they want to know something, they set themselves to research it thoroughly. The same intensity is seen in the way they regard and analyze facts, although here the unconscious power of Pluto may have a distorting effect. Once they make some discovery or form some opinion, they fail to examine it further in the light of reality. It forms their reality, and any facts and figures they gather are intended to support it. They present ideas trenchantly, and can be obstinate and inclined to use their reasoning to 'disprove' every counter-argument.

The forcefulness and intensity of this conjunction can lead to quarrels and differences of opinion. These people hold their ground against all-comers, and actually meet with a great deal of opposition. A sharp tongue is dreaded: they never shrink from confrontations or their consequences. Because of great powers of penetration (Pluto), they often put their finger on an opponent's weak point.

This is an outstanding combination for research work, especially in unexplored fields or in fields which have long been taboo; all Pluto's aspects have something defiant about them. These natives cannot tolerate being balked, and will not stop until they have bulldozed a road to any matter in which they are interested. With Pluto aspecting Mercury, they persevere until they completely understand (or completely demolish) some topic.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Pluto can be called the symbol of the collective unconscious in the chart - Jung's definition of the intuitive history of the species since time began; that part of ourselves which transmits knowledge over generations; that part of ourselves which combines instincts with conscious development - then this aspect can understandably be a powerful one.

In everyday activities, the person with this aspects doesn't always know what he is talking about, for the words come out before he knows what he is saying. If he uses this energy constructively, he has the beginnings of a great writer, a great social commentator. The childhood experience with the family may be an overwhelming one in terms of communication; words are controlled, or words are used to control others. the power parent is the most controlling influence, unless the aspects indicate otherwise.

For example, when a child is born into a mother-dominated household and Mercury conjuncts Pluto, it can indicate that the father attempts to stay in control, but from a passive controlling point. Passive control can be called the tyranny of the weak, and, if this is the case, the conjunction will have strong or hard aspects to the Sun or Saturn. If so, the child will attempt to control from a passive point as well. The child with this conjunction is controlled and manipulated by his parents, and his investigation of new

ideas may be suppressed. When the child becomes an adult, this energy will place limits on relationships because his conversation may not be spontaneous. Manipulation via words can be used in career; copy editors often have this aspect.

20) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♅ **Neptune** - (9°41' A) ♃7 | ♅1

(Haydn Paul)

Similar to the square aspect, there are indications of an inability to distinguish clearly between the real and the unreal, and of a blockage to the creative and imaginative faculty. The key to resolving these issues appears to lie in your relationships with others, and especially in those projections from your own psyche that you are overlaying onto the world and thus distorting your own perception and insight.

It is often your own sensitivity and impressionability to environmental influences that causes inner insecurity and fears of over-stretching yourself. There may be an unconscious telepathicability which transmits to you others' thoughts and motivations, and this can lead to confusion in your relationships, such as at times when they may be saying one thing and you are 'receiving' an entirely contradictory set of impressions on a more subtle level, which you register as a feeling of unease, disquiet and a lack of trust in them. In that context, you find it hard to believe the evidence of your own senses, and this has a direct impact on how you communicate to others. When reality becomes confused and distorted, some respond by imagining

conspiracies and enter a paranoid state, and this is a reaction to such intangible senses being operated and distorted by an unintegrated Neptunian imagination.

You are often socially 'touchy', strongly reacting against real or imagined social slights, and this acts as a weak spot in your personality, especially as you lack a strengthening inner confidence. Competition is not your style, although that does not make you immune to the influences of other competitive spirits in your environment, such as those at work who can easily ride roughshod over you in their scramble to reach the top. Sometimes you act as a victim, drawing out such tendencies from others, and then begin to bemoan your fate as they succeed and leave you only with disappointments. Linking your rising star to working closely in employment dog fights may not be advisable. Your own gifts may flower more effectively once you have withdrawn from the employment rat race. Perhaps exploiting latent creative talents may be the key, or entering some form of employment where co-operation is the underlying dynamic may offer you more satisfaction; but as human nature intrudes even there, the only answer may be a detached and sensible selfemployment.

Cleansing yourself of deceptive influences is essential, not just those outer influences affecting you, but also that pattern of creating them in your own perception and evaluation. Unrealistic daydreams which are unachievable or never manifested are

symptomatic of deception. For example, you create imaginatively high aspirations which because of their 'perfect nature' soar beyond everyone's grasp, yet glitter in their pristine purity. Ultimately there is no real value in self-deception. It is a waste of valuable time and never leads to satisfaction. Perhaps it helps to avoid facing an empty, aching inner void, but that can more profitably be filled by something real, achievable and personally meaningful. Effort is needed. Anyone can dream, millions do, but trying to achieve those dreams at least offers a direction to focus along. False naivety needs to be dropped, as do the fictitious aspects of your life and your approach to self-evaluation. A more straightforward type of communication, inner and outer, will reap benefits and break the stranglehold of illusory deceptions, leading to a greater understanding of your own and others' natures, so that in your own life you move from illusion to reality and increase the quantity of light in the world. Personal 'redemption' is always positive within a larger social context.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury opposition Neptune, you are imaginative and creative, and have high aspirations. However, you are easily distracted by people who challenge your efforts to express yourself. In competition, you may even begin to doubt your own abilities. You are naive in many instances and fall victim to the subversive tactics of competitors. Your dreams are unrealistic, and you are unable to accept the abrasions of your experiences with dignity. Defeat may cause you to become paranoid, imagining conspiracies against you. Let others justify themselves to you, and learn to distinguish fact from fiction.

Your professional interests should be accomplished through self-employment. It is too risky for you to work or compete professionally with others. As a creative individual, you can find gainful employment in writing, art, music, or dancing, which do not necessarily involve working with others. Medical research is particularly appropriate for your talents. Also it would give you isolation from the destructive qualities you bring out in others.

With your appreciation of the finer things in life, you need to be free of artificiality in your way of life. You sometimes recoil from challenges because they would disturb the serenity you desire and find so difficult to achieve. You are easily threatened, and your self-confidence is undermined.

Your personal relationships are sure to be unusual because of the variety of individuals who interest you. A constant disbeliever, you are suspicious when anyone claims to love you. You alienate many possible romantic associations because you fear someone may be trying to take advantage of your weaknesses. You could deprive yourself of much happiness if you interpret innocent and sincere gestures as attempts to exploit you.

Make an honest effort to understand human nature, and be willing to make a sincere contribution in serving others.

21) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°42' S) ♄1 | ♃7

(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.

22) ► **Moon** ☽ **Sextile** ♅ **Pluto** - (1°05' A) ♃9 | ♎7

(Haydn Paul)

You are probably optimistic that all will work out well; and this encourages you to persevere to transform your vision and purpose into reality.

You will feel emotionally secure and self-sufficient; and this inner balance diminishes problems with emotional intensity and compulsive behaviour. In relationships, you may appear withdrawn and preoccupied with self, as if you were a little cold and uninvolved. However, this is not the case, as love is important and necessary for your emotional well-being, but indicatest hat you are not dependent upon others. You are biased toward a more intellectual experience and understanding of love, rather than seeking the sheer passion and intensity often associated with Pluto. The sextile suggests that these energies are more naturally and easily balanced. Yet you still possess the ability to renew and transform restrictive emotional and life-style patterns, replacing them with a more suitable expression.

You enjoy observing others, speculating about thier motivations, personalities, and different types of perception. This can help to expand you by awakening you to multiple subjective realities and perceptions, apart from gradually dissolving any limiting fixed attitudes or belief patterns.

You are sensitive to others' feelings, and feel responsibly concerned to encourage social reform to improve the quality of life. You may enter work involving public service, perhaps in an administrative role rather than in a directly caring position, as you have business and organisational skills. Working with younger people may attract, as you have a natural affinity with them and care about their future lives and places in society. You can communicate well in situations which require a moderating and mediating energy, and will choose a life-style that tries to maintain harmony.

In directing your life, you believe in the principle that 'energy follows thought'; and visualising your intention is the first step toward making it real. You believe that applied thought is an energy that can be directed to achieve your purpose. Seeing this work in

life deepens your faith that life is on your side, and provides confidence to follow your own path.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Moon sextile Pluto, you have an intellectual understanding of love. You always try to understand the motives of others, especially those with whom you are emotionally involved. Love is important to you, and your emotions are powerful. You are demonstrative of your feelings, and expect others to be as well. Hearing someone express their love for you is very important.

Your emotional priorities are reasonably well established. You can provide the warmth and tenderness your children or close friends need, while reserving the ardent side of your nature for intimate moments with the one you love.

You are responsive to the suffering of others and will offer your services to provide relief. Imaginative and resourceful in handling your daily affairs, you readily adopt new ideas to make life easier and less complicated. You are concerned about the environment and about your civic responsibilities.

Your special talent is your ability to communicate with young people in order to better understand them. They confide in you because your sincere concern makes them feel secure. With you they are not threatened by authority, but accept and respect it. You communicate warmth and tenderness, which helps young people become stabilized in their independence as they mature.

You have good business sense and are efficient in management. These characteristics will help you gain financial security. You are orderly and know how to unclutter your life by letting go of nonessential elements that interfere with progress. With your capacity to respond to others, you are suited to any occupation that involves meeting the public, such as public relations, insurance, finance, rehabilitation, or physical therapy.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents our physical mother as she presents herself during our early years. It symbolizes how we will respond emotionally to friends, to politics, and to feeling / caring needs. Pluto represents the mass unconscious; it indicates the unconscious motivation inside each of us, so it indicates how we cope with feelings toward our fellow man on both a conscious and an unconscious plane. Pluto represents coercion, control and the manipulation of others in all its forms. When these two parts of personality are tied together by sextile, it indicates a constructive energy flow. It means the mother's actions demonstrate to the individual how to work co-operatively with groups, and how to co-operate with others. The sextile is a talent aspect; it indicates that talent is there, although it needs to be trained. Any career involving contact with unions, great numbers

of people or the spirit of community effort will bring pleasure. The sextile gives a certain amount of inventive ability that can be developed over the years, but probably not until after age thirty-five.

Moon trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever holds good for the conjunction also holds good for these aspects. There is the same uncertainty and craving for power. The emotional life is no less intense, and there is an equal inclination to banish uncertainty and to satisfy the power-drive by adopting a 'big mother' role.

And then, no sooner have we settled down with a comfortable sense of security (Moon) than we start fishing around in the hidden and repressed contents of the psyche, and not only into these but into those of the psyches of others. We are not satisfied with superficial investigation; we dig deep. Anything hidden engrosses us and we find an almost magical attraction in unsolved riddles, mysterious old civilisations, the world beneath the ocean and the deeper layers of the mind. It does not take much for our interest to be aroused in such things.

All our digging around frequently gives us a hold on others. Often with Pluto's aspects we impress people as being trenchant and powerful, and are therefore unlikely to encounter open opposition; but this does not mean that we are always in the right. Pluto is a factor that can really distort and above all inflate, and, with Moon / Pluto aspects, we so want to indulge our emotional life that deforming elements creep into it, or non-personal elements from the unconscious puff us up in a way harmful to genuine emotional relationships. Usually, by introspection, we can find out where we are wrong, but care is needed.

Fear of confrontation is not a normal feature of this aspect - we are much too inquisitive concerning the backgrounds and motives of others to worry about what they will think of us. We try to fathom them out in a more or less subtle way, but are very reticent about our own concerns because we have no intention of letting others obtain any leverage on us. In many cases we take command by a show of authority.

Through all our digging around, and through constant contact with our own psychological depths, we can undergo a profound inner change. With the harmonious aspects, the transformation occurs fairly smoothly, although none of Pluto's aspects is completely trouble-free.

23) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♌ **Jupiter** - (5°49' S) ≈5 | ±1

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to Jupiter indicates that you are extremely immoderate in your actions and attitudes. Learn to examine your priorities carefully before you act, or you will waste a lot of effort and time. You tend to bite off more than you can chew and then desperately try to cope with the situation as best you can. You don't plan your affairs well, but you are annoyed when someone offers a suggestion, even when you've asked for advice. It is pompous and arrogant to presume that you can accomplish what you want without self-discipline. Only experience will subdue this arrogance, and you will realize that everyone depends to some extent on others in the struggle to gain significance and recognition.

After you learn to accept reality and gain some degree of self-control, you can assert yourself toward any goal that you choose. You could attain excellence in education, the media, theater, law, philosophy, or public relations. Your desire to exploit your creative potentials must be accompanied by a full realization of the responsibilities this entails. You have to accept both good and bad, successes and failures, advances and setbacks, because they are all part of the tapestry of accomplishment. Through the problems you encounter you can make your greatest development, if you are willing to learn from your mistakes. You want to succeed so much that you can fairly taste it, but unless you plan your moves carefully the taste of success may be bittersweet.

In many ways you are a wheeler-dealer and enjoy becoming involved in manipulating people in their human situations. You are not afraid of a good fight that tests your competence in the open market of human frailties. You enjoy challenges, but you may have to endure failure before you eventually succeed. Communication is one of your strongest traits, but you must be properly informed before you attempt to present your ideas. You may sometimes bend the truth to achieve your objectives, which can lead to unhealthy complications later. You tend to push your luck unwisely, but it is to be hoped that you will learn greater discretion as you grow in experience.

You demand a lot from the person you love. You expect devotion, approval and, if possible, admiration for your efforts. You want your mate to indulge all your considerable desires, and you expect that person to stand by you through all your highs and lows. You make promises you can't always fulfill, although you may fully intend to at the time you make them.

Self-indulgence is basically the cause of your physical problems. Too much food, drink and pleasure need to be balanced by moderation and sufficient rest. Avoid doing things on impulse, because this planetary combination inclines you to accidents, especially during periods of relaxation when you may be engaged in sports.

(Haydn Paul)

This implies confronting frustrations which have their roots in your nature and attitudes, and which can only be resolved through changes and modifications within yourself. The Jupiterian quality of expansiveness is very potent, stimulating excess expansion in your actions and attitudes, tempting you consistently to overreach your actual capabilities. You may lack patience, planning abilities, self-discipline and persistence, and these will work against your ambitions succeeding, even though attaining your aims may be highly motivating.

It is not that you are incapable of success, but that your approach sows seeds of future failure as you pass. If this has happened in your life, then acknowledge it, and realise that future progress can be made if certain inner changes are taken. The first step is to ensure that you determine your intentions and aims, and how you can proceed to accomplishment. As your desires and dreams can be varied and multiple, focusing your path may prove difficult, and you may need to pursue a thorough reevaluation of your priorities and major needs in order to gain clarity of purpose. Moving too quickly can often lead to failure due to ill-considered plans, so you may need to stop and think more deeply before jumping into action, or pay more attention to the advice of others. A careful assessment of your current capabilities is required, so that they match the level needed for your goals; working with talents tends to expand latent potential, but a requisite level of skills is initially necessary. A more realistic appreciation of time is essential, or else you will feel your frustrations rising if success does not happen quickly. Excessive optimism and enthusiasm may need to be warily reined back, as do restless tendencies for changes in life, which can become more disruptive than helpful unless properly understood.

The areas of life especially affected are the houses and signs which are ruled and occupied by the Sun and Jupiter, and it is through those spheres that you may overexpand or seek fulfilment within. If you sincerely wish to transform any pattern of frustration in your life, then becoming more realistic, mature and self-controlled will begin to show benefits, especially if you are systematically disciplined to overcome obstacles as they arise. Accepting that failure need never be permanent, or that success is never final or guaranteed, can offer you a more balanced perspective to view your progress. Modifying your attitudes towards life challenges so that they become opportunities for development and growth, instead of perpetuating attitudes of adversarial conflict imposed by a universe intent on thwarting your dreams, will ensure that every experience can bring something of potential value to use as a foundation for your eventual success.

Balance and moderation may need to be consciously developed in your nature and life-style, and extravagance or ostentatious tendencies may need to be controlled due to that pattern of excessive consumption that could be adopted as a compensation for other areas of personal failure. Learning to use your energies and time carefully is important, as you may waste them by futile pursuits. Unlocking latent creative potential

may be difficult, yet if you can do so this may open several new doors of opportunity, liberating blocked inner energies and providing the key to future success.

In relationships, you may need to guard against tendencies to manipulate people, as this will rarely work to your ultimate advantage; there will always be some other puppet master capable of pulling your strings. Similarly, attempts to distort information for your own aims will equally be turned back against you by others also adroit at such tactics. Treating people honestly and directly is the best approach, and you should possess good communication skills which could be applied to transform blockages and obstacles. You may find that if you rely solely on your 'luck' your progress will be restricted; but if you begin to change those problematic attitude areas and approaches then 'luck' will begin to flow again in your favour.

You have high expectations in intimate relationships, especially centred around the fulfilment of your needs and desires; remember that it takes two to make partnership and marriage, and that there is no law that asserts that your needs are paramount. Real love involves mutual sharing and co-operation, each helping to make the other happy, fulfilled and capable of reaching his / her highest potential; it should not be a one-way traffic. Co-operation and interdependence may need developing, through a diminution of the insistent demands of your ego; otherwise, excessive self-indulgence can stimulate problems of health and corresponding illness. Make sure that your expectations and demands of a partner are equal to your own contribution, and to the degree of commitment and effort that you are applying to make the relationship work.

Changes can be made to improve the quality and fulfilment in your life; but only if you are willing to start the process and then persist towards 'completion'. This may not always be easy to do, but all positive steps that you take will bring benefits into your life, and the option to take that path is yours to choose.

24) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♅ **Saturn** - (6°31' S) ♁5 | ♄7

(Haydn Paul)

The square indicates that restrictions and limitations derived from your own inner psychosocial attitudes, values, beliefs and image are likely to confront you, and that these often emerge from a lack of self-esteem and personal insecurities.

The power of your solar energy is being held in check - almost imprisoned - by Saturn, until you succeed in 'learning certain lessons', 'recognising inner messages', and manage to transform those constraining attitudes that can cause the failure of your dreams through attracting obstacles along the path.

Part of this may have been influenced by your early childhood environment, where conflicts with parents (especially your father) or with authority figures have left you

feeling defeated and psychologically wounded. Possibly attempts at being childishly self-assertive were unsympathetically crushed and rejected by strict and disciplinarian adults, or your efforts at self-expression and communication of feelings were dismissed and ignored. Whatever circumstances were experienced, the result was a diminution of a developing personality and loss of confidence and self-esteem.

You are likely to hold psychologically defensive attitudes towards life, not able to trust in the beneficence of the universe or people around you, often expecting that rejection and failure will be the only results that will come to you. With such expectations, the mirroring by the universe will bring such results. A transformation in your worldview is required to alter this pattern.

The operative effects of such a pattern are as follows: a fear of 'superiors' and authority figures, and the forming of negative comparisons between yourself and others; an underestimation of or failure to recognise your latent potential, qualities and strengths; a lack of personal assertion, and a tendency to be passive, fatalistic, pessimistic, rigid and insecure; a lack of self-confidence, and a belief that you are unlovable and will never taste success; health may be affected, with a loss of physical vitality and vigour, or psychosomatic ailments may periodically erupt. Looking out at life, you may imagine a constant frustration at your efforts, a life of hard toil for little result, and a scattering around you of unrealised dreams.

But if this is the case, then it is within you to transform the inner attitudees that generate such a reality; your life can always be changed for the better. This is the challenge and test facing you, to rise beyond those apparent inner limitations and restrictions that to some degree you are choosing to impose on yourself. Specific areas of oppression may be those associated with the sign and house positions of Sun and Saturn, and resolving the lessons implied in those spheres may hold a key to open the rest of your life to a more favourable future.

In failure and rejection lie the seeds of possible success, providing that you recognise the lessons and messages that are contained within such experiences. A new approach to self-evaluation is required, one that is not depreciating and negative in prior assumption, but values your strengths and qualities and sees them as assets that can be successfully employed. You may need to review all those traditional attitudes and worldviews that you have acquired in life, and see if they are restrictive or can positively serve you. When life presents obstacles in your path, you have two fundamental choices; defeat or discover a way of moving beyond. The first is a path of self-limitation and stagnation, the second is the path of self-development and evolutionary growth, and that is the assertion of the solar power and of a higher self. This second path is the one that beckons to you.

While success may never be easy, and you have to work hard for every step forward, changing your conditioning attitudes is the transformative key. Your character can be

strengthened and amplified by attitudes of optimism and positive cheerfulness; begin to trust in the universe and yourself, and you will succeed in restoring your selfimage to a positive perception. The aim is to re-empower yourself. One of the most effective ways to do this is through techniques of creative visualisation, which can aid in the psychological reprogramming of all inner attitudes, replacing them by beliefs and worldviews that become positively attractive to the good experience of life. Take the time to explore such techniques.

Relationships could be similarly transformed. If you have been holding a negative self-image, it is always difficult to believe that anyone could love or be interested in you, so relationships may have been unsatisfactory, uneasy and lacking development. If you transform any unsuitable self-images, then relationships can assume a new light and vitality. Partners may appear who understand and value you for what you are, and have a faith and trust in your latent potential being actualised. Love is a great transforming power, and you will develop under such a gaze from another. Through consolidating and recognising your power, your solar will can be applied to attain your ambitions. Through sharing with a partner, you can gain a renewed perspective, healing and resolving conflicts which may have been previously detrimental. This square's tendency for negativity is not inviolable; it can be the spur to change, provided you choose to take the future into your hands, and to recreate it into a positive pattern. This is the Saturn lesson and test that is really confronting you; a demand to assert your unique solar power.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because of the square of the Sun to Saturn, you have had to resolve conflicts about your self-worth during your early years and even into adulthood. You are naturally defensive and fear rejection by people you think of as superior. Success will not come easily because you underestimate your potential and don't assert yourself when you should. You must be willing to suffer the pain of rejection and the frustration of not reaching your goals. From these experiences you will learn, and your judgement will be sharpened so that you can make decisive plans for success. You just may have to fail in order to succeed.

Your qualifications show that you are suited to make achievements in teaching, philosophy, industrial management, conservation, or any occupation that requires methodical application of knowledge and experience. You must expect to begin at the bottom in your chosen field and plan your rise to prominence one step at a time. You must also learn to like yourself so that you can successfully meet competition as you continue to grow.

Your present lack of confidence can become self-assurance later. And this applies to your personal relationships as well. In your early years, you tended to assume that others would not welcome your company, perhaps because you were not as aggressive and compulsive as they were. But then you realized that not everyone admires people

who come on strong and that you could relate to many people after all. You will undoubtedly choose a partner who can accept you as you are. Your mate will recognize that your potential is much greater than you know and will believe in you.

Try to maintain a positive outlook on life. By talking to those you admire, you'll discover that they too have apprehensions and fears, and you are not alone.

(Betty Lundsted)

The child is born into an atmosphere in which the father does not like himself. The Sun represents 'I am'; it also indicates the type of physical father. Saturn indicates where repression comes from. It also indicates the psychological influence of the father on the child. It can also be used to indicate how the father's father was - for when Saturn squares the Sun, it indicates that the grandfather was influential in developing the behavior pattern of the father, who in turn influences the child.

Saturn runs in seven-year cycles, and the Bible is full of references to heredity and the sins of the fathers being visited on the sons. This metaphor can be interpreted as the influence of a parental behavior pattern on the children born into a family. When this aspect occurs it can mean that the father is feeling sorry for himself when the child is born, or he resents his fatherhood, his career, his life style, his responsibilities, his neighborhood, etc.. The child born at this time will inherit or learn Daddy's behavior pattern. The learning process is an unconscious one; the parent may not even be aware that he can influence his child in this manner.

The life pattern that the child develops will be described by the signs that the Sun and Saturn are in. Again, the child born into a positive sign may be anti-tradition, anti-father, anti-men, anti-organization. This energy can be used for accomplishing either good or bad, for world changers go against tradition but so do rabble-rousers. How one wishes to use this energy is a personal decision.

When the child is mother-dominated, the Saturn affliction may affect him / her differently. The male child has to garner a sense of self-worth in a world he feels is balanced against him. Mothers rule the universe, he thinks; men have no value, he doesn't care for his father, and eventually he may manifest symptoms of not caring for himself. If the child is a girl, this aspect will affect her relationships with men, for she will have to work through her dislike of them. Here is the set-up for the homosexual woman, or for women who marry in order to disempower men, or for women who become passive and select men who destroy them, for what else do men do?

Often the Saturn square Sun children have a father who leaves them. This is particularly important for girls, for some of them subconsciously expect any man they love to leave them since Daddy did. One never knows how the energy of the early environment affects the mind; but we can begin to understand when we listen to a client's problem

and begin to tie it into the chart. Because we don't remember our early childhood impression, sometimes the only way to unearth them is by trying to understand the language of the symbolism contained in astrology.

Sun square Saturn people carry with them an aura of resentment toward any authority figure, including the boss. People in management dislike people with this aspect, for although the employee does his job he often does it with an 'attitude'. These people are sometimes better off self-employed or working at the management level, for they don't work well with others. In order to get into management, however, one has to do some time on the obedience level. Once a job is well learned, or if we have a talent to offer, we can advance our status. It's important that these people receive the training necessary to free them from subordinate positions.

The aspect also doesn't make for enthusiasm in the school system, for teachers represent a form of authority too. Young people with this aspect need to learn to work with the Saturn energy long enough to turn it into a friend. Once the energy is disciplined, they can be world changers, for they methodically plod through reams of ideas and can decide which ones will be most productive. They have energy that allows them to stick to a commitment long enough to complete it.

On the self-awareness level, since the father negatively influences these children on a psychological level, and this influence is rarely conscious, they need to develop feelings of self-worth. They have to convince themselves that they have a right to invest time in themselves, to build a sense of self. When one has no sense of selfworth, one even feels guilty about asking for help, so it's difficult to go into therapy.

These individuals may project all their problems onto others - it's the world's fault they aren't successful - and they may sound rather paranoid. A relationship that doesn't go well is the partner's fault; and all the ills in life happen because of other people. However, they aren't able to put much into a relationship until they like themselves, so healthy people may leave them. Understanding the attitude alleviates the problem. Learning that we all have a right to do something to help ourselves can lead these individuals into the right path. When we are on the right path for ourselves, we can feel it in our guts. We begin to feel good.

25) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♀ **Venus** - (3°58' A) ♀9 | 006

(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 mother hood, 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 intense, 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) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (6°35' S) ♀7 | ♄4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square creates a situation in which the prevailing attitudes of the society conflict with the natives' mental expression and communication. They cannot project their ideas as they would like, and therefore tend to be misunderstood. Often they meet with social disapproval because they speak out at the wrong time or place. They may be in disagreement with surrounding social patterns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, general intellect and communicativeness is often controlled by a remote switch. They need to communicate in order to feel good; but they are frequently unable to do so for no specific reason. Hidden tensions with brothers / sisters are often seen. These tensions create a psychological problem since early childhood. Their mental brightness is very fluctuating. Depending upon the position of Mercury in the house and sign, one may be brilliant or dumb. Intellectual balance will be achieved in this life by way of controlling the learning intensity. Thus, if the soul has come from a stronger intellectuality from the previous life, this life will slow him down to the normal pace and he will be able to go at a common rate of intellectual growth. On the other hand, if the previous life has been an intellectual chaos, then this will provide substantial self-confidence in the learning and communicative processes and their internalization to that soul.

(Donna van Toen)

Nodal imbalance can contribute to craftiness or a tendency to use people. Often there's a tendency to chatter away about trivia to distract from the nodal imbalance. In other cases, the square operates much like the Mercury conjunct South Node.

Mercury square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

An unsociable disposition, the calculated use of contact and relationship with other people for one's own personal benefit, the inclination to chatter or to gossip. The tendency to make oneself disliked by other people, the disturbance of relationships.

(Bernice Grebner)

This may make the person suspicious, outspoken, and somewhat tyrannical. It may make the person seem aloof. Basically though, it gives shyness. This may be a clue to serious nervous problems if not handled properly. It is meant to increase the mental energies toward the balancing of the Nodes. There is a tendency to find fault and to exaggerate. Judgement can be poor, so the person may not be good at giving advice. This gives a fluctuation-type mind. When carried to its fullest and best, this exaggerated imagination can give success in the literary field.

27) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ☌ **North-Node** - (3°06' A) ♁1 | ♃4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a situation in which the mystical tendencies of the natives conflict with the more prosaic, down-to-earth customs and social institutions of their culture. Society is likely to regard them as impractical dreamers or even as subversive influences who undermine traditional religious and social concepts. They are likely to feel alone in a crowd and misunderstood by their peers. Sometimes their preoccupation with visionary pursuits keeps them out of touch with the flow of events around them, so that they react ineptly and confusedly.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, psychic sensitivity or receptivity is often blocked by circumstances. Thus, one gets fairly close to an intuitive answer, and then all of a sudden, everything is washed out and they start all over again. Hidden problems with drugs, medicine or alcohol are noticed in these people. Some of these problems are often carried through the family tradition, or through past incarnation. This family history of similar difficulties is one of their challenges in life; and the circumstances will help them to even up only after they show the initiative to overcome them. Major changes in life from being too idealistic or too practical are often noticed in these people.

(Donna van Toen)

Similar to Neptune conjunct the South Node. The tension produced by the nodal imbalance may trigger a tendency to exploit others. 'Bad luck' or disappointment involving Neptune's sign and / or house position are frequently mentioned.

Neptune square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of social or communal sense and feeling; the inclination to exploit, deceive and cheat other people. A lack of judgement leading to wrong ideas about other people or about an association. The misfortune of being disappointed or the tendency to deceive other people.

(Bernice Grebner)

This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over-stimulation of the imagination from overly idealistic thoughts. This power should be used for acting, singing, poetry, and understanding compassion. Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. It gives a desire for seclusion and for impractical endeavors. As with all aspects, we must consider other aspects that can lessen or emphasize. Many times this aspect indicates two sides to the nature - a pull of undue idealism and being overly sensitive against power-hungry, selfish gratification. Badly aspected to Mercury, it can give mental imbalance in one degree or another. This position, when touched by transits and / or progressions, could bring confinement or hospitalization - forced confinement with the square; self-imposed isolation from the other aspects. The karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position, and the nature of the aspects.

28) ► **Pluto** ♄ **Square** ♁ **North-Node** - (2°37' A) ♈7 | ♋4

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a tendency to want to reform social and cultural philosophies and institutions. Thus, the natives will be at odds with the established order and will incur its disfavor. Depending on other factors in the horoscope, this can be either mild disapproval or a matter of life and death, in which the natives are regarded as dangerous revolutionaries by their society.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, strong destructive and disruptive tendencies quiet down as the individual grows older. A lot of unused energy or stored energy causes intermittent explosions within the framework of that individual. This is in the form of wild ideas or strong initiative plans. This energy forces the person to do something, no matter what the consequences can be. In this aspect, the life is full of action and suppression of action without any significant events. Deep inside, the motives are very much bubbling, but they have no real outlets. Thus, the large-scale ideas get crushed in, building up a considerable inferiority complex or a complex of inaction in that individual. If preplanned, and properly executed, ideas of these people have a substantially great influence over mankind.

(Donna van Toen)

Depending on how this is being used, it takes on the nature of one of the Pluto-Node conjunctions. The person often complains that relationships are a burden or feels that individuals or society as a whole are cramping his or her style. Tensions caused by the nodal imbalance can contribute to fanaticism or lead to pursuit of unwise goals. In extreme cases, there may be a compulsion to exploit others or rid them of some attitudes that the individual sees as unhealthy or abnormal. A craving for power may lead to problems or feelings of frustration.

Pluto square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The state of feeling one's association with other people as a burden, the feeling of being cramped in one's style through the influence of others, with subsequent suffering from this. A common and tragic destiny shared with other persons.

29) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☾ Moon** - (8°21' S) ♅1 | ♃9

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine the Ascendant gives you an easy-going disposition and allows you to derive much pleasure from creative expression. You are imaginative, sensitive, emotionally poised, and articulate in expressing yourself. You appreciate the sense of values that your parents have instilled in you, and you are prepared to take advantage of your sensitive intellect and develop your own mental resources and ideas. Being resourceful, you will find the way to capitalize on your talents, even though it may be difficult to find the necessary funds to accomplish what you want. You may be forced to do without some necessities, but you feel it is worth it if your main objectives can thus be realized. Unless you are alert, people will try to take advantage of your good nature to benefit themselves. You should require your friends to prove their worth before

accepting them completely. You cannot afford to be indifferent to your own needs in relationships, whether casual or intimate.

You have sufficient talent to make a substantial contribution to your career. You realize that in order to succeed you must make sacrifices in your personal affairs. This might mean deferring marriage until you can get the education you need to succeed in your professional endeavors. You want to know that you've exploited your creative potentials, and you want the fulfillment that this brings.

Your marital partner must always remain a lover, so that you will continue to make substantial contributions to maintain the fascination and excitement of your first encounter.

You need to know you are wanted, and you are crushed if your efforts are unappreciated, especially by those to whom you've been the most generous.

Moon trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We are able to relate well emotionally to others. The emotional life presents few problems, and the environment does not pose a threat to our sense of well-being.

We are solicitous of those around us, and are prepared to help and pamper them; yet we have sense enough not to tie them down but to leave them as free as possible. However, we are very much involved with others and this can sometimes create difficulties, because we would much rather have company than be on our own. Not everyone can live with us on these terms.

Generally speaking, though, development will be emotionally stable as far as environment is concerned, and our need to be caring can be satisfied both in the family circle and in social and other work.

(Betty Lundsted)

These are people who have been taught to respond to life in an emotionally constructive manner during childhood.

30) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°30' A) ♄1 | ♀9

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars trine the Ascendant shows that you assert yourself positively and aggressively. You have much enthusiasm, which you transmit to others in such a way that they are aroused to support you in your actions. Although you may not always be right in what you do, you are certainly willing to take that chance. You enjoy taking chances anyway; and luck seems to hold out when you do. You have a mind of your own, and are determined to express yourself when you feel the urge. You have the gift of the gab, and know how to gain the advantage in conversation. Being competitive, you enjoy both mental and physical challenges. Sports give you the opportunity to let off steam, either as a participant or as a spectator. You delight in winning, but, whether you win or lose, you take tremendous pleasure in the game.

You need a considerable amount of money to support your pleasures, and you can dream up the wildest schemes to get it. Because you are inclined to spend much more than you earn, you must learn to be more moderate. You find it very embarrassing to be without money, but you should avoid money lenders, if you can.

You don't pay enough attention to planning for the future. Your motto could be 'Live today, for tomorrow you may die'. But with this attitude your security is always in doubt. In your job, you give an impression of great activity, so that your superiors think you are making an enormous contribution. When it comes down to reality, however, you may fail to prove your worth. You need greater self-discipline so you can harness your creative enthusiasm to specific tasks. You would like to be independent, but because of your inclination to spend, it may be difficult to accumulate enough money to function freely. Your personal affairs tend to get in the way of your professional endeavors, and you could end up relying for assistance on the generosity of others.

Your success depends on your willingness to work at developing your talents. Hard work will bring you the results you want, as well as satisfaction for not having to depend on others.

Mars trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Generally speaking, we stand up for ourselves, manage our own affairs, and put in a fair stint of hard work; but the idea is to concentrate on doing the things we like best.

We know how to encourage others and to keep them busy. Quite often these aspects give leadership qualities; but more by setting an example of courage, boldness and enthusiasm than by good administration.

We are very resilient; and physically we can often achieve a great deal. Usually we are

very keen on sport and sporty things, but our keenness can degenerate into mere rivalry. Competitions and tournaments appeal to us, and we can do well in them. It is not unusual for us to espouse some cause or ideal; for we are not averse to the smell of battle, even with the harmonious aspects. Here, too, even if we are not quite so culpable, we have to learn to leave others some breathing space. If anything, our quick spontaneity is to blame when we expect more than our due.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Mars trines or sextiles the Ascendant, the individual was taught constructive action as a child; and action taken as an adult will complement the persona.

31) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ☽ **Moon** - (6°12' A) ♄1 | ♀9

(Robert Hand)

You become so attached emotionally to objects as well as people that you tend to think of them almost as part of yourself. This will make you a very caring and loving person in relationships, especially as you get older, but you may try to be overprotective and possessive also. Don't try to limit the freedom of those you love, because you could drive them away. While you are young, you probably enjoy taking care of pets and even wild animals that need help.

You like to be surrounded by familiar objects that remind you of the past, which is very important to you. Also you may enjoy owning old things, which could mean that later in life you will collect antiques. Certainly you would prefer a home that has some sense of the past, that seems tied to a tradition. Objects and buildings that are shiny and new do not attract you as much.

When you are older, owning and taking care of land may be very important, because it makes you feel that you have roots, which you need very much. You may be interested in gardening or farming.

This aspect could mean that you tend to collect objects simply for the sake of having things around you. This habit could clutter up your life in more ways than one. Taking care of a lot of extra things could control your life and limit your freedom of movement. It could also distract you from doing things that will help you grow. You need to learn as soon as possible that real security does not come from having material possessions.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration favors professional success through the ability to deal with the public and to adapt to the emotional reactions of people in positions of authority, as well as with all who affect the natives' careers.

The security engendered by this aspect creates the opportunity of establishing a secure, harmonious domestic situation. This is further facilitated through emotional sensitivity toward the home and family members.

Moon trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious Moon / MC aspects, the person is very sensitive to the part played by others in his or her life, and especially to attitudes and feelings directed toward him or her. Usually, however, he or she gets on well with people and gives the impression of being calm and collected. Because the search for peace and safety (Moon) does not create conflicts in the outside world, he or she naturally tends to feel at ease. So this person is quick to lend a hand in situations that are emotionally difficult, and to do whatever can be done for people. In essence, he or she wants to fit in socially.

Changeability is not so marked as in the conjunction. Any Moon / MC aspect will indicate some desire for change and variety, but with the harmonious ones this is less of an obsession and the person is more prepared to wait for the right moment. As already mentioned, this individual is often very supportive. In addition, because the Moon stands for the female principle, the person can also benefit from feminine support on more than one occasion.

32) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (8°18' S) ♀5 | ♀9

(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.

33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (3°40' A) ≈5 | ±1

(Haydn Paul)

With the trine, there is the potential for a successful reconciliation and resolution of the Neptune-Sun energies, leading to a powerful positive blending of the individual Sun centre and the transpersonal outer planet.

Potential is present, but there may be question marks against your incentive, motivation and application in exploiting latent talents. This is the hurdle that can face you, especially when confronted with the nature of choice and decision over your lifedirection. You may be multi-talented in a variety of artistic and creative ways - music, art, literature, dance, drama - yet find it hard to be focused and sufficiently disciplined to become a master and

not a jack of all trades. Ideas spring forth easily and naturally, followed by an enthusiastic grasping of them, only for them to be quickly put aside, replaced by the next set of shooting-star ideas. Commitment and perseverance may be lacking, and the directed energy is fragmented by turning towards too many directions at the same time.

Associated with a perceptive mind, which is capable of good assimilation and understanding, should be an intuitive quality too, which you can use as a source of insight and knowledge. This intuitive or psychic faculty will mainly operate through the emotional nature as empathic identification, in distinction to the Uranian intuition which is more mental and impersonal in nature. This intuition often gives you insights into the nature and motivation of others around you, and environmental atmospheres can influence your state of mind and well-being.

There can be an ambivalency towards social involvement and responsibility. Much depends on the nature of your expression; if it is within creative and artistic spheres, then your focus of attention and energy is absorbed within the creative vision. You are not unresponsive to social concerns, but you feel that being a creative channel is your contribution to society. Or you may respond to the Neptunian vibration by opening your heart wider, feeling a channel for 'universal love' supporting and uplifting others. This path is one of service to the community of human beings, and medicine can be a favourite expression, or similar forms of physical, emotional and mental therapy and healing.

Becoming clear as to direction is the challenge; once determined, you should be able to pour your energies and talents into achieving those aims, and in so doing walk your solar path of purpose. You have the capabilities to achieve your objectives, once definition and focus is made. There may be a need to be more practical, perhaps modified by evoking a strong Saturn or Mercury influence to ensure that material results occur, or you could waste those talents and end as a negative dreamer, chasing your flights of imagination but never containing them within objective form. In relationships, emotional freedom and trust are highly valued as components of an ideal romantic love. You tend to be emotionally faithful, and give priority to the virtues of a close and loving family environment. Your empathic and sympathetic nature adds to those feelings of closeness with family and friends.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from the Sun to Neptune means that you have enormous talent to express, but you may never find the right way to exploit it. You take up ideas with enthusiasm, then drop them right away. Your mind has a precocious quality, in that you learn quickly and with deep comprehension. You respond to what you learn both emotionally and intellectually. In reality, you are extremely psychic, and much of your knowledge has been acquired through this faculty. This may have been the reason you were bored, as a child, by teachers who were giving you information that you already knew intuitively.

Because you learned easily and didn't have to overcome the usual obstacles, now you don't readily take on duties unless you want to very strongly. You may avoid involvement in the affairs of the community, for it is almost impossible for anyone to provoke you to respond to your social responsibilities.

You can write your own ticket to your professional ambitions. Probably you will never encounter a challenge that you can't successfully meet. You are extremely creative and will be able to perform almost any task assigned to you. Your greatest problem is dawdling when time is urgent or schedules must be met. Consequently, it is better for you to be self-employed, so you can work at your own pace, and others don't have to depend on you. Art, drama, education, writing, and medical research would all provide you with a field for creative expression. Even though your ambitions may not be defined, others will benefit from your efforts.

Your personal relationships are characterized by permissiveness between you and your mate, a freedom based on mutual trust. You and your beloved enjoy a blissful, romantic love and can indulge in escapes to Shangri-la. You can be devoted to your mate and know that indiscretion will never come into your life. Your family will be warm and tender toward you, and your children will be a source of endless joy to you as they grow into maturity.

34) ► **Moon** ☽ **Trine** ♅ **Neptune** - (4°38' S) ♀9 | ♁1

(Haydn Paul)

Both the sextile and trine aspects of Neptune to the Moon are often found in the charts of artistic and creative people, especially those with a personal interest in increasing the amount of beauty and goodness in the environment of social life. This can manifest itself in a variety of ways, from improving someone's living conditions, through more aesthetic cultural appreciations, to enjoying a well-made film or admiring an evocative painting of harmony and beauty.

The trine indicates the potential for a successful resolution of these two planetary energies, so that inner imaginative and sensitive life is integrated with a suitable form of outer expression. As there is a tendency towards environmental hypersensitivity, you need to discover a way of response that allows you to use this perception in creative ways, through revealing to others this more subtle and perhaps hidden invisible dimension of life, so that they too can appreciate and contact the vitalising, uplifting and inspirational quality of the inner realms. This is why this aspect can often be found in those who are dedicated to film, dance and the arts as revealers of enriched perceptions of life, and where the Neptunian muse works through into the world.

You are likely to possess such innate talent, and, provided that you make the effort to manifest your inner imaginative dreams - perhaps associated with your Venus - then you

can be productive. If, however, you have a weak or badly aspected Mercury, Saturn or Mars, then you may have certain obstacles to overcome before your dreams can turn into reality. Otherwise, you may be able to offer rich dramatic artistic creations for the stimulation and enjoyment of others.

Generally, you are a beneficent spirit, warm and compassionate to others and aware of the social dimension to life. Yet you may be more attuned to applying your energies in a distinctly creative manner than to being preoccupied with more direct social action, believing that creativity is the best way for you to contribute towards the advancement of society. Your interest is usually in the unfolding of individual potential, and you can place much effort into encouraging this in others, especially your family and younger people. Sometimes, though, you may be a little self-centred in attitude - especially when under the influence of an artistic muse - and prefer to be freer from social or family obligations in order to concentrate on releasing your creative spirit.

In relationships, you prefer a partner to have independent interests and the ability to be more self-reliant and not excessively dependent on you. Partners should have a corresponding artistic appreciation and sensitivity, culturally developed so that mutual understanding is present.

It may be that your creative spirit is fully satisfied by the creation of projects which can have a direct benefit for others, which contribute to improving social conditions in some way. From these you too would benefit as the quality of the social environment improves, and so diminishes the level of negative impact that it can make on you.

There can be a prophetic element in your creativity; intuition, related to people and directions, can play a vital role in your life, and art can give direction or voice to underlying social needs too. This is the psychic dimension operating; it requires attention.

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon trine Neptune you sometimes express your creativity in a prophetic way. Your inner and outer selves are well integrated. In other words, you react to outside stimuli imaginatively and creatively. You are inventive in the artistic sense and can dramatically communicate your aesthetic experiences. You are deeply appreciative of the finer things in life, for they enrich you in many ways every day.

In your professional activities, you generate warmth and genuineness. You radiate affection and appreciation for creative efforts. Spiritually you are 'in tune', although you are not necessarily a religious fanatic. You are dutiful and aware of social obligations in your church, social club, civic affairs, or programs that serve worthwhile causes. However, you do not necessarily feel within yourself the need to help those who won't help themselves. Apathy is your singular liability.

On the domestic scene, you would particularly enjoy observing and nurturing your family's creative potentials. However, you may choose not to have a family, merely to keep your present mobility and freedom. Young people are sensitive to you and can gain much from your participation in their affairs. They feel comfortable in your company and will co-operate with your efforts to assist their developing talents.

In personal relationships, you usually require that others have a variety of interests. You offer much to those who interest you, and you are willing to serve their desires if your efforts are appreciated. You are drawn especially to educated and refined individuals. Although you find the negative elements of your environment distasteful, your activities are not inhibited by them. You may even cultivate programs to bring about more acceptable social conditions. Your best development lies in actively contributing your vast resources for the benefit of others.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates a child born into a home where spiritual development is important to the mother. The mother needs to relate to something in a spiritual sense, and the child sometimes avoids developing spiritually because he thinks that he must walk the same spiritual path Mom did. This person needs to learn that we each find our own paths and determine our own values.

The trine aspect fosters energy for spiritual insight. The individual needs to be creative, needs to learn to meditate, needs a chance to grow spiritually. Out of a meditative mind comes new ideas, inspirations that are received on a feeling-intuitive level. However, creativity is limited as long as the body will not permit emotional relationships. Since the body is the 'temple of the soul', it need to be nourished and loved as much as the soul it houses. This aspect can cause a person to be so involved with spiritual or universal love that he forgets to live in this world.

The mother was a productive influence in the childhood and both males and females with this aspect are looking for a spiritual type of personal relationship. However, they may not be prepared for a close relationship, one that involves caring and sharing both mentally and physically, because love may have been reserved for an ethereal plane.

Moon trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even when the Moon and Neptune are in harmony, they still give sensitivity, great fantasy, and introversion. For the effect of Neptune is to make it hard to see where

anything begins or ends. The sole difference between the easy aspects and the conjunction is that with the former there seems to be more stability, self-expression is easier, and the native is more readily understood by others.

Not seldom, he manages (quite unintentionally) to make use of his sensitivity to undercurrents in the environment and in society. Deep down, he will detect that 'something is going on' even if he is not overtly aware of it. What he decides and does will be modified accordingly: he will go where he gets plenty of co-operation and will instinctively follow the latest trends. Therefore, although in principle Neptune has little to do with the material world, the aspects can be advantageous and can promote social and business success. Yet when he is enjoying prosperity the native is unable to say how it has come about.

Spiritual and religious interests are commonly present in the harmonious aspects, too, and the open-endedness of Neptune can give an insatiable hunger for these things. The person can be extremely idealistic and religious, but is in danger of overenthusiasm and failure to preserve a sense of proportion.

As with the other Moon / Neptune aspects, the native can do a great deal of creative work, or can develop a fine insight into the creations of others. He senses references and atmospheres, and has a greater appreciation of the emotional world enshrined in, say, a painting than would be gained by analyzing each brush stroke.

As I have already said, the harmonious Moon / Neptune aspects impart a great need for a personal dream world. Now, because the person with these aspects finds little to distract him externally, he must be careful to avoid absorption by this inner world.

The moon sign indicates how the child will respond emotionally; the Neptune sign indicates the child's creative bent. The house placements of the sextile will indicate the area of creative response.

(Charles Carter)

The contacts of these two bodies are not easy to interpret, for they operate in many seemingly diverse ways. Both the Moon and Neptune affect the emotional nature, and the action of the latter is greatly to sensitise it and as it were enlarge its scope. Perhaps the dominant feature is the desire to do something great and unusual. In the more ordinary types we find chiefly a desire to do comparatively usual things in an unusual manner or on a grandiose scale. In more exceptional horoscopes, the desire takes all sorts of strange forms.

The contacts are undoubtedly beneficial in a worldly sense, tending to bestow wealth and ease, and very often there are more of the good things of life than the native seems to merit; he may benefit considerably by others' brains and toil, and may be a conscious

or unconscious parasite.

It is specially good for the numerous Neptunian features of modern business, such as hire-purchase.

In some cases there is much spiritual ambition, inclining, if the rest of the chart shows afflictions, to great unbalance. The aspects have a mediumistic and spiritist side, for Neptune has particularly intimate relations with the so-called 'astral plane'; but this tendency has been exaggerated, and is more commonly found under other aspects to Neptune.

It is a rather unsatisfying configuration, for there is no boundary to the aspirations of Neptune, and we often find an overweening desire to push further and further ahead, without due acceptance of the limitations which mundane conditions necessarily impose upon all of us. (This difficulty of adjusting spiritual longings to earthly conditions is at the root of most, and perhaps of all, Neptunian ordinations.)

35) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ⚎ **Uranus** - (1°44' A) ☾6 | ♏2

(Haydn Paul)

The expression of the trine has several similarities to that of the sextile, and usually enables these two planetary energies to work well together.

The social sphere of life will be of considerable importance to you, both as a personal need for contact with others, and in the enjoyment that you derive from it. Whilst you develop your own individuality and style, you have a 'community attitude'; your ideal is to live in a way that both succeeds in satisfying your needs and has a beneficial effect upon the wider world. Your personal values are founded within a social perspective; and you feel that your concerns embrace the world. As a planetary citizen, you may feel attracted towards involvement with those groups which share this attitude, so that through either personal or financial support you are able to contribute towards creating a better world.

The ability to have positive relationships with people may be used through work which brings you into broader contact with the public. This can be through teaching or communication in some way. Possibly your talents can be expressed via artistic creations or music, which embody your Venusian sense of harmony and beauty.

In your intimate partnerships, you find it easy to express your feelings, and these will remain more consistent than with the conjunction aspect. With these Venus-Uranus aspects, though, there is the tendency to be affectionate and sympathetic with the majority of people, a form of diffused love which is universal rather than individually orientated. This can cause some unease and confusion within a partner who fails to be convinced of your specific love for him or her.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Venus to Uranus shows that you are usually optimistic and cheerful and thoroughly enjoy life. You express your love for people without great fanfare, and can usually detect insincerity in others. You make necessary adjustments to people, which endears you to them, but you are quick to see when others are abusing your affable nature.

Because of your sense of values, you strive to enrich the lives of others by sharing your good fortune with them. In the past, you accepted your responsibilities, and now you can enjoy the rewards. You realize that what you give is returned in abundance by others, to your mutual benefit.

Your well-developed sense of harmony and appreciation of beauty may be expressed through the arts, music, design, or drama. You radiate warmth in everything you do, and are rarely negative in your social contacts. You can work effectively in occupations that involve the public, because people feel comfortable with you.

Children are especially appreciative of your truthfulness in dealing with them. As a teacher, you would instantly capture your students' imagination because you have a talent for making a subject come alive. Your unique talents could prove rewarding in financial work. Your intuition would be an asset in speculating on the stock market.

Because of your innate self-control, you will probably marry well. You can look forward to satisfying romantic experiences based on mutual trust and understanding. You expect a lot from your partner, and you are willing to do whatever is expected of you. You have high hopes for a future rich with inner contentment. Your excitement and joy in living are the keys to much happiness.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a lovely aspect; it is much like the sextile. Venus indicates our ability to appreciate love, our 'druthers', our 'I want to be's; and Uranus indicates our behavior pattern. The Venus placement shows how the mother influences the individual from a psychological point. The trine to Uranus denotes that she is a broad-minded woman who is receptive to growth, change, and ideas from the younger generation, and that she is able to give the child a similar image to imitate. This individual will enjoy exploring humanitarian or new-age interests, sharing with others and supporting future generations and their ideas. If the chart warrants, this may be a person who will make an excellent teacher or counsellor, for he can be supportive of his students or clients; it can indicate someone involved in the art world, for he is looking for new forms of expression.

As far as love is concerned, relationships may be unusual or unorthodox but meaningful.

The elements will express this energy differently; for instance, this trine in Water signs will indicate a much different person than the trine in Fire. The Water trine will be extremely sensitive and intuitive, looking for a very special relationship. The Fire trine will be looking for ultra-idealism. The energy is best used when the needs of the signs and elements are incorporated into what is looked for in life, and those needs should be tied into the qualities described by the Sun.

Venus trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The option of remaining free to lead one's own life, and of developing within a relationship as one thinks best, is a must for those who have harmonious aspects between Uranus and Venus. As soon as friends or the partner start tying this person down, Uranus incites him or her to kick over the traces. He or she is attracted by anything unusual or capricious in others and is quite likely to copy this behavior. A woman with ones of these aspects is often very independent and has a mind of her own. A man with one of these aspects usually looks for a strong-willed woman who knows how to get what she wants.

People with these aspects are fully alive to the individuality of themselves and others, and, with their taste for the unusual, they keep an open mind on everything, no matter how strange. Nothing much disturbs them; instead, the unusual may even be found stimulating. Sometimes, they even go looking for change (at work, for example). The chance that the emotional life will be fairly unstable is therefore present even in the harmonious aspects.

(Charles Carter)

This is a combination which usually signifies unusual taste and some degree of artistic ability. There may be talent for music, literature, or the drama; it is often witty, fascinating, humorous, or charming. With a prominent Mars, there may be ability for work in metals.

It tends somewhat to eccentricity, sentiment, and romance, the passions being very sensitive. In many cases, it seems to be rather a dumb note, and goes no further than a mild liking for music.

So far as externals are concerned, it favours popularity, easy circumstances, and enjoyable, though not always steadfast, relations with the other sex. Very much depends upon the ability of the native to find an adequate outlet for the emotional nature, for there is a proclivity towards adventures in love, and the romantic part of the nature may lead to

looseness of conduct unless it can be 'sublimated' in some harmless way. For example, Petrarch expressed his romantic nature by writing sonnets to Laura, while living a perfectly comfortable and respectable life with a wife and several children, being plump and well-fed at a time when, according to his writings, love denied him food, sleep, and most other necessities. Or, again, romance may be sought in stranger directions, as in the case of William Blake, who was most happily married, but allowed the eccentricity of Uranus to find vent for itself in such peculiar habits as insisting on receiving and entertaining his guests in a completely unclothed condition, by way of demonstrating beyond all argument the fact of his having regained man's pristine 'innocence of childhood pure'. Another eccentric, but (so far as I know) perfectly moral Venus-Uranus man was Joseph Smith, the Mormon, who 'rationalised' the inner cravings of the aspect by producing a polygamous religion, miraculously revealed.

36) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°02' A) ♀9 | ♄1

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Mars to Jupiter indicates that you apply your physical resources in a well-integrated way. Because you have a good blending of intellect and physical strength, you will be able to achieve your goals with only a moderate amount of effort. However, you may not rise to the challenge of competition because it doesn't seem worth the effort. you are creative and sometimes inspired in accomplishing tasks that would overwhelm others. Luck seems to play an important part in your successes, although talent is applied too. You have the knack for doing the right thing at the right time, or of being in the right place when an opportunity is presented. You never have to resort to subterfuge to get what you want. Honorable in temperament, you uphold the law in your dealings, and trust people without question. Your 'easy come, easy go' attitude makes you a bit careless about spending money. You have amazing optimism about life, and it never occurs to you to fear that you won't gain what you want.

Such fields as law, government service, sports, working with children, teaching, exploration, writing, or arts and crafts seem appropriate to your talents. Success of itself is not terribly important to you. You merely want to express yourself to the fullest through work that you enjoy. The 'rat race', in your opinion, takes too much effort for the returns you get. You are too self-indulgent to deprive yourself of the many pleasures you enjoy by mortgaging yourself to limiting endeavors.

You enjoy the company of a variety of people who lend interest to your life. While you don't make excessive demands on people, you will not submit to such demands by others either. You prefer to enjoy your friends freely and always maintain the right to end any association that tries to bind you.

You are not especially disturbed by current changes in attitudes towards organized religion. You are privately secure in your beliefs, regardless of the prevailing dissent

among theologians and philosophers.

You are romantically attracted to persons who are similarly turned to an untroubled existence. your physical desires are strong, but even these are reasonably controlled. You expect more than physical expression from the person you love. You are an idealist who will not settle for less than a mate who shares your needs and wants in mind, body and soul.

(Betty Lundsted)

The trine between these two planets indicates an individual who was presented with a family atmosphere that encouraged a positive and constructive action. This individual had someone around in childhood who encouraged him, and he was shown (through other family member interactions) that one can related to what one does and that one can be open about action taken. The two energies express well together.

This usually indicates an individual who enjoys sex and enjoys loving, unless the Mars placement is in turn involved in some other hard aspect.

Mars trine or sextile Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious aspects, the excess inherent in all Mars / Jupiter combinations has free rein. We possess more than enough vitality and combativeness to face whatever problems come our way, and, in fact, we are inclined to make light of them. Also we prefer to see everything in a social, religious or metaphysical setting. But the setting must be our own, not part of some system imposed from outside - the latter would restrict our freedom unbearably. in fact, whether on a large scale or on a small scale, we are likely to work out our own rules and morals.

We like to air opinions and make good propagandists. Therefore these are not bad aspects for the politician, the publicist, the clergyman or missionary, or the dedicated social worker. For if one thing is foreign to our nature, it is repose or idleness. Even the usual leisureliness of a harmonious aspect is banished by the fiery, bluff enthusiasm of this planetary combination.

Adventure appeals to us and we long to make good (Jupiter heightens the ambition of Mars); we are ready to fight for our ideas and ideals (Mars strengthens Jupiter). But with a harmonious aspect, we encounter less resistance than with a discordant one; which makes it easy to cling to our opinions, even when they need revising. Hence, however profitable this combination proves to be, it tends to make us wayward and full of self-will;

nevertheless we do seem to know how to get away with these character defects.

(Charles Carter)

This combination is mainly one of optimism and enthusiasm, and the native has as a rule the ability fully to enjoy life, while such interests as attract him are strenuously and wholeheartedly pursued. These are generally of a Jovian character, for the heavier planet appears to be the directive factor, whilst Mars supplies the energy. Thus we find enthusiasm for sport, travel, hunting, the stage, religion, political freedom, and science, though as regards the last, it is what may be called the 'live' sciences which attract, such as psychology and astrology.

The native is often a propagandist or publicist, and enjoys nothing more than acting the evangelist proclaiming the truth that sets men free. It is excellent for a missionary, a slum-worker, or one engaged with young people - or young peoples.

There is usually plenty of loyalty, pride, and honour.

In a worldly way, it is a distinctly fortunate combination, and the native is rarely other than comfortable in a worldly sense, though there is not always wealth. Yet even if this is denied by other factors the native is generally close to it, perhaps missing it narrowly through some special circumstances. However well placed financially, the native is rarely lazy.

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