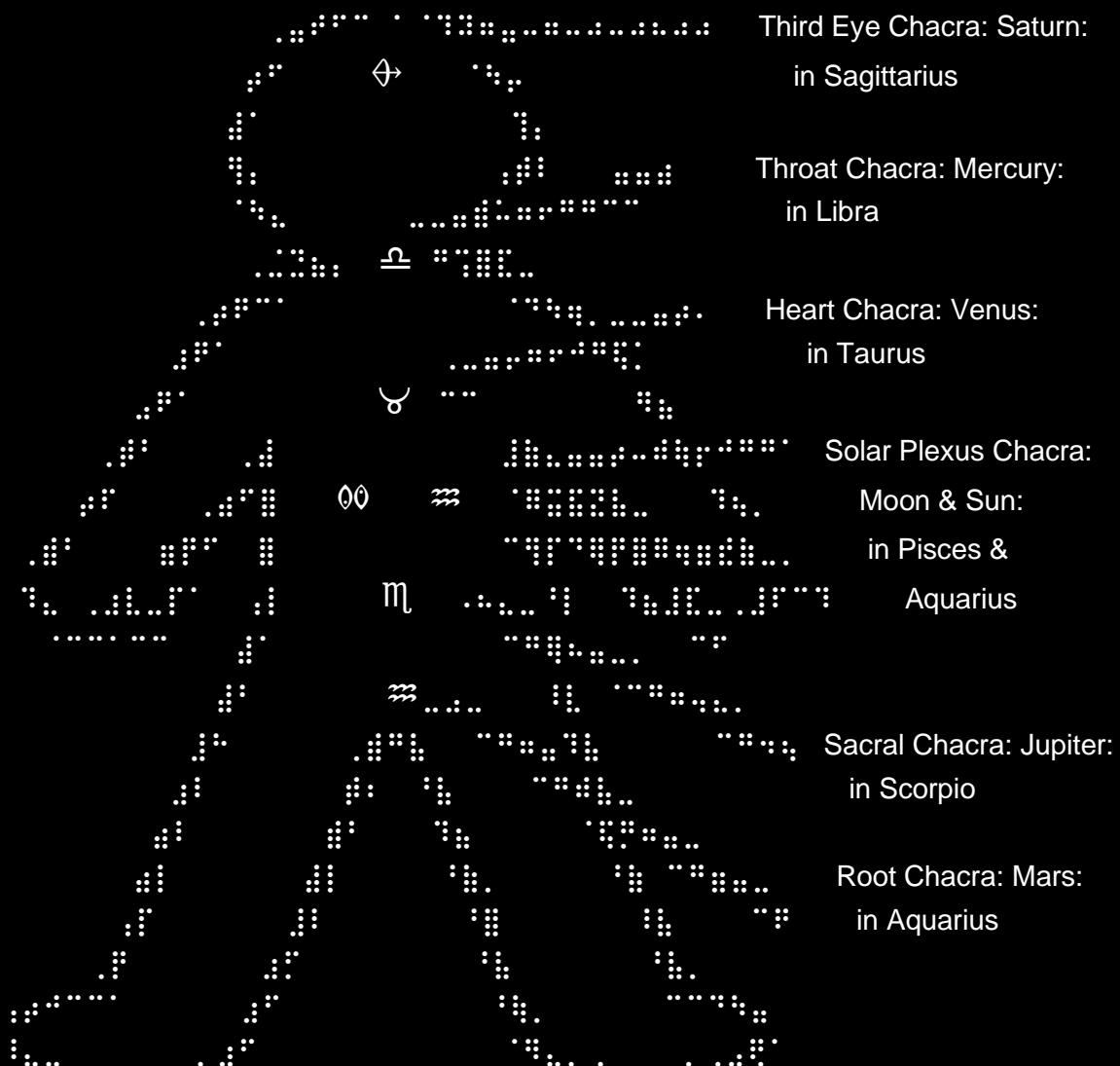


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Summaries

Aquarius Sun ☉ ♊ and ☾ ♓ Pisces Moon man

([846] i.thehoroscope.co)

An Unconventional Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Sophisticated, responsible and original;

Negatives: Questioning, restrained and skeptical;

Perfect partner: Someone who accepts their eccentricities.

Advice: To be careful about the quality of their perception.

Sun ☉ in IX 9th House

([867] i.thehoroscope.co)

Always saying what they mean - Summary:

Strengths: Collaborative, sensual and knowledgeable;

Challenges: Vain, pessimistic and disrespectful;

Advice: They should seek ways in which to enlighten themselves.

Moon ☾ in X 10th House

([881] i.thehoroscope.co)

They succeed no matter the obstacles - Summary:

Strengths: Charismatic, dependable and caring;

Challenges: Worrying and feeling overwhelmed;

Advice: You should learn to let go of things that have changed.

Neutral: Helpless when not loving

Moon ☾ in 25th Nakshatra: Purva Bhadrapada

Short Version [2]

Strength: eccentric, scholarly, witty, understands logic, creates prosperity through cleverness, receives money from the government or from wealthy people, economical, has longevity, could marry or be born into a wealthy family, spiritual depth, a warrior, passionate, skilled at earning an income, visionary, idealistic, universal goals, fights injustice, mystical beings, good writer and speaker, imaginative, self reliant, good at reading people, intuitive, march to their own beat, devoted to those who impress them.

Weakness: skeptical, pessimistic, gloomy, nervous, angry, impulsive, has many serious conversations, changes residence many times, dominated by their spouse, frugal, yet still a poor financial planner, anxious, poor health, high-strung, stingy, wavering mind.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in fourth pada

(0°00'-3°20' degrees Pisces): Cancer navamsa. You have a pure heart and a natural inclination to help those in need. You are drawn to mysticism and spirituality. With discipline you can attain a high level of spiritual realization.

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

Mercury ☿ in ♎ Libra man

([896] i.thehoroscope.co)

A principled individual - In a nutshell:

Positives: Principled and diplomatic;

Negatives: Obsessive and narrow-minded;

Soulmate: Someone who is expressive and full of vitality;

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

Mercury ☿ in ♊ 5th House

([912] i.thehoroscope.co)

Devilish tricksters - Summary:

Strengths: Versatile, organized and sociable;

Challenges: Controlling, suspicious and negative;

Advice: They shouldn't be that criticizing with themselves.

Venus ♀ in ♉ Taurus man

([923] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Energetic and patient;

Negatives: Domineering and forceful;

Soulmate: Someone who takes life with attention and determination;

Life lesson: Should value their friendships more.

Venus ♀ in ♒ XII 12th House

([956] i.thehoroscope.co)

Serious about romance - Summary:

Strengths: Unconventional, friendly and appreciative;

Challenges: Rushed and careless;

Advice: Take the chances that scare you a little.

Neutral: Running away from loneliness

Mars ♂ in ♒ Aquarius man

([977] i.thehoroscope.co)

Pretentious lovers - In a nutshell:

Style: Idealistic and brilliant;

Top qualities: Forward-thinking, clever, sociable and respectable;

Weaknesses: Weak-willed, rebellious, manipulative and perverse;
Advice: Don't confuse inner strength with stubbornness.

Mars ♂ in IX 9th House

([1989] 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 ♏ Scorpio man

([1000] i.thehoroscope.co)

Enigmatic and multitalented - In a nutshell:

Style: Intuitive and magnetic;
Top qualities: Self-reliant, demonstrative and ingenious;
Weaknesses: Temperamental and prone to exaggerations;
Advice: Sometimes, you are encouraged to slow down from your rush.

Jupiter ♃ in VI 6th House

([1010] i.thehoroscope.co)

In continuous transformation - Summary:

Strengths: Witty, generous and talented;
Challenges: Naïve and distracted;
Advice: They need to learn how to accept criticism too.

Saturn ♄ in ♐ Sagittarius man

([1025] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Truthful and exploring;
Top qualities: Direct, knowledgeable and justitiary;
Challenges: Tactless and prone to anger outbursts;
Advice: Remember that mind beats intuition when it comes to risk.

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 ♐ Sagittarius man

([1049] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Hopeful and exploring;
Top qualities: Generous and spiritual;
Challenges: Tactless and impatient;
Advice: Keep being attracted to new and radical ideas.

Uranus ☿ in VII 7th House

([1059] i.thehoroscope.co)

Chaotic and rebellious - Summary:

Strengths: Warm-hearted, intuitive and trustworthy;
Challenges: Restrictive and suspicious;
Advice: They shouldn't hide who they are from those close.

Neptune ♆ in ☊ Cancer man

([1068] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

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

Neptune ♆ in II 2nd House

([1078] i.thehoroscope.co)

A challenging position, Creativity enhanced - Summary:

Strengths: Elegant, indulgent and sociable;
Challenges: Unrealistic, resentful and superficial;
Advice: They should beware of too much speculation.

Pluto ♇ in ♎ Libra man

([1095] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Peaceful and idealistic;
Top qualities: Adaptable, diplomatic and analytical;
Challenges: Hesitant and worrisome;
Advice: Grace can sometimes be confused with naivety.

Pluto ♇ in V 5th House

([1105] i.thehoroscope.co)

Stubborn and perseverant - Summary:

Strengths: Entertaining, spiritual and sociable;
Challenges: Judgmental and lazy;
Advice: They need to be careful about their romantic expectations.

North Node ♈ in ♈ Aries

([1113] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, instinctual, friendly and convincing;

Challenges: Distracted, procrastinating and irritable

They could charm the masses, Their soulful purpose

South Node ♋ in ♎ Libra

([1131] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Dependable, spiritual and introspective;

Challenges: Procrastinating and domineering;

Great judges of character, Being at peace with their own decisions

North Node ♈ in XI 11th House (Aquarius)

([1123] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Idealistic, attentive and kind-hearted;

Challenges: Dramatic, rude and selfish

Kindhearted and expressive, True visionaries

South Node ♋ in V 5th House (Leo)

([1129] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, lucky, talented and inspirational;

Challenges: Stubborn, overly-dramatic and emotional;

Wisdom coming from the past, Letting go of any personal drama

(Black Moon) Lilith ♀ in ♈ Aries

([1137] elsaelsa.com)

Lone Pioneer

(Black Moon) Lilith ♀ in XI 11th House

([1159] elsaelsa.com)

Outcast

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ☿ Mercury - (0°40') ♊9 | ♎5**

([3] astromatrix.org:) Mental Focus

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

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

► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°37') 0010 | ♃12

([16] astromatrix.org;) Natural Sympathy

Opportunities: 1. Giving Your Maternal Instincts Expression 2. Helping the Public

Challenges: 1. Connecting with Others' Emotions 2. Avoiding Emotional Manipulation

► **Mars** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Lilith** - (1°35') ♃9 | ♃11

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

Opportunities: 1. Deeper understanding of sexual energy 2. Transforming areas of disempowerment

Challenges: 1. Dealing with triggering experiences 2. Postively transforming rage

► **Midheaven** MC **Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (0°39' S) 0010 | 0010

([25] astromatrix.org;) Emotional Power

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

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

► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (1°08' S) ♃9 | ♃9

([5] astromatrix.org;) The Fighter

Opportunities: 1. Taking on Leadership Roles 2. Taking on Big Challenges

Challenges: 1. Being More Selfless in Relationships 2. Empathy Toward Others

► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♀ **Lilith** - (0°11' S) ♃5 | ♃11

([632] astromatrix.org;) Having a Mindful Persona

Opportunities: 1. Connecting with your higher self 2. Unleashing your true potentials

Challenges: 1. Accepting your shortcomings 2. Learning the art of accurate communication

► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (0°43' A) ♃12 | ♃9

([415] astromatrix.org;) The Demanding Lover

Opportunities: 1. Finding Outlets of Self-Expression 2. Showing No-Strings-Attached Love

Challenges: 1. Avoiding Destructive Habits 2. Remaining Mature in Relationships

► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ☉ **Sun** - (4°46' A) ♃1 | ♃9

([308] astromatrix.org;) Confident Of Success

Opportunities: 1. Working in the Public Eye 2. Inspiring Others

Challenges: 1. Maintaining Direction in Life 2. Learning from Mistakes

► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ☿ **Mercury** - (4°04' S) ♃1 | ♃5

([329] astromatrix.org;) The Optimistic Speaker

Opportunities: 1. Leveraging Your Communication Skills 2. Letting Optimism Pull You

Through

Challenges: 1. Finding the Right Career 2. Realizing Your Potential

► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°38' A) ♀1 | ♀9

([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

► **Mercury ☿ Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°42' A) ♀5 | ♀9

([323] astromatrix.org;) The Technician

Opportunities: 1. Leveraging Communication Skills 2. Working with Groups

Challenges: 1. Channeling Multiple Interests 2. Balancing Ambition and Empathy

Extra Source

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

Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°37') 0010 | ♃12
- 2) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♂ **Uranus** - (0°50') 0009 | ♃7
- 3) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (0°04') 0006 | ♃2
- 4) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (0°14') 0007 | ♄5
- 5) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♀ **South-Node** - (1°17') 0007 | ♄5
- 6) ► **Pluto** ♇ **Parallel** ♀ **North-Node** - (1°31') 0005 | ♃11
- 7) ► **Midheaven** MC **Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (0°39' S) 0010 | 0010
- 8) ► **Descendant** DC **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (7°24' A) 0007 | 0007
- 9) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (1°08' S) 0009 | 0009
- 10) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♀ **Pluto** - (1°04' S) 0005 | 0005
- 11) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♂ **Uranus** - (9°14' A) 0007 | 0007
- 12) ► **Venus** ♀ **Opposition** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°11' A) 0012 | 0006
- 13) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♂ **Uranus** - (3°00' S) 0010 | 0007
- 14) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°38' A) 0009 | 0007
- 15) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♀ **North-Node** - (2°33' A) 0009 | ♃11
- 16) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♂ **Uranus** - (2°21' S) 0010 | 0007
- 17) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♀ **North-Node** - (3°41' A) 0009 | ♃11
- 18) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°46' A) 0009 | 0006
- 19) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (0°43' A) 0012 | 0009
- 20) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°54' S) 0009 | 0006
- 21) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°38' A) 0011 | 0009
- 22) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♀ **Pluto** - (5°08' S) 0011 | 0005
- 23) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°42' A) 0005 | 0009
- 24) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°05' S) 0007 | ♃11
- 25) ► **Midheaven** MC **Quincunx** ♀ **Neptune** - (2°50' S) 0010 | ♃2

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♒ Aquarius 15° 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 feelings 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, and 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 9th House

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that your self-development path lies in the realm of the higher mind, which can include a spiritual search, creativity and imagination, philosophy, law, culture and foreign travel. This involves an impulse to move beyond existing boundaries through a broadening of life interests and experiences, so that your mental worldview gains an expanded perspective and the world is enriched by your intellectual curiosity and studies, becoming a perpetually interesting and stimulating environment for your exploration.

The motivation to pursue such a path may be present from birth, unfolding a natural curiosity, or may be awakened by an awareness of your life's lack of meaning or direction. You are likely to look for an underlying order to life, a structure that both explains and illuminates the questions about life that begin to preoccupy you. You may have an intuitive sense that a deeper meaning is present within life, and following such promptings you will begin to focus your explorations to discover this golden unifying thread. You want either actual knowledge or a suitable belief structure to create inner stability, and can be attracted to religious doctrines, moral and ethical philosophies, humanitarian principles or political ideologies, believing that these hold the key that you seek.

It is the issue of relationship between the individual and society that perplexes you; and you need to arrive at an understanding of this interaction, which can form a dynamic and positive connection serving to inspire the creation of a more utopian vision of the world. It is a resolving and reconciliatory impulse acting within you, seeking to reconnect you to a deeper centre, that joins the individual in conscious relationship to the collective group, and begins to integrate the whole individual.

Through your ongoing exploration of varying approaches to this key issue in the world, you will eventually develop your own unique perspective and worldview which could be useful to others through shared communication. Your path could be highly influenced by foreign lands, people, culture and traditions; and this may imply a resonance and attraction towards the spiritual paths of the East at some stage.

You see your search as a lifelong quest, perpetually assembling new pieces of the cosmic jigsaw puzzle, recognising that there are many paths and viewpoints on the mystery of life, and that all could be valid and true from certain perspectives. A picture is assembled, a picture is disassembled; the mental search can be neverending.

However, there may also be a tendency towards fixed attitudes, especially if your Sun is placed in a fixed sign. Under the influence of certain religious, moral and doctrinal teachings, the assumption of certitude can be made, especially as there can be an underlying pattern of desiring to be authoritative, and to assert or impose personal views as being the only correct ones. Ultimately, taking such a stance proves to be restrictive and self-limiting, closing perceptions and options down to only those which are 'allowable', and thus distorting individual understanding and perspective. Taking moralistic attitudes often corresponds with assuming critical and judgemental positions, which only fuels the separation of people within society rather than connecting them more strongly. Take care not to fall into any trap of viewing others through moralistic filters; allow them freedom to live their lives in their way. Why should they conform to your precepts? Do you intend to conform to theirs? Moving towards a higher path always takes you closer towards inadvertently assuming condescending and hypocritical positions; and those who take that road need to remain on their guard against their own separative inner patterns reasserting their presence in more subtle ways.

By your discovering the foundational patterns of life, your vision will expand due to the insights revealed by lighting your inner flame. Mental intuition will be amplified, and you may feel inspired to offer your direction to others who are still searching in their own darkness, those who are trying to discover their path. Whatever you have found useful can be shared, and it is hoped will be of value to people too. The dissemination of knowledge, insight and information is probably one of your skills, and may be expressed through the spheres of teaching and writing as your vision becomes more widely influential in the world. The content of this is likely to include the themes of inspiration, relationships within society, the potential for individual development and integration, and the visionary pointing towards future trends. For those who become channels for insight,

one of the greatest tests is for them to embody the wisdom themselves, rather than just perform the role of offering it for the benefit of others.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people are dreamers who are also doers. Courageous, pioneering, adventurous, and very demanding of themselves, they compare themselves with ideal models, heroes of history or fiction, rather than with ordinary people known to them. They tend to settle far from native roots. They are often very career-minded and will sacrifice home ties and stretch bonds of affection to the breaking point to achieve what they desire. Their search for meaning may cause them to change careers or, at least, to contemplate such a change. At any rate, they are always intent on achieving great things in some area (the location of the Sun's dispositor can give a clue to which area).

They are usually attractive, with a charisma that outshines any physical imperfection they may have. They attract others to them, a popularity they do not seek as they are intensely private and protect their inner selves by becoming distant or polite at moments of potential intimacy. They are inclined to be truly intimate with very few. They may change their inner circle from time to time, but rarely seek to widen it.

Frequently exceedingly gifted in their field of interest, they seem to have a source of knowledge, inspiration, vision and insight that puts them above everyone else, causing legends to form around them. Often, they are creators of new ways of thinking, of new forms, higher standards, and newer, higher goals. Iconoclasts, they destroy the old ways of seeing and doing in order to find new ones. Willing to take risks for what they believe, they will sometimes risk everything (including their lives) in pursuit of impossible goals.

Although the ninth house is the political angle par excellence, for some reason the Sun here makes them somewhat politically vulnerable. They have strong political ideas and objectives, but tend to lack the finesse and diplomacy necessary for successful political maneuvering and the caution necessary for political survival. Therefore, although the Sun in the ninth gives them the necessary upward thrust to achieve high office, they will need trines to outer planets in the first or fifth houses, or planets in the tenth house, in order to remain in power.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: If the Sun is linked with the 9th house, the essence of life purpose involves opening the mind to new realms. You've come to the Earth to pursue fresh mental perspectives; to develop, explore, and find a philosophy of life. Whenever you open mentally, you plug into the cosmos. By living at the highest ethical level you can achieve, you expand the life-energy available to you. It isn't sufficient that you adopt an existing philosophy; you must synthesize all you learn into an original understanding, a personal philosophy, one that you can live by. The pitfalls lie in having

your head so completely in the clouds of abstraction that you lose touch with the grounded reality of one living on the Earth. Understanding the secrets of the universe has little point if you can't remember your zip code. The challenge is to merge the delight of pure thought with the discipline of a moral life, and to convey this wisdom wherever it can uplift others' spirits.

Cultural perspective: Reading about faraway places, thinking about them, and travelling to explore them are a natural way of life for you. The sense of exploration is fundamental, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual. The more you can learn about other cultures, especially by direct experience, the more you fulfill your central life-purpose. You are more yourself when you're on the go, moving through foreign territory. This includes not only far-off locales, but the infinite varieties of experience right in your own backyard. Your challenge is to assimilate the broadest views of humanity, to act as a networker of the one human world.

Higher education: You keep yourself charged by the stimulation of learning. Whether or not your early education reflected this basic enthusiasm, there is little question that you will develop into a perpetual student as your life goes on. Especially as an adult, you are an eager student of the more conceptual fields of study. While you are certainly permitted to undertake these studies on your own, there's a great deal to be said for using the formal structures of cultured education, since credentialing is a relevant concern. Learn everything you can, then teach by example.

The search for truth: Here, more than with the other 9th house planetary placements, there is little distinction between profound and pragmatic truths. What is important is the absence of untruth. And there are two kinds of untruths. The first is active lying, which is to say believing or communicating something which is objectively false. That experience is clearly negative for you. It disconnects you from your divinity. But equally important is the experience of passive lying, either by withholding the truth when it is known, or by substituting a lesser truth for the one in question. These diminish your essence - a very serious pitfall. It is of paramount importance that you search for the highest truths you can discover, and communicate the highest truth you know relative to any circumstance. It's not necessary that you be able to express it perfectly, nor that others totally comprehend. But it is your challenge to strive for honesty, integrity, and illumination. Truth is life.

Ideal society: Your perfect society would be Olympian in scope. Humans would become like the Gods of ancient myths, with honor and wisdom sparking an unceasing flow of creativity. The consensus of opinion on any subject would reflect your own most basic beliefs. As Ruler of the World, you would be authoritative but generous, powerful yet benevolent, noble and dignified but always accessible to your loyal subjects.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because you believe in yourself, you will probably succeed in your endeavors. Not one to avoid any opportunity to demonstrate your talents, you eagerly rise to every occasion that offers a chance to prove yourself. At times you are willing to take risks because you are so confident. Once involved in a project, you grow increasingly enthusiastic and sure that it will succeed, but your patience may wear thin if there are delays beyond your control. You want to know that your efforts have influenced others; and when they appreciate what you are trying to accomplish, you are even more inspired. Your children are especially aware of your ability to inspire others, and they hope to do the same and live up to your expectations. You offer your children every opportunity to exploit their potentials, and you let them make mistakes, knowing it is the only way that they will take full responsibility for their actions.

You know you must have training to achieve your goals, so you strive to get the formal education that will enhance your natural talent for creative self-expression. You get involved only in enterprises in which you can visualize success. You know how to cultivate the right contacts through friends and associates to help achieve your plans. You prefer a professional career that will bring you into close contact with people, for you understand their problems. They look to you for insight to find solutions to their difficulties. The partner you choose will be most helpful in your affairs and will share your enthusiasm for the goals you seek.

You will go far if you don't assume that you know everything there is to know. Your sustained interest in acquiring knowledge will assure you a permanent place in the public eye and eliminate the necessity of having to work at routine tasks. Many occupations would be too boring and tedious for you, since you need considerable mobility and freedom to express yourself. You should be self-employed if possible, or at least have a career that allows you some self-determination. You can serve people by helping them understand their predicaments and thus arrive at solutions. You have much to contribute to society, and you will not live up to your greatest potentials unless this objective is part of your career.

Your accomplishments may have little relation to your parents' lifestyle, for they may not have helped you get established. The chances are you had to work hard to prepare a base on which to build your own life. It is also possible that family obligations delayed the time when you could utilize your talents for personal objectives. Any sacrifices you made to get an education were worth it, for that is the best investment you could make in the security you want for your later years.

Your major obligation is to help people whose lack of education or skills has denied them some of the privileges you enjoy. You can derive much satisfaction from knowing that you've been instrumental in improving the quality of their lives. Your own growth is intimately tied to your ability to handle this responsibility. You might have to accept some obscurity during your developmental years until you are competent enough to fulfill the public's expectations in the career you've chosen.

Moon ☾ in ♓ Pisces 0° 2'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you habitually seek the behavior of others to automatically validate your concept of universal perfection, you may refuse to see life as it exists. Living in your vision of universal perfection on Earth, you can unknowingly lose yourself in ivory tower beliefs. These beliefs prevent you from listening to people and seeing them in a realistic and unpredictable way.

When others fail to live up to your Pisces vision of their perfection, you might feel personally betrayed. By seeking a higher perspective to make them or yourself wrong, you may create self-isolation in the process. This constant disappointment brought on by others violating your expectations results in self-invalidation, confusion, and an inability to cope in relationships.

Dynamic

When you take responsibility for imparting your vision of other people's perfection, you may notice that past methods of theoretical communications have simply not worked. The truth is that others cannot provide the perfection you seek. They are preoccupied with thinking about their own imperfection. Your lesson is to heal the negative thoughts of others so that there is room for the positive solutions within them to come forth. Then they are able to alter their behavior and align themselves with their inward perfection.

You can heal negative beliefs by noticing the reality of other points of view. You can relate on an equal and sharing level when you encompass the point of view and thoughts behind the other person's action. By opening this door, you experience the unconditional love you seek.

As you create a positive atmosphere, you reassure individuals with your trust in the perfection of things as they are. You can supply a larger picture of the appropriateness of their specific process. When your perceptive powers are used to discern where another is feeling a lack of self-protection, you can contribute the communication that promotes the faith and self-acceptance. In this process, you validate your vision and are also healed.

General

You have an idealistic and naive approach to life. You seem to float through the harsh realities of daily routine, smelling only flowers along the way. Deep disappointments can result when the world does not live up to your idealistic standards of human behavior, but before too long you pick yourself up and put on your rose-colored glasses again.

You have certain material dependencies that you feel are necessary to maintain your healing spiritual consciousness. You are used to having others take care of you, cook for you, and set your daily routine. You have never developed self-discipline, which is a lifetime task; you are learning to accept your responsibilities and set your own schedules.

You are accustomed to living in a timeless reality, but you need to learn the practical value of infusing celestial reality into daily life by sticking to a routine and by paying attention to being on time. These factors can make your life strong and give you confidence in relating your spiritual consciousness effectively to daily living.

You are also learning to pay attention to diet and health. You are learning to be responsible for your own nutritional well-being. You are learning to discriminate and to ingest those foods that give the body a feeling of balanced strength, which allows your spiritual consciousness to flow without interruption.

You are inclined to trust the universe completely and to merge yourself with total reliance on the universal flow. This patterning has been overdone, however, and has led to a certain stagnation. It is only by learning to apply your sense of faith and unconditional love in daily life that your bliss feelings can be regenerated. Again, focusing on your clearly defined goals and applying the needed discipline are necessary.

Your destiny is suited to using the fruits of your spiritual practices - unconditional love, the ability to heal, your vision of loveliness - to freely and effectively work for the good of those in your circle of influence. You will serve or suffer in life. You can choose either to actively and constructively serve society or to suffer behind the private walls of feeling misunderstood and walked on by the world. When you have taken responsibility for setting up the necessary structures in your life, this will act as a support system through which universal emotional energies can flow in a balanced way. Then you will be on the path to emotional fulfillment in life.

(Tracy Marks)

Having Moon in Pisces means that we need space in our lives to drift and to dream, relationships based upon empathic bonds, and openness to sources of inspiration inside and outside ourselves. The watery energies of the Moon are easily expressed, and sometimes overly emphasized, by a Pisces Moon placement. When we experience our feelings and needs, we may even indulge them through long bouts of crying, selfpity, or elicitation of sympathy from other people. With or without awareness, we may seek to

escape from ourselves through fantasy or idealization, or through such addictions as alcohol or drugs. Many of us with Pisces Moons may vicariously experience our feelings and satisfy our needs by continually focusing upon the feelings and needs of others and devoting ourselves to their welfare.

A parent who was a Piscean influence most probably responded sensitively and compassionately to us and encouraged our inspirational temperament. However, if our Moon is afflicted, such a parent may also have had a detrimental influence upon us. He or she may have overindulged us, catering to our aches and pains, or too frequently played the martyr, giving to us wholeheartedly but also invoking guilt or seeking complete dedication in return. He or she may have been hypochondriacal, or of an ethereal nature which could not easily come to terms with physical reality. A Piscean parent may have been victim to his or her own addictions, or tangled in dreams or fantasies and not fully emotionally or physically present.

We who have Moon in Pisces may need to learn how to respond constructively to our own feelings and needs, to serve ourselves and give to ourselves rather than attempt to lose ourselves in others. Often, because we suffer from a divine discontent, we may have difficulty accepting and adapting to the realities of an earthly existence; we need to be able to translate our visions into action, to live those dreams which are viable, thereby forging a link between our practical and spiritual or creative natures. We may seek to experience oneness in close relationships, but we are not likely to know wholly that oneness unless we cultivate our attunement to our own creative and / or spiritual source, and open our hearts to the fullness of both the love and the pain within us.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Pisces, the moon indicates the native is restless, sensitive, impressionable, subject to brooding and changes of mood, and fond of travel, yet needing an anchor, a place to remain in happiness and contentment. He can be self-indulgent; also very capable of sensing moods in others, even of perceiving their thoughts. He can be found working behind the scenes, including behind a camera, or in institutions, hospitals, etc.. He looks constantly for some kind of Shangri-la, and dives into seclusion when hurt - he wonders when others will recognize the loftiness of his motives.

He is only truly appreciated when he appreciates himself, and this is not accomplished unless he lives up to his highest ideals. There appears to be no middle ground.

He tends to be too easy-going, too willing to change the course of his action if obstacles appear, and too willing to back down. The astrologer must help him see the folly of making so many 'zigs and zags'.

The native is fascinated by the occult - he is called 'psychic' by many of his friends. It is necessary for him to adhere to the highest principles. Otherwise, he begins to suspect

his own motives, and then his entire framework of confidence crumbles like a house of cards. He is affected by the moods and feelings of others, and can be sent into a fit of gloom by observing family members as they quarrel.

He wants to be surrounded by happiness - but cannot seem to put his finger on his own salvation. His worst enemy: indecision. His best friend: confidence in his own ideals.

(Grant Lewi)

To achieve wisdom, to dwell in the high, secluded valley of Shangri-la, to know yourself and your relation to the Universe, to be in tune with the infinite, and to be recognized as a person of understanding: these are the constant aims of your life, in fulfillment of which you satisfy most truly your esoteric picture of yourself. If you want material things, it is so that your study and contemplation may be comfortable, untroubled by worry over security; and if material things are hard to get, you are capable of achieving a philosophy that makes them unnecessary to your contentment and self-development, which is always the kernel of your nut of life. On the other hand, if material things come easily, if circumstances and your total personality conspire to start you on an upward spiral toward success, your inner nature will tell you that success and luxury are, for some deep spiritual reason, your due; and the comfort they bring your spirit may lend you power in getting more and more of them. In no case, however, are material concerns of first import to your deepest and truest self, whose search is always for self-knowledge, self-understanding and selffulfillment in the intangible sense that depends on nothing outside you. You are unhappy only when you violate, in action, thought or word, some truth that is essential to you, or when you realize you have acted counter to the dictates of your own self-taught wisdom. Too continuous violation of your own code causes brooding and deep unhappiness, and thus your only sure path to contentment, which is your success, is to make sure that you adhere always to the wisdom already acquired, and build stone by stone toward that high pyramid of wisdom in the completion of which is your success.

(John Townley)

Your emotions are very intense and finely tuned, and you can usually see into the heart of an affair more quickly than your partner. But your flashes of insight are not steady. You are likely to have considerable mood swings and changes of heart within a relationship until it has settled for a period. Only time can give your affairs more concrete definition.

For that reason, you should find a lover who is more stable than you. Such a partner will see through to the real you underneath, and won't be thrown off by your seeming inconsistencies.

Because you are more concerned with a lover's internal values than with their external

expression, others may think that your friends and lovers don't match your style. But you are hardly aware of any inconsistency, because you see directly to a person's heart, ignoring external trappings, which few others can do.

Concerning physical matters, you are likely to be rather impractical. It would be good to have a partner who can handle the bothersome petty details of existence so that you can then attend to the more meaningful issues in life without being distracted. Under such circumstances, you can transform love into a clear, pure vehicle for personal understanding and revelation, both for you and for your lover.

(Robert Hand)

You are a very sensitive person with strong feelings. If someone makes a harsh remark, you take it very hard. In fact, one of your tasks in life will be to develop a thicker skin. Not everyone is so sensitive as you or so considerate of people's feelings. But your sensitivity is good in some ways because it makes you kinder and more considerate of others, and less likely to hurt anyone. You like to take care of people and animals, especially if they are sick or hurt. But you should stay away from people who are always negative, because you pick up and react to their feelings very quickly.

You have a rich and lively imagination, which can make you very creative. But you may spend too much time in your own private fantasy world and avoid dealing with the important matters of the world around you. It is much easier for you to daydream than to face up to the real world.

As you get older, you may develop an interest in the occult and supernatural - not in the horrible aspects such as witches and vampires, but in subjects such as ESP and clairvoyance. You are very interested in the mysterious aspects of the world around you.

As you get older, you should learn how to stand up for yourself and resist people who are more aggressive. You are very likely to avoid conflicts, even when you should defend your own ideas. If you do not stand up for yourself, you may attract people who will exploit you and take advantage of you.

(Haydn Paul)

Moon in Pisces suggests you may be an emotional dreamer, highly sensitive to the tidal vacillations of your feelings and those of others around you. This heightened sensitivity verges on a psychic ability, and you will be empathic, receiving impressions from the collective emotional psyche, almost like a psychic sponge, leaving yourself vulnerable and impressionable on an unconscious inner level. Without realizing it, you often reflect moods and feelings of those close to you, incorrectly believing that they are your feelings; you may carry the emotional burdens of many, and this can weigh your spirit down. Some may take advantage of your self-sacrificial attitude, turning you into a victim

or martyr for them, so you may need to guard against this unconscious tendency.

Real life is not really to your taste; it can be too harsh and demanding, making too great an impact on your malleable feelings and wearing you down through constant emotional agitation. You may seek escape through imagination, fantasies, dreams, and addictions, such as alcohol, drugs, and sexual activity. Prolonged exposure to your private dream world may make you less able to deal with the demands of human existence; and time and effort may be spent in dreaming of a better future rather than actually working to make it a reality.

You will have close access to your unconscious mind, and this may pose certain problems. While it can inspire imaginative creativity through channels such as poetry, art, or music, this needs to be carefully disciplined and focused. If such outlets are not available, they could be developed; yet, if you have no way to direct these energies, they will circulate within your nature. This implies that they will further amplify your sensitivity, emotions, and feelings, and probably make you more psychologically vulnerable. The danger is one of imbalance and of overstimulating some of the more negative Moon-Pisces tendencies. Feelings may arise of persecution, guilt, sacrifice and martyrdom, hypochondria, or losing touch with mundane realities as dreamscapes take over. The unconscious may flood a personality and swamp it, creating neuroses and psychoses.

But equally, there is a positive dimension to this which can be released through your choices. Mediumistic abilities may exist, and these should be developed through modern techniques of channeling, whereby inner teachers can be contacted for guidance and support (although discrimination must be applied to ensure that the messages are genuine and reliable).

Your feelings and emotions are easily expressed; few blocks exist in you, and you are most familiar with following the messages of these impulses, even to the exclusion of rationality at times! Natural empathy can be developed into giving practical aid to and supporting others through counselling, healing, or teaching. Your ideals and dreams of a better world can be made real by actualizing your visions and by manifesting spiritual realities into the physical level.

Cease any tendencies to live through the vicarious feelings and experiences of others, and reabsorb your projections back into yourself, so that you achieve greater integration instead of allowing disintegration to occur through losing yourself in others. Take a more positive approach to honoring feelings as being important, rather than acquiescing to the greater importance of others' feelings. Value your empathic contribution to relationships and appreciate the sense of intimate closeness that this brings. Learn how to fulfill your need to serve others, not through self-sacrifice, but as a means of empowering them to accept their own emotions and feelings; by showing them how to live with these, you help them gain the benefits of a sensitive response to the mysteries of life.

By transcending a tendency to protect your emotions, perhaps through social shyness, you may learn how to take advantage of this sensitivity, both in a constructive attitude toward your emotional dynamics, and in compassionate service to others. Your path through life lies in the watery realm of feelings; learning how to navigate those sometimes stormy waters may help you to guide others across their own inner seas.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are very responsive to the depths of human experience, and you have understanding and affection for all people. You are emotionally naive and continually overlook other people's shortcomings and deficiencies. However, you can be easily hurt, and you tend to cry or feel sorry for yourself at the drop of a hat.

You don't like to face facts coldly and subjectively, and your relationships will suffer because your feelings are so sensitive. At times, you may lack humor and common sense, and you can be like the proverbial Russian who loves to be sad.

Your senses can deceive you because of your over-developed romanticism and optimism; you wear the original rose-colored glasses. Because you want to believe the best about everything, truth and reality upset you. You usually have musical, poetic and artistic talent.

Depending on the aspects, this can be the worst or best position for the Moon. If this placement is favorable, it gives true vision; if the placement is unfavorable, it can cause total illusion or disillusion. You are quiet, retiring, amiable and sympathetic to the underdog. You are gentle, at times easygoing, unworldly and dreamy. You change your mind often; thus, you can be undependable, easily discouraged and depressed. This is the most psychic position of the Moon; yet there might be sorrow and many obstacles in reaching your goals. You need to feel sheltered and loved, and you like beauty, harmony and comfort around you because you suffer in adverse environments.

In a woman's chart, emotional excess may bring health problems. A woman with this lunar placement may marry late. This position often adds a silent magnetism that attracts men.

A man with the Moon in Pisces wants a devoted, affectionate and sympathetic mate, who is likely to be a strong influence and indispensable in his private life, but not necessarily in his career.

In your eyes, your mother is sympathetic, but she may be very involved in her own life. You don't always see her clearly, at times over-idealizing and at times underestimating her.

(Sasha Fenton)

To some extent, the mutability of Pisces weakens the active, cardinal nature of the Moon. The Moon is associated with one's innermost feelings and underlying emotions; and the sign of Pisces, being devoted to emotion, suggests that even if the subject's outer manner is confident and capable, there will be a terribly soft heart hiding deep inside.

If this is your Moon position, you will spend some part of your life searching for answers to deep and indefinable questions. You will contemplate the meaning of life and the possibility of an after-life, and could even be drawn to a religious or quasireligious way of living. Your energies to some extent will always be directed towards trying to improve the quality of life for others and to introducing people around you to a gentle and healthy understanding of their minds, bodies and spirits. Life may disappoint you as it may never match up to your idealistic dreams and indefinable yearnings. Yet, somehow, life must go on; and you will probably wish to live it to the very full; therefore a particularly Piscean form of practicality often seems to combine with your desire for perfection, and the requirements of the hereafter.

You can be surprisingly ambitious. This ambition may take the normal route of upward mobility in the working and the suburban community, or it may take a totally private form. You could push yourself to improve your performance in a creative capability. Either way, you have the long-term patience to achieve your goals. You also have the gift of creative visualisation. The only real drawback to your reaching your goals is your lack of confidence and your fear of making other people angry with you for competing with them. A sarcastic remark can wound deeply and is never forgotten.

On a more mundane level, you are extremely sensitive to the needs of others. Nobody is kinder, more thoughtful and considerate; you seem to feel other people's wants even before your own, and you can soak up other people's moods and desires psychically. There is a definite need for you to assess your own feelings from time to time to make sure that they are yours and not those of the people around you. You should also note that it doesn't always do to rush in and smooth the path of others; it might do them more good if you were to allow them to solve their own problems from time to time. Not everybody will want your intervention - although, human nature being what it is, most people will take advantage of free help when given the chance. If you become a permanent listening ear for neurotic friends and relatives, you will become worn out, depressed, and even physically ill. There are people who don't want their problems solved because this would stop them from attracting the attention and sympathy of others. You must make a special effort to avoid the truly mad, bad and sad for your own mental health's sake, even if it means abandoning some of those who call themselves friends.

Like all those who have the Sun or Moon in mutable signs, you have an inner streak of resilience and can usually find a way round your own problems. If absolutely pressed,

you can stand up for yourself very well and dish out a surprisingly devastating dose of criticism. People tend to forget, just because you are so ready to sympathize and to understand their needs, that you also see their faults and inner motivations. If you are wounded, you withdraw into your shell. But if the problem is too great, you can be very spiteful and destructive. Destructive behaviour does not come naturally. You prefer to take the role of counsellor, teacher and guide.

Like Moon in Cancer subjects, you can be a really monumental worrier, beginning with worries on behalf of your family and friends, your health, money, the state of the nation, and the imminence of nuclear war. You could be mean in small ways, smoothing out paper bags for reuse or moaning about small expenses. In a way, you can be penny-wise and pound-foolish because you are never mean about large issues. You are always broke but usually manage to do the things you want. You will spend money on musical and recording equipment, books, dining out and trips. Most astrologers will tell you that you like to be on or near the sea; but where travelling is concerned, you don't actually mind where you go as long as you don't get too worn out in the process.

You will not tolerate injustice in any form; and, if you see a child, an animal or a person of a different race being badly treated, you truly go bananas. You value loyalty above all things, and hate to let anyone down. Friendship is terribly important to you, especially as some of you have difficult or demanding family members, thus making friendship outside the family essential.

All solar and lunar Pisceans are creative; many are artistic; and you need to express this creativity somewhere in your daily life. You work at your own rather strange pace, often like a dervish for a month at a time, and then switching off for a week in order to recharge your batteries. Most of you enjoy some kind of sport; swimming is probably high on your list; also dancing, tennis or just walking the dog. Every lunar Piscean that I have come across is a naturally good dancer, especially ballroom dancing. Some of you can be serious athletes or dancers, but this will require strongly competitive elements elsewhere on the chart. Those of you who have a very ordinary job will probably have a creative interest on the side. Some of you will privately work in the psychic or even the magical field, often without the people at your place of work having any idea of this other interest. You see omens in everyday events, and may be superstitious and fearful of unexplainable dark forces which sometimes seem to gather around you. Even the most practical among you can feel patterns in events which seem to occur.

You are not as changeable in your moods as most astrology books would suppose. Oddly enough, people who have the Moon in fixed signs are by far the moodiest. However, when you do become emotional or upset, the feelings go deep. You are able to hold a grudge for ever, but you are equally apt to remember those who stand by you in times of trouble. If someone hurts you gratuitously even in a minor way, you will never quite be able to trust or really like that person again. Women who have the Moon in water signs can often attribute some of their mood swings to pre-menstrual tension - I'm

not quite sure what men can blame their moods upon. In some ways, your apparent moodiness stems from your inability to get the whole of your life together at any one time. It seems that if your work is going well, your love life will be in a state of collapse and vice versa. Even if everything is going well, you can be discontented due to boredom!

Your home is your haven, and it is also a haven for a good many other people. Many of you work wholly or partly from home, which often involves people coming in and out. The place is also permanently full of friends and neighbourhood children. Lunar and solar Pisceans are supposed to be loners, but I have yet to see any evidence of that: your 'phone and your doorbell are always ringing. Many of you literally don't bother to shut your door as there are so many people pounding in and out. Your home is attractive and comfortable but not over-decorated or cleaned to the point of sterility. You love warm colours, interesting textures, pictures and music; you fill your home with these plus, of course, books, books, books! You read almost anything, but probably novels, books about the occult, history, psychology, health and magic will be lying about somewhere on your shelves.

You can be so adept at hiding your inner nature that your kind heart might be buried under a shield of efficiency, toughness or even sarcasm; this is mainly a selfprotective shield. You are slow to reveal your own inner feelings, and it takes some time for you to get to know and trust someone. Some lunar Pisceans even go through many years of marriage without their partner ever really being let into their innermost hearts. You can be a little manipulative at times, either to prevent yourself from hurt or in order to benefit those around you. When you are entirely comfortable with someone, you can be surprisingly bossy in a rather mother-hen way, but you do it for their own good.

Both solar and lunar Pisceans have an all-or-nothing relationship with vehicles, either being fabulous drivers or hating the whole business of learning to drive and not bothering with it. Some actually do learn and then avoid driving whenever possible. Very strange.

In marriage you are so supportive that you can spend more energy on your partner's behalf than on your own, and you really have to beware of becoming a martyr or a doormat. You tend to maan a bit about your partner, especially when you are feeling tired or depressed; but this is almost an expression of affection, and often doesn't mean much. You certainly need love and approval; and although you can live alone, you far prefer to have someone to love and be loved by. Not receiving the love and understanding which you need in childhood, you actively chase after it in adulthood. Some of you are so shy and repressed that you never get the love you want, and then you may retreat into a life of daydreams and illusions which would make a Walter Mitty appear down-to-earth. Your powerful imagination is both your most valuable asset and the point of your greatest weakness. If you can channel this into creative pursuits, spiritual development or work in the counselling field, you could overcome most of this.

You make an excellent parent because you understand the needs of children and are happy to spend time playing with them. I'm not sure about this, but I think it's probably that you don't relate to babies as much as slightly older children who can talk and play. Certainly you find no difficulty in playing 'Let's pretend'. You are probably way ahead of them on that one anyway. Your children are encouraged to respect adults but not to be afraid of them. You respect the dignity of children. You could be so busy teaching them about the universe and the world around them, and giving them all the love that they need, that you overlook their need for clean shirts and breakfast cereal. Don't worry, they will survive and will love you all the more for it.

Your greatest fault is your over-sensitivity to criticism. Nobody likes to be criticized, but you really do seem to suffer. Your self-esteem is low enough to begin with; you don't need to have someone else giving it a further battering.

Although you are friendly and non-hostile in your approach to new people, if you really fancy someone, your first reaction may be to run in the opposite direction. You fear rejection, ridicule and loss. You are afraid to become close to someone, in case you learn to rely on him / her and then lose him / her again for some reason or other. Love relationships make you nervous because you are aware of your great need for emotional sustenance and of your vulnerability. Adolescent relating can be very painful; later on, you learn some protective techniques, but these may be ultimately manipulative in that you may not allow yourself to take a chance on expressing your genuine feelings - this again is due to your fear of rejection. Do try, if you can, to be yourself in a love relationship, and not the pseudo person whom you think your lover wants you to be. In most cases, it is better for you to connect with someone whom you know on a friendly basis rather than to jump deeply into a new relationship. Being incredibly romantic, you appreciate little presents, birthday cards, candle-lit dinners and shared memories. You have a stock of romantic melodies and catchphrases which you link to your lover.

An important ingredient in the lunar Piscean's nature is curiosity of all kinds. Sexual and emotional curiosity strike early. I can't really find any way of putting this delicately, but the fact is that you love making love. The act of sex is a great outlet for you because it combines all your favourite feelings and sensations. Your senses are terrifically strong, especially your psychic sense; love-making gives expression to every one of them, including your powerful imagination. It may be a cold-blooded thought, but your nerves are delicate and often over-stretched, and therefore sex gives you a tremendous release of tension. A pal of mine tells me that he is 'horribly romantic' and couldn't enjoy sex without love. I think that goes for all the other lunar Pisceans too; there must be affection and fondness, if not outright adoration, for you to be able to really relax and enjoy yourself. My friend Nina says that she likes to have poetry read to her while she is in bed; I like poetry anywhere!

You might try too hard to please your partner both sexually and in other ways.

Remember, the relationship stands more of a chance of lasting if both of your needs are being satisfied. Another difficulty for you is that you don't like being possessed. You yourself can be possessive, especially when in the early stages of a romance; possessive, hungry for love, and desperate to be reassured. There may not be enough touch, comfort or words of love in the world for you, but you can in your turn fill your partner with love and reassurance until the cows come home. You need affection even more than you need sex; you need to be cuddled. You need to play a little and to have fun with your partner. (Welcome to the pleasure dome!) Oddly enough, you don't much like to be touched by strangers. You need to keep a little distance between you and 'touchers'; this may be an instinctive need to protect your rather sensitive aura!

Some men are better avoided by Moon in Pisces women. The first is the selfdestructive type, such as the confirmed alcoholic. You may wish to reform this person, to teach him by loving him endlessly to mend his ways. This will get you nowhere and will only deplete your small reserves of psychic energy. Another is the paternal type who appears over-protective but who is in fact threatened by the possibility of your becoming independent or taking control of your own life. The two Piscean fish can make you stupidly romantic and earthily practical both at the same time.

Here are a few more oddities from the Piscean wash-bag. You like fresh air and the countryside but not when the weather is cold: then you prefer sitting by an open fire. You can be too serious at times, and you should let your friends encourage you to let your hair down and have some fun. You need to have good clothes and may be fussy about the type of shoes you wear.

You are creative, inventive and easily bored; therefore, a routine job will not satisfy. Not having endless reserves of strength, you tend to work in fits and starts; therefore, you need a job where you can work at your own pace. Many of you have an urge to do something useful, and find work in hospitals or even in prisons. Many solar and lunar Pisceans can be found in the world of music, acting, dancing and art. Creative work obviously appeals. Floristry and cookery are typical interests. Glamorous work such as fashion interests you, as does the more up-market kind of public relations work.

Many of you are skilled engineers, electricians, telephone engineers and precision sheet-metal workers. This is because the work is detailed and creative, requires problem-solving techniques, and involves drawings. Obviously, drawing office work appeals, and many of you can be found working in aircraft factories!

I belong to an organization called the British Astrological and Psychic Society, which has nine people on the committee. We all have different Sun and Ascendant signs, but all nine of us have the Moon in water signs. Two of the group have the Moon in Cancer and the other seven have the Moon in Pisces. This must be significant, mustn't it? Some of us work full-time in the psychic field; others work on a part-time basis. One can find among our collective skills astrologers, palmists, tarot readers, numerologists,

clairvoyants, aura-readers, graphologists, sand-readers etc.. All lunar Pisceans are natural psychics, but it is surprising how many are drawn specifically to work in the field. If you have Sagittarius, Aquarius or Gemini on your birthchart, you will probably want to teach. It seems that the Pisces connection gives one the urge to give gratuitous information to the world. Healing is also a naturally Piscean gift which many of you have.

You may have been born with difficulty, and could have been the youngest child in the family or perhaps an only child. The general feeling is that you were not an especially wanted child and were viewed right from the start as being a nuisance. Your parents would have been up against difficulties when you were very young; these could range from severe financial problems, deaths and tragedies in the family to the kind of situation where one half of the family doesn't talk to the other. There is, actually, strong evidence that you had early experience of the shortness and fragility of life due to the death of a parent or of someone close to you. Some of you would have been born at around the time of a death in the family; wartime births probably occurred during bombing raids!

One way or another, your childhood was rather lonely. Some of you felt yourself to be 'different' in some way, possibly being the only artistic and sensitive child in a household full of very rugged and practical people. Even with nothing tragic or 'out of gear' in the childhood, there was a need to withdraw into your imagination, to get away and spend time on your own. Most of you are avid readers, often attracted to stories about magic or science fiction. Finding it hard to make friends, you could have been badly bullied at school or, worse still, badly bullied in the home. You may have felt embarrassed by your appearance, ie too tall, short, fat, thin, etc.. Somehow, you found it hard to relate to your parents, and may have been afraid of them or of other people around you. There may have been an overemphasis on a particular kind of moral or religious observance, or there is the possibility that you were or you may have been pushed at school further and faster than was comfortable. This would be a difficult situation as your natural inclination was to please your parents and teachers. A few of you were rebels at school and hated authority.

You developed a watchful approach to adults, and learned how to gauge their moods and how best to please them. This could be carried into adult life, making you adept at finding out just how to please people and to manipulate them to suit your own ends. More likely, you would manipulate yourself to suit the other person, and, therefore, never really learn to develop honesty and a sense of reality in personal relationships.

Adolescence is likely to have been a minefield as you learned to adapt to one person after another, not learning to appraise yourself of your own realistic needs and make them plain to others. All this can be sorted out later in life with an increase of awareness and self-awareness; and, to give you your due, you do go to considerable lengths to discover what's wrong and to put things right. Pisces is a sign which is associated with illusion - as you grow and learn, you should learn to channel your illusions into artistic or creative work and out of your dealings with others, especially in the personal sense.

If you have this Moon placement, you may not enjoy the best of health. You could have been weak as a child and have spent a good deal of time alone because of this. Later in life, the legacies of your childhood have a habit of lingering on. Your energies are quickly depleted, and your nerves are delicate. You can suffer from nervous ailments. The traditional problem area for Pisces is the feet; also the lungs. Heart trouble is a possibility; also skin allergies, migraine or asthmatic problems. You may retain water or have blood disorders. I have not yet come across a lunar Piscean with a drink problem, but smoking seems to have a bad effect. An old-fashioned astrology book of mine tells me that you are susceptible to social diseases! Anybody who works with people in a counselling capacity will be able to tell you that social diseases are pretty common and don't apply to any one sign of the zodiac or any one planet.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This placing of the Moon shows the coming together of two forces that are extremely highly-charged. The emotional content of Pisces is powerful, and when the Moon falls in this sign, the responses to all situations will also be emotional. This is not the type of emotion found, for instance, in fiery Aries: it is a very different force, discharged through very different channels and for different reasons.

The individual is easily moved, whether to great happiness or sadness. He or she may be moved to tears by a piece of music that rings nostalgic bells, or affected in an above-average way when scenes of disasters flash onto the television screen. The response will be to do something kind and charitable, perhaps sending hard-earned cash to aid those in distress, even to the point of self-denial.

If creativity is shown in other areas of the chart, this placing will add sensitivity and imagination to the way in which it is expressed. However, the Moon in this sign may weaken the character, encouraging the subject to take the line of least resistance, especially when challenged. As a result, there will be a tendency to tell lies and to be very deceptive - not only towards others, but to the self as well.

When the subject does deceive others, her excuse will be that lies are less hurtful than the truth, and those lies will be told with an astonishing spontaneity. Parents with children who have this placing must be kind and understanding, but very firm indeed, in making their offspring realize that truthfulness is essential.

A warning should be given to the subject that, like those with a Piscean Sun sign or Ascendant, she may react adversely to medically administered drugs. When under stress, she must be strong enough to resist the extra cigarette or drink. Giving way to any form of negative escapism can become a habit that is hard to break.

The positive, caring, sacrificial qualities of this placing will contribute much if the

individual has a sense of vocation. They are also valuable traits if she is involved in any of the caring professions, since the subject will have an understanding of those needing help, and an ability to give a favorable and sympathetic impression to anyone who is underprivileged.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in the sign Pisces indicates a supersensitive emotional nature which acts like a psychic sponge, soaking up the thoughts and emotions of others. This extreme impressionability on the unconscious level makes the person feel psychologically vulnerable, with the result that he withdraws into seclusion to protect himself emotionally. There are strong psychic and mediumistic tendencies; but without consideration of other factors in the chart there can be no guarantee that impressions received are reliable. People with this position have a vivid imagination which can result in poetic, musical, or artistic output. They are generally kind and sympathetic because of their sensitivity to the feelings of others. However, they can be easily hurt and may develop a persecution complex. If the Moon is afflicted in Pisces, there can be neurotic or psychotic tendencies, and irrational dominance by the unconscious mind. In some cases, excessive shyness is indicated.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a sensitive, though potentially evasive, soul. You have the need to be selflessly involved with Other - but this could necessitate acute suffering. You have the instinct to go with the flow - but if there is too much pain you may crave escape. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is willing to make sacrifices, but could play the martyr.

You naturally respond towards Other with great sensitivity and empathy, thus finding a place in Other's heart and what goes on in Other's mind. You respond to difficult and painful experiences in the spirit of redemption, for you know that suffering ultimately heals. You respond to Other's longings, for they resonate with your own.

Your inner child reacts with intense sulks, despair or evasion when it is discovered that your feelings are not understood at all. Therefore, you must seek to understand / express them better yourself. It reacts with a refusal to face the hard facts of the situation; and it reacts when it finds that Other's fantasy turned out to be your nightmare.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who are weak or wounded, sensitive or poetic, and therefore seem in need of your selfless assistance; towards Others who initially promise to be your saviour and the answer to your dreams; and towards Others who are sensitive and subtle, but possibly misfits or escapists - or mad (ie insane).

You can get caught up in relationships which suck you dry, teaching you to be more

discerning and self-preserving in future; in trying desperately to maintain the illusion of how you initially thought Other and the relationship ought to be; and in sorting out reality from fantasy.

When you are alone, it is most probably because you simply cannot take the risk of being hurt any more. However, if you are still hooked on Other and cannot seem to get free of him / her, your time alone would be best used building up a stronger sense of who you are as a separate individual, knowing where you begin and Other ends. This is a prime necessity for you, because without this strong sense of self, that 'melting into one' type of relationship that you crave can merely turn into an identity crisis (again). This is what that hurt actually stems from - getting addicted to Other as a substitute for something that should be your very own. And so some form of creative pursuit or spiritual quest is necessary to achieve this important objective of making one thing of yourself - for you certainly won't make one of yourself and Other until you have done so.

(Skye Alexander)

Your emotions are like the ocean: deep, mysterious, rich with life and constantly changing. You are reluctant, however, to reveal this vast and complex inner side of yourself to even your closest friends and family. Your feelings are easily engaged and easily hurt, so to protect yourself you hide your vulnerability behind a veil of secrecy.

Like a chameleon, you take on the color of your environment, at least in an emotional sense. For this reason, it is important to you for spend as much time as possible with congenial people in harmonious surroundings. You have a tendency toward depression and morbidity; therefore, cheerful, upbeat companions can stimulate more positive feelings in you. Meditation also can help you to centre yourself and develop inner tranquility.

Highly sensitive, you connect with others on an unconscious, emotional level. You actually feel what they feel. This produces a sympathetic and compassionate nature. You cannot bear to see anything hurt, and identify with all the world's weak and helpless creatures. In an effort to help alleviate the suffering of others, you may become involved in humanitarian causes or social programs.

You appear psychic since you seem to 'know' things without being able to explain how. This extrasensory ability can be developed to a high degree, but you must be careful because you are also very impressionable and lack discrimination. You expect yourself to be perfect, and are unforgiving of your own shortcomings. In your heart-of-hearts, you feel unworthy, and it is easy for you to become a martyr. Pisces is sometimes called the sign of self-undoing, and you are all too willing to sacrifice your best interests for someone else, especially for lovers and family members.

You have a vivid imagination and are highly sensitive to color, sound and rhythm. Many

people with Piscean Moons possess artistic talent. In particular, you might be drawn to painting, photography, poetry, music, and film-making or screen acting. Your ability probably revealed itself at an early age, and you seem to express it almost effortlessly. However, you can be lazy about developing your talents. You prefer to dream about the symphonies you'll write or the films you'll make one day rather than working to bring your dreams to fruition.

Somewhat shy and reclusive, you like being alone some of the time. For the artist, this is absolutely necessary. It is also important for spiritual development; and many people with Moon in Pisces are involved in religious pursuits of some sort. Be careful, though, that your retreat into solitude is not an excuse for escaping the demands and harsh realities of the 'real world'.

Your home is a refuge from the stress of the outer world, a place where you can recharge yourself with peace and quiet. You don't really enjoy entertaining at home, and when you do, prefer to see one or two close friends at a time rather than giving large parties. A lover of beauty, you might collect art and other things that appeal to your keen sense of aesthetics. You are less concerned with neatness, however, and your home may be in constant disarray. Some Pisces-Moon people feel that acquiring earthly possessions is materialistic, and spurn creature comforts to live in monkish austerity.

There was probably some instability in your childhood home: an absent or alcoholic parent, poverty, mental illness, or perhaps parents who were not emotionally supportive of you. You may have felt helpless or defenceless, alone, even fearful. As a result, you grew up with a sense of insecurity that still exists, deeply-rooted, in adulthood. Perhaps your mother (or the nurturing parent) was weak, ineffectual or ill. Perhaps she was absent from your life, physically or emotionally unavailable when you needed her.

The forgiving nature of Pisces, however, will let you apologize for your mother's ineptitude; and, regardless of the facts, you probably believe she was a kind and loving parent - even a saint. In some cases, this can be true, for Pisces is also the sign of the saint. Indeed, your mother may have been a kindly, compassionate individual who was always raising money to help the poor, or doing charity work, or caring for others in some way - while neglecting her own children.

With your own children, you are usually too lenient. Though generous and loving, you sometimes fail to provide them with the structure and discipline they need. You also tend to worry too much about them and can be overly protective.

Your 'mothering' is not limited to your own family. You want to nurture and protect everyone in need; stray animals, homeless street people, and starving refugees in third world countries. People with problems seek you out, and you always offer a shoulder to cry on. Easy prey for the unscrupulous, you need to discriminate between those who genuinely need your help and those who are taking advantage of you. You also must

learn not to feel guilty if you refuse to help someone.

This is especially true in close personal relationships. Sympathetic to those who have problems, you believe your love can cure them. The expression 'love is blind' can be applied to you. Romantic and overly-idealistic, you have difficulty seeing your partners as they really are. You prefer to view them in the light of your fantasies, as your fairy princesses or knights in shining armor; and you constantly seek the perfect lover.

It is usually easier for women with this Moon placement to express Piscean characteristics. Men who don't connect with the energy in themselves might be drawn to women who are gentle, submissive, idealistic, artistic, and / or spiritually inclined.

(Isabel Hickey)

Visionary. Dreamer. Romantic, sensitive, emotionally posited with a divine discontent that nothing of this world will take away. Poetical and mystical, if unafflicted. Makes a great gentleness in the person, but doesn't help in a worldly sense. Good for musicians and artists for this gives a greatly heightened sensitivity to life. A great sympathy for the underdog. Suffering through the emotions, for this position of the Moon is difficult. Needs to strengthen the will in order to withstand the impact of negative vibrations from others. In a male chart, attracts a sensitive and sentimental feminine. Not overstrong physically.

Moon ☾ in 10th House

(Haydn Paul)

You may feel a need to achieve recognition, public status, and success; and these high expectations are influential and motivating forces which determine many of your eventual choices and decisions.

The primary source of this may come from childhood experiences, where your parents held high ambitions for your future, whether realistically or not. This may be related to your 'social class', and to parental aspirations. You may have received projections of parental wish-fulfillment, especially from your mother, who may have wanted you to achieve or experience something that she was unable to reach. It may be that the life you have been living is a reflection of parental desires rather than resulting from your own needs and desires. One way of determining this is to evaluate how satisfying your life-style feels. If it does not satisfy, first define your attitudes and try to establish if they are actually yours or have been absorbed unconsciously from others. If they are conditioned attitudes, consider if they are still suitable or should be changed. If they are your attitudes, reconsider your objectives and aims, or refocus with greater determination to achieve them.

You seek approval from others, as if you were a child wanting reassurance from parents. In so doing, you conform to others' expectations of you, and often deny your feelings, instincts, and freedom. If social approval is achieved, you feel more secure, developing a sense of community and belonging; you need to feel wanted and safe, and may gravitate toward careers that have a high social profile or status. Becoming an authority in some sphere is attractive, and having others rely on you also appeals. You are extremely concerned about what others think about you. By trying to ensure that only good opinions are formed, you create a persona that reflects a social image appropriate to your role. If taken to extremes, this can cause severe personality repression of characteristics that fail to match this ideal. This can also create personality fragmentation, and should be avoided.

Become a whole person; acknowledge your totality and do not condemn any part as failing to meet expectations, your own or those of others. You need greater selfinsight, identifying deeper needs which demand satisfaction and nurture, and taking time to fulfill them. The result will be extremely beneficial and will allow integration through defining your identity. Self-denial is a route toward fragmentation, and is an unwise action which sows seeds for eventual suffering. You need to accept and love yourself, becoming less dependent on the transient or inaccurate opinions of others; living from your own light is more revealing than living through reflected light.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the Moon gives a hunger for success, prestige, and renown. People with the Moon at the top of the chart often have most success working with or for women. A woman - whether their mother or someone else - may influence their choice of a career and help them get started.

Women with this position rarely remain financially dependent on their husbands. Usually they start early to earn their own living, and even with children, generally keep on working, often managing a full-time career. They are usually good at organizing and managing others, especially other women. Often, they marry men who depend on them, at least the first time, as it is a pleasure, at first, to be looked up to as the organizer and protector. Later, they usually want to escape from such a relationship; not to one where they are dependent on a man, but to a wider sphere for their managerial talents. They don't relish dependency, and have little respect for those who do. With the Moon in a Water sign, they may understand emotional dependency - but they will still want out.

Men with the Moon in the tenth often marry women with more drive and ambition for them than they have for themselves. Often, they will go into business as a team, with her providing the ideas and drive. In any case, she generally 'wears the pants'. Such men often have strong-minded and ambitious mothers as well. It is usually best for men with this lunar position to wait until their careers are established before they marry. This way,

they will meet their mates working in their own career field, and the working relationship will be the foundation of their emotional lives. Whatever their relationships with women, they will find it hard to keep them private. Somehow the spotlight always finds them.

People with the Moon in the tenth house have a feeling for the public. They know instinctively what 'the people' need and want, and are clever at molding themselves into an image that will arouse public enthusiasm. The public gives its heart to those who somehow can express what it feels but cannot express for itself.

This placement is a very strong testimonial to a public career, although supportive aspects are necessary to make it permanent and successful because there are facets other than popularity that must be present. With just a tenth house Moon, there may be too great a hunger for popularity for its own sake. If so, they may appear to have no strong will of their own.

With squares, oppositions, or inconjuncts to the Moon, there is a tendency to a loss of self-control under pressure that can bring unfortunate results.

(Bill Herbst)

Collective responsibility: Maternal energy is quite powerful in your personality, although you may not always recognize it in operation, since it's so natural for you to express. Taking care of others is a deep imprint, a responsibility you took on early, usually in reaction to your mother. In moderation, she may have been a constant presence, an unflagging model of dignified, receptive strength. In the extremes, she might have been strong and overly protective, or she could have been missing, weak, or inadequate to your needs. In any condition, you learned that it was your job to take care of others. Your protection is not limited to those in your personal life; it goes much further. It is a need to be responsive to the troubles of the world. You draw out the child within everyone, and this can be heartwarming or tragic, depending on how you do it. Your challenge is to be responsive and nurturing in ways that foster strength, and to do so spontaneously without conscious effort.

Professional ambition: Your orientation toward social status will typically be somewhat conservative, since safety is very important here. Any you may be subject to worry or greater than ordinary day-to-day concern with keeping your career world in smooth running order, since regular maintenance is at the heart of this placement. As for the actual profession you might choose, it's more natural to provide a service than to produce a product, since you're more oriented toward people than toward things. You could succeed in any profession where protection, survival, or the fulfillment of personal needs is involved. Ambition is linked with personal security.

Missions and messages: The combination of vulnerable softness under a strong, defensive surface is so radiant in your personality that others receive a universal

message. Your personal emotions are sometimes downplayed to near-invisibility; but your continual concern for the care of others' feelings is very visible. Our awareness of the basic human need for protection is stimulated when we're in your presence. We learn about mothering from you, either how to do it well, or how not to do it. In either case, your mission is to show us the meaning, process, and effects of maternal influence, the power of early imprints, and the importance of security, for better or worse.

'Outer-link' parent: The classical parental roles may have been reversed in your family. It's likely that your mother played the dominant role in your external conditioning, in the imprint of beliefs about the outside world. It's possible that your father was a feminine figure, more of a warm nurturer than a firm structuring force; but this is somewhat less likely than the first condition. The reversal itself does not present any particular problems, although it does tend to unify what are ordinarily differentiated roles of fathering and mothering.

Authority: You believe that the correct role of authority is to protect, to make secure, and to provide strength in emergencies. Your own need to be in an authoritative position is strong, but not totally conscious. In fact, you may experience conflict when you have to make a conscious choice about authority or power, since you're more comfortable just responding instinctively to what you see as others' needs.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a strong need to be involved with the public in your career; but you are easily distressed when people react unfavorably to your efforts. You sincerely want to be helpful, so don't worry if others criticize your methods. That happens to anyone who works with the public, so don't feel you are being singled out in this regard. When you see human suffering, you react instinctively to get the wheels turning right away to provide whatever help is needed. It makes you happy to know that you have provided a valuable service when it was needed most. Since you are devoted to the demands of your career, it should be spiritually uplifting to know that many people consider you indispensable.

No one understands people as well as you do; and your sympathetic concern makes you qualified to help them with their problems. Because of this faculty, people seek your advice, for they know you will do everything you can for them. All your life you will have to cope with this kind of situation. You may dream of the day when you can think only of yourself; but probably there will always be someone who needs your help, and you won't have the heart to refuse. For your own protection, however, it is imperative that you insulate yourself somewhat to avoid the crisis of becoming so overburdened that you lose contact with reality. You have to learn to allow yourself time and energy to use in the way you want; you need to reserve space for yourself. You should not feel guilty when you say 'no' to people who always expect you to agree to help them - it's a matter of personal survival.

You face the dilemma of trying to accommodate the demands of your career with your family's needs. You are bothered by the fact that your career sometimes intrudes on your close relationships and causes distress to your partner. If your partner is understanding, this situation should not cause too much tension between you. It is important not to lose your own identity while helping others. While it is good that you consider other people's needs as most urgent, it may mean that your own priorities will have to come second. But don't feel guilty for not doing all you can under the circumstances.

With your skill in management, you will find a way to satisfy your responsibilities to your children and family and still remain active in the career that you have chosen, which is commendable. But don't forget that you are important, too, and that you have an obligation to develop your ideas so they will serve your goals and ambitions. You shouldn't sacrifice your objectives simply because others feel they deserve your attention.

You are probably more qualified than you know; and you will receive deserved recognition for your accomplishments. Because of your natural feelings of inadequacy, you will always try harder than others to live up to the public's expectations. You have a vast storehouse of valuable information that will help you when you need it most and expect it least. Don't forget to put aside time and space for yourself; and don't let people talk you into indulging them. You deserve some time to indulge yourself without feeling guilty about it.

(Howard Sasportas)

As children, our well-being depends on our mother loving us. Those with the Moon in the 10th project the 'mother' onto the world: their safety and security needs are linked to issues of profession and status. They are extremely sensitive about their reputations, standing before the public, and what people think about them in general. No matter how mature and self-sufficient they appear, inside is a little boy or girl looking up to the mother / world and asking to be loved. Squares and oppositions to the Moon in the 10th denote other parts of the person which frustrate or do not necessarily gel with what winning that approval requires.

The person with the Moon in the 10th often exhibits, through gestures and movements, a close identification with the mother. As children, they are exceptionally responsive to her physical and emotional life. Later on, some people with this placement may even become like mothers to their own mothers. At some point, they need to sort out just where mother ends and they begin, by defining their own space and physical reality.

The career or profession may reflect mothering qualities: serving and catering to other people's needs, feeding them, housing them, nursing them, etc.. Career issues will elicit

and expose their feelings and emotions. Bosses or authority figures may be the target for unresolved problems with the mother or parents in general.

Some may look to the world to mother them via the welfare state. There will be a sensitivity to the moods of the public, and a potential to sway the feelings of the masses.

Mercury ♀ in ♎ Libra 6° 59'

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

He wants things in order, but is not necessarily an orderly individual. He knows how to appeal to the public in general but is often puzzled when dealing with individuals. He

possesses good taste and favors quality over quantity - he does not appear attracted to bargains.

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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

Your beliefs and attitudes are usually quite traditional and conservative; and you tend to accept the party line rather than diverging in any unique, individual way. This is partially

because you don't want to cause friction or seem disagreeable, but also because you are easily convinced by those who have strong opinions and express them forcefully. At best you are open-minded; at worst vacillating and weak-willed.

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The thinking processes tend to be slowed down here; and although there is always increased sympathy, understanding and a desire to communicate with friends and loved

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

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

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

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

Static

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

Dynamic

By focusing on your point of view and sharing your independent opinion, you can discover the spontaneous awareness of your impact when communicating with others.

Concentrating on what needs to be said rather than on what you think other people want to hear can contribute the justice, truth and balance required by the situation. You then may discover that you have a natural talent for diplomacy and communication that spontaneously restores harmony without compromising any sense of personal integrity.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a fair, though potentially superficial, mind.

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

(Robert Hand)

You make up your mind very carefully, for you don't like to jump to conclusions. You prefer to spend as much time as possible looking at each choice and weighing every

point of view. This can be very useful, but sometimes you take so long that other people get impatient. Every choice looks so good that you find it difficult to choose. Whenever two points of view conflict, you prefer to compromise and combine the two, rather than reject one of them. You are moderate in everything you do, and won't every go to extremes.

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

(Freda Edis)

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

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Thoughts are expressed clearly and impartially.

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

Mercury in Libra gives a flair for knowing what to say, the *savoir faire* to say it gracefully, and an easygoing air of assurance that one's words will be well-received. This individual will attend to the fine points of a literary or artistic production because he can see how each detail enhances the whole picture. He thinks in terms of balancing related groups of elements so that each one complements the rest. His mind is less concerned with particulars than with the overall patterns which endow individual forms with value and

significance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

This is a masculine, positive type of mind, so it is better in a man's chart than in a female chart. In a female chart, it shows an over-masculinity that needs the building in of a more

feminine attitude. It can be a very positive type of mind and yet at the same time inwardly indecisive and vacillating. It gives judgement; and there is sensitivity and pliancy on the surface. Tendency to fussiness because aesthetic sense is highly developed. A strong perfectionism which isn't too comfortable to live with. This position does help to stabilize Mercury, for Saturn is exalted in this sign. Do not be surprised to see a strong Saturnian trend in those who have planets in Libra. Remember: Saturn is exalted in Libra.

Mercury ♿ in 5th House

(Freda Edis)

In the fifth house, Mercury can lead to the development of a mind interested in open, perhaps dramatic and creative forms of expression, particularly where there is a capacity for literary pursuits or activities of skill and strategy. There is often an interest in children or in the abilities of the young for people with this placement. Recreational activities are also seen as creative, and so is the possibility of romance. These people may be fast and precise thinkers in any artistic, literary or recreational endeavours they undertake. The appollonian qualities of a bright vitality are added to the intellectual abilities of Mercury when the two gods meet in myth. The exchange between them is, by turn, angry, witty, conciliatory, creative and interesting.

Aspects to Mercury in this house may influence the ability to think flexibly and creatively. Signs on the cusp of the fifth, too, can also affect the way Mercury works here. Mercury with Taurus may slow down the mind's ability to make creative connections quickly, but could enhance the capacity to produce something worthwhile in tangible form. Mercury with Aquarius would indicate an intuitive, original mind which might need to direct its creativity towards some humanitarian goal.

People with this placement are most often driven to produce at the creative level, as Hermes was when he made the lyre from a tortoise's shell. The difficulty is that people who are as inventive may find that they are engaging in separate activities which seem to have little connection between them; perhaps there is also an overemphasis in one area to the detriment of others. The interconnectedness of fifth house activities is important for these people because it enhances their mental perceptions. They easily identify with a need for continual and enthusiastic creation and recognition.

The myth of Amphion shows something of the fifth house attributes of creativity. He had connections with both Hermes and Apollon. Hermes had given him a lyre because he was devoted to the god's worship; but Amphion was often teased for playing it by Zethus, his brother, because it distracted him from work. But after the brothers had captured Thebes and dethroned the king, Amphion built the lower city by playing his lyre. The power of the

sound shifted the stones into place, one on top of the other, so that the city was built in record time. Faith in the good gift bestowed by the god meant that Amphion was in a good position to profit from his creativity, provided that the gods were continually honoured.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position of Mercury is a powerful testimony to creativity. These are sturdy souls. They will never be downed by circumstances alone. In fact, they are often stimulated by difficulties to rise above them in a creative fashion, so they may actually seek trouble in some way so that this faculty will find expression, to the despair of less adventurous friends and relatives.

This Mercury adds flair to the style and charisma to the personality. They rarely look to others for answers. They have a deep belief in the creative powers of the self, and are only too eager to use them. They must develop some area where this boldly innovative drive can be put to use, or they will run headlong into difficulties with more conservative types. This is a very good position for artists, writers, lecturers, entertainers, etc.. They do not work well in a career in harness with others, unless there is another area of life where there is total working freedom.

Usually attractive physically, they may have a number of romances and affairs, though this energy is often translated into artistic efforts. If Mercury is near the sixth house cusp, there is also a tremendous capacity for hard work.

These people make excellent teachers. If they do not teach as a career - and bureaucratic constraints unfortunately often cause these naturally gifted teachers to flee the profession - they will somehow manage to arrange their lives so that they can do some teaching along the way. Children and young people are very important to them. If Mercury is under pressure from Mars, Saturn, or Uranus, parenthood may be denied, which will bring grief because they will be greatly desired. In this case, they will usually settle for adoption, or helping children or young people in some other way. They are usually attractive to children and younger people all their lives.

They are inclined to take chances and risks, drive fast, and race cars or horses, or at least admire those who do. They are romantics all their lives, scorning as dull the everyday routines that most people cling to.

(Bill Herbst)

Conscious persona: Mercury in the 5th house reveals you to be a performer of the mind, someone capable of mental pyrotechnics or verbal gymnastics. You imagine every communication to be delivered to an audience, as in a speech or press conference; and you have a heightened awareness that words are the most creative part of your act. The

pitfalls are mental vanity and pedantic overkill, while the challenge is to develop a charismatic and conscious sense of mind and its presentation.

Romance, giving love: Where love is concerned, you are a poet, a magician of words. Courtship exists between the minds; and what is said is of much greater importance than what is done. There is acceleration in the urgency of loving, as the nervous system galvanizes instantly to the clarion call of romance. On levels other than mental, however, love is cooled, and that is a consistent pitfall. Stimulus and imagery are the keys here; flirtation in the mind becomes an art. The challenge, of course, is to reach deeply into the thoughts of your beloved, penetrating both your thoughts about her and her thoughts about everything. To win the heart, you must fascinate the mind.

Sexual performance: The act of making love is something you think about - before, during, and after. Technique is critical; and your mind works overtime to develop scenarios for successful sexual performance. Communication is as important as touch, often more so, because for you, making love is like 'dancing in the mind'. There is usually a quicksilver attitude here, an air of slight detachment from the act itself, almost as if you were a photographer recording the experience. And like a photographer, there is a sense of rushing to the next image, capturing the perfect pose one moment, then moving on. Mercury does not savor, but rather forms a rapidly moving collection of images, so the pitfall is subtle voyeurism. The challenge is first to satisfy the hunger of your nervous system for the stimulation of beautiful images, then to convey that beauty back to your beloved.

Personal creativity: Your mind is involved in any creative endeavors. However, Mercury's placement here indicates little about the use of your full intelligence. Instead, the focus is on quickness of perception, facility with words, and wit. The sign placement and aspects are of special significance in determining your motivation and style. For example, you could be light and playful, producing enjoyment as your main creative products, or you could be serious and intense, working on creative projects that require intricate schedules and strategies. The challenge is to create new ways to communicate emotional realities.

Competition: Competition is exciting to your nervous system. You are stimulated by mental competition, enjoying the gymnastics of mental skill. You risk much more verbally than any other way, often through intricate games of logic and strategy. The pitfall lies in 'talking the talk' without really being able to 'walk the walk'; you sound like you're a confident and willing risker when you may only be playing a game of words. The challenge is not to conquer others with a show of brilliance, but to fully engage them so the games can continue.

(Robert Pelletier)

Even though you are aware of your enormous creative potential, you tend to postpone

doing something worthwhile with it. You are inclined to put off committing yourself, preferring to indulge in activities that serve only your own selfish interests. You tend to change the subject when someone puts you on the defensive about your lack of determination in applying yourself toward some goal. But you are sure that when the 'right time' comes you will demonstrate your talent to everyone. You know what with a little luck you will prove your point. You enjoy being free, and you realize that when you make a commitment, you are bound by it. Since you often lose interest when the novelty of a project wears off, you want time to decide on your life direction. A career that brings you into close contact with the public would give you the opportunity to put your best foot forward. You express yourself so dramatically that people are impressed, which should indicate the nature of your career interests.

You know yourself better than most people know themselves, but you will feel more guilty if you fail to live up to your considerable creative and intellectual gifts. You have special talents for direct communication and writing. You can devise many ways to exploit your creative imagination in your career and personal life. Since you need to know that other people appreciate your efforts in their behalf, you may choose a profession that brings you into close contact with the public. This would give you first-hand knowledge of how effective you are in helping people, which would be enormously gratifying. You are basically a very friendly person; and it would be surprising if you became alienated from anyone, even your competitors.

Once you grow up and realize that there is a time to play and a time to work, you will find a way to stand on your own. Freedom is priceless, but you must earn it by being willing to work and contribute what you can do others. Your future financial independence rests solely on resigning yourself to this fact. There are few gifts that come without having to make some exchange in return. You have much creative potential, which you can use in worthwhile endeavors that will bring you security in your later years. Take your cue from well-meaning friends who have succeeded in reaching their goals. Once you start getting feedback from your efforts, you will have the necessary stimulus to persist. Accepting responsibility in this task is a major requirement.

You are afraid that you will not make a lasting impression on people; but you pretend that nothing bothers you. The truth is, you want to be in control of every situation. However, there are times when you are unwilling to sacrifice your personal pleasures as a necessary investment in your career. Your carefree attitude sometimes suggests that you don't want to pay the price of fulfilling your potential. You think too much about problems that are imaginary rather than real.

Your domestic environment gave you certain advantages, although it probably delayed your maturing by contributing to your laissez-faire attitude. Be grateful that you were able to indulge yourself in your youth, but realize that achieving on your own terms means hard work now. You may have many excuses for not applying yourself, but there are probably few valid reasons.

(Howard Sasportas)

Creative pursuits, hobbies and recreational outlets are the means of becoming more conscious of the self and the environment. Some form of artistic expression may be the medium through which this person sees, thinks, feels and communicates. For those with this placement, experience is more richly understood and better digested if it can be described in poetic words, drawn, sung about or danced. Knowledge is passed on from generation to generation in this way.

Expanding the mind through knowledge and developing the ability to communicate and convey ideas contribute to greater self-fulfilment with Mercury in this position. Mental amusements such as chess, scrabble and other games of strategy and wit might be typical 5th house Mercury pursuits. Gymnastics, track and field events, and those sports which involve precision teamwork such as basketball also come to mind. Mercury's restlessness and need for variety can manifest itself in an active romantic life. The flame of romance is probably kept burning longer if the other person is mentally stimulating. Flattering those with Mercury in the 5th about the acuity and breadth of their knowledge or their brilliant way of putting things will get you everywhere.

Parents with this placement normally foster the intellectual abilities of their children, and both probably have a lot to learn from one another. The parent-child relationship may blossom when the child is older and increasingly able to communicate and exchange ideas. Mercury in the 5th makes a good teacher or educator of young people; and I have often seen this placement in the charts of those who work especially well with adolescents.

Venus ♀ in ♉ Taurus 15° 24'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you place an obsessive value on comfort in social situations, it may result in withholding possessions from others. This deprives you both of the the benefits of sharing your Taurus talents for accumulating material things. Repressing the obligation to share your belongings leads to a lack of confidence in your ability to acquire more material goods for yourself.

At certain times, you might hold back your special sensitivities to the tactile, sensual part of life due to feeling unable to share them. This may result in a lack of enjoyment in relations with others.

Dynamic

You can take the initiative to share both your material possessions and your ability for the organization and accumulation of goods. Initiative well-taken leads to the stabilizing effect of reflected merit. Additionally, you gain a feeling of social worth and material security in your life by verbally sharing value systems that have brought you stability.

As you become aware of other people's psychological insecurities concerning their own importance, you are able to validate them. Consequently, the realization of your true benefit to others can emerge. When you share your gift of sensual sensitivity to life through a form of sensual contact with others, you experience the pleasure and satisfaction of physically extending yourself to add comfort to the social environment.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Venus is in dignity in Taurus; and someone with this placement will have the most developed sensuality of all the signs. Someone with Venus in Taurus will take pleasure in his / her own body and be grounded in all his / her physical needs, for food, warmth, comfort and physical contact. He / she will be tuned in to all that touch can convey. He / she will use touch in everyday life to express love, to show care and concern, and to give comfort and reassurance, as well as to give pleasure.

Like all the Earth signs, Venus in Taurus is slow to get involved in a relationship; and commitment will be very important to him / her. These people are capable of great loyalty to a partner, and will want this reciprocated. Once involved, they remain steadfast in their affections. They are likely to be possessive, and easily become very jealous if anyone threatens their relationship. People with Venus in Taurus tend to regard a partner as a possession, wanting to retain his / her affection inasmuch as they value and want to hold on to all that they acquire. Once involved, they do not easily give up on a relationship, even one that has become quite bad.

Sensual contact will be an important part of a relationship for someone with Venus in Taurus. There is a propensity for decadence and laziness here; an ability to simply 'be' and do nothing for long stretches of time. If anyone is expert in the art of relaxation, it is someone with Venus in Taurus.

Venus in Taurus people will be very security-conscious, particularly when it comes to material security, and will want stable and comfortable surroundings. Some will have very high standards of comfort, leaning towards the luxurious, while others will be more basic and have the ability to make even the humblest surroundings comfortable. Within a relationship, they will also show their love and affection by tending to their partner's comfort.

People with Venus in Taurus can have very expensive tastes. They may enjoy good

food and expensive restaurants. They may use and prefer the more exclusive perfumes or aftershaves. There may be a genuine appreciation of the best things in life. They value their attractiveness and enhance it. They will dress well and will appreciate well-cut, well-made clothes, preferring the textures of natural fabrics. Their sensitivity to touch will mean they appreciate the feel of silk and cashmere, as well as cotton and wool. They will notice how clothes hang and move; and for these reasons, if they can afford to, they may prefer to buy designer clothes.

Money, and a prospective partner's wealth, may be important to someone with Venus in Taurus, particularly insofar as it impinges on him / her feeling appreciated and valued. These people appreciate tangible love tokens, preferring gifts that have permanence, that they can hold onto, and that show how much they are loved. While a gift does not have to be expensive, and anything that is invested with meaning can act in this way, nevertheless the saying 'diamonds are a girl's best friend' must have been said of a woman with Venus in Taurus.

(Skye Alexander)

With Venus in this earthy, luxury-loving sign, you have a tendency to indulge yourself in all sorts of sensual pleasures. You love good food and wine, beautiful clothing, fine furnishings, good sex, massage - everything that delights the senses. You appreciate the physical world as no other sign can, and experience it in a straight-forward, tactile way. If you can't touch it, taste it, hear it, smell it, you're not satisfied.

Because you so love beautiful things (and want to own as many as possible), you often find yourself in debt. You rarely ask how much something costs and have to deny yourself anything. You have innate good taste, dress well, and decorate your home opulently, proudly displaying your possessions rather as an athlete showcases trophies. Because of your luxury-loving lifestyle, you might put a prospective partner's financial portfolio first on your list of desirable qualities.

You may express your love of beauty in some artistic way, such as painting or sculpture, music (especially singing, since Taurus rules the throat), dance, architecture, interior or fashion design, landscaping, or floral arranging. Most probably, you have an affinity with nature and love plants and flowers.

Love relationships are extremely important to you; so important that you aren't always very discriminating in your choice of partners and often settle for any 'warm body'. You want constant companionship, and aren't willing to give a partner much space. At times, your lover may feel he / she is just another one of your possessions. Faithful and devoted to those you love, you keep on showering him / her with affection; once you've set your sights on someone, you won't take 'no' for an answer. Often you succeed in wearing down your loved one's resistance with your dogged persistence; but you need to guard against being too cloying and demanding.

You have a strong sex drive and a down-to-earth, natural attitude toward sexual expression; for you, satisfying your sexual desires is just like satisfying any other appetite. You also are affectionate and romantic, and seem to possess an innate understanding of how to please a partner physically.

With those you care about, you are generous to a fault, always buying them gifts, fixing them gourmet meals, and taking care of all their physical needs. Nothing makes you happier than caring for your loved ones; and unless you have planets in some of the more individualistic signs such as Aries, Leo or Aquarius, you may sacrifice your own best interests for others'.

Women with Venus in Taurus tend to hold traditional views of relationships and a 'woman's place' in life. You look at a relationship as an investment, and expect a good return; there's no reason to waste time on a love affair that won't lead to marriage and security. This planetary placement suggests a degree of dependency, and it is quite likely that you want your partner to support you in high style. The career world doesn't beckon to you as it does your Arien or Aquarian sisters. You are concerned with presenting a conventionally feminine image, and probably spend much time and money on your appearance. However, you don't like exercise much (unless your Sun is in Aries), and can be quite lazy. Thus, you may have a problem keeping your weight down, since you probably like to cook and enjoy rich food.

Men with this planetary position find the Rubenesque woman most appealing. No modelthin, androgynous females for you - you like your women voluptuous, even plump. Nor do you enjoy partners who are independent or assertive. Your feminine ideal is sweettempered, sensual, seductive and passive. If she's also a good cook, all the better.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Taurus gives constant, lasting affections. Emotional security and stability in love are important for the natives. They are loyal and steadfast, although they can be possessive and jealous if their emotional security is threatened. Their sense of touch is highly developed, and they enjoy physical contact with their loved ones; but they are sensual in a passive way, seeking to attract rather than pursue the love object.

Venus in Taurus gives a love of comfort, luxury, beautiful surroundings, good food, and opulence in general. Therefore, the money that makes such things possible is important to these people. Because the Moon, which rules the domestic scene, is exalted in Taurus, they seek to make their homes beautiful and artistic. Personal beauty is important to them too, and they seek to make themselves as attractive and youthful as possible. Even hippies with this Venus position will wear beautiful jewellery or an expensive piece of clothing.

With this position of Venus, there is an innate sense of the value of material objects, and an ability to make purchases of beauty and long-lasting quality. Because these people tend to like material things, they may engage in businesses dealing with art and luxury goods. They can be attracted to artistic expressions in which they can directly mold the materials; painters and sculptors often have Venus placed in this sign.

Natives feel a close kinship with the earth, and gain pleasure and solace from flowers, trees, and other plants. They may take up gardening or growing flowers as a hobby.

As Taurus rules the throat and larynx, and Venus confers grace and beauty, many people with Venus in Taurus have rich, melodious voices. Talented singers are likely to have this placement of Venus.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Venus rules this sign, so its influence will be increased by this placing. The individual is loving, warm and affectionate, and makes a passive, sensual and romantic partner; but the Taurean possessiveness will incline him or her to think of the loved one as another much-cherished belonging. Material possessions will be extremely important, since they contribute a measure of security and stability. There will be much hard work to achieve luxury and comfort, but if it is possible to make money easily, the subject will be keen to do so, since a liking for relaxation is common. Often there is talent for, and appreciation of, music, combined with a general love of beauty, art and good living - especially for food.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, Venus here adds stability, and is a good counter to Piscean elusiveness. The emotions are steady and tempered with common sense and fiscal ability. A practical approach to both love and financial matters is often present, and the placing will add to the creative flair of Pisces, helping to give it concrete form. As a friend, the subject is more reliable than most Sun sign Pisceans, but an element of possessiveness may emerge within relationships.

If the Sun sign is Aries, this placing will increase the affection and add seething passion. The subject approaches love affairs with surprising caution, but must realize that selfishness and possessiveness can cause more damage than might be imagined. Enthusiasm and prudence should be combined to get the best of this placing, both emotionally and materially. Here is an excellent friend who is good company, with an infectious enjoyment of life. Financial enterprise is combined with care.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, the Taurean characteristics are very prominent and could outweigh the power of the Ascendant. Love and the attitude towards money and its making are as described for Venus in Taurus generally above, with all Sun sign characteristics complementing, enhancing or exaggerating those of Venus in Taurus. The metabolism could be slow, and Taurean ailments may be present. The weight

should be strictly controlled by restricting the intake of rich food. Financial and emotional security are of vital importance.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, Venus in Taurus increases the Gemini emotional level, but can cause problems, since the individual must learn to express his or her emotions and not over-rationalize them. The subject will try very hard to counter any possessiveness. Here is a lively, talkative friend who will enjoy organizing events. A liking for luxury will prove expensive. Quick Gemini wit will complement the Taurean business ability.

If the Sun sign is Cancer, there is marvellous potential for being a caring, sensitive and extremely sensual lover. However, the Cancerian tendency to cherish and protect, combined with a Taurean leaning toward possessiveness, can create highly claustrophobic conditions within a relationship and have an adverse effect on family life. This is a friend who is faithful but easily offended. Business potential is superb, with Cancerian shrewdness adding to Venusian flair.

(Grant Lewi)

You have a robust, physical, sensuous (or sensual) response to emotional vibrations. You are demonstrative, affectionate and passionate. You love to touch, to hold and to be held by the loved one. You are both sensational and passionate; to know the difference, and to let the true instinct relace the false one, is to achieve mastery of yourself and of others. Plenty of love addicts have this position; to them, love means physical enjoyment and little more. Raised to its best, this position of Venus enables you to elevate physical earthly love to a high spiritual plane and to understand the beauty of true union in a union of true beauty. You understand love deeply; you accept it with your whole being, are content to express it wordlessly, and value love's silences more than its speeches. You know both ecstasy and despair of love; and you cling to a love once given and received with unbelievable tenacity, even in the face of great obstacles. You believe in love, in its earthly as well as its spiritual form, and will not be content till you have found both in one individual. Your emotional responses color your whole life; all sense reactions are intensified by this position, and your love of color, art, music and beauty in any form relates directly to the creative impulse which draws on, and interpretes to you, all the experiences that earth has to offer.

(Syndey Omarr)

Venus in Taurus paints the picture of strong emotions - the native is more intuitive than intellectual. There is a need for greater self-control of his emotions. He tends to give of himself too much and thus is 'taken in'. He must learn to think as well as feel. The astrologer should help him realize that he cannot be all things to all people. He feels he needs things, people, emotions - when, in actuality, what he may need is a more simple, direct approach to life and its problems and joys. He is physically attractive, and responsive to physical attraction. This trait can spell trouble if it goes unchecked.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a loyal, though potentially possessive, lover. Love for you is something that has to be physical and sensual, and to involve some material comforts and wherewithal too. You also want it to be solid and lasting, with possibly traditional or close-to-Nature undertones. However, without taking a look at the more spiritual aspects of relating, you could be consigning yourself to being in a dull, gross and possessive relationship. Such blind indulgence would amount to mere fancy.

You attract with a rich, earthy appeal that promises pleasure and ultimate satisfaction; with a feeling that you are solid and reliable and not given to flightiness or unpredictability; and with a natural beauty or handsomeness that is erotic but not threatening.

You repel with a possessiveness that prevents you from seeing who Other is as a person in his / her own right; with a need for security that eclipses any sense of mystery or excitement; and with jealousy born of lacking a sense of your inner worth.

You are attracted to very tactile types who display a traditional sense of the romantic; to Others who have artistic talent / awareness, and especially good singing or speaking voices; and to natural qualities, good living, creature comforts and material stability.

You are repelled by a lack of physical affection or a poor sense of touch; by philistines with no sense of beauty or love of Nature; and by synthetic, ultra-modern or newfangled lifestyles, and Others who have such.

When you are alone, it is quite likely that you are still actually with someone but are alone in the sense that Other is no longer the company he / she was, or even the company in which you wish to be. The reason for this is that in concentrating, consciously or unconsciously, on having material stability or outer appeal in a relationship and partner, you have overlooked the importance of the inner person or quality. Your aloneness, whether you are still with someone or not, is in aid of forcing this spiritual or psychological consideration upon you. A variation upon this theme, which applies mainly if you are entirely alone, is that you hold Other to be some object of love that you wish to own or admire from afar. Such an attitude is bound to maintain that very distance interminable, so you need to get down to a more honest, physical level of loving and relating.

(John Townley)

Your appetite for love is fairly consistent, and ideally you should have a lover whose attentions are unflagging and whose style is consistent from day to day. For this same reason, it is a good idea always to have a partner, even if the relationship is not

permanent. Prolonged abstinence is very hard for you to endure, and you may compensate by overindulging in some other area, such as eating.

You take great delight in surrounding your lovemaking with a varied array of sensory pleasures; heavy velvet fabrics or musty perfumes enrich the experience and prolong the atmosphere well after physical loving is over, allowing both of you to savor and review your intimacy. Physical surroundings can be a gold mine of sensory potential for enhancing sexuality, and you can delight in and take advantage of that fact.

You admire strength in a lover, not necessarily physical power but inner stamina, a heart of oak. You need to admire your partner and feel sure that he or she is durable and independent, someone who can love you without leaning on you. It would take a larger-than-life personality to fulfill your ideal, so try to be understanding when your partner doesn't live up to your highest expectations - nobody's perfect.

(Robert Hand)

You are a very warm person who forms lasting attachments to others. Your affections don't change easily; and even if you lose respect for a friend, you will continue to like that person in spite of his or her faults. The only problem is that you want the friend you are with to pay attention to you alone and not be with anyone else at the same time. You will have to learn to be less possessive.

You are very fond of beautiful things and luxury. You like a good, comfortable chair where you can relax and have a delicious snack. But be careful about snacks, for you probably have a sweet tooth, and too many sweets are not good for you. Also, you may tend to put on weight. You may even eat too much of foods that are not good for you. Try not to indulge yourself so much, not only in eating but also in buying things. In general, you find it difficult to say 'no' to anything you want, and you often justify this by saying you deserve it. You must realize that you will have to work to get the things you desire, even though they seem to come to you a bit more easily than to others. People like you enough to be willing to do favors for you, which may strengthen your tendency to be lazy. But you should act for yourself and not depend upon other people.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: possessive, determined, jealous, materially secure, practical in love.

The comfortable and beneficent position of Venus in its own sign of Taurus brings out the attributes that align the planet with the great agrarian fertility Goddess. According to Sumerian legend, it was only when Inanna derived sexual pleasure and loyalty from Dumuzi, the Vegetable Lord, that she was capable of watering the earth - thereby providing a surplus of grain from which the Sumerians could profit and prosper. This fortuitous position supplies the talents, skills and 'lucky' circumstances necessary to

attain the prosperity and respect by which these individuals gauge security and selfworth. Like the Sumerian Inanna, Plato's Aphrodite Pandemos and Titan's luxuriating women, these people do not live in the world of ideas, but utilise their strong Venusian magnetism, sensuality and power to attract people who will provide the lifestyle they require.

Just as the egocentricity of Venus in Aries prevents individuals from maintaining harmonious, co-operative relationships, Venus in Taurus is completely geared towards amassing affluence and assurance from lovers, friends and colleagues. Due to an obsession with material security and maintaining control over their own lives, individuals with Venus in Taurus guard their assets and, like Inanna, can be as possessive, jealous and wrathful as they are generous, should they sense that they've been neglected or betrayed. Just as Venus in Aries people are inspired by constant change, Venus in Taurus individuals are pragmatic rather than romantic. They can only begin to express themselves lovingly and creatively in an environment that provides economic security and the certainty of partners, friends and family. Given the devotion and trust they demand, these people are, in return, generous, loving and dependable friends, colleagues, spouses and parents.

If Venus is positively aspected, their fruitfulness, sensuality, practicality and perseverance are qualities to which they aspire; and, as a result, they are innately drawn to relationships that will provide them with a secure environment in which these attributes can flourish. Their monetary acumen and foresight allow them to manage their finances successfully and attain the level of prosperity that provides costly, beautiful possessions, a luxurious lifestyle, and, most importantly, autonomy. If this goal cannot effectively be reached, they will use every wile at their disposal to attract a partner who can guarantee success and its accompanying comforts.

If Venus is poorly aspected, however, they may doubt their own appearance, earning capacity, and / or creative abilities. Operating from a position of insecurity, they may alternately exhibit obstinacy, indulgence, jealousy and bossiness resulting from an inordinate need for control.

Because this placement emphasises the quintessential Taurean Venus, it is obviously one of the most sensual positions in the zodiac as well as the most stubborn, controlling and inflexible. Obsessed with beauty and economic security, they are methodical, patient and persevering in pursuit of a romantic or business partner with whom they can share their financial or creative goals, and, as a result, afford themselves the lifestyle they so desire. Due to their steadfastness and intensity, these people have the potential to summon all their resources to reach their objective - whether it be the attainment of prosperity, commitment to a loved one, or the fulfilment of their creative dreams.

Just as Venus in Aries associates love with passion and independence, Venus in Taurus links partnership with sensual enjoyment and financial security, commonly appearing in

the charts of those who marry established - sometimes older - partners. Charming, sensual, sophisticated and attractive, Venus in Taurus also appears in the charts of people who make excellent escorts or are used as ornaments to aid their partners in their business dealings.

Eating disorders - the dark and vulnerable side of this placement - are one of many possible indulgences that beset individuals with an afflicted Venus in Taurus.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual is learning the lessons of devotion, loyalty and richness of meaning as he seeks the enduring value of physical possessions and the comfort, pleasure and security of lasting love.

He has a warm, affectionate nature, sensitive to all the beauty that life has to offer. Yet, he is vulnerable because of his sense of innocence to the deceptions, guiles and disguises of others.

Venus is in its negative rulership here. It promises the individual all of the natural beauty and pleasure of the planet's finer essence, while at the same time testing his morality, his human weaknesses and his sense of values. Eventually, he must realize the essence of life's inner substance, the inner truth which has the strength to endure. To do this, however, he will learn many lessons from the signs Libra and Sagittarius (both of which form inconjuncts to his Venus).

From Libra, he develops a sense of perspective, balance and lightness which helps him to deal with his over-possessive tendencies. He must learn not to stubbornly clutch at things, collecting more than he needs, or staying in relationships longer than their meaning is valuable. From this sign, he learns to see himself as part of the 'forces that be'. This helps him to become more objectively sensitive to the needs and feelings of others while creating an awakening sense of co-operative harmony which raises him above these negative traits as he learns to give and share the love he feels.

From the sign, Sagittarius, he must learn how to open his consciousness to nature, expand his horizons, and see the broad perspective of life through a larger context. When he does this, his natural feelings begin to spread outward into a divine harmony with his environment, the society he lives in and the collective goodness of humanity.

When the Venus Yod is balanced through Libra and Sagittarius, the fair justness of life is weighed and brought to truth, so that the individual, rather than using himself up in wasteful overindulgence, or closing himself in through overpossessiveness, learns to experience life in the perspective of open fullness which is the very essence of love's substance.

The sensitivities are refined through Libra, while the higher mind is enlightened through Sagittarius. When this occurs, the individual begins to experience the true value of the Venus in Taurus placement. His natural affinity for music and the arts, his sense of constructive and creative output, and his feelings for life become connected to the larger whole. From this, he learns about graciousness, appreciation, gratitude, and the true value of possessions as they symbolize his harmony with the universe.

Many with this placement experience a period in life when they are deprived or separated from the things or people they cherish the most. It is during this time that they learn their greatest lessons. The possessive holding onto things, money and people becomes changed (through Libra) into an acceptance not only of the needs of others, but also of life's circumstances, while through Sagittarius, the individual reaches for nature and natural law to provide his answers.

When this occurs, the individual is usually reunited with the past. Yet, his outlook is changed, for he has learned to differentiate between the small, closed sense of possessiveness he originally sought and the expansive eternity of love (Sagittarius-Libra sextile) which has taught him that if he holds on much more lightly and easily to the things and people he treasures, their meaning and value to him will be more enduring.

As these lessons are learned, the real beauty of the Venus in Taurus placement begins to unfold. The individual realizes that only through an honest and optimistic sense of faith in natural increase (Sagittarius) along with a balanced sense of perspective and fairness to himself and others (Libra) does the true value of all he is seeking in life begin to manifest.

His own very special Gift of Love comes from the ways in which his natural affinity for beauty is refined by his awareness of the spiritual needs of others. From this, he begins to loosen his stoic possessiveness, and instead starts to experience the true quality of love through a sense of appreciation and gratitude for the beauty in people, music, the arts, the aesthetics, and the tender caring he feels for the goodness of all earthly things.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Beauty is sustained by bountiful resources.

Symbol: The goddess of nature clothes the land with springtime green.

Venus in Taurus, which it rules, is like a woman who owns her own home and has the means and taste to furnish it sumptuously. The goddess of beauty if felicitously domiciled in this sign, whose material resources supply the wherewithal for her to make the most of her natural endowments. A basic affinity between the planet of attraction and the sign of possessions generally proves fortunate in matters relating to love and security.

People with Venus in Taurus are inclined to marry for money, since they find it so much easier to be affectionate in a comfortable environment. They have an instinct for art, and enjoy good companionship and the leisurely pursuit of pleasure. They blossom when they have the wealth to live luxuriously but, even when not richly endowed, they have an amiable manner which spreads warmth and cheer wherever they go. They revel in being materially generous, but are quite capable of giving comfort to others merely by being sympathetic and encouraging.

Despite its earthiness, Venus is less utilitarian in Taurus than in some other locations such as Virgo, Scorpio, or Capricorn. The combination of planet and sign imparts the desire to create pleasing effects in fresh, wholesome, and enjoyable ways. Such people may be connoisseurs, but they are seldom dilettantes, and will work assiduously to cultivate their own gardens, both literally and figuratively. They want to enjoy the best of everything, and feel that it is their natural right to do so.

Women born with Venus in Taurus have an artless and ingenuous kind of sex appeal, but they also attract men through a willingness to appreciate masculine qualities. Consequently, they are almost sure to marry. Most men with this combination like and understand women. They make generous providers who take pleasure in sharing the fruits of their labors. The uxorious temperament of the Venus-Taurus male serves as a reminder that, despite his power and potency, the bull is a domesticated animal.

Taureans feel instinctively that nature will supply their needs if sufficient use can be made of the goods which have already been provided. Even when strictly budget-bound, they can generate a psychological sense of abundance which magnetically attracts the sustenance required. One such individual practised the art of prosperity by blessing all the money passing through his hands. By this means, he sought to balance his account with the powers-that-be by offering the gift of gratitude in return for favors bestowed.

People with the Venus-Taurus combination are usually natural and spontaneous in their mode of living, even when they have a background of wealth. They replenish themselves by staying close to the good earth, whether by farming, camping, hiking, or beautifying their homes and grounds. Often they keep pets, raise flowers, and like to eat outdoors.

Both Venus and Taurus are associated with money and art. While people with these influences prominent in their natal charts may struggle for financial security and success, they are also likely to seek personal fulfillment through artistic endeavors. They crave the satisfaction of contributing something to the world which enriches their environment as well as the gratification of consuming that which has already been given.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus is the ruler of Taurus, and is powerful in an earthy sense in this sign. Physical and sensual responses to emotions and feelings are strongly accentuated. Demonstrative and

affectionate as well as passionate and extremely possessive. Material possessions are important because Taurus is the sign that brings everything into focus on the material plane. Emotions color the life. Fond of comfort. Can have a pleasing voice. Strong domesticity. Good disposition if not heavily afflicted. Very stubborn in a quiet and unassuming way. Loyal in friendships and in love if jealousy and resentment do not enter in.

(Donna van Toen)

This could mean a love of - and need for - possessions, financial stability, and / or physical comfort in a relationship. Certainly you need a steady income, so a seasonal worker, a struggling artist, or a mate who refuses to contribute to material well-being probably isn't going to lead to happiness ever after. On the other hand, you need - and expect - a lot of tender loving care, so a mate / lover who's totally caught up in career and money isn't a good bet either. You need someone you can admire, someone you see as strong, stable, and a good provider. Provider of what, of course, would depend on your upbringing and values (and possibly your sex if you're over thirty).

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern from birth, Venus in Taurus people have learned to deeply internalize themselves in order to understand who they are and what they need in order to have a sense of meaning in their lives. As a result, these individuals are quite introspective and self-possessed. They have learned, in the last analysis, that the only person that they can truly rely on is themselves. Thus, these people are more or less self-reliant and self-sustaining, and can be extremely resourceful and resilient in their ability to sustain themselves, even in the face of overwhelming problems or circumstances.

These people have learned to limit what they value relative to what life means to them. Thus, their sense of meaning, of what life means, determines what they value. Consequently, they can have a limited value system that is more or less fixed and static - one that works for them. In terms of relating to other people, these individuals tend to evaluate and hear others relative to their own value system. If there is no common thread between their value system and another's value system, then these people will generally be unable to relate. In other words, there is an inherent resistance to others whose values are different from their own, whose sense of what life means is at odds with their own. They simply 'tune out' and do not hear what the other is saying. As a result of their intrinsic resistance to embracing other values, ideas, knowledge, or other forms of reality, these people tend to evolve or grow very slowly. In social situations as an example, Venus in Taurus people will typically remain silent and self-enclosed unless there is a commonality of values in which they can then relate to someone else. When there is a basis of relating to another through shared values, then the Venus in Taurus person can appear very warm, engaging, deep, intense, and highly focused, and can

have an absorbing quality wherein others can feel drawn into their inner reality, which now appears magnetic and solid.

Whatever the Venus in Taurus person values, including other people to whom they have given meaning and value, they will want to maintain and possess. It is very difficult for these people to give up or let go of anything that holds meaning and value to them, because that correlates to their sense of purpose for living. In intimate relationships, as a result, Venus in Taurus people can be highly possessive of their partners, and attempt to limit what their partners do because of their fear of losing them. Because of this, they can be quite controlling in covert and overt ways, the sense of ownership or possession of that which they value generating an emotional psychology of jealousy. Unless other astrological factors are indicated, this way of controlling or limiting their partners' activities manifests as psychological withdrawal and inner isolation from the partner. Vibrating inwardly in this way, Venus in Taurus people can also attract others who are very possessive of them, and who can also feel very threatened when they manifest any interest in other people. They can attract others who attempt to limit their own development, others who unconsciously expect them to be vicarious extensions of their own reality, to have no real life of their own, to simply be a prize possession like a trophy on the wall. Interestingly enough, when the Venus in Taurus people have projected value and meaning on such a partner, they will allow themselves to be limited in this way even if it means limiting their own development. This means that the Venus in Taurus person has projected too much meaning and value into such a partner, because of their need for stability in life at all costs. Over time, when this occurs, the Venus in Taurus person will create a progressive build-up of resentment towards the partner, which can lead into very explosive confrontations. Conversely, if the Venus in Taurus person attempts to break free from the limits of a controlling and possessive partner, then that partner can manifest very explosive behavior, motivated by jealousy and the fear of losing the person.

Venus in Taurus people will also have a very strong sexual instinct or nature. This is because part of the human survival instinct in all forms of life, including human, is to procreate the species. Consequently, their sexual needs and desires are constant. Sexual energy, and the expression of it, correlates in a very strong way to their sense of the meaning and relatedness of life itself. They have a strong, magnetic, earthy sexual energy that reflects a strong integration into their physical bodies. Whereas Venus in Aries desires strong, passionate, and relatively quick sexual expression, Venus in Taurus desires long, sustained, intense and permeating sexual expression. This way serves to 'ground' them, and serves as a way of releasing their cyclic build-up of internalized emotional and psychological energy. Sexuality will symbolize a great deal of meaning to them; and they find themselves thinking about sex a great deal of the time. It is very important for Venus in Taurus people to have a strong, positive, and ongoing sex life. When they do not, then their overall reality will seem negative and stagnated. Their psychology will be inwardly compressed and withdrawn; and their life force will be weak and heavy.

When this occurs, the Venus in Taurus person is forced to remember, or must come to understand, that the primary intention of Taurus is one of self-reliance and selfsustainment. As a result of this intention, the Venus in Taurus people can create periods of cycles in their lives in which their sexual needs are not met, if those needs have become too dependent on another person. When this occurs, either the person that they are with appears to lose sexual interest in them, or there is no-one in their life at certain times that they desire to be sexual with. In either case, the intention is for the Venus in Taurus people to take matters into their own hands, so to speak - to sustain themselves sexually through masturbation.

Many individuals with Venus in Taurus have a strong masturbatory instinct that manifest even when they are in a relationship with another. Sometimes this can create confusion for such individuals, because of the fact that they are in a relationship with someone, yet still desire this form of sexual expression. The reason that this can occur, again, is because the primary intention in this symbolism is self-empowerment and selfsustainment. For others, this instinctual need can create confrontations with their partners when those patterns feel threatened by this need. The partner can feel insecure and inadequate, especially when the Venus in Taurus person 'isolates' him- / herself from the relationship in order to fulfill this need. Conversely, the Venus in Taurus person can attract partners who desire to masturbate even though they are in a relationship with him / her. The Venus in Taurus person can now feel threatened, inadequate, and so on. This condition will occur to the Venus in Taurus people for one of two reasons. Either they have become too possessive of or too dependent on the partner, or they have attracted a partner who is also learning the Taurus lesson of self-empowerment which dictates this need. Because of this, many people with this symbol have learned to incorporate sexual self-stimulation within their sexual dynamics with another person. For some with Venus in Taurus, masturbation has become an art form in which they have learned to create highly erotic rituals that involve various kinds of sexual symbols and 'tools' that serve the intention of self-sustainment and self-empowerment. For some, depending on their evolutionary condition, this means that they have learned to use themselves as their own vehicle or symbol of metamorphic transformation. Sometimes with Venus in Taurus will attract partners who will encourage them to learn to do this, partners who try to teach them about the power that exists within them.

Their sexual values and orientation are primary and basic. There is not too much of a desire or need to 'experiment'. The Venus in Taurus people will desire to sexually possess or own their partners; and they can attract partners who want to sexually possess and own them. Because there is such a high value given to sexuality, if they are with a partner who does not honor their need for monogamy, who has sex with someone else behind their backs, then their inner relatedness will suffer. They will feel insecure and unworthy, create a negative self-esteem, become withdrawn, and compare themselves to whatever qualities or traits their partner has been attracted to in the 'other person'. Even though the Venus in Taurus people inherently desire monogamy, they

can involve themselves in an 'affair' when their partners are not monogamous with them. The motivation is one of vindictiveness, and also to rebuild a positive self-image through making themselves desirable to someone else.

In evolutionary terms, the Venus in Taurus person desires to stabilize him- or herself. To do so, these people have necessarily had to narrow their focus to that which is specific to their own life purpose, and that which supports that purpose. Any other aspect of life in general that is not relevant to that purpose is 'tuned out'. This creates a 'frog in the well' effect - the frog can only see the segment of the sky that is observable from the bottom of the well. The frog is stable at the bottom of its well. It can control and feel secure within that well. Accordingly, there is a compressed internalization leading to a highly subjective reality that defines a pre-existing pattern of inner and outer relatedness. This creates a block to growing, learning, and evolving beyond the parameters of the well. In a relationship, this can create a polarized state between the two people. For a positive evolution to proceed, the Venus in Taurus person must embrace its polarity: Scorpio.

Essentially, this means that they must learn how to listen to other people in such a way as to objectively identify what motivates other people, and learn how other people are psychologically constructed. In this way, they will learn how to evaluate others objectively, which will, in turn, allow them to evaluate their own inner / outer reality in an objective way. In order to do this, the Venus in Taurus person must learn to open up to the totality of reality that lies beyond the parameters of their own 'frog in the well' reality. They will then remove the bottleneck of their own inwardly compressed reality, one that generates a fixity of subjective perception and interpretation of their own and others' behaviors, motivations, intentions, and what life means in general. By learning how to listen to others objectively, to hear what others need and desire, and to support their development, they will attract others who do this for them, and who do not want to possess, control, or limit their own development.

Venus ♀ in 12th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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Like Venus in the twelfth sign of Pisces, its exalted position, the planet's appearance in the twelfth house endows its recipients with a gentle, loving and sympathetic nature - recalling the more tender qualities of the Love and Fertility Goddesses. Because individuals with this placement possess an abundance of warmth, soft-heartedness and compassion, they often feel compelled to sacrifice their own desires and give of themselves in order to feel validated and worthy of love. The need to give and receive love is, at times, so overpowering that their affection is bestowed upon undeserving

recipients. Deriving their self-worth from helping those in emotional and / or financial need, these tireless workers and selfless volunteers must learn to preserve their own mental health by leaving work at the office.

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

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

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

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

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

While the twelfth house is the domain of physical or emotional confinement, this area of the chart, according to Hindu (Vedic) astrology, also governs expenditure and spending

habits. The placement of Venus in this house accentuates the planet's affinity with opulence, resulting in the purchase of beautiful, costly and often frivolous items. If Venus is poorly aspected, however, these individuals will measure their self-esteem by their earning power and will try to impress others with their expensive possessions, resulting in extravagant, wasteful spending, borrowing and, if taken to the utmost degree, perpetual debt.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

For someone with Venus in the twelfth house, love and sacrifice become intertwined. These people are capable of caring for others in a selfless and compassionate way. Their own needs may not be apparent to them, let alone to others, so they can easily be overlooked. This will inevitably lead to complicated scenarios. Their fulfilment can come from an undemanding devotion to someone else. They may experience a vicarious happiness through suffering, and may find pleasure in being a victim or martyr in love.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Martin Schulman)

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

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

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

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, the individual has a great awakening. Instead of hiding his inner being, he awakens to the power of God's holy river of love pouring through him in everything he does. Many with this placement are so sensitive to nature's harmony and so attuned to the wonder of inner aesthetic beauty

that their lives become a special cosmic devotion manifesting love's blessings through richly artistic or creative expression. There is a deep sense of compassion to those he considers less fortunate than himself. Thus, the individual begins to feel a sense of mission through which he brings harmony, peace and love to those who cannot find it for themselves.

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

The Twelfth House symbolizes the completion of past karma. With Venus here, the individual has earned the love he will experience in the current life. As this love becomes one with his inner partner, he discovers the true ethereal beauty of how man's feelings can transcend both time and space. From this, he finds the infinite cosmic flow which makes all lifetimes one.

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

opportune to have the thing you love, there is always something else you can enjoy. Perhaps this is the task of Venus in the natural house of Neptune and Pisces - to love everything.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

With strong supportive aspects and a generally well-balanced chart, these difficulties

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

Selfless giving: Personal love is subordinate to universal love - giving with no thought of

return. You wish to love more than be loved; and you're more devotional than your personality may reveal. Universal love flows from higher concentrations to lower. As a conduit for this flow, you're directed toward those who lack love. If you insist on operating through attached or 'chemical' love, you still have romances, but these relationships result in great pain once the purpose is fulfilled and you've been disconnected from the object of your affections. In that case, you learn about grief. The challenge is to love openly, fully, but lightly, with grace and style. The love you feel is real; but don't cling to specific people. Trust that your beauty will be recognized not merely by one, but by all.

'Past lives': Your relationships with women are karmic, as are the issues of care and affection. Receptivity and pleasure are not yet understood. Your own femaleness is influenced by past lives; and when women are your love objects, they are beings with whom you've had significant past life contacts. Examine your images and expectations about womanhood. Is it the source of all joy, all pleasure, all aesthetic beauty? If it is, then you're fixated, and asking for trouble. Is love subject to recurring patterns of failure through seduction and betrayal? Your challenge is to recognize and release karmic rhythms in love or receptivity, letting them be healed, cleansed, and grounded.

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

You realize how important it is to be well-informed about many subjects; and this will improve your chance of achieving lasting success. You deplore the fact that some people bend the law to reach their goals, for you know this can jeopardize the gains that have been made. You reach your goals by carefully implementing your ideas without letting your plans intimidate those around you. Your skill in getting the co-operation you

need attests to your communicative ability. Also you are effective in dealing with disharmony among the people who are working with or for you, restoring order so that your daily affairs run smoothly.

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

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

Mars in Aquarius 14° 41'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high mental energies, adequate practical energies, adequate-to-low emotional energies, and low physical energies. Your energy is mentally-dynamic, truth-seeking and scientific. It is often channeled into avoiding restrictive relationships and possessive people, discovering truth, and humanitarian causes. Your strengths include your friendliness, originality and independence. You lack conformity, empathy, and respect for tradition.

Mars is at its best when it has a physical outlet. Aquarius is an intellectual sign and loathes to expend any more physical energy than it has to. Consequently, Mars tends to be uncomfortable in Aquarius, and may not be as productive here as it is in some other placings. If you're convinced of the importance of a cause or course of action, there's no problem, as this gives you the motivation to take physical action. Otherwise, the energy of Mars can get bottled up inside where it creates inner conflicts and nervous tension. The source of conflict is very often a conflict between your need for friends and your need to be an individual in the truest sense. This latter need tends to make you scornful of things like tradition and conservatism, and hence makes some people a little wary of

you, which, of course, makes you uncomfortable and makes your inner conflict more pronounced. Often you can do well in areas like electronics, science, and writing, where your originality will be appreciated rather than frowned on.

Sexually, you're experimental and prefer to play the field for a while before settling down. Men in particular find it easier to have women as friends than to have them as lovers - they don't always have an easy time keeping lovers happy. Though kind, they tend to be brotherly rather than loverly, and can have a detached, almost clinical attitude toward sex that can earn them an undeserved reputation for coldheartedness. These men may need to realize that, while sex may well be just another normal bodily function, most women prefer it to have a little more mystique than, say, flossing one's teeth or showering. Women with this placement tend to be turned on by intuition, truthfulness, and helpfulness. Mental orgasms are just as important as physical ones - if not more so - to this woman.

You want friends, and may be more comfortable with a platonic relationship than a passionate one. You want an interesting mate or lover, and a relationship that evolves and renews itself continually. Being independent, you don't want a clinging vine or a terribly possessive partner. Your style of romantic / sexual expression is multifaceted, making it hard to generalize about you. Basically, you're idealistic; you may therefore do a lot of 'market research' or keep your options open longer than some of your peers. You'd do best with someone who has Venus in an Air sign, Venus in the 11th house, or a Venus / Uranus conjunction or sextile.

You need a profession rather than a job. It should be predominantly mental work rather than physical. Since you have a rather strong individualistic streak, general office work is not a good choice. Your dislike of the nine-to-five routine is apt to show in this type of setting and make you unpopular. You can successfully work for yourself, though, or in an area where you're given a lot of freedom. Some potentially good career areas for you are: astronomy, gymnastics, art, electricity, lecturing, and working with formulae in general (as in science and astrology).

To be frank, it's impossible for me to generalize about what motivates you. Mars in Aquarius, taken on its own, doesn't have typical, consistent motivator. What really motivates one of you is apt to be the same thing that causes someone else to turn up his / her nose in disgust. Furthermore, what motivates you now may irritate you or just plainly leave you cold a month from now. Trips, social activities and club involvements can all bring lucky breaks provided you're keen on them, but there's no way to be more specific as far as I can see.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may tend to alienate others by asserting that the Aquarian ability to express and achieve humanitarian ideals is exclusive. As a result, you may think you need to become coldly dispassionate toward others in order to act freely on those ideals. Thus, you can inadvertently estrange yourself from those who might participate in group effort. You may lose energy by cutting yourself off from the dynamics of the group consciousness.

Dynamic

You can assert for the group ideals rather than using the group to support personal plans or models. When you are able to identify yourself as part of the group rather than separate, you can implement the Aquarian humanitarian ideals for human beings. You can gain energy by inspiring yourself and others in the group to grow toward and manifest these ideals.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

'He will die with total strangers, but he will not live with me.' This line from Dory Previn's song 'The Altruist and the Needy Case' expresses perfectly what Mars in Aquarius is all about. Very cool and impersonal, these people will fight to the death for a cause they believe in, but find it very hard to deal with intimate personal and emotional issues.

Intense involvement feels very claustrophobic to the person with Mars in Aquarius. These people have a detached and intellectual attitude to sexuality, and have difficulty handling emotional situations. They often have strong principles concerning personal freedom, so that honesty and openness are valued much more highly than sexual fidelity. However, Aquarius is a fixed sign and does not change easily, so people with Mars here tend to have long-lasting relationships, even though they may have more than one on the go at a time. Like other fixed signs, Aquarius believe strongly in loyalty and trust, and will not easily forgive someone who betrays them.

The physical side of sex is not really very important to those with Mars in Aquarius, although they are likely to be interested in it as a topic of conversation. Their need for friendship is much stronger than their need for physical contact, so it is of much more significance to them that their partner shares their interests and ideals than their bed. Fighting for a cause stimulates their sexuality, and they are likely to be attracted to those who fight alongside them. They may only desire those whose thinking is politically right-on, and may define their sexuality according to their political beliefs. Radical feminists who become lesbians not because of a natural inclination but because they believe in it as a political ideal are acting in a typically Mars in Aquarius way.

Those with Mars here hate any form of possessiveness, and will coldly rebuff public displays of affection, which they see as claiming ownership. In fact, they may not really enjoy being touched at all, and generally feel more comfortable communicating through the written or spoken word than with their body. Because they tend to be distanced from

their feelings, they often have difficulty in understanding their own desire nature. There is a tendency to project coolness onto others, while failing to recognize it in themselves. There is a lot of discomfort and uncertainty where strong feelings are concerned, which can make the Mars in Aquarius person quite defensive and unpredictable. Because these people cannot trust their own instincts, they find it hard to trust others, and may prefer to end a relationship rather than risk getting hurt.

Having strongly held ideals about sex and relationships, the Mars in Aquarius person always tries to act honourably and fairly. It is a matter of principle to these people to accord their partners equal rights and to listen to their point of view; and they always try to behave democratically and to be a thoughtful friend.

(Skye Alexander)

You are concerned with the world of ideas, particularly those of an unconventional or progressive nature; and you invest much energy in mental pursuits. Always eager to learn new things, you want to be challenged intellectually.

It is important for you to be able to think and speak freely. Often you find yourself at odds with accepted 'truths'. You enjoy being thought of as 'different', a unique individual. As a result, you may become involved in unpopular political causes, or avant-garde art movements, or be on the cutting edge of scientific or technological causes.

Because Aquarius is a fixed sign, you can hold rather stubbornly to your opinions. When you believe in something, you believe passionately and express your ideas with evangelistic zeal. Though you consider yourself open-minded, you really regard your way of thinking as the only 'right' way. You love discussing ideas; and your 'discussions' frequently escalate to heated debates. You enjoy nothing better than a good intellectual argument with a worthy opponent. Others may find you extremely opinionated; but you see no virtue in being wishy-washy.

You are always ready to stand up or fight for what you believe in. You have the energy and enthusiasm to stir others to action, and could be effective as a labor organizer, politician, team captain, project head, or leader of a group dedicated to social change. However, you lack diplomacy and can alienate people with your abrasive and self-righteous approach. From time to time, you might find yourself in trouble with authority figures: parents, teachers, employers, even the law.

One of your purposes in life is to break down old structures and change outworn traditions so that new ones can take their place. In the extreme, however, this expression might take the form of terrorism, for Aquarius is also the sign of revolution and violent upheavals. Rash and explosive, Mars in Aquarius can indicate the 'rebel without a cause' who rails against any authority or established order and wants change for the sake of change alone.

Easily bored, you require a high level of excitement and stimulation. Sexually, you are intrigued by anything new or unconventional. You consider yourself open-minded about sexual issues, and may want to experiment with all sorts of sexual behaviors and partners. For you, variety certainly is the spice of life.

Men with this planetary position usually pride themselves on their intelligence and uniqueness. You want to be seen by others as open-minded, unconventional, independent, and a free-thinker; and you admire these characteristics in other men. Stereotypical male roles don't interest you; and you don't need to appear 'macho' to feel masculine. Nor are you threatened by strong, independent women; and probably you are more egalitarian than most men.

Women with Mars in Aquarius are attracted to men who are intelligent, forthright, independent, egalitarian and / or unusual in some way. All sorts of men from all age groups, races and backgrounds interest you - the differences keep things from getting dull. Most importantly, your partner(s) must be your friend(s). You want a companion with whom you can share ideas; and you probably have many platonic male friends, too.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mars in the sign Aquarius gives the desire for independence to pursue unusual or unorthodox courses of action. The natives demand the freedom to do things their own way. Their actions may be inspired by a superior level of intelligence combined with good organizing ability, which can lead to work in mechanical, electronic, and other engineering fields. Further, if the energy is well directed, there can be worthwhile accomplishment in humanitarian work concerned with inventive and scientific achievements. Much more can be achieved through teamwork than through individual efforts, if the lesson of group co-operation is learned.

This Mars position produces reformist tendencies that are translated into action. Natives devise original methods of doing things, and are contemptuous of traditional views and methods, unless these conform to logic and practical experience. Tradition is respected only if it deserves respect, in contrast to the Mars in Capricorn position, with which orders are obeyed merely because they are issued by authority. Consequently, people with Mars in Aquarius do not work well under authoritarian direction. They must be allowed to learn by their own mistakes. However, they are in danger of discarding the old ways before being able to replace them with something better. Thus the outcome of their actions can be either constructive or destructive, depending on the degree of wisdom and maturity indicated by the overall horoscope pattern.

If Mars is afflicted in Aquarius, there can be a desire to overthrow the established order rather than regenerate and improve it. Many revolutionaries have Mars in Aquarius. People with an afflicted Mars in this sign need to learn the art of harmonious functioning

with friends and in groups.

If Mars is afflicted in Aquarius, there can be trouble with circulation of the blood.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The independence and need for freedom often present with a Martian influence is very evident when that planet is placed in Aquarius, and nicely complements many Aquarian characteristics. There is a decidedly unconventional streak - indeed, we think that this planetary placing contributes more zaniness than any other. Although this can be extremely amusing and entertaining to friends and loved ones, it can also result in embarrassment at times.

There is often stubbornness, and the energy of Mars is spent rather unevenly, so that there will be considerable bursts of activity followed by times when the individual will want to get on with the usual demands of living but may be unable to do so, perhaps because of tension or sheer eccentricity in the shape of perversity.

It is vitally important that the aspects Mars receives are studied with great care: if the planet is afflicted by the Moon, Saturn or Uranus, the likelihood of nervous strain and tension is considerable, and ways of releasing them must be sought. Because this placing contributes considerable individuality, it is difficult to make positive suggestions along these lines, so look to other areas of the birth chart which might suggest some energetic and demanding sporting activity or, as a contrast, something much more introspective, such as yoga.

An element of the pioneering spirit of Mars is combined with the humanitarian side of Aquarius in this placing; as a result, the subject will do much to relieve suffering, perhaps even a certain amount of fieldwork in places that have suffered a famine or flood.

There is no very highly-charged emotional influence from this sign; in fact, while the subject will enjoy sex and may want to experiment, the need for freedom could delay commitment. Look out for complications in this sphere of life if other areas of the chart contradict these tendencies; but in all probability, unless Mars or Uranus are personal planets, the Sun, the Moon and Ascending signs, plus the influence of Venus, will overrule.

Considerable originality is often indicated by this placing, and can be expressed through scientific experimentation, inventiveness or simply an interest in offbeat and unusual subjects. Exercise and sporting activities should contribute to a steady and regular expenditure of energy, with the additional benefit that they also encourage good circulation.

(Grant Lewi)

Your energies flow into social channels which may be quite idealistic or quite personal. The more idealistic you can make them, the more you can prevent the social urges from becoming centered in yourself, and the greater will be your success and happiness. There is a constant struggle within you between self and others; you are a pretty high-strung person. To translate your energies away from nerves and into channels of material and social progress is to achieve the best that this position has to offer. You have constantly to fight a curious trend toward introversion, for as indicated by all the positions of Mars in the fixed signs, you may become set in your ways and your desires, and must therefore see to it that your desires reside primarily outside yourself, in the world of material affairs. If you run into difficulties with the world - and you often do, one way or another - you will tend to feel sorry for yourself, and perhaps to console yourself in ways that block your progress. Genuine humanitarianism is your best role; whether you are in business, a profession or the arts, gear your energies to the thoughts of others, and rest assured that the benefits of your efforts will thus come back to you, like bread cast on the waters.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aquarius, Mars gives us the native who is idealistic, active with organizations; he is sensitive, often impatient with the failure of others to 'see the obvious'. The astrologer must help him to avoid becoming so bogged down with group tasks that he neglects his own problems, his own job and ambitions. Organizational ability is indicated; the native has the fire to inspire others, to make friends for various causes - including the unpopular ones.

His views, generally, are not of the orthodox type; this leads to battles with authority, including parental authority. He tends to become set in his ways, but seldom loses touch with humanity - he would rather hurt himself than injure others.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an inventive, though potentially odd, suitor. Energy is created and maintained through making sure that you can pursue your possibly quite unusual, quirky, abstract aims in equally unusual, quirky, abstract ways. You like to make your mind up as you go along, not keeping to a set schedule or route if you can help it. This appears erratic to Other, but it's actually your free-wheeling way of doing things. If denied, your usually cool temperament can turn into sudden, laser-like anger.

You attract with an unusual, unclassifiable approach that is exciting because there is an 'anything-can-happen' feel to it; with the feeling about you that you are your own person; and with an interest and urge to involve yourself in progressive, innovative and New Age projects.

You repel with a lack of sexual substance or any real willingness to commit yourself; with a perverse, odd or peculiar quality about you that is symptomatic of similar notions and feelings, or that hides indecisiveness; and with a lot of far-flung ideas and intentions but little else.

You are attracted to friendly sexual (mind)games that do not necessarily lead to anything more serious; to any Other who appeals to your taste for the unusual, unconventional, complex or even off-the-wall; and to group or team activities rather than solely one-to-one ones.

You are repelled by having your sexuality presumed upon simply because it is open or unusual; by meat-and-potato types who bore you and fail to appreciate your uniqueness and the intricacies of your personality; and by being forced to interact more intimately than is comfortable to you.

When you are alone, it is because your desires, and your way of expressing them, are possibly too rarefied for a suitable Other to be available at the present time. Maybe you do not realize how unusual your tastes are, and have been trying to find an Other who is straight or ordinary, giving rise to disappointments. Or you have failed to relate to Other properly for the same reason, and consequently things haven't worked out. The more you accept the erratic and out-of-the-ordinary nature of what turns you on, the more, paradoxically, you will have to turn you on. Deny it, and it will be denied you. So go out on a limb, maybe use computer dating in a spirit of experimentation. If you are fully aware of your quirkiness, and are alone within or without a relationship, the time has come to 'out' yourself and surprise yourself into a (re)new(ed) relationship.

(John Townley)

Your style of expression is multifaceted, and you focus on exploring a number of forms of fulfillment rather than developing one particular area.

You may be tempted to play the field to find maximum opportunities to extend your range of expression. This can be rewarding, but it can result in a lack of communication and a certain sexual dilettantism. Ideally, you should find a partner who wants to be as wide-ranging as you are, combining variety with truly satisfying intimacy. This should not preclude the possibility of having others share your mutual enjoyment, but one steady partner will provide the regular expression you need and the real closeness that only a long-range relationship can provide.

You go out of your way to discover and fulfill all your lover's fantasies, which makes you a particularly desirable partner. But be sure to avoid jealous lovers, for you must remain free to express your personality, even if you do not choose to exercise that freedom.

When you try out new varieties of sexual expression, however, you should define each sexual vignette quite carefully, so that it can be carried out fully without confusion.

(Robert Hand)

Rather than working according to established patterns, you want to find your own way, which you hope will be better. As a result, you are quite inventive and original. But often you do something just because it is different, even when the old way is better. Being original is fine, but it's a waste of time to be different for its own sake. Also you may have difficulty with authorities - parents, teachers or officials - unless they take the trouble to explain why you should do what they ask. You don't follow orders very well.

As you get older, you will be concerned with the greater good of society. You are quite capable of directing your efforts to goals that will not benefit you personally but will benefit others. Even while you are young, you resent authority, not so much because you are against society, but because you feel that your ideas are better ideas and would benefit everyone.

If you are convinced of the importance of a cause, you work better with a group than you do alone. You know how to align your own objectives with other people's so that the results are satisfying to all.

Mars in 9th House

(Donna van Toen)

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

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

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

Although you always seem to get the first and last word in a discussion, you aren't all that sure of yourself, and you use this intimidating method to put others on the

defensive. If you take time to become thoroughly informed about matters that others find interesting, you will add to your long list of friends. Your partner must learn to live with your insistence on having the last word. You know how to take advantage of many people's offers of help when you need it, and you generally reciprocate. You pursue your many goals with creative enthusiasm.

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

With Mars in the 9th, God is not just sought after, but hunted. Those with this placement usually pursue and stand by strong philosophical or religious beliefs. Believing that their version of the truth is the only one, they might promote and defend it with crusader-like zeal. And some might say why shouldn't they, since it is probably formulated in such a

fashion as to support and justify their deepest desires and passions in life anyway? Although the image of God may be an angry and fiery one, He is probably cast enough in their own likeness to understand and indulge those occasions when they may have to break His rules. For a few with this placement, God even manages to accept killing, raping and pillaging provided that these things are done in His name. In this way, some people with Mars in the 9th are culpable of displacing responsibility for acting out their own cruel drives onto God. Generally, before they undertake something they like to have the justification of some higher law behind them.

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Mars in 9th or 10th House

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

This Mars gives great energy and drive. They will never say 'die'. They are extremely

combative and competitive, and, though they frequently mask it with charm, they have wills of iron, unyielding and enduring, particularly with Mars in Fire or Earth. They are inclined to make enemies by their methods, but they usually delight in enemies, using them to strengthen their combative or competitive techniques.

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

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.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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.

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Jupiter ♃ in ♏ Scorpio 16° 35'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you postpone participating with others on business, sexual, and deep psychological levels, fearing the loss of personal control, you may create deadlocked situations in which no-one is able to use mutual resources. When you avoid transformative connections with others, you can experience a frustrating sense of losing power while being obsessed with the need to control others.

Dynamic

When you decide to take the leap of faith and risk exposing your hidden motivations by sharing intimately with another, you can experience expansion, opportunities and trust, that emerge from allowing yourself to become a part of another's life. It is no longer necessary to control or be controlled by him / her. By trusting the occult vision of the transformative energy of relationships to manifest in mutually beneficial ways, you can surrender to its power. You may then discover that you possess intuitive perception to use these resources in such a way that each person is benefited. Through this process, you can expand your own power and opportunity on all levels of close relationships.

(Marilyn Waram)

The individual with Jupiter in Scorpio connects values and faith to emotionally intense relationships, shared resources, and psychological depths. Her values will tend to be connected to powerful emotions, often unconscious in origin, and may pack a power punch that is unsuspected until one of them is transgressed. She may use emotional impact to make her point when she discusses her philosophy or belief systems, and may be unaware of this, particularly while young. With the Water sign Scorpio, there could be some unconscious insecurity over values and not much willingness to trust others.

Scorpio represents a part of human nature which craves emotional closeness with another, to the point of absorption in each other, but it can also be totally walled off in

self-protection. This is the type of individual who invites others to open up at deep levels of intimacy, but does not do so herself. It causes profound hurt to the other, and the Scorpio individual often does not understand why, although she usually protects herself because precisely the same situation happened to her early in her life.

As this person matures, however, the Jupiter drive to expand and open up may have its effect on the Scorpio tendency to hold in and keep everything safely battened down. She will highly value self-mastery, and will usually seek to learn all she can about it. In the process, she may come to see her behavior in a more objective light and be able to accept the harmful impact it has on others. She may develop the Jupiter tendency to have faith, this time in other people, although the Scorpio nature may sabotage this, at first. If she can develop trust, and learn that her original hurt came from a probably tendency to trust others indiscriminately, whether they were trustworthy or not, then she can make a more mature and accurate distinction between those who merit confidence and those who do not.

With Jupiter in Scorpio, she may be attracted to extremely moody partners who appeal to her because of the intensity of their emotions, and because they seem to offer her the degree of emotional intimacy she desires. She may need to make a distinction between those who offer true intimacy (where the emotional sharing goes back and forth with each being supported in turn) and those who simply drag her into their self-indulgent emotional morass, where the agenda is that she listens while they emote. In the second instance, she will discover the game is not played in reverse. She will not be given her turn.

A person with Jupiter in Scorpio feels intensely emotional about her values and beliefs. They tend, unless she has deliberately gone on a program to consciously examine them, to be a quagmire of half-formed concepts picked up unconsciously from parents, admired others, and many other sources. They also tend to be remarkably inconsistent unless they have been examined consciously, because they are osmosed rather than intellectually analyzed. However, because they are attached to strong feelings, the individual reacts vehemently to suggestions that something she cherishes might be wrong or ineffective. Scorpio represents a part of human nature which has formidable obsessive-compulsive tendencies, which tends to hang on to anything collected, whether useful or harmful. The Scorpio part of our personality struggles with a need to regenerate, to revive, rather than to abandon or let go. It often cannot distinguish between what holds promise, what holds elements of life, and what is merely poisonous.

Because of all this, with Jupiter in Scorpio the individual badly needs to explore her belief systems and structures and try to get them to form an effective pattern. Otherwise she serves them, all unaware of what they are. If this is the case, she spends her life completely unsuspecting of her own motives, the principles by which she is attempting to live, the results these values create - and they are often painful because they themselves are so undisciplined. She also remains unaware of how to improve the

situation. She may be so busy being tormented that she does not know improvement is possible. Once she finds out, she may go to the opposite polarity and become compulsive about selfimprovement, holding self-mastery as the only worthwhile goal, worshipping those who have attained it and condemning herself when she falls short.

This placement, however, indicates an individual who has a great capacity to bring the contents of her unconscious into consciousness, and to then cast off what is merely debris from her past. With Jupiter in Scorpio, problems related to values, faith and the search for truth are often due to unconscious disorganisation of concepts, powerful emotional attachment to personal perceptions and opinions, and unwillingness to examine or change notions, even when clearly unworkable or likely to bring bitter pain.

When an individual has Jupiter in Scorpio, she has a difficult task to bring to consciousness much that is unconscious, to bring into the open much that is hidden and desires to stay so. However, she will go further in her quest for the truth about herself than most, will endure more pain as she learns to see her past mistakes than most are willing to, and has the most incredible capacity to rise from the ashes of her painful discoveries. She has the ability to lead the way when it comes to personal rejuvenation, due to the strength of her will, the intensity of her drive to understand herself, and the power of self-mastery she holds as an ideal.

(Skye Alexander)

By exploring the hidden realms, you broaden your understanding of the Universe and your place in it. You want to find out what goes on beneath the surface, what the core truths are; and you may study metaphysics to increase your knowledge. Superficial explanations aren't enough for you - you want to comprehend life's great mysteries: birth, death, regeneration. You also want to experience the other worlds that exist beyond the apparent one and discover the forces that operate there. It is quite likely that you possess psychic ability to some kind; certainly, understanding metaphysical concepts comes easily for you.

Your fascination with the great unknown might lead you to teach or write about mysterious realms or occurrences, thus expanding others' awareness, too. Perhaps you will even become successful or well-known for this.

Another possibility is that you could benefit in some way through clandestine activity, or by working behind the scenes. Or, you might become known for exposing hidden activities.

Issues of power and control are likely to play a part in your life. You assume authority easily, and are comfortable in positions of power, even those which give you the power of life and death over multitudes of people. Wielding power not only comes naturally to you, but is something that you enjoy immensely. Power might be the 'god' you worship.

Your tendency is toward excess in this area, however, and you must be careful not to become abusive, manipulative, dictatorial, or cruel.

Sex, too, is associated with Scorpio. Referred to by Shakespeare as 'the little death', sex is still surrounded by fear and mystery, and often is used as an instrument of power and control. With Jupiter in Scorpio, you may possess a strong sexual appetite or exude a powerful sensuality that large numbers of people respond to. Perhaps you will benefit in some way from your sexuality. Since the expansiveness of Jupiter often encourages excess, you may be inclined to be sexually indulgent and promiscuous, or to use sex to manipulate or dominate others.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Scorpio indicates strong, large-scale involvements in matters relating to joint or corporate finances, taxes, insurance, and legacies. Business affairs are likely to relate to funerals, real estate, fund raising, taxes and insurance.

Natives are often interested in the occult, mystical aspects of religion, in life after death, and in telepathic communication with those of the unseen realms - especially if Jupiter aspects Uranus, Neptune or Pluto. They can be intense and uncompromising about philosophic and religious beliefs and standards, and about social conduct and principles; this kind of attitude sometimes make for powerful, bitter enemies.

These people tend to acquire secret information regarding the private affairs of others. They can have strange friendships based on hidden motivations. They may receive inheritances because of favors they have done. If Jupiter is afflicted, however, legal battles can erupt over inheritances, alimony, corporate expenditures, insurance, and tax payments. Unwise investments in stocks or financial partnerships may bring losses. These people may dabble in such negative forms of psychic phenomena as séances and mediumship, and there may be a desire to manipulate occult forces for personal gain.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The powerful emotional energy force of Scorpio will inject Jupiter's influence with determination and willpower. There is a need for progress; and a strong emotional involvement in interests or career is essential if the subject is to feel fulfilled. In a chart where enterprise and the motivation to develop potential are present, this placing will give plenty of staying power.

The Jupiterian trait of living life to the full is encouraged by this placing: Scorpio knows nothing of half-measures, and, at its most assertive, Jupiter is a whole-hogger, so it is easy to see the potency of this placing. However, care is needed that the subject does not burn him- or herself out when pursuing objectives or simply living it up; moderation

must be encouraged, and it is to be hoped that a restraining factor will be present elsewhere in the chart. The subject will be vulnerable to overdoing things if the Sun or Moon squares or opposes Jupiter, in which case you should look out for mental strain in particular. The individual may be naturally suspicious, and must not allow this tendency to become obsessive.

If there is an indication to write, detective fiction will probably be successful and / or rewarding - certainly pleasure will be gained from reading this particular genre. Here, too, is the ability to research thoroughly anything of interest. This placing is excellent for a criminal lawyer or judge. There is often financial flair and a good eye for a calculated financial risk; and sweeping generosity is also usually present. The subject may need to be warned against possible vanity and pride, and sometimes of verbal aggression too.

(Grant Lewi)

You relate opportunity to deep personal needs, and are generally successful because there is no inharmony between the inner nature and what the outer world makes important. The lens of the spirit eliminates what would make for unhappiness and follows instinctively what satisfies. This is a good position for acquiring and spending money; you give a sort of magical effect of being the right man or woman for the job that is open, if the job happens to appeal to you; and you proceed to make it your own in a curiously effective way. All the primary instincts merge in your approach to work and give you a high degree of efficiency. When you're where you want to be, you work easily, authoritatively, gaining the respect of superiors and subordinates. Opportunity flows to you naturally; and an inherent wisdom enables you to select your right niche. You're not likely to be a square peg in a round hole; and you are very likely to be successful in whatever you put your mind on.

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Scorpio, one seeks to grow and to improve oneself through transmutation of desires and compulsions and by unusually thorough understanding of life's inner workings. Opportunities come through one's ability to shrewdly judge people and situations - a well-developed sense of resourcefulness and opportunism. Optimistic expansion and developing faith can be hindered by fear, secrecy, and the inability to open up emotionally; but Jupiter often expresses the nobler and more elevated qualities of Scorpio. The urge to connect with something greater than the self is expressed through intensity of experience and depth of feeling; trust in a higher power comes through seeking and confronting that intensity. One needs to tap into a powerful transformative energy in order to have confidence in oneself.

Over the years, I have come to express Scorpio's nature as one of 'emotional extremes'; and Jupiter's manifestations through the sign Scorpio are no exception. In fact, since Jupiter itself is given to excess, it should come as no surprise that this combination quite

often is expressed in powerful and contradictory ways that could indeed be characterized as extreme. For example, these people need risk in order to have the intensity of experience that they crave, but they are also fearful of being vulnerable, and even feel terrified of life getting 'out of control'. And yet, if things remain calm for too long, they often instinctively stir up conflict and problems, or at least start new projects or tackle new challenges.

This is a placement of strong and deep emotions; it can be expressed as resentment and extreme pettiness, or through ennobled emotions and loyalty to people and causes. And the same person may contain all these diverse tendencies! These folks crave deep involvement with whatever they do. Superficiality is not a familiar concept to them. Marcus Aurelius, whose Jupiter was in Scorpio, gives us a great watery image of finding goodness (Jupiter) in the depths (Scorpio): 'Dig within. Within is the foundation of good, and it will ever bubble up, if you will ever dig'.

Those with this Jupiter position often like to expand and explore in the 'taboo' areas of experience and knowledge, such as the occult, sex, death, deeper psychological motivations, and various metaphysical laws. In any case, they are research-oriented and may investigate natural laws, financial operations, military strategies, or criminal behavior with equal thoroughness. Moore and Douglas concisely summarize some of the essential qualities of this position: 'He knows how to think big and at the same time is willing to dirty his hands by undertaking the practical work of the world. His talent for converting natural resources into useful products may attract him to fields connected with chemistry, engineering, and pollution control. He may also be a discerning psychologist who can assist people who are endeavoring not only to adjust to the circumstances of the world but also to reconstruct themselves from within. Jupiter and Scorpio combine to give a flair for business and finance. Frequently, these people prosper because they are willing to take the trouble to dig out necessary information, to get down to essentials, and to bide their time until a situation is ripe for development. They amass wealth because they so strongly desire and expect success in all their enterprises. There is an almost mystical faith in the power of money to breed more money and, consequently, more power. Forceful Scorpio and farseeing Jupiter blend in the hard-driving, efficient executive who, despite having his nose to the grindstone, is quick to catch the scent of new and promising markets for his products. There may be an almost sublime self-confidence which transcends ordinary egotism....

Those with Jupiter here often feel the need to be possessed by a cause, a greater power, another person, or a sense of mission. In any case, they are often seen by others to act as if they are 'possessed' by a passion or energy which they cannot fully control, which is especially obvious if they also have other Scorpio or strong Pluto factors in their chart. This 'something beyond them', however, also gives them a great ability to tune into extra reserves of power or into an intelligence that transcends conscious logic. They often have shrewd hunches, and 'they think with their guts'. This uncanny intuition also enables them to see the core of truth or value in a person, thing, investment, or situation,

which most other people have completely given up on. Hence, they can revivify seemingly dead situations, products, companies; and likewise, with people, they can help them to heal or reform themselves, even if the condition seems desperate.

Carter wrote of this position: 'Reserved, dignified; sometimes reckless or self-indulgent'. Davison wrote: 'A resourceful, subtle mind; can be suspicious. Expands passions, devotion, magnetism, will-power, and pride. Can be self-absorbed'. Hickey wrote: 'Courage strong. Very secretive. Can give healing power'. Ebertin wrote: 'Ruthless striving for possessions and pleasures... overly pronounced sexual life'.

Ebertin's reference above to the emphasis on the sex life should probably be clarified and elaborated. Marcia Moore wrote that there is a tendency with this placement either to 'repress or over-express the erotic impulses', which is generally true for most other planets in Scorpio as well. I think it is most accurate to say that those with Jupiter in Scorpio will strive to broadly understand eros and sex, probably to experiment with it, but at least to exhibit a strong and wide-ranging interest in the sexual energy, its manifestations, and theories about it. In some people, it remains primarily a mental interest. In other words, by no means do all those with this placement act out their curiosity. It depends on the rest of the chart, and I have personally seen a number of people of both sexes with Jupiter in Scorpio who exhibit a fairly low sex drive and not at all an inordinate interest in sex and eros, but yet who seem to have an instinctive understanding of the role sex can play in human life and motivation.

Many well-known people who have Jupiter in Scorpio focused on passionate emotional expression or on emotional tension in their creative work. Others expressed in their work grand and wide sweeps of emotion. Various others explored the underside of human life.

(Sydney Omarr)

Jupiter in Scorpio tells of the native who has friends in the 'underground' - he is attracted to the hidden, the occult, the underdog. He is fortunate in investments, and he gains through his faith in projects which start as 'acorns' then grow into 'trees'. His emotions are deep; he can undergo much suffering if he feels his cause is right. Thus, the astrologer must help him develop powers of discrimination so that he is more likely to make wise choices.

He possesses enormous pride, often is entrusted with secrets, makes and spends great sums, and thrives on challenge - but must be 'cured' of creating defeats which he feels he is always capable of transforming into victories. In other words, he tends to make his path rougher than it should be, and for no other reason than the 'exercise' this provides.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a total giver, though potentially a manipulative one. You have the goodness to

understand and transform evil - yet should pledge to avoid getting on a power trip. You have the morality to be true to the ultimate good - and should pledge to eliminate questionable motives. You have reverence for the powers of the unconscious - yet should avoid becoming spooked or obsessive.

You can be trusted to leave no stone unturned in your pursuit of whatever or whomever you are passionately involved with; to be in touch with deep qualities and hidden causes in life, and eventually to be able to employ them to some beneficial end; and to pledge yourself absolutely once every snag has been experienced and eliminated.

You may be excessively manipulative in order to get Other where you think you want him / her; excessively concerned with the underlying meaning of things so that Other feels trapped in your web of intrigue, psychology or esoterica; and excessively looking for the ultimate origin of things, and so you miss the obvious, find it too difficult, go for the money, get disillusioned, and start over....

You believe that all of life originates and issues from some hidden, unconscious or soul realm of existence, and so you relate to Other in an equally deep and serious fashion, seeing him / her as an important part in the process of the workings of your unconscious mind. You also believe in fated, deeply committed relationships.

You disagree with the idea that relationships are random and are simply about the pursuit of pleasure and security and family-raising. Be aware that, as this is an idea that is believed (at least unconsciously) by most people, you may not know that you actually disagree with it.

When you are alone, it is most likely to be because you do not believe you can survive the pain and intensity of a close relationship - ever or again. To deal with this state, you then see it going in one of two extreme directions - as is the wont of planets in Scorpio. The first avenue is deciding to follow a life of sexual abstinence where you focus all your (sexual) energies into some spiritual discipline. The other option, which is really all you're left with if you do not find the first acceptable, is to muddle through as you resist plunging into either dark pool. It takes very little reflection to see that this is actually a pretty dire course to take, because it hurts more than anything. So short of taking the road of abstention where you believe in something that will help manage your feelings for you, you have to believe that something will look after you, carry you and guide you through the treacherous reefs of intimate relating. What all of this is saying is believe that you are positively transformed through emotional pain, and that your real enemy is thinking that there is a soft option.

(John Townley)

You enter new relationships very carefully and with grave consideration. Except under extraordinary circumstances, you begin an affair with your eyes open.

Once involved, however, you want to become totally immersed in love in order to achieve the greatest creativity and satisfaction. You must find a lover who appreciates the generous physical aspects of lovemaking that you desire. Once you have decided to further the relationship, you need a lover who will not leave you wanting more.

Under ideal conditions, sex is a source of strength and balance to you. It can energize your daily life and enable your creativity of expression to flow more swiftly and smoothly. In this respect, your love life controls the style and success of your other activities to some extent.

Avoid overreacting to minor problems that come up in the bedroom, and don't turn molehills into mountains. Take the extra time and effort to understand your lover's feelings and needs. Learn not to use pressure of any kind to gain sexual satisfaction, for that may work against you and even lead to estrangement. It is better to end an unsatisfactory affair than to try to force it into an unnatural mold.

(Robert Hand)

An important element of your life will be thinking beyond the surface appearance of a situation to understand what is really happening. You love mysteries; and by solving the mysteries, you will develop a great understanding of life. While you are young, you ask a lot of questions, and you keep asking and searching until you get answers. In this regard, you are more persistent than most people. Any school subject that interests you will draw all your energies, but you won't give much attention to the subjects that seem dull.

Sometimes this placement indicates an interest in the supernatural; and when you are older, you will be attracted to spiritual and mystical views of the universe. You are not satisfied with appearances at any level, which means you should be a good researcher, if your mind is at all scientific. You have a great interest in people's psychological make-up, which you express now as intuitive insights. However, as you get older, you will understand what your intuitions are based on, and you may even choose a career in which psychology is an important part of your work.

The only problem here is that you may sometimes be reluctant to share your insights with others, for two reasons. First of all, especially while you are young, you have trouble communicating what you know. Later on, you may be reluctant to discuss these matters because you know how difficult it is for others to understand them, even when expressed clearly. Also you may just enjoy being secretive, although it is not good to indulge this. Whatever you discover in life, your feelings and emotions will always be an important means to greater understanding.

Jupiter ♃ in 6th House

(Marilyn Waram)

A person who has Jupiter in the sixth house connects ultimate values and the search for truth to work, productivity, efficiency, and the mundane, routine little jobs which keep life running smoothly. This may be expressed as an extreme fussiness, where all details must be attended to perfectly. Nothing else will do. The perfectionism which Jupiter can indicate can combine with the sixth house attention to specifics to produce a particular perfectionist who will readily criticize both her own performance and others. She can have a sharp eye, all right, but may have a sharp tongue as well. She does not intend to hurt, but considers accuracy and precision so important that she often does not distinguish between situations where those qualities are important and those situations where they are not. She may also assume that it is her responsibility to correct mistakes.

As an example, to criticize a child's first attempt to make her own bed is inappropriate. Her level of competence is naturally far less than an adult's. That is not the issue - most people would agree that the child's self-esteem is important here. She needs praise for her attempt, and encouragement and appreciation for her help. However, the person with Jupiter in the sixth house may lose all sight of that, focus on the rumpled blankets, and either redo the job herself or point out all the mistakes. Such treatment tends to produce withdrawn, defeated children who may form the belief that nothing they do is ever good enough.

With Jupiter in the sixth, a person often expects herself to always do her job perfectly. She may also add pressure to herself and expect all her daily routines to be done perfectly all the time, as well. She can become chronically dissatisfied with herself and her job if she cannot meet her expectations. The likelihood is, however, that she will keep trying. It may be a long time before she will entertain the idea that she needs to lower her standards, or apply them with more discretion.

Eventually, as the sixth house is one of the keys to practicality, she will be likely to find that she is more willing to accept the realities of time and energy limits, and will start to reassess her expectations. She may also realize that her talent - and it is a valuable one - for finding mistakes and seeing what needs to be corrected is very constructive when used in a work context, on objects, projects or even concepts. That talent is proportionately destructive when used on people. Her zest for fixing things needs to be handled with discretion: used on objects and ideas, but not on individuals. When she learns this, she will learn that her ability is only a cross when she does it too much, too often or in the wrong place.

The sixth house is also one of the keys to health, an interest in natural foods and

supplements, and a pure lifestyle. Jupiter here may mean that the person considers any or all of these extremely important, perhaps even as ultimate values. She may have health problems herself, particularly allergies, if she works too hard and permits herself no time to relax. Eventually her body rebels and forces her to take a rest. This may lead to a passion for healthy, pure foods; and she may expound their virtues to anyone who will listen and many who won't.

Jupiter in the sixth is a natural square. There is a conflict between the sixth house association with discrimination, picking among the details, and demand for practicality, and the Jupiter association with generalization, looking at the overall picture and intellectual approach. There can be a pull between the need for purity, accuracy and correctness and the tendency to want to wrap matters up quickly, to disregard details and assume things. This can lead to a chronically stressed-out nervous system.

At work, she can develop her passion for detail, and either be an extremely valued employee, or take it too far and be known as the office critic, or the one who is never satisfied. She may need to learn to appreciate small things. Her tendency to overlook benefits (rather than flaws) occurs when she makes criticism an ultimate value.

With Jupiter in the sixth, the individual may expect her job to be perfect. In other words, she looks to her job for the ultimate fulfillment in terms of salary, environment, coworkers and so on. She may be continually disappointed that none of her jobs live up to her expectations. She may leave them - a covert way to retain her freedom. She may expect the job to be one which greatly improves the world - which is a way to find a practical expression of the idealism associated with Jupiter. She may find she enjoys work where she gets to spread the truth in some way; thus, publishing, writing, religious work and so forth are all avenues she may pursue. Teaching is also a strong possibility, especially philosophy. She will be happiest in a job which she judges to have importance and significance, which makes a difference to the world in some way. She may feel freest when able to travel in connection with her work. She definitely needs a lot of intellectual stimulation or a spiritual outlook in her work, or she will get bored and disappointed. She will also need a lot of physical space at work. Cooped up in a tiny back room, she will tend not to stay there, but will find excuses to leave all the time, visiting with co-workers, out to do errands, etc.. She will be dissatisfied with such an arrangement, and will not long tolerate it. Illness is one way to get out of a too-limiting or limited job.

Jupiter is also associated with politics, so she could work in a job which is political, or she could be a very political person at work. If projected, one's co-workers may seem initially attractive because of their positive, expansive outlook and ability to see the larger picture, plus their confidence in the future, their cleverness and wisdom. However, after a while it becomes apparent that they talk more than work; they philosophize endlessly but actually produce very little. Or they may make every mistake a moral failure, be jovial at inappropriate times, or have a cavalier attitude toward those all-important details. They may make promises they can't keep, or pull the individual into grandiose schemes,

gambling, or rash, arrogant behavior. When Jupiter in the sixth is projected, one's coworkers tend to be politically oriented, or office politics play a large part in the work environment.

Handled with balance, always a challenge with Jupiter, this placement can be expressed as constant study into natural foods, health supplements, and pure lifestyles, without obnoxious preaching. It may manifest as someone who values her job highly, feels it has importance and significance, and enjoys its continual growth and expansion, but does not expect to get all of her fulfillment from it, nor does she expect it will always be perfect. She can do her job to a high standard without expecting herself to be perfect. She learns to accept some mistakes in her work, from time to time. Jupiter is associated with goodwill and generosity; she can express both of these towards her co-workers. She may also learn to bring the positive, optimistic, hopeful view of the future, and the faith in her ability to take on challenges, to the work environment. She can become quite an inspiration to those with whom she works.

(Eve Jackson)

From Virgo's point of view, the ideal working day would be ordered yet flexible, coordinating the numerous necessary tasks as smoothly as possible for minimum effort and maximum efficiency, each item on the agenda having its place in a quasi-organic system. There would be very little chance of things getting out of control. Those with Jupiter in the sixth house are likely to feel imprisoned in such a highly organized world. There is impatience with routine, a preference for working according to the inspiration of the moment without such irksome restrictions as clocking in and out. There is a need to feel that the daily round points to something beyond itself, that there is scope for new discovery in it. Sixth house planets have a way of manifesting in those we work with; and Jupiter here often brings people in touch with colleagues who enliven the routine day and open doors to new experiences.

To synthesize Jupiter's vision with sixth house ordinariness is not particularly easy, and perhaps requires something of a Zen approach, according to which nothing is more significant than the trivial round of ordinary life, from clearing teeth to filing papers. An element of ritual can be helpful; whereas Virgo creates rituals to keep chaos at bay, Jupiter develops rituals aimed at bringing the divine into manifestation.

The routine operations of the physical body are also a sixth house concern; we might say that ultimately this house has to do with an inner sense of order. Jupiter here seems to incline towards an intuitive and sometimes even spiritual approach to health and healing, and turns up often in the charts of holistic practitioners.

(Howard Sasportas)

Jupiter may seem a little cramped in the 6th house of health, adjustment to necessity,

and the management of mundane affairs. But regardless of what he does with his time, he always manages to make something significant of it. Those with Jupiter in this house seek (or should seek) to experience meaning in life through work and service to others. Selfpurification and the refinement of their skills and abilities affrd them a greater sense of well-being and satisfaction.

As in the 3rd house, Jupiter may manifest in different ways. In a bid to do as much as possible for themselves or others, some might hurry through one task in order to move quickly onto the next. Others, however, will apply themselves to any small matter with the utmost concern and diligence. As in the traditional Japanese tea ceremony, a tiny detail can assume cosmic importance.

Pride will be taken in their work; and they usually have a great deal of energy to contribute to any employment situation. Although Jupiter is prone to believe that his way of doing things is best, they will normally have good relationships with co-workers. This position could indicate work of a Jupiterian nature - involving travel, public relations, educational activities, the promotion of art, culture, sports, religion, etc..

Some may burden themselves with too many duties in life and not leave the time to care for their own bodies. Others may become almost obsessed with health or making the body a better vessel for the spirit. These people might undertake any new diet, technique or exercise which promises heaven on earth. In fact, the whole day bay be strewn with such activities: waking up at seven, taking sex deep cleansing breaths, a two-mile jog, a hot and cold shower, some yoga, meditation, and then a breakfast of bran, grapefruit and one walnut. Although Jupiter in the 6th is normally associated with excesses of food and drink, I have noticed the extremes of Jupiter just as frequently operating the other way - week-long fasts eating nothing but grapes, for instance.

In a number of instances, I have run across Jupiter in the 6th in the charts of people who developed cancer; but in a good proportion of these cases they have overcome the disease. By nature this planet represents over-production; and in these cases, it is the cells in the body which proliferate. There is an intimate relationship between mind and body, or psyche and soma; and any planet in the 6th has an influence to bear on this coupling. For instance, if too much time is spent serving others, then a hidden resentment could build up in the person: 'When is it my turn?' or 'What about me?' Sickness may be the only way the person can justify getting some attention for the self. Jupiter asks that we grow, expand and develop in different areas of our life; and if for any reason we are avoiding doing so, then teh cells in the body may assume the job for us, and they start growing and expanding. Fortunately, it is not difficult for people with Jupiter in the sixth to understand illness symbolically and see it in the context of their lives as a whole. In the pursuit of a cure, they make significant alterations and changes in their entire lifestyle and philosophy of living. Those with Jupiter in the 6th could be the people who inspire others to participate more positively in their own self-help. By contrast, a poorly aspected 6th house Jupiter is sometimes an indication of the kind of

person who falls ill on holidays or trips abroad.

(Stephen Arroyo)

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Jupiter in the sixth house gives not only a prodigious capacity for work, but also the ability to carry out one's duties and daily routines with an unusually cheerful outlook. Daily work, or at least being of practical use in the world and / or of service to others, is inordinately important to these folks, so much so that they may - in their boundless optimism - take on far too much for their constitution to bear.

I personally have seen this placement expressed as that most rare of qualities: the ability to balance enthusiasm with humility. (Even Leo Sun individuals seem to express themselves in a more humble way when their Sun is in the sixth house!) These people usually feel optimistic about their daily routines, and are eager to help. As Charles Carter wrote in 'Essays on the Foundations of Astrology', those with Jupiter in this house exemplify a 'cheery or philosophical outlook'; and he goes on to explain another one of his original insights into human psychology: that the sixth house has 'a very strong (but apparently overlooked) relation with the disposition, especially one's moods, temper and manners'. Carter connects the sixth house not only with the traditional meanings that we find in all text books, but also with the temperament, even overriding the Ascendant to some extent. I would add that it is especially the temperament and moods as expressed in performing one's daily routine duties that are illuminated by the sixth house; but of course most of us spend the majority of our waking hours performing just such activities. The connection of the sixth house with Virgo, and hence with the nervous system, further confirms his insight; we have all noticed how a person with 'afflicted Virgo planets' can be 'cranky', peevish, or overly critical toward others. The same nervous tension may be indicated by 6th house planets whose aspects are less than harmonious.

The Virgo connection with this house also manifests in other little-known expressions of planets in this house. For example, craftsmanship is often notable in those with an emphasis on the sixth. This house is also known for an analytical focus of the mind. Technical expertise and enthusiasm for scientific developments are often shown by Jupiter in this house. Moore and Douglas connect Jupiter in the sixth with 'loyal and devoted service'.

(Stephen Arroyo) (contd.)

The sixth house is also traditionally known for having a major concern with one's health. One might say concisely that Jupiter in the sixth should encourage the person to take care of his physical (and nervous system's) health enthusiastically, but that - as always with Jupiter - some kind of moderation should be used.

Craftsmanship, as well as a precision in the use of language, is evident in numerous writers who have Jupiter in this Mercurian house.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Without strong aspects from above the horizon, this can be a weak position for Jupiter, not bringing the rewards from transits that come from other locations. Those with a sixth house Jupiter will get their greatest pleasure from the work they do. Most of their good times occur in the workplace or with fellow workers. They make good managers because they are kind to subordinates and are usually loved and respected by them.

They have great sympathy for others less fortunate than themselves, and may give away more than they can afford (unless Jupiter is in Capricorn). They are inclined to align themselves with hopeless or outworn causes, techniques or individuals, and may sacrifice much out of loyalty. Their politics is truly the politics of love. They are inclined to work by fits and starts, and need a well-placed Saturn and Sun to help keep them moving steadily forward.

Their line of work is very important to them. It must be valuable work, something of significant use to humanity. They cannot be happy with frivolous or purely commercial work for long.

A good placement of Mercury or Uranus is necessary to give perspective, because Jupiter here doesn't have much. If Mercury is not strong, this person can suffer some big errors in judgement somewhere along the line

There will be more power, more follow-through, if Jupiter is in the fixed signs, particularly Scorpio. There is little strength in the mutable signs for furthering selfinterests, but much for helping others.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is induced by physical or psychological excess. There is a tendency to attempt too much in a given time period, both in overt behavior and more subtly in mental attitude. You assume that no amount of stimulation is ever too much; that the self can and will 'digest' any amount of experience. Do not expand too fast, or your system could blow out and collapse, forcing you back inside yourself. The result is breakdown through exhaustion. Your liver is an especially vulnerable organ. The challenge is to discover and correct misunderstandings in the regulation of personal experience. Relax back into the self, gradually exhaling your excesses.

Unequal relationships: You are not especially sensitive to unequal status relationships; instead, there is a comfortable awareness of the pragmatic necessity for inequality; an acceptance of the natural social order. With this acceptance comes an attitude of

opportunism, gliding through the levels, riding on Teflon surfaces of good manners and easy likability. If you feel resentment toward superiors, you rarely show it. If you feel condescension toward inferiors, you mask it, although not as well as in the reverse situation. The pitfall involves unconscious abuse of privilege through feigned sincerity. Don't take advantage of your position too often. Remain humble and friendly, and make sure your sincerity is authentic. The challenge is to use hierarchies of power for the greater good - for yourself, certainly, but for others as well.

Duty and service: Helping is natural, a source of social pride. You offer to share the bounty of your life, however great or small it may be. The more you share what you've amassed, the greater is your future reward. Your particular method of helping is to remind us that God is on our side, that within ourselves are all the tools needed to create a whole and happy life. At times you may not even believe this yourself; but if you counter the pessimism around you with positive attitudes, then you'll return to an optimistic and confident state. In reminding us, you remind yourself. The pitfalls lie in empty promises and dashed hopes. Be certain that your message of good faith has some basis in pragmatic fact, for there is little in life more discouraging than being told that things will get better, only to have them grow worse. The challenge is to tell the truth in the best possible way.

Technical mind: Mental discipline is 'a natural addiction'. The feedback loop of nervous stimulation and mental activity dovetail in perpetual rhythm. If you are left on your own, there's little to stem the flow of increasing self-absorption with mental stimuli. Even in a social situation, once you've begun revving on logical processes, only dramatically negative feedback from others brings you back to reality. Free association is entertaining, but not necessarily productive. Lack of precision is a major pitfall. The challenge is to observe how people behave socially, and to organize observations into a coherent body of information.

Discipline and routines: You can embrace regular routines, a solid nine-to-five life, or an independent flow with no schedule at all. It's all the same to you as long as the tasks you're addressing plug you into the larger worlds of social activity. Your work is not so much based on literal tasks, although these will naturally be part of your day, but more on issues in the realm of culture. As much as possible, let others take care of the details.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a strong desire to have all of life's comforts, and you accept the necessity of working to get them. You know you will succeed, because you have the necessary potentials, and you are willing to develop them to serve your purposes. This isn't easy, however; and circumstances sometimes force you to take on an extra job to meet expenses. You accept this situation with resignation, since you believe in an honest day's pay for an honest day's work. Not that you won't accept gifts, but you don't depend on them. You feel it's your duty to do everything that's expected of you, so you often do

more than your share. You could improve this picture by getting a higher education, which will allow you to earn more while working less, with more free time for yourself.

With your parents' help, you learned to take advantage of opportunities and to grow and develop from the experience. You believe in yourself, just as your parents did; and you have no doubts that you will succeed. Looking ahead, you want to do what you can for those who seek your services. Others appreciate it when you help them, and they are further impressed by your dedication and sincerity. Because you had to work for what you have, you understand what it means to be in need.

Although you believe in yourself, you have some doubts that your ideas are as good as others say they are, and you often fail to promote them as fully as you should. Consider it this way: if you try them and they succeed, all's well. If they don't, at least you won't have to waste any more time with them. You could help solve important social problems if you respond to society's needs. Your understanding and natural desire to be helpful could be effective tools to help those in need. It is quite likely that the career you choose will require you to serve the public.

You owe it to yourself to take good care of yourself. Avoid depleting your vitality by taking on too many responsibilities; and discipline yourself to get enough rest and relaxation. You owe it to others to use your skills and talents to help solve their problems. When you know that there is a future for you in the field you've chosen, you will understand that spending any amount of time and energy will be a wise investment in your future. You never let down anyone who has come to depend on you; and they appreciate your obvious commitment to serving their best interests.

If you fail to respond by helping those who need your professional skills, you will seriously undermine your chances of winning recognition, and you would affront those who cannot help themselves. The excuse that you don't feel you are capable is unacceptable, because deep inside you know you are. This is your opportunity to prove yourself by using the creative talents you've developed. You wouldn't think of turning your back on your mate in similar circumstances, which proves that you can do something about these problems. You tend to compare yourself unfavorably with competitors and to undersell yourself. To fail others is to fail yourself.

Saturn ♄ in ♐ Sagittarius 18° 27'

No interpretation.

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 was 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 one 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 fear 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 responsibility. 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 ↻ Sagittarius 27° 41'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in this generation have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new philosophical directions and new horizons for society's moral behavior. Disruption occurs in hanging on to belief systems and moral attitudes that justify old social behaviors.

(Joan Negus)

Uranus was already in Sagittarius as we entered the year 1900. In 1899, the US asked for an 'open door' policy with China by which all countries would be treated equally in terms of trade with China. In 1900, Russia, Germany, France, England, Italy and Japan agreed. Just the words 'open door' imply the Uranian idea of freedom; and the Sagittarian connection is inferred because fairness was an issue and foreign countries were involved.

Another example of Uranus in Sagittarius occurred in China with the Boxer Rebellion. The revolution was to protest foreign domination. The revolutionaries called themselves 'righteous harmony fists'. Property owned by foreign powers was destroyed and, after the rebellion, compensation was paid to the countries involved. In 1908 (when Uranus was firmly entrenched in Capricorn), the United States returned some of its settlement to China for practical purposes of education.

The late 19th and early 20th centuries also coincided with the time of the robber barons of industry. These men were expanding (a Sagittarian keyword) their corporations and

forming monopolies, in defiance of the Sherman Anti-trust Law. They considered themselves above the law. By February 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt was waging war on the monopolies in order that the government might exercise more control over them. His first step was to bring suit against the Northern Securities Company. This case was not settled until two years later - the year in which Uranus moved into Capricorn.

Exploitation of their employees was also part of the lack of concern of these captains of industry. Although deplorable conditions existed long before 1904, it was not until that year, with Uranus moving into the Earth sign of Capricorn, that something concrete was done about it. Textile workers in Fall River, Massachusetts waged a long and bitter strike. This brought to light the mistreatment of employees, including children, which led to a Child Labor Committee being formed in Congress and, eventually, to the protection of all children through Child Labor Laws.

In the area of modern technology, the first cable was laid between San Francisco and the Phillipines in 1902, and the Wright Brothers made their first flight in 1903. Both of these occurrences are clearly Sagittarian examples. The cable stretched beyond our domestic borders and the airplane is not only connected with distant travel, but this invention is also responsible for bringing the world closer together in terms of time.

During the next period of Uranus moving through Sagittarius (1981-88), technological developments were centered on space travel and computers - emphasizing the revolutionary broadening of our horizons in true Sagittarian fashion. The idea of 'trust-busting' came before the public again with the suit brought against the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, after which AT&T had to relinquish rights to local phone companies. Revolutions included the fall of the government in Haiti in 1986 and US intervention in Grenada. Human rights were important in both cases, and correlate with Sagittarian idealism.

If we look at the overview of the mundane affairs mentioned above, we find two contradictory themes. On the one hand, we have the robber barons expanding and developing without thought of the welfare of others - making their own laws or seeming to feel above the law. On the other hand, we see the emphasis on fairness, justice and benefits for humankind in the improvement of conditions of workers and the motivation behind the revolutions.

Both these themes can be evident in individuals with Uranus in Sagittarius as well. There may be a disregard for others if one's own freedom is in question or if people are interfering with one's expansion or development. But there is also an idealistic quality that is prevalent when others are being mistreated and one is not personally involved.

If you have Uranus in Sagittarius, you may be a visionary or an idealist in terms of your philosophy regarding freedom and individualism, but actions do not always follow or

accompany the words. Moral consciousness may be an issue in your evaluation of world conditions, but in your own life, your urge for progress may override your own conscience. You could espouse ideas of justice and equality for all and discuss changing world conditions. But when you are exhilarated by challenge, and you are using your ingenuity in broadening your own horizons, the matter of right or wrong might not be considered. So, although your enthusiasm may cause you to ignore your righteous philosophy, the philosophy is still there. And once you are conscious of your actions not always reflecting your belief system, you can correct the situation. You should still try to be innovative and move ahead, but keep your philosophy in mind as you are personally trying to develop. Not only should this keep you within acceptable boundaries; but also, by applying your moral viewpoint to yourself as well as to the world around you, you cannot help but improve both your position and that of those with whom you come into contact.

The theoretical side of freedom and justice may seem more obvious than tangible results stemming from actions taken. It is easier to philosophize than it is to work toward specific, concrete ends. This is clear in terms of the mundane data given above. The deplorable labor conditions in factories were exposed while Uranus was in Sagittarius. And the anti-trust suit against the Northern Securities Company was started during that period as well. But it was not until Uranus moved into Capricorn that labor laws were passed and the government won its suit.

In terms of creativity, if you have Uranus in Sagittarius you will probably find anything that fits this category will have as its purpose the betterment of humanity or the broadening of personal horizons. This latter can include bringing the world closer together (as illustrated by the invention of the airplane) while you are expanding yourself. So if you have Uranus in Sagittarius and are having difficulty being creative, focus on your motivation. This might help to get you started.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Sagittarius when the 20th Century began, and remained there until December 1904. In November 1981, Uranus again entered this sign, and remained there until February 1988, returning again briefly from May 1988 until November 1988. Sagittarius is associated with expanding horizons; anything that helps us grow or increases our understanding of ourselves and the world in which we live is related to this sign. Higher education, religion, philosophy and long-distance travel all help broaden our knowledge. Therefore, those of you who were born with Uranus in Sagittarius will experience and bring about changes in these areas.

Around the turn of the century, when Uranus was previously in Sagittarius, unconventional religions whose belief systems diverged from the prevailing Judeo-Christian attitudes of the Western world became popular, and many people explored mysticism, ancient religions and secret spiritual societies. During Uranus's most recent

passage through Sagittarius, huge numbers of people once again were rejecting orthodox religions and turning to other belief systems - Eastern philosophy, astrology, witchcraft, Native American teachings, ancient religions - and literature that reveals formerly hidden knowledge became widely available.

Those of you who have Uranus in Sagittarius in your birth charts might be interested in unconventional religions or have spiritual beliefs that are avant garde or radically different from those of the general public.

Uranus in Sagittarius also signifies major changes and breakthroughs in travel. In 1903, for example, the Wright brothers made their famous flight at Kitty Hawk and introduced the world to air travel. The automobile had its real beginning at this time, too, with the founding of the Ford Motor Company in 1903. During the more recent Uranus-in-Sagittarius period, the Voyager space probe journeyed to the outer planets for the first time, increasing our understanding of the solar system. Those of you who have this planetary placement in your charts may be interested in or responsible for new developments in the travel field. Perhaps the first people to journey to other planets will be members of this Uranus group.

This planetary position also is responsible for changes in education. When Uranus was last in Sagittarius, the progressive education movement in the United States, influenced by the philosophies of Rousseau, Froebel and others, introduced industrial, social and agricultural subjects into the school curriculum. Changes in the education system during the most recent transit of Uranus through Sagittarius include a marked increase in the number of students attending private primary and secondary schools rather than public institutions, and enormous increases in the price of higher education. Computers, both as a field of study and as a tool to aid study, have revolutionized educational programs at all levels. Sagittarius is associated with religion; and while Uranus has been in this sign, church-operated schools in the United States have proliferated. The debate over the church's role in public education has intensified, and attention has been focused on such issues as the teaching of evolution, school prayer and censorship of textbooks.

Those of you who have Uranus in Sagittarius in your birth charts are interested in and might be involved with creating, developing or promoting new methods and fields of study. Perhaps you feel there is a need for greater freedom and individuality in education, and will work to bring this about. Or, having been born during a time when quality education seems to be beyond the reach of all but the wealthy, you may attempt to make learning more accessible to all who want it. You could rebel against the influence of religion in the schools or go to the opposite extreme and strive to strengthen the connection between church and state in terms of the public education system. Whatever path you take, you are sure to be involved in changes that affect what and how we learn.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in the sign Sagittarius brings about new concepts in religion, philosophy, and education. Natives of this position of Uranus can pioneer new religious and educational forms. They have a strong desire to incorporate into religion the principles of science and the occult, such as reincarnation, astrology, and mental telepathy.

If Uranus is afflicted in Sagittarius, there can be dogmatic adherence to eccentric religions and social philosophies, or a desire to negate all religious concepts, producing sceptics and agnostics.

Uranus in Sagittarius gives natives a great deal of curiosity about foreign cultures. They will travel suddenly, taking long journeys out of the spirit of adventure. They will have many unique experiences in foreign countries or with foreigners, and they tend to adopt foreign religions and philosophies.

(Grant Lewi)

Your originality requires scope and proceeds from vision. You generalize readily, feeling yourself most at home, and in the sphere of your greatest mental efficiency, when dealing in large terms, ideas, symbols. This can make you a great artist or thinker or philosopher or preacher - or it can make you just a fuzzy thinker, never getting down to case. You should learn the worship of facts, and you need never worry about getting stodgy, for facts will always be to you the stones to build generalizations from and will never make you a groundling. You have a kind of fear and contempt for the earthbound, feeling that your true genius takes you out of the class of mere bookworms and grubbers into a higher atmosphere of the spirit. No idea is too lofty for you to grasp - or so you think. And by being willing to grasp facts first and build the ideas from them, you can be really as high and profound as you imagine yourself to be. When you learn the value of knowledge (as insurance for your ideas), you can be a real intellectual force; and it is in this role that you find your truest expression.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here, Uranus is in lively, dynamic spirit, giving an original slant to the intellect and opening up the mind. The Sagittarian need for challenge is complemented by an attraction to all things new and unusual. Uranus travelled through Sagittarius between 1981 and 1988; and Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius, made a transit of that sign in 1983 - a delightful joint influence, adding liveliness, an attractive sense of humor and very good brain to those born under it.

Generally speaking, the splendid influence of this placing alone will make these children intellectually and physically adventurous. They will be humanitarian and be able to contribute fully to the greening of the Earth, for they will be entirely aware of world ecological problems yet have a very different approach from those of the previous

generation of Uranus in Scorpio. Parents of children with this placing should try to always increase their awareness of the beauty of the world. These traits will be particularly pronounced if Sagittarius is prominent or Uranus is personalized.

(John Townley)

You may be able to convert your sexual energy into very active physical expression, particularly when pursuing adventure or a challenging new experience. Similarly, exciting new situations often stimulate your sexual and emotional drives, which may be rather sluggish when things are slow.

Others in your age group are likely to have a particularly simple and romanticized view of love that may or may not fit in with your own. If you share their idealized concept of love, you will be most content with lovers in your own close age range. If your view of love is more complex or realistic, you may be happier with a partner who is either quite a bit older or much younger.

You should understand your generation's attitude toward relationships, even if it differs a bit from your own. There is much beauty in an honest, energetic approach to love; and the qualities of earnestness and ingenuousness are well suited to pure love untainted by baser motivations. If you can sustain a relationship on this level, tremendous fulfillment is possible, but often such success is easier to achieve in a movie script than in real life. However, this general direction is worth the effort; tempered with realism, it can be most rewarding. Certainly this is one of the most sought-after styles of loving.

(Robert Hand)

These children are strongly attracted to new philosophies, and will question all accepted traditions and ideals. They are interested in new and innovative ideas rather than the tried and true, feeling that the past has outlived its usefulness. They have a strong drive to be free, and may be quite eccentric. If the current interest in new religious sects and cults continues, these people are likely to be very much involved with them, and will change them tremendously.

Uranus ♅ in 7th House

(Joan Negus)

The seventh house represents both what you need in close one-to-one relationships and what you have to give in them. Sometimes we try to project our seventh house requirements solely onto others, and sometimes we look only to ourselves to provide these necessary qualities. But neither of these alternatives is completely satisfactory.

You could go from one relationship to another, and from one extreme to the other, until you realise that you must share the requirements in that area with a mate, a best friend, or anyone else with whom you are intimately involved.

If you have Uranus in the seventh house and you try to express all the qualities described therein yourself, you will probably insist on showing your individuality and maintaining your independence in close relationships. Because there needs to be some stability to maintain a relationship, you will probably attach yourself to someone who is responsible and steady. Also, if you are being nonconforming, your partner will undoubtedly be assigned the task of defining your parameters. Since you are placing the emphasis on responsibility and stability, this person may lack the excitement you need in a partner. Then eventually you could end the relationship because you are bored or feel limited; or your partner might terminate it because you are so unreliable.

If the relationship ends, then very possibly your next relationship will be with someone who is exciting and needs a great deal of freedom. You will be attracted to the independent nature that was lacking in your last partner. But before long you could discover that this independence brings with it a lack of dependability. So you become the one burdened with responsibility in the relationship. When this occurs, you begin to feel trapped because you no longer have the freedom you need. If the feeling of being restricted becomes very strong, you could abruptly end the association. Then you might go back to a partnership in which you are the independent one and keep alternative these two scenarios.

A possible third script is to decide not to form any intimate associations. Having been exposed to both extremes (or even without experiencing either extreme), you may begin to feel that your freedom is more important than any relationship. You believe you will be happiest if you avoid intimacy. You could try to stay away from people altogether, but this will not work for long because you need intellectual stimulation, and with Uranus in the seventh house that stimulation comes with and from others. So you interact, find yourself attracted to some exciting, intelligent person with whom you are sharing ideas, and start alternating all three scenarios again.

Eventually you might come to the conclusion that you can never have a lasting relationship. Some people with Uranus in the seventh house say that; and some astrology textbooks state this as well. It may be a self-fulfilling prophecy, but it need not be true. In fact, I can give you a number of examples of people with this placement who have been able to maintain enduring relationships. One couple I know very well have, at this writing, been married for over forty years. He has Uranus in the seventh house, and she has Aquarius there. There were adjustments along the way, but they have learned to share the qualities they require in relationships.

Knowing that there are alternatives, understanding what they are, and consciously developing the desirable ones, are the secrets to making a relationship work. With

Uranus in the seventh house, remember that defining your boundaries is the first step in expressing your freedom. You might make a list (either in your mind or on paper) of what your requirements are in relationships. You can do this with or without astrology; but astrology makes the job easier. Note what you want and do not want in terms of the signs, planets and points in your seventh house, and remember that you and your partner both need to express some facet of these qualities.

You should also be aware that with Uranus in the seventh house, you probably do not want the kind of relationship your parents had, no matter what it was like. Even if you consciously believed your parents were the ideal couple, you would possibly be attracted to people who were unlike your parents. The differences might be in ethnic, religious and / or socio-economic background. If your parents had a traditional or conservative marriage, you could find the hippie type appealing in partnership; but if they were free-thinkers, you might want a partner (at least initially) who is conservative. The principle here is that you will break with tradition whatever it might be.

Let's look at specific issues that could be prevalent with Uranus in the seventh house, and some ways of dealing with them. As we examine the alternatives, it should not be difficult to sort out the desirable and undesirable qualities.

Freedom is one theme that will have prominence in partnerships. As already stated, you might be attracted to the independent nature of your partner (especially if stability was an integral part of your parents' relationship). You do not, however, want a partner who is so independent that there is no need for you. Therefore, as you begin to develop intimacy, look for mutual interests that can be shared, particularly those that entail excitement and mental stimulation. You might join forces in a challenging project or unite behind some cause. However, you do not want to share everything. Twenty-four hour a day togetherness can be limiting. But having some common interests can create a mutual bond to keep you together without making you feel confused.

It can also be satisfying to find a partner who is spontaneous and exciting. But with these qualities there may be no thought given to consequences and responsibilities. Unless you establish certain ground rules you could find that all the responsibility is heaped on your shoulders and you feel fettered rather than free. You do not need too many regulations, only a definition of the outer limits. For example, your spouse might walk in and announce that the two of you are going to take a romantic cruise. That could be an exciting prospect, and how nice to have a spouse who would think of such a trip. But if you are left with the details, such as how it will be paid for, who is going to take care of the children, etc., it could take away all the pleasure. If, however, you determine long in advance that any details must be jointly handled when last minute plans are made, you will not feel burdened by the responsibility. And because your partner is sharing the responsibility, you can more easily share the fun.

Another characteristic that can come with the need for freedom is the desire for periodic

time alone. If you have to be with others constantly, you can feel oppressed, restless and / or exhausted. You want to break away, be by yourself, and replenish your energy (or perhaps your tolerance). herefore, you want a partner who will at least be understanding of your need for occasional solitude. But chances are that you will be drawn to those who also want some time alone. If you are attracted to someone for other reasons, and then you discover that this person has to be with you constantly, you probably will not stay in the relationship too long.

The two main problems that could arise in connection with the need for solitude are: 1. you and your mate want to be alone at different times; and 2. concern with what your spouse is doing with his or her free time. If you want to be alone at different times, and do not make an effort to remedy this, you may never get to see each other and then there wouldn't be any relationship. If you are concerned with what your spouse is doing, you could get obsessed with this thought and defeat the purpose of your free time. Therefore, it would be a good idea to jointly schedule times alone (remaining as flexible as possible so that changes can be made), and to share information about your individual activities. You do not want the relationship to become too regimented; but total lack of consideration for the partner (which could occur if you made no adjustment to each other) is just as bad. Once you have developed a loose pattern, which has room to accommodate exceptions, it can become an automatic part of the partnership, and you will not feel restricted.

Another possibility for Uranus in the seventh house is to find a partner from a different background from your own, either ethnically, psychologically, or socioeconomically. You might select such a partner in order to be a rebel, or to emphatically state your individuality. Or you might be attracted to this person because he or she offers qualities that have been lacking in your life. For example, your partner could come from an emotionally demonstrative family, whereas yours was cool and reserved and, through your partner, you might learn to express your feelings more readily. You, in return, might help your partner to exercise more control. Or if your spouse or dear friend is from a foreign country, you could expand your knowledge of the language, customs and culture of that country because of the association. And you could share these facets of your own country with the significant other.

The differences between you, however, could also create problems. If each of you is accustomed to behaving in a particular manner that is unlike your partner, conflict can arise. In using one of the illustrations mentioned above, you could handle critical situations in your cool reserved way, by logically evaluating what is going on. While your partner, in his / her typical demonstrative fashion, at least from your point of view, will rant and rave. Or if you are an American 'women's libber' married to a man from a Near Eastern country who considers women second class citizens, you can reasonably expect that the two of you will have to make compromises or problems will most assuredly arise.

Compromise is not easy with Uranus, but the objectivity attached to the planet may help to resolve difficulties. As different situations arise, evaluate circumstances and determine together the best course of action. Discuss the situation objectively, as though it were happening to two other people. That could help you arrive at a fair compromise.

So look for a partner who is creative, unusual, intelligent, exciting, and / or from a different familial background from your own. Avoid those who are completely unreliable, totally self-centered and extremely erratic in behaviour. You may think that this sounds too difficult; but if you apply your objectivity you will find that it is simpler than you believe. With Uranus in the seventh house, you have the ability to view the relationship as though you were not involved. Then, before you allow yourself to be drawn in, you can eliminate those who exhibit a number of the qualities you want to avoid.

(Haydn Paul)

Uranus in this natal house will be active in the sphere of personal relationships, where it is most unlikely that you will experience smooth-running, tranquil partnerships.

Often, this becomes a struggle over the issue of relatedness, and what that actually involves and demands from people. Everyone has to undergo some kind of adjustment and modification of his / her behaviour within all social relationships, perhaps more intensely within intimate partnerships or marriage when people live together. You may find such changes difficult to make, or resent having to do so; and this reflects that Uranian tendency to be highly individual and rebellious. With that stubborn obstinacy and belief in being right, you may fail to even see why you have to adjust in order for a relationship to continue and prosper. Certainly the question of freedom will rise; and your insistence on this and having your own way is likely to create conflict. At times, an insensitivity to the parallel 'rights' of others can stand out in stark relief to some of your progressive social ideas.

Commitment is another problem area. You probably have severe mood changes; attitudes and interests can rise and fall with surprising rapidity; often your demand for freedom and individual expression is but a cover for this inner fluctuation, as you know how erratic and unpredictable you can be. Coupled with this is that urge for new stimulation, perhaps new partners; and the thought of willingly tying yourself to one person can frighten you through fear of restriction and limitation. Running away from relationships of any depth can indeed restrict you to experiencing only superficial affairs.

Many changes in your life will be triggered by the nature and outcome of your social and intimate relationships. There may be sudden affairs, marriages, divorces, due to unpredictable behaviour by either yourself or others. Your life can be turned upside down in such situations; and even your demands for freedom in a relationship could suddenly become freedom without any partner! These relationships will probably have an element of the unorthodox about them, with unconventional and unusual experiences

likely, especially if you are inclined to cross the lines of social taboos.

You may need to discover, and clarify for yourself, the function of relationship in society, to look at how you handle your relationships and how you regard their purpose. Uranus is attempting to lead you towards a new understanding of relationship in life, so that you can find real freedom within the relationship web instead of always being tempted to break out and stand alone. You need to transcend that aspect of destructiveness that you often bring into a relationship, which makes you respond to the pressure of growth by deciding that the tensions are unresolvable and looking for ways to shatter the bonds. In fact, a new approach to this sphere of life could open doors to entirely new forms of relationship, where each lives together in relative harmony, yet they are free enough to follow their own independent paths in a spirit of conscious partnership, instead of any antagonistic self-seeking demands which are exclusive of the partner, and which ignore his or her needs and sensitivities. If you can successfully modify your natural tendencies, relationships of valuable depth can be possible, which as you mature would really fulfil your needs.

(Robert Pelletier)

In your desire to enjoy life without limitations, you seek progressive people who lead exciting lives. You apply the same philosophy in searching for a partner with whom you can have room to grow and develop. You are easily accepted in any social environment, because you don't follow any hard and fast rules that make it impossible for others to welcome you. You tend to avoid responsibility, however, which could create some problems in your career. Until you are established in your own right, you may have to rely on social contacts to open doors. This might be painful, because you don't like being obligated to others. You need to plan your moves carefully and realise that success is the product of a well-thought-out program with specific objectives.

Though you think you know what's best for your children, giving them unlimited freedom may cause more harm than you know. Luckily you have good communication with them, so they may not criticise you for your lack of discipline. You know how to make contacts with important persons who can help you exploit your creative ideas. They will support you in your endeavours because you are careful not to force yourself on them. Get an education and learn how others accept full responsibility for their actions. You may then realise that you have freedom only if you earn it. With your talent for innovation, your goals are nearly limitless when you apply yourself.

You are uncomfortable when forced to adhere to rules laid down by someone else, which was even more difficult while you were growing up, when your parents tried to control you. A rebel at heart, you needed to let them know that you had to make your own way and fail, if necessary, on your own terms. You aren't as self-confident as you appear; and working with the public will show you how much experience you need to succeed. Time is in your favour if you learn to forego some of your personal indulgences

when your career demands require it.

It may be annoying, but you must deal with the financial facts of life if you want to earn a decent income. Learn to capitalise on your social contacts and use these opportunities to demonstrate your talents. You will eventually succeed on your own and gain the freedom to be more selective about whom you are obligated to. You do owe something to your public, from whom you are willing to accept certain rewards for the services you render. Don't forget those who do favours for you. Helping them can be a wise investment in your future, when you may need them again.

You are ingenious in finding ways to gain acceptance by the general public for your contributions, which may not be spectacular compared with others'. But you fascinate people with your special brand of charm, which disarms them without their knowing it. You easily arouse people's interest in your programs, which you say are in their best interests; and for the most part you succeed. Examine your motives in all your actions. If your purpose is to get as much as possible at others' expense, your victory will be bittersweet; but if you sincerely work for their best interests, you will deserve and win their appreciation. Your partner is your most ardent supporter, and will honestly appraise your accomplishments.

(Bill Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: Uranus in the 7th house indicates that your reflection in others electrifies or awakens you. The experience can be both enlivening and upsetting, and encompasses both in the long run. One-to-one relatedness is where you discover your true uniqueness, that which separates you from the crowd and defines you as a special being. The pitfall lies in defiant refusal to look at what needs to change within you. The challenge is to see yourself with fresh eyes, letting old masks fall away.

Equal partnerships: You are likely to jump into - and out of - partnerships, for not only is their appearance an unexpected surprise, but their disappearance can be equally sudden. The function of personal relationships in your life is to disturb ordinary unconsciousness. If you're 'sleeping' lightly, then their appearance is a delight. If you're stuck in habit, or using unconsciousness as an escape from your life, they may well jolt you like an electric cattle prod. If you want relationships to last, you'll need to come and go often. The willingness to establish instant connection, to break that connection when necessary, and then re-establish it later is a hallmark of maturity. Do not cling, nor allow others to cling to you. The challenge is to let go of expectations and live in the here and now.

Contracts, commitments: Commitment is hardly the tenor of this placement. Instead, you leap into contracts - and later break them, often on very short notice. The polarity is sufficiently extreme that when you're in one state, you can't conceive of ever being in the other. Commitment touches directly on the issue of personal freedom, especially in the

arena of spiritual growth. Ordinary commitments too often limit our freedom; and you are very aware of these limitations, determined not to be bound by them. Your challenge is to find a better way, to experience the linking of your higher will with the mundane experience of making a promise. That's no easy task to master; but even the contradictions can teach you about the extraordinary freedom that comes from true commitment.

Co-operation When you flow calmly, you are a joy to be with, since your boundaries are so clear, and yet your natural willingness and interest in interaction causes others to feel completely safe with you. When resistant, however, there is no-one more rigid and defiant. In those moments, you would cut off your nose to spite your own face rather than engage in a substantive co-operation. What makes this placement fascinating is the switch from one posture to the other. It can take even you very much by surprise. Your challenge is to flow with the changes. When you are unco-operative, go away - you need separateness and a sense of freedom. When you again feel co-operative, return to sharing.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is different from other people you've met in your life, an individual who stands apart in your mind, distinguished by independence and a distinctly revolutionary bent, a crusader for change. His or her personality should also be more than a little unpredictable, keeping you on your toes.

A natural partnership awakens you to new possibilities within yourself, and leads to uncharted territory. Your partnership causes you to want to throw off the shackles of false security, to reach for true freedom through the discoveries sharing can provide. The image is an electrical generator.

Neptune ♆ in ♋ Cancer 27° 51'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Neptune-in-Cancer periods focus on children, too. The first English books published for

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

Your early home environment impressed you deeply and even more than most fixed your instinctive reactions to life and conditioned your intuitions. You may range far from the ideal of your subconscious, but this will forever remain fixed in a home of your own, and you will never feel yourself till you are settled in one. Since this demand of the ego is fairly easy to fulfill, you stand a chance of escaping the worst complexes that beset human beings; and once you have established your own hearth and fireside, and rested your soul in it, your instinctual urges should work naturally toward the smooth fulfillment of the total personality. You are extremely sensitive to atmospheres and moods, of places as well as of people, and should allow your instinct to guide you in the selection of a location for your home. Congenial surroundings are necessary for your best development, and peace in the places where you live and work is essential to the best growth of the ego, which instinctively remembers the peace of infancy and the protective atmosphere of the mother and seeks to rediscover these in its physical and psychic environment. If the total personality is passive, weak rather than strong, this can make you a spoiled child all your life, causing you to expect your wife or husband or friends to stand in loco parentis and humor your whims. But in an aggressive and strong nature it causes the personality to be based firmly in simple domestic security, from which it draws strength and the materials of success and progress.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

Neptune ♆ in 2nd House

(Marilyn Waram)

The person with Neptune in the second house tends to be idealistic about the use of money and personal resources. Often she is not terribly attached to her personal assets. She tends to look upon her possessions as wards in her care; and while she may be saddened when the time comes to part with something, she can let it go where others simply cannot. She has, deep down, an intuitive awareness that 'you can't take it with you'.

With Neptune in the second house, there may be an indifferent attitude toward personal finances, earning an income and taking care of possessions. Some of these people are very generous and will give away one of their belongings to someone who admires it. They can believe that possessions do not truly belong to anyone but are there for the good of all, and should be with the person who is happiest with them. Such an outlook greatly satisfies the Neptunian idealism. They may be just as easygoing with their money, and can easily be taken advantage of by acquaintances.

Neptune in the second house can signify a fairy-tale attitude toward money - either that it will always be there when needed, or that it is simply another one of the world's idiotic preoccupations and a delusion.

Sometimes this position simply indicates forgetfulness or impracticality with resources. Bills may be overlooked, costing the individual in interest charges. Checkbook balances may be forever incorrect, resulting in N.S.F. checks. Purchases may always cost more than planned because the person is somewhat naive and doesn't know how to ask about additional charges, or she simply forgets about them. She may not be willing to sit down and figure out which item is the best buy, preferring to simply go on her intuition. Purchasing decisions may be based on the fact that she hasn't eaten yet today rather than what she can afford. She often has no clear idea of what she can afford. She

frequently doesn't care much, either. She is not inclined to read the small print in a contract, and may easily lose money through trusting the wrong people, through impractical investments which appeal to her altruistic nature, and through outright con games. She can often be talked into making loans to people who cannot repay, simply because she yearns to help out. She may leave her finances in an incredible muddle year after year rather than impose effort and discipline on the issue.

Sometimes, with Neptune (beliefs and ultimate values) in the house of money and possessions, there is a strong tendency to value and perhaps overvalue material possessions. If there is an emphasis on Earth in the chart, this person may be inclined to take great care of her things and her money, putting a great deal of time and effort into upkeep. She will usually want her possessions to look attractive and to be aesthetically pleasing. If there is enough drive in the chart to do this upkeep on a continuing basis, it may be possible to turn this into a career.

Neptune and the second house share a strong creative tendency. It may be expressed as interest and possible talent in pure art, or in music, or in other artistic / creative pursuits; but it will certainly be inherent. This person will need at least periodic access to music and to lovely surroundings, including pastoral outdoor settings where she can soak up the peace and serenity. If there are any other indications of possible artistic ability in the chart, this individual needs to have some background training and some way to express the creativity. Music and / or other creative pursuits as well as visits to parks will all be ways for this individual to relax and let go of built-up tensions.

Since the second house also relates to sensual pleasures, it is possible that the person expects these to provide a kind of ultimate ecstasy. She may retreat to herself whenever life threatens to get too nasty, looking for reassurance and fulfillment in an area which can only provide temporary pleasure. She may make pursuit of sensual pleasure an ultimate value, something she will cling to in the face of much difficulty.

With Neptune in the second, the person needs to face up to her tendency to create illusions about money, possessions and sensual pleasures, or creative pursuits, to expect more from them than they can provide, or to ignore or deny their importance. With patience and insight, this Neptunian can achieve a truly wholistic perspective on the role of material possessions and sensual pleasures in a balanced life. That is, she can come to understand that possessions and pleasures contribute important experiences, but are not to be clung to as ultimate values for there is nothing truly lasting about either.

(Haydn Paul)

The issues with this Neptune position revolve around the themes of money, resources and possessions, topics that are central to modern Western capitalist and consumer thinking.

Money is often the main symbol for success in the world; and most of man's activities are designed to generate this commodity, both for essential survival needs such as food and homes, and for the satisfaction of additional desires such as luxurious and extravagant living, enhanced security, and the accumulation of possessions which enrich life.

Neptune may stimulate several contradictory attitudes towards money and resources; but one common thread underlying them is the need to develop a new understanding of their relevance in your life, a deeper perception of their significance and meaning. There may in some be a preoccupation with money, resources and possessions, where money is elevated to a position of supreme importance and where all ambition is consumed with the desire for more. Here the tendency is to excessive consumption, extravagance, the need to feel secure by being surrounded by the material forms of purchases, and external displays of having money. There is a continual dissatisfaction which always demands further satiation through buying and acquiring more; more cars, TVs, bigger houses, holiday homes etc.; and there is a resulting lack of appreciation and value. Some may have that 'financial knack' where, like Midas, everything that is touched turns to gold, and money accumulates with little effort or through wise business acumen.

Another tendency can be a lack of financial sense; one wastes money through careless impractical schemes and foolish dreams, or by failing to generate sufficient self-application to ensure that a potentially viable business project eventually succeeds. Speculations can be wrongly made, money lost through depending on others, either fraudulently or through an unreliable trust.

Some may believe that life should fulfil their every need without their having to do anything in return, becoming social parasites and dependent on state generosity without due reason apart from laziness.

Others may imbue the issue of resources with an idealistic vision, whereby excess money and possessions can be shared within a social context, perhaps through donations to favourite causes and charities, or where unwanted possessions are freely given to those in need in the world, thus creating a freer flow of the energy contained in money. This can sometimes emerge as a feeling of 'guilt in the mind of the successful liberal', but is a prompt towards social responsibility.

Neptune asks you to reconsider your attitudes towards money. Does it condition your life so that everything else is secondary? Do you really appreciate and value what you have now? Could some possessions or money be released to help others in greater need than yourself? Are you irresponsible with money, and do you waste it? Do you derive a sense of self-worth, value and identity from your accumulated possessions; and do they act as a status signifier for you? What is really important to you, and is a search for more money merely a substitute for something else that is lacking?

Neptune may strip away all forms of extraneously based security if that is the lesson required. What is necessary is an inner re-evaluation, where value is placed on less material substitutes and possessions, where actual use of personal qualities and those inner resources such as gifts and talents is made, so enriching the life in that creative way. Many personal attitudes and beliefs are reflected by our money attitudes; and in changing either the other can be transformed, such as where inner insecurity relies on external possessions for strength, or where stability in life is looked for in bricks and mortar. Much of the personal identity is tied up in status-ridden employment for many, as is witnessed in the attitudes of personal superiority that many managers possess whereas, in truth, often those lowest in the hierarchy are much finer people and less obsessive and unbalanced!

The power of money is considerable; and its influence on contemporary choices is profound. Social transformation is similarly linked to changes in our personal and collective attitudes towards money and resources; and in this lies one of the fundamental keys to the future well-being of the planet. The visionary dreaming of Neptune can help us choose our attitudes wisely, with balance and discrimination, and with awareness of global repercussions. It is a re-evaluation that all concerned with the New Age ideal need to make.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This placement of Neptune gives sensitivity to the environment. These people are inclined to see the environment as a whole, and how society is moulded by it, and therefore are deeply interested in social improvement and environmental protection. They have a great love of nature and the outdoors - animals, birds, trees, and particularly lakes, rivers and the seashore. They will often give up the conveniences of urban life in order to live more closely with nature.

Often, these people are attracted to a basic natural lifestyle. They are inclined to take the broad view of life, and may have some difficulty focusing on immediate specifics. They are not inclined to stick to one thing, and generally take things as they come. They also have a tendency to be super-independent, and have a hard time compromising when they believe themselves to be right.

They make good scientists or technicians because they can easily absorb the basic concepts of physics and chemistry. Generally 'handy' around the house, they are able to figure out what to do to fix things. Rewards come on or near water, with perfumes and oil, in the entertainment industry (music, film, theatre), or in non-profit work for a cause.

They are very sensual and are likely to be overwhelmed by attractions to others from time to time. They in turn are usually very attractive to others, but often lack interest in those they attract. They tend to idealise or romanticise sexual relationships, while real intimacy may fail to live up to their expectations.

Sometimes, Neptune here can postpone a sexual relationship, leading to long engagements, or postpone the consummation of a marriage. Sex may seem gross to the delicate Nepunian sensibilities. It is a partial testimony to homosexual relationships; but, if so, most likely it is more of a childish, sentimental desire for the innocent love of a pal and hasn't much real sex in it.

(Howard Sasportas)

Like Uranus in this position, Neptune in the 2nd requires a deeper understanding and feeling for the whole sphere of money, possessions and resources. Neptune has a dissolving effect wherever it is placed in the chart; and in the 2nd, any tangible or outer forms of security may be subject to this influence. Unconsciously, the person may feel guilty about acquiring money or holding onto possessions, believing that what belongs to one should belong to all. Conversely, they may feel that the world owes them a living - what is other people's should rightfully be theirs as well. Whether they like it or not, watery Neptune creates fluidity in the 2nd house sphere.

I have seen a variety of manifestations of this placement. Sometimes, it indicates general confusion and nebulosness in the handling of finance and investment. Unforeseen forces undermine speculation - what seemed safe turns out to be a fraud. In some cases, thieves come in the night and claim what they feel should be theirs. Or they may receive a large cheque in the first post and a bill for the same amount in the second. Or, generous to a fault, they are a soft touch for any hard luck story, continually reaching into their pockets to give spare change away, or getting out the cheque book to donate to a worthy cause.

Poseidon had great riches under the sea and yet he still longed for the earthly power of Zeus. Those with Neptune in the 2nd may be dissatisfied with what they already have, and always want more - especially if someone else has it. They may worship money and possessions as the key to heaven on earth, or value money because it allows them to live out their fantasies. Even if they achieve the material status they hope to gain, they may discover that it isn't all that they imagined it would be. Something is still lacking.

Ultimately, rather than seeking security and well-being from outside of themselves, they might need to reconsider their value systems and look inward to what some call the 'higher spiritual plane' for fulfilment. They might even unconsciously provoke this by 'setting up' losing what they have gained or dearly value as if they sense that giving everything away is their path to rebirth and redemption.

I have observed that these people are often unsure of their own inner value and worth. They may not be appreciative enough of their innate gifts, such as their sensitivity and empathy, their artistic and creative imaginations, and the ability they have to heal and soothe others. Money could be earned through a 'Neptunian profession': acting,

modelling, painting, poetry, dance, fashion, photography, healing, the selling of alcohol or drugs, etc.. Professions as varied as that of a chemist, clergyman or merchant marine could be connected to a 2nd house Neptune.

Finally, there is a tendency to imbue the material world with symbolic and emotional significance. An object or possession may be valued not so much for what it is, but for the feelings it inspires in them. Often, they can perceive the essence underlying the form itself.

Pluto ♅ in ♎ Libra 5° 55'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Pluto in Libra experience the call to participate in world transformation by introducing new forms of co-operation between nations. They are also given the challenge of transforming traditional ideas of partnership relationships on planet Earth.

On a personal level, those born with Pluto in Libra experience their greatest fears in risking disharmony through disclosure of what they feel to be unjust. Their challenge is to be willing to discard personal illusions of balance and objectively express their power in relationships in order that a new and greater harmony can be established.

(Steven Forrest)

Scales: the eternal Libran image. They represent balance and harmony... and the weighing and reconciliation of opposites.

The passion with Pluto-in-Libra lies in the creation of conditions of accord and symmetry. Where? Anywhere. Everywhere. In all ways imaginable. Art is one such territory. So is justice. And peace. And human love in all its forms, from simple friendship on up to community in the largest sense.

Put down a heavy burden. End an argument with an agreeable deal. Come to a conclusion when you're faced with a tough choice. Always we experience the same physiological reaction: we sigh. And a sigh is a release of tension. And that release of tension is the heart's passion of Pluto in Libra.

Shortly after Pluto entered Libra, the peace movement attained critical mass and the war-machine was brought home from Viet Nam. But far more importantly, a generation of potential peacemakers began appearing, cleverly disguised as little babies so Nixon wouldn't know. Ingrained in their consciousnesses, these children carried not just a

sense of appreciation for peace, but far more significantly an uncanny set of instincts for the processes we must employ in creating peace: negotiation, listening skills, and empathy with alien perspectives.

A minority of human beings actually seems to enjoy fighting. For the rest of us, it is an unpleasant process at best. Marital spats, trouble with one's family, a threadbare spot in the relationship with a dear friend - it's all hellishly uncomfortable. So uncomfortable that we often try to avoid the conflict, even when it is a necessary step in clearing the air. And then the trouble just festers.

Pluto, as we have learned, is not inclined to turn away from hard realities. With Pluto in Libra, while the high destiny of the generation lies in peacemaking, these people are by no means cute little angels who are just going to 'make nice'. Why? Simply because it never works for very long. It is not an effective peacemaking method. Real peace can never be attained through denial or through glossing over difficult questions. The Plutonian instinct here is for diving into the muck, facing the heat of anger, resentment, prejudice and bitterness, and then hacking out a deal that succeeds.

The style of Pluto in Libra is thus negotiational, with an instinctive emphasis on recognizing areas of mutual benefit and agreement as the foundations of any lasting peace. Libra argues! But it argues toward an end, not just to vent anger.

Cosmically, this generation is charged with the task of moving us beyond the morass of deadlocked oppositions in which humanity currently finds itself. Liberalism versus Conservatism. Race against race. Environmentalism versus economic growth. Masculine versus feminine. Socialist caring versus capitalistic individualism and personal responsibility.

We must also emphasize the sheer aesthetic sensitivity of Libra. With Pluto there, we observe a generation that will be passionate about the creation of beauty - but probably only lukewarm in its attitude toward 'mere prettiness'. Pluto likes stronger, more shocking medicine.

There are two fundamental types of questions over which people can disagree: ones that are susceptible to compromise and ones in which there is no middle ground and it must be one way or the other.

Land use provides an easy illustration of the former. On the same piece of ground, all the blonde people want a nature preserve, while all the brown-haired people want an industrial park. When the dust settles, there's a small industrial park on the edge of the vast natural garden. Everybody feels a little peeved and a little ripped-off, but there is no clear winner or loser.

Then there are questions like abortion. As I write, the debate between the 'right-to-life'

people and the 'right-to-choose' people is still raging. And one point makes this debate so difficult to resolve: there really is no middle ground. There may be some details over which legislators can quibble, but there is a basic Yes or No here. Abortion will be safe and legal, or it will be illegal. There's no such thing as a semiabortion.

The blind spot of Pluto-in-Libra lies in this second category of question. In their zeal to find middle ground, people born under this configuration may find themselves paralyzed in the face of tough choices in which there will be real losers. The urge to be fair, however laudable in principle, may turn to mere immobility and procrastination. Then the energy runs down darker pipelines: endless debate over trivialities, obsessive concern with details of etiquette (however that may be defined twenty years from now!), and byzantine political maneuvering.

The key Plutonian passion in Libra is for peace: that spirit-easing sign of relief that comes close on the heels of an accord, a lightening of one's burdens, or a solution. And peace is a noble goal. But there are forms of peace that come at too high a price, and together they constitute that grave warning that we call the Pluto-in-Libra Shadow.

Faced with a tough Yes or No question, we already saw a potential Libran blind spot: indecision and procrastination. But what if the pressure to solve the problem mounts? Libra does not appreciate pressure, and may crack under it. Justice may fall prey to the urge for peace - peace restored at any cost. And then we can see terrible, quick, almost unconscious violence stomping out the offending alternative.

I am aware that much of what we may think of as 'common courtesy' is specific to our own culture circa 1950, and quite obviously going the way of the pterodactyl and the Beatle wig. But every society, however rough-and-tumble, has rules of acceptable behavior. When the Pluto-in-Libra people come into their prime, they will be very likely to generate a new set of acceptable behavioral norms reflective of the new realities of society. The True Multicultural Miss Manners may already be on the earth and simply not yet revealed!

Politeness has a Shadow side. Pluto-in-Libra can create stultifying situations in which a chily formality of courtesy and 'appropriateness' mask an unspoken war of stilettos and poisons. A dear Afro-American friend of mine, for example winces when he speaks of the painful undercurrents he has often experienced in a 'liberal' white environment. Courtesy without love may be overtly peaceful, but it is deadening. Again, we observe the elemental principle: the Libran love of peace may come at an alarming price.

Lastly, modern technology has created a variety of methods by which 'peace' can be induced in the human organism with only the slightest effort. There will be new waves of anti-depressants and anti-anxiety pharmaceuticals, probably developed by young scientists just getting their educations today. And despite the ubiquity of computers, we are still only on the cusp of the cyber-revolution. Virtual reality, brainmachine interfaces,

direct electrochemical stimulation of the cerebral cortex - all these avenues, while probably positive and exciting in many ways, will also provide ample temptation for the 'peace-loving' Shadow-side of Pluto in Libra.

Shadow energy is a warped reflection of the useful side of any astrological configuration. The miserable possibilities inherent in Pluto's interaction with Libra are real enough, but we must always emphasize the real purpose of the combination: the restoration to humanity of equitable peace, balanced justice, and the estimable comforts of a society reflecting widely accepted standards of civility, courtesy, and elegance.

(Skye Alexander)

Last century, Pluto was in Libra from October 1971 to April 1972, between August 1972 and October 1983, and from May until August 1984. Libra is associated with relationships, women, art, balance and the law; therefore, these areas are forced into public awareness and transformed when Pluto passes through this sign.

Perhaps most significant of the changes which occurred during this time was the Women's Movement. Pluto in Libra brought to light the inequities between men and women in American society, and tore down the old, restrictive, outworn attitudes about 'a woman's place'. In true Plutonic style, issues of power and control were important, and the movement was plagued by extremism, fear, resistance and turmoil. Pluto's entry into Libra saw the legalization of abortion in the U.S. (January 1973), the publication of Ms. magazine (January 1972) and the expansion of the National Organization of Women (NOW) into a formidable political force. By the time Pluto left this sign, a woman had run for vice president on the Democratic ticket and women's economic, professional, political and educational opportunities had increased dramatically. Most importantly, women's self-confidence, and their vision of themselves and their role in society, had been transformed by this Pluto transit.

Laws concerning things that affected women's personal and professional lives, such as credit, ownership of property, equal job opportunities and pay, sexual harassment, divorce and medical care, were brought into the light and changed.

Those of you born during this time have a deep, abiding belief in the power of women, and are obsessed with the issue of equality between the sexes. Women with this planetary placement in their birth charts may be strong, dominant, shrewd, even ruthless and manipulative; men with this placement may see women as being more powerful than they are and fear both women and the female (or yin) side of themselves. However, both men and women in the Pluto-in-Libra generation have the opportunity to eliminate sexual inequity once and for all and establish balance in society and interpersonal relationships.

Along with the changes in women's status came fundamental and unavoidable changes

in personal relationships. As women achieved greater professional and economic power, they demanded more power in their relationships as well. The pattern that had been established by earlier generations of the man as unquestioned authority and provider, woman as nurturer and passive dependent, was revised. Improved birth control and the legalization of abortion allowed women to control reproduction, and thus exercise more control over the rest of their lives. This also enabled woman to express their sexuality more freely. Predictably, Pluto's transit through Libra brought an end to many individual relationships as it destroyed the old concept of relationships. The divorce rate skyrocketed, 'living together' without marriage became popular, and many people grew jaded about the institution of marriage.

Many of you who were born while Pluto was in Libra have seen your parents divorce. Even if your parents stayed together, you still have experienced the turmoil and instability inherent in this transformative period of redefining roles, rights and responsibilities. As a result, you are obsessed with maintaining strong, lasting relationships yourselves. You have a deep need for love and partnerships, are possessive of your partners, and may be unhappy when you are not involved in a relationship. There is no such thing as a casual love affair for you. Your generation feels compelled to form committed relationships quickly and early, and to stay in those relationships despite problems that would have caused members of earlier generations to bail out. Relationships provide a sense of deep, emotional security for you, and one of your greatest fears is being alone. However, this planetary placement suggests that, of necessity, you probably will go through many transformative, traumatic relationship experiences and perhaps losses that will force you to relinquish your attachment to partners and partnerships. Some of you may become involved in destructive relationships where domination, manipulation, sexual control and power plays are common. Others might submerge individuality in the relationship. Your generation needs to learn to find the balance between self and others.

Pluto ♅ in 5th House

(Ginger Chalford)

With Pluto in the fifth house, we find an emphasis on the heart or feeling centre of the person. This is the house of creativity and self-expression, and it's a natural channel for the intensely emotional fire of Pluto. Yet, as a young child, the fifth house Pluto person is initially overwhelmed by his or her creative passion. Since he or she is too immature to handle it, the creativity goes instead into establishing intimacy with another person, usually the mother. The original identification of the child with the mother is the bond represented by this house. This deep feeling is intensified, bringing with it an intimate commitment, although the expression of this at such an early age is definitely limited. This sets up a desire to always have the same intensity of feeling within relationships all

through adolescence and on into adulthood, because the inner self knows that it is possible.

However, at some point in early childhood, there is a separation between the growing person and his or her mother or other parent. Personal independence lures him or her to explore the environment, leaving the protective and nurturing arms of the mother, who can now concentrate on other things besides the baby. This experience is at the same time both pleasurable and painful. There can be the feeling that the desire for independence leads to a loss of intimacy, or even to outright rejection (particularly if the parent must be away at work a great deal). For Pluto fifth house natives, this experience creates a powerful need to close off any intimacy with the parents, until such a time as they believe (or hope to believe) that the mother or parent will truly belong to them without question, and that the possibility of feeling this rejection will not exist.

At the same time period, or a little later, these Pluto fifth house children learn that there are definite ways of relating in order to get a positive response from others. They notice how adults relate to one another, and assume that they are happy and enjoying the wonderful bond the child so recently lost. So children begin to parrot the actions of the adults, particularly those of their own sex, and find that they get social rewards for doing so. This works so well that there is hope for the bond to be revived with others, and the children take on the sexual patterning of their same sex role models. They consider the affection between adults to be just friendship or love bonds, until they reach adolescence, when these Plutonian individuals plunge full force into their own sex drive. Then they discover the basis of a lot of this adult activity! So Pluto fifth house people can develop into the idea image of their sex, cultivating all the most admired social games and attitudes that go with their particular gender. As these children grow into adolescents, they discover the passion of this Pluto placement. The heart centre cries out for expression, for love, for sex, for a creative explosion; for a dynamic bond somewhere, with some special person. Relationships at this time are filled with love and / or hate; as if when one polarity doesn't work, then one must go immediately to the opposite extreme. It is exciting to be playing these role games with other people, rather than just watching older people do it, as had been the case only a few years earlier. Yet, just as the little child felt rejected when he or she took the initiative to be independent, the adolescent feels easily humiliated or rejected. The ego suffers and complains.

This leads many adolescents with Pluto in the fifth house to become obsessive and proud in their dealings with others. They begin to expect their special someone to love them unconditionally, which means that they can go around exploring all they want (even into other relationships) and still have that individual bonded and committed to them. This way, no rejection or humiliation is possible. Unfortunately, this infantile expectation leads to the very upsets these individuals so desperately wish to avoid! When an adolescent or young adult feels that he or she has someone to play this role of devotion (often a disguised substitute parent role), then she / he can strut around with this person who enhances his / her sense of value. In this manipulative situation, the Pluto person

gets reward and status, as well as control or domination over the pace and direction of the relationship. The victimised party gets to bask in the charming radiance of someone who has mastered his or her sexual patterning, and gets the occasional intensity of the heart centre when it is directed towards him or her. Relationships in this phase of development echo a strong need for social and emotional security, and often don't have the maturity of a relationship built upon other, inherently stronger foundations. The expression of these games shows up in the form of possessiveness and a desire for being the centre of attention. Plays of sexual and emotional domination are frequent, creating a demanding relationship both ways. When the Pluto person runs into a significant resistance to his or her plans and desires, the relationship may end suddenly. This abruptness can cover the fear of exposure - of exposing insecurity, frustration, inadequacies as a love, manipulateness, coldness, and the impact that the other person has on the Plutonian individual. Others are attracted to him or her nonetheless, because life is always somehow more exciting in the presence of a Pluto fifth house individual. These people somehow fit their roles well, being natural leaders, very colorful and theatrical. By serving these Plutonians, others are in a position to pick up the exciting crumbs that drop from the banquet table, so to speak.

However, the Pluto person is often inflexible, insisting on his or her favourite and preferred methodologies and beliefs. Few would suspect that this person is low on self-love, and is only putting on such a convincing display of the opposite! Pluto fifth house people often feel that one must always be in control, having it 'all together', and winning respect from others. Of course, these Pluto people soon find out that not everyone wants to play into their prideful games or humour their infantile (albeit cleverly disguised) behaviour. Appearing nonplussed, the Pluto person will simply find some basis for rejecting those who oppose him or her, so as to preserve his or her sense of self-justification. This power play can best be seen even later in life, when couples fight over who gets the children in a divorce settlement. This possessive domination extends to the children as well, as Pluto fifth house people attempt to set up the same bond they lost so long ago - perhaps in the hope that they'll get it right this time. (By golly, the children aren't going to reject them!) Fortunately, Pluto in the fifth house can mean a positive use of the heart power. The individuals who are so fortunate as to realise the nature of bonding can find spiritual recognition through loving others. Although they are not sacrificial lambs, they are willing to explore the feelings sincerely and deeply within the framework of a relationship whether it is with adults or with children. They feel karmic ties or spiritual bonds with certain people; and although they love intensely, they don't hate as powerfully. Unlike the negative use of Pluto, which encourages revenge or spite when rejected, these people will forgive and therefore will find love elsewhere. They know there is no limit to love, and that it can be found everywhere, especially within themselves. Generally, they have developed a sense of self-esteem and so are not as insecure within relationships. They are more willing to take the risks that come with caring for others.

Even though the focus of Pluto in the fifth house is on love and relationships, there are

other special attributes that are highlighted here as well. These Pluto people have great creative gifts; and their children will have these gifts too. They are able to throw themselves passionately into whatever they are doing, making life an affair of the heart. They fascinate others who take the cool, sophisticated approach to life, therefore missing out on the power of living in some respects. These people have the capacity for great loves, whether for other people or in the career. And they aren't happy unless their career is fun and intense, and has room to explore and build selflove and self-esteem. They naturally become the centre of attention in whatever field or area they devote themselves to - which they do, heart and soul!Theatrics are a natural chanel for the expression of their emotions. In whatver career they choose, they entertain. Others watch them, for they have a certain charisma, an electricity that stimulates others to reach into their hearts and find love there, too. These Pluto natives can make great salespeople, for they can channel their emotions so much that the prospective client cannot help being moved. These people have the power of the heart; and when they don't sell out their love for a secure relationship, there is nothing in this world they cannot achieve if they really want to.Pluto in this house can bring certain difficulties into the lifestream. Either natally or by transit, there can be an influence which lends itself to personal violation through misuse or abuse of the natural life energy. Sexual violation is possible, as well as abortion, miscarriage or stillbirth. Well-loved creative projects can soar or crash depending on the market or on forces of nature. Sexual abuse within marriage, or even child abuse, is possible. And when the heart centre closes off, there is a physical counterpart. Circulation is restricted. Over a long period of personal emotional abuse, or repressed love or creativity, the individual with this placement may develop circulatory problems, high blood pressure, and ultimately heart disease. Prevention of this is both easy and difficult.The people who have this Pluto placement must learn to be vulnerable to loved ones, to avoid the pretence of knowing it all or having it all under control. They must learn to express their feelings of love comfortably. With true loving intimacy and trust, the patterns underlying heart problems can be dissipated. Even if rejected, it is best to honestly admit and express the pain, hurt and anger one feels, for trapping it inside will only lead to health and relationship problems later. Beacuse they have a tendency to look at emotional bonds very seriously, those with this placement natally or by transit will need to 'lighten up'. They will need to allow themselves the flexibility to become more spontaneous, thereby opening up their creativity.

When Pluto transits through here, the person affected will experience a readjustment of his or her social and sexual role. Those patterns we took for granted as valuable in the first twenty years of our life do not work much beyond that time. With Pluto here, one must find a new meaning within the concepts of masculinity and femininity, beyond the stereotypes. Once we are aware of the rigid rules of the man / woman game, we can allow ourselves to express ourselves more fully, more richly, more deeply. And then, relationships will grow into the spiritual bonds we felt to be our protected birthright when we were still children. Then the individuals involved in the relationship can become themselves, filled with the joy of disovering who they really are. No longer will the woman be attempting to play 'superwoman' or 'supermom', or reflect the depth and

intensity of two people loving each other to the fullest. What better experience could there be? During this transit, there will be pressure in the form of crises that require the individual to change negatives into positives. After all, Pluto power doesn't know how to do anything gently - this is the heavy planet of power! Relationships can end if people aren't willing to change their attitudes or overhaul the way they relate to others. The children of fifth house Plutonians can undergo suffering at this time, whether from their own need to rebel (and the Pluto parent's resistance to it), or from health problems related to difficulties in giving and receiving love. Whatever form the crisis takes, it can be unpleasant, for it forces any lazy people who haven't done their homework in the self-love department to get up off the floor and make some sweeping changes in their approach to love and life! If you have this position natively or by transit, then you may want to avoid the kick in the rear that Pluto has been or will be giving you. What do you expect out of love, and what do you expect to give in return? Write down any attitudes and beliefs you had as an adolescent, and any ideas your parents may have given you about love and sex. Is sex all men want? Is money all women are after? Are love and sex the same thing? Is love hard to get? Is a relationship easy to get, but hard to keep? Does love die after marriage? What beliefs were prominent in your adolescence, and which ones can you find still rattling around in your brain now? Let your imagination flow! Be creative about this, if possible. Relax. No-one else is going to see this paper. Now consider: who has rejected you in your life? Write down another list of the people who have left you, either for their own reasons or to be with someone else. Now forgive those people. Read the instructions for forgiveness at the end of the Pluto in the fourth house section, and apply it to the people who have rejected you. Now you're clear to start afresh. Look at the people you love right now. These people may or may not include your spouse, children, co-workers, etc.. What are you getting out of these relationships? What are you giving to them? To what extent are you afraid of being seen as less than perfect in someone else's eyes? How far are you willing to open yourself up and explore your deepest feelings with your special someone? Watch these important people in your life. How much impact do they have on you? See if, for a moment or two, you can identify with them so much as to know what they'd love to have or to do. What would you enjoy? Next, within the coming week, figure out silently what your loved ones would like to experience from you, and give it to them willingly. Is what they want something possibly humiliating or even hurtful? If so, start with something small or relatively insignificant. Do they like flowers? Gimmicks? Toys? What? Now give them something, at least one thing for each loved one, and don't let them know in advance what you are giving them. It's a secret! You'll get no visible reward for doing this. You probably won't even see their surprise when they discover your gift. Make sure they cannot trace it to you! If you can think of more than one thing to do, do it! Don't spend a great deal of time and money on this, because it isn't an exercise in personal struggle and sacrifice. After you give your gifts, note how you feel within yourself. Good? Bad? Indifferent? Why do you feel the way you do? Would you ever want to do it again? In this technique, you are exploring giving as a means of opening you up to your own loving nature, with no expectation of any ego-stroking in return. This is a self-love builder!

(Haydn Paul)

You are likely to express the compulsion to feel important, to be in the public eye, and to be a known, recognised character. In short, you gain a strong feeling of self from the acknowledgement of others. In many ways, this emerges as a compensatory factor for an inner sense of insecurity and personal inadequacy, a lack of selfconfidence and understanding. You believe that if you are capable of projecting out into the world an image of yourself which is recognised by others, then somehow you become more important than you truly feel inside. Public recognition is a heady brew. As this need to be important can be frustrated, and circumstances can conspire to divest it of its glamour by showing you the more negative aspects of public frame, you will need to undergo a thorough re-evaluation of this compulsion to be a 'somebody'. This may involve a process of self-examination, a coming to terms with your own nature and capabilities. Above all else, it may be advisable for you to achieve something of actual value which others can recognise as an expression of a personal skill or talent. This is preferable to the frustration of desiring to be a name and a face in the public eye, and yet being unable to 'deserve' such fame in any way. You will have a certain creative talent, possibly an artistic one; and if you succeed in directing this energy towards practical expression, then you may begin to explore undiscovered areas and 'make your name' as a pioneer. You will be attracted towards love affairs and children, as part of your need to enjoy the pleasures of life that you feel you should have as a result of fame. Sexual love will be extremely important and intense for you; and you will need a regular partner to help reflect back to you an impression of your self in relationship. Such closer emotional experiences with lovers and children will help you to learn how to redefine your understanding of self, so that (it is to be hoped) you become more inwardly settled and content. You will have to be careful to avoid domination in your relationships, either being dominated by others, or dominating them.

(Donna Cunningham)

With Pluto in the fifth house, at least in older generations, there is often a situation of being forced into marriage because of a pregnancy. Even within marriage, pregnancy might be used as a means to gain control of the relationship, for instance to ensure that the mate doesn't leave. Since this is not a very successful way to control, these people often wind up resenting or spoiling the children in an attempt to make up for not wanting them in the first place. Brats are very often unwanted children who've been raised this way; the parent has given excess power to the children and overindulged them because of guilt. Such children resent how they are being used, learning early to manipulate and manoeuvre both parents. The children can also be seen as a means to power, or can be one parent's ticket to never being alone, so the ties become symbiotic. On the other hand, people with this placement may refuse to have children at all. When the 'inner child' has been denied by a parent, these children grow up to fear or resent the demands that their own children would make. They fear parenthood would take over their lives and leave nothing for themselves. There is also the unwelcome issue of power that

parenthood would bring. Childlessness can also be a form of revenge toward either the mate or the parents, a refusal to confer them immortality. With Pluto in the fifth, one parent may have been overawed by the child's creativity and have seen it as a means to wealth and power. Like pushy stage mothers, they have gone too far, and talent became the focus of power struggles. Talent can become the focus of many power struggles, especially with lovers who think love is power that will transform and bring out budding genius. Romance and transformation are all mixed together for people with this combination. "Let me love you so I can make you over in my own image." Or vice versa. For more insight into the romantic functioning of this placement, read Pluto in the seventh and eighth, as they are similar.

(Ulla Palomaki)

The fifth house is related to Leo, so it represents values like specialisation and individuality. The individual has a strong feeling that he has a special destiny, an important mission to accomplish. It may be an authentic feeling of being a human being among other human beings, but egocentrism is likely to be quite well developed with this house position. It is the opposite house of the eleventh house, which concerns larger humanity and the whole. The fifth house concerns the personality of the individual and his personal needs and desires. The special mission is probably based on very personal needs and on the need to draw attention to the self or to be considered someone exceptional. His special mission or task in life may directly derive from personal charisma or an exceptional outlook or style. He is able to conquer with his charisma, which is always of a mysterious nature. This planetary position is not suitable for politics (if other planets do not contradict), because collective power is not easily used by him. The concept of power (Pluto) is tightly connected to his personal charisma and not to the collective whole, so he could be lured by corruption. If he is found in politics, he could advocate a cause with too much emotion. The power of the individual is often in his mysterious, animalistic magnetism. Pluto in the fifth house is apt to make a personality that is a channel for strength and power to other people. The depth and demanding nature of Pluto finds the best outlets in fifth house matters like show business, entertainment and arts. The individual has the cosmic right to influence others with the strength of his being, with a special style and with charisma, to draw people to movie theatres and concert halls. Influence must be dissociated from abuse. The relationship with children (fifth house) may be very strong and powerful. Power is probably connected to children so that there is a tendency to control them too much. Children may constitute a turning point in the life of the individual. Sometimes it is a difficulty or fear related to conception. Children may contribute strongly to the spiritual development of the individual. One woman, for example, joined a meditation group after her son had discovered it. Love life and free time have a deeper meaning with this position. Sometimes the individual has an irresistible need to intensify experience. Deep inside he knows that these experiences given him transformation and a possibility to grow spiritually. At worst, passion leads to fruitless destruction. The fifth house symbolism includes games and gambling. So, anything is possible in these matters with Pluto.

(Pluto = riches.) One of the most impressive outlets for Pluto in the fifth house is in connecting arts with psychology.

(Howard Sasportas)

The key to working with Pluto in the 5th is the development of a healthy sense of one's own power and worth. Everyone has the need to feel important and special in some area of life; but with Pluto in Leo's natural domain, this could become an obsession.

Excessive pride and an inflated self-opinion could bring many problems to those with this placement. However, too weak an ego, or too little a sense of their importance, value and effectiveness can also be the source of difficulties. In either case, they may resort to extreme gestures to prove their potency. As children, we feel that we are more likely to be protected by our parents if they find us enchanting and captivating. Therefore being somebody special is linked in our minds with warding off doom and disaster. For those with Pluto in the 5th, the need for love, approval and power may still be mixed up with the survival instinct. Obviously, this dynamic may spur some people on to high achievements. For others, it could mean bitter disappointment at the lack of their recognition and worth and angry resentment towards those who appear more successful. However, failing to win the status they seek may provide the impetus for further self-evaluation and self-knowledge. For children with Pluto in the 5th, the sandbox could be the place where they scale new heights, or the scene for traumatic experiences. It just can't be any old castle, but must somehow express from the depths of their feelings who they really are, complete with moat and secret chambers. Mars threw sand in the face of his friend who did a better castle; Pluto might go a step further - accidentally on purpose kicking over the rival's castle, provoking a fight and breaking the friendship. It may be days or weeks later before Pluto returns to the sandbox at all. Later in life, creative self-expression may still entail working through traumas, blocks and difficulties. However, the problems encountered serve to bring unconscious patterns and unfinished issues from early life to the surface where there is more chance of resolving them. Some with this placement will be able to give expression to creative works of great power which can awaken and transform others. For both men and women, this position of Pluto suggests that bringing children into the world could have a life-changing effect. Although this is generally the case for anyone who has children, the issues of parenting are somehow more far-reaching with Pluto in this house. For many men with this placement, becoming a father for the first time heralds a traumatic awakening to the fact that they are no longer the 'eternal youth' themselves. For a woman, it could indicate difficulty with child-bearing; and she is wise to look after herself with extra care during the pregnancy. Issues around abortion and miscarriages are not uncommon with Pluto in the 5th. Even when an interrupted pregnancy cannot be helped, there is still the need to grieve and mourn for what is lost. As with Neptune in the 5th, the anguish incurred in such circumstances is more productively utilised if some meaning or purpose can be attached to the experience. Parents with this placement may meet their own dark and subterranean sides through the behaviour of their children. The parent with Pluto in the 5th may over-control or try to dominate a child not purely out of a desire to love and

protect, but because the parent is frightened that the child, if left to its own devices, might do something which is untoward or personally threatening. If this is the case, the children may have to break radically with the parent in order to establish more freely their own identities. In the long run, it is far better that the parent examine his or her own fears and complexes and what has given rise to them, rather than attempt to control life as a way of avoiding confronting these. Having said all this, I have seen many instances of Pluto in the 5th where the parent-child relationship is handled with strength and dignity. With Pluto in the 5th, romantic pursuits may become entangled with the power drive and some degree of sexual compulsiveness. Those with this placement may fear the intensity of their sexual drive and try to inhibit it altogether or find ways to transmute libidinal expression into channels which they deem more acceptable. Others may derive a sense of potency through sexual conquest and attract love affairs which involve power conflicts, dramas and intrigues. Carried to extremes, they could use other people too much to prove their own worth - a form of psychological rape. True mutuality, sharing and respect for another person's integrity are the lessons to be learned if Pluto is in the 5th.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a fairly good place for Pluto, especially when it is trine the Ascendant. These people are intensely creative. They must have healthy outlets for their creative impulses or they will go bananas. It is an excellent position for painting, writing, or for any field that provides a creative outlet. The imagination is fertile, constantly responding to external stimuli. They will not be able to buckled down for long to a routine job that leaves them little latitude for creativity, and will willingly undergo all kinds of struggles to maintain their creative independence. They rarely can accept anything the way it is; they will work to make changes of some sort. Generally handy with tools, they will continually be making changes to their environment. They are always ready to do their part to make positive alterations to the social and economic structures of their community, experimenting readily with new methods. They have extremely sensual and passionate love natures which they become very adept at keeping on ice, so that even those closest to them may not realise this about them, thinking them cool, dispassionate, even cold. Indeed, they may not even realise it about themselves until circumstances trigger an outburst. They are attracted to Plutonian types and will have at least one painful or even traumatic romantic / sexual episode with such a one that makes them cautious from then on. They are capable of burning with desire for someone for years without showing any sign of their passion. It is rare that they do not marry; and they often marry quite early. Marriage is always the culmination of a passionate soap opera-type romance; but marriage is not the end, for if romance dies out of the marriage, they will become involved with another. This is in spite of the fact that they may do their best to fight it, as romantic intrigue frightens them as much as it attracts them. Sexual attractions can become obsessive; and they must learn to steer clear of hopeless involvements as the power of Pluto, if damned, will bring terrible emotional anguish. They are good teachers. Due to their innate understanding of subliminal emotional levels and their ability to communicate non-

verbally on these levels, they have a talent for dealing with difficult, unhappy, or disturbed individuals and are often able to assist them in achieving breakthroughs and releasing their own intellectual / creative powers. They are strongly attracted to children, and will usually have their own. If for some reason they can't, they will find a way to be with them. Being in the presence of children increases their subliminal creative energies. This placement is a partial testimony to unconventional sexual attractions of all kinds which, if repressed, will cause a variety of psychological problems. They may seek power as a wider range for their creative energies to graze on, but they often have such a struggle maintaining control over themselves that their lives never reach that point. They are inclined to be perfectionists in all they do and, whenever they are hard on those they love, it is usually their perfectionism at work. They may learn through loss not to be as demanding of others as they are of themselves.

(Bill Herbst)

Conscious persona: With Pluto in the 5th, normal conscious persona with its heightened appreciation for an audience is unconscious with no audience-awareness. This is method acting at its apex; you don't 'perform' a role, you 'become' the role, totally immersing yourself into it. You don't so much take on a character as become your natural self at a much more intense level than usual. Every trait is intensified and concentrated, so that the self pours out onto the stage with profound impact. Curiously, the audience assumes that you're acting, but you won't be. The 'act' here is a direct reflection of what's going on in your subconscious. The pitfall is complete loss of personal ego control, while the challenge is to transform both yourself and the audience with ego power, but to do so in ways that respect everyone's dignity. Romance, giving love: You're motivated toward courtship from deep within the emotional caverns of the subconscious realm. Romance is a compulsive eruption of the need to love so totally that self and beloved fuse, forged into a new metal by the heat of passion. For you, it hardly matters how this is accomplished; and the main pitfall lies in misuse of power through dominance or submission. Total romantic love pulls you up by the roots; and the experience can be excruciating. Love and hate often intertwine. Your challenge is to allow love to arise in its own time and place, then to banish all emotions of negativity, imbalance or hatred, purging them in love's fire. Do not attempt to transform love. Rather, let love transform you.

Sexual performance: The physical act of making love is paradoxical. At times it's like kissing your sister. You wonder where the passion went. But look out. It can also be ravenous, insatiable, a tidal wave of feelings erupting from God-knows-where. At either level, it is more compulsive than conscious. You could veer between charismatic impact and cruel insensitivity. Sexual success comes from the power of your emotional radiance, not from the skills of technique. The pitfall surrounds emotional blindness, while the challenge is to provoke fundamental change. But if transformation occurs only within the beloved, it has failed; you must also be receptive to the 'death and rebirth' inherent in your intense sexuality. Otherwise, it's simply unconscious lust for power and control.

Personal creativity: Despite your magnificent potential, you may at times fail to live up to your billing. This is due to the largely unconscious nature of the creative drive. At times you may not feel it at all, thinking yourself barren; at other times you may be compulsively driven by the urge to create. The pitfall is extreme reactions: you could agonise over occasional blockage, or you might equally blot out every other consideration when the flow moves through your ego. The challenge is to create something that touches everyone.

Competition: You are more competitive than you may realise. You hurdle headlong into personal risk, or you sit glumly on the sidelines, not understanding the game. There are no rules here, no road maps. Instead, you surprise even yourself by rising to the occasion, bursting open to reveal uncharted depth, ingenuity, and sheer, competitive fire. Hold back nothing in those exquisite moments when you really go for it. The challenge is to let your brilliance come forth in its own time, its own way, without your ego pretending it is in control. Create something out of nothing, and share the credit with the Gods.

(Robert Pelletier)

You exercise your will at every turn, because you have an exaggerated sense of your importance. You enjoy having power over others; and you don't meet much resistance, because you are clever in winning support by capitalising on other people's weaknesses. You are aggressive in romantic relationships and easily offended when you are rejected, perhaps even resorting to violence. Although you want to spend all your time satisfying self-indulgent needs, you have the creative imagination to earn public respect for your contribution to social causes. You show some talent for politics, in which you could succeed with training in government and law. Other areas that might interest you are investment, insurance or medicine. You could work effectively with young people, who would admire your strength and dedication to their needs. You can teach young people to have self-confidence to make a life for themselves. It would be satisfying to know that your efforts were productive.

You have a gift for making your point effectively; and people usually don't realise that they've been mesmerised by your dramatic showmanship. you always find ways to satisfy your desires; and few people can resist your charm. You know what you want, and you don't beat around the bush. You will even use flattery when someone seems to resist you. Not a flighty person, you are deeply concerned about finding solutions to social problems. You do not sit idly by and tell others how to remedy the situation. You want a partner who will share your dedication to your goals. You are not really compromising, although you give that impression. You try to make others submit to your will, but you are generally fair, and you will defend your children when their well-being is threatened.

You may not enjoy looking to the future, because you are so preoccupied with present pleasures. You must plan ahead, so that your financial affairs will be in good order. If you plan now for security in your later years, you will not have to be dependent on anyone. It is very embarrassing to you to be without sufficient funds, because you realise you have no-one to blame but yourself. If you want returns and security, you will have to make a contribution for that purpose. You're a better manager with other people's money than with your own. You will be more of an asset to society if you accept your obligations dutifully and not mind working behind the scenes where the problems are. Your healing ability could help mitigate the unacceptable social conditions that diminish man's dignity. Your demands are usually met; and you expect favours from others, but this has not diminished your enthusiasm for making a life of your own. You know how to use your talents productively to assure your security. Although you may be a wheeler-dealer by temperament, you know that your exaggerated self-image can't carry you through life. You know you must work at developing your skills to achieve the highest possible level of competence. This is the only way to be sure that you can successfully meet competition. The worst thing you could do is coast to your objectives by being a parasite on those who are making an honest effort.

(Steven Forrest)

In the tradition... the fifth house is often named 'The House of Children' and taken literally and narrowly as astrology's way of referring to kids. That notion is not so much wrong as it is limited. Certainly people with the fifth house strong in their charts commonly find themselves much involved with children. Maybe they have kids of their own. Maybe they're grammar school teachers or toy designers or social workers helping children who've been abused or abandoned. But fifth house emphasis also appears commonly in the charts of people involved with creative work - musicians, actors, painters. Or very active, engaged hobbyists. Or simply in the charts of people whom we might view as particularly colorful or entertaining. The common denominator is not children in the outward, concrete sense. It is the 'inner child' - that playful, expressive, self-indulgent, often self-centred part of every human being regardless of his or her age. Something inside us all is noisy, innocent, and hungry for attention. It wants to have a peak experience and to have it immediately. And if we try to ignore it too utterly, we grow either dispiritingly flat or dangerously explosive.

Traditionally, the fifth house has a cautionary side as well. It's recognised as a House of Debauchery. The human need to have pleasure and emotional release is like a mighty river that can overflow its banks, leading to obsession and addiction. The old astrologers recognised the pattern: people with powerful fifth house emphasis in their charts were over-represented among the compulsive gamblers, the drunkards and the gluttons. Needless to say, the wilder aspects of human sexual expression are evident here too. So, we need to have some fun... but what's so much fun about Pluto? Let's unravel it.... Your high destiny: What makes humans different from the rest of the animals? Not a heck of a lot. Fundamentalists like to put 'Man' in another category

entirely, but increasingly we see both science and eco-conscious popular culture are moving toward a realisation that the gulf between ourselves and the rest of life isn't as wide as our ancestors imagined. We used to say, "Humans use tools" - but more and more we are recognising tool use among other creatures. And language: but chimps are learning sign language at an alarming rate, and anyone with a cat or dog can tell you it has got a large and expressive vocabulary. What about a shared culture transmitted down the generations? Check out the tribal 'songs' of the whale cultures. A cynic might play a trump card: we humans are unique in that we are the only species that has ever threatened to wipe out life entirely. Compelling - but wrong again. About a billion years ago, green planets began pumping huge volumes of a grossly toxic chemical into earth's atmosphere, destroying almost all existing life on the planet. The 'chemical' was oxygen. Are humans truly distinct in any way at all? Maybe not, but if I had to defend our uniqueness in a debate, I'd forget all the old claims and rest my argument on art. We are creative creatures. And even those of us who are not actively creative still respond to art... and make 'creative' choices regarding what colour shirt to wear, what sofa to buy, which automobile most pleases our eye. Art, as I am using the term here, is very broad. Essentially, it is any attempt to represent experience, and through that representation to interpret it. Thus, a woman telling a joke at a party is in the same boat with Georgia O'Keefe: she's expressing herself creatively. Virtually everyone enjoys art in some form. ninety-two percent of us spend a lot of our lives in front of the television, for example. Most of us listen to music or go to the movies sometimes. And the enjoyment itself renews us. Some art is legitimately there simply to make us laugh - and wouldn't life be hard without any laughter? Even 'silly' art serves a serious purpose. And of course there is 'serious' art - films and novels, for example, that deal with complex, emotionally volatile topics. Could we be fully human without them? Without the artists who represent these aspects of life to us, we would all be terribly alone - as alone as the mourning dove staring blankly at the body of her mate. With Pluto in the fifth house, your high destiny involves developing your capacity for dramatisation, representation, and self-expression. It is 'creative' in the broadest sense... but I want to emphasise that creativity isn't always 'artistic' in the narrow, obvious way. It boils down to a vigorous, striking exhibition of some inner state or heart-held value. Your high destiny entails channelling ego-energy colorfully and unself-consciously in a way that encourages others to forget themselves momentarily and lose themselves in an identification with you. One way or another, it puts you on centre stage. And what is your message? We cannot know precisely because above all it is highly individual - that's really the point with creative self-expression. But we do know that the message is Plutonian: your destiny lies in symbolising the dark for us, and ideally, representing for us a path through the dark.

Your distorting wound: Grandpa is dying of cancer. He's emaciated. Chemotherapy has stripped him of all his hair. He's as pale as blotchy snow. Little Billy is brought to the hospital to say good-bye to his dying grandfather. It's a very dramatic moment for the child. Everyone is gentle with Billy; and in a few minutes he's allowed to leave the room. A few days later, grandpa exits the flesh. A month later, there happens to be a family get-together. Life is back to normal and the adults are in the living room talking, drinking, and

laughing. In walks Billy. He's got a stocking pulled over his head, reproducing his grandfather's pale, hairless visage. He's applied powder and lurid rouge to his face. His cheeks are sucked in. Zombie-like, he walks into the living room and speaks his grandfather's name. And you can imagine the reviews his performance receives. Billy is following the deepest impulse of his fifth house Pluto: the impulse to represent the dark. But people have mixed feelings about that kind of performance. In this case, Billy in his innocence hit everyone a little too hard and a little too unexpectedly. Mom rushes him out of the living room, leaving his relatives shocked and stunned... until nervous giggles release the tension. This story is dramatic; yours may not be so extreme. But in your youth you had a fascination with what the world would call the 'morbid' or the 'macabre' - in fact it was simply a fascination with those aspects of life which make us all uncomfortable or embarrassed. You were very likely to have been punished for it either directly or through the withholding of love or approval. You were told to keep a lid on it. And that hurt you. It hurt your inner child - specifically it hurt your childlike spontaneity, your guileless urge to share yourself. And less directly that repression impacted your innocent, wanton desire for fun. Your navigational error can take a lot of different forms, depending in part upon the nature of the rest of your birth chart. But if they break down into two clear categories. The first is an inappropriate expression of the drive for creative pleasure. The second is an unnatural suppression of that drive. In the first category we recognise forms of 'fun' that prove destructive either to yourself or to other people. In all the examples that follow, we observe one common denominator: the unconscious urge to represent, in one's own bodily life, the dark. Down that road we may see a person who consistently gets herself or himself involved in hurtful, unseemly, or empty sexual affairs. We may see the addict or the drunk. We may observe a person who is morbidly obese. Or one in constant, self-created financial dilemmas. The point is that all these behaviours become part of the individual's public 'act'; unwittingly, he or she is symbolising the darker, more taboo aspects of life for the community: the natural human hunger for pleasure run amuck. Such a person may feel out of control and ashamed by these circumstances, or may take an arrogant 'in your face' attitude. Either way, we notice the same critical features marking the behaviour as unconscious. The pleasure-seeking behaviour doesn't work very well: such a person is not actually having much fun. There is an apparent drive, owned or unowned, to make the dysfunction visible to the community. And the individual may inevitably be cited as 'a bad example' by others. All this is the shadow expression of the high destiny, which would turn the Plutonian juice into art in some form, to be shared with the community in a vastly more healing - and more pleasurable - way.

The second Plutonian fifth house navigational error lies in an unnatural suppression or 'demonising' of the same creative, pleasure-seeking drives. There is a wildness in all pleasurable activity, a shadow dimension in everything that fills us with life. A person might become so inordinately and unnecessarily frightened of that loss of self-control that he or she withers into a judgemental wet blanket. Then, quite unconsciously, there arises a simultaneous compulsion to limit the pleasure and self-expression in the lives of everyone else. He or she delights in the words 'Thou shalt not', and applies them

liberally and equally to self and others. And in the cellar, down in the ashes, behind both that repressive behaviour and the wild, injurious behaviour we explored earlier, is a sad child who heard the word 'No' to many times. The healing method: Many years ago I attended a concert given by the virtuoso jazz guitarist Mahavishnu John McLaughlin. I had good seats, and my eyes were bugging out. I play some guitar myself; and while my skills are not within a hundred light-years of McLaughlin's, I knew enough to know that I was in the presence of extraordinary talent. One image remains impressed on my memory: his face contorted in extreme concentration. McLaughlin dazzled me with the fastest guitar lick I'd ever heard. Then his face relaxed; he looked heavenward with an expression of transcendent bliss - and played the same like twice as fast. Creativity has an ecstatic component. While one must certainly make substantial effort to master the techniques, tools, and crafts connected with one's chosen form, there is a place where magic enters the equations. John McLaughlin demonstrated it in his concert that night. The skater who transcends herself and delivers a sublime performance does it too. Or the actor who utterly loses himself and becomes the role he's playing.

Your Healing Method lies in tapping into your latent capacity for that kind of Dionysian creative ecstasy. Maybe you join a drumming circle and find yourself in communion with your pagan ancestors, lost in rhythm trance. Or maybe you quietly take up watercolours and stay up until four in the morning painting a flower arrangement. The shape of the creativity doesn't matter. What matters is that you lose yourself in it, surrender to it, go willingly and intentionally toward that edge beyond which lies madness. Something in you must abandon inhibition and selfconsciousness, and learn to roar. The energising vision: In old Welsh culture there was a proverb: 'Three equals: a poet, a harper, and a king'. This seems to me a splendid attitude, and one that is also sound psychologically. Human culture needs inspired leadership - 'kings' - but just as fundamentally we need our 'poets' and our 'harpers': our artists. They uplift us and inspire us. They comfort us in our pain and grief; and sometimes they temper our laughter with wisdom.

You are a Plutonian bard; your message may not always be easy for us to hear, but we need to hear it anyway. So convey it to us skilfully and gracefully, with beauty, craft, and patience. And if lightness and laughter enter the message, there's much good to be said about that too. Your art need not be 'heavy' all the time; many times we hear the truth more clearly from a comedian than from a minister. But what if you don't feel like a creative person? In writing these words I am confident that there are readers with fifth house Plutos who will find these ideas foreign. If you're one of them, I have two things to say to you: First, remember that Plutonian creative selfexpression must be defined as broadly as possible. Sometimes it comes down to volunteering personal anecdotes that start conversations about sensitive topics: a 'performance' in every sense. Reveal enough of yourself in the tale, and others are encouraged to do the same... even if they do so only inwardly. That's high creativity and healing theatre, just as much as anything that might be more readily identified as 'art'. Second, if you don't feel creative, remember the nature of your Plutonian wound. Earlier experiences of the Big No may have damaged your capacity to abandon yourself fully to your creative energies. You may, in

other words, be a lot more creative than you think. If you uncover that creative force in yourself, you'll reap the classic Plutonian benefit: a wealth of wanton, profligate, vital Energy. And you can do with it as you please.

(Jeff Green)

Individuals who have Pluto in the Fifth House have been learning the evolutionary lesson of creative self-actualisation. The Fifth House is naturally a fire-oriented archetype. As such, these people will feel as though they have a special destiny to fulfil, just as those with Pluto in the First House do. Individuals with Pluto in the First House needed to maintain freedom and independence in order to discover their specialness through experiences they felt instinctively drawn into. They were in a condition of perpetual discovery on a moment to moment basis. Individuals with Pluto in the Fifth House have needed, and will need, to actualise this special destiny. They will need to establish and project this creative purpose upon the environment. This creative purpose is no longer a matter of discovery, but is already formed, in the Fifth House Pluto - it is inherent and complete. As a result, these individuals will deeply sense this special purpose in the depths of their Souls. The evolutionary desire and need has been, and will be, to fulfil this purpose from within. On this basis, these individuals have also been learning to take charge of their lives, and to seize destiny and shape it out of the strength of their wills. In other words, these people have needed to direct their own plays.

Because Fifth House Pluto individuals emerge from the womb with this deep feeling of specialness, they have desires and needs to be recognised and treated as special and unique. These feelings are so intense that they can create a virtually bottomless pit in terms of the need for love, attention and flattery. Whatever is received is never really enough. Although the needs can be temporarily satisfied, the compulsive emotional craving for attention, love and adulation drives the individual ever forward for more. Children with Pluto in the Fifth House can create unique tests for their parents because they can go to any length to get recognition, love, and attention, even if it is negative attention. These children can unconsciously manipulate situations, parents and others in order to receive the required attention. They can feel highly threatened or defensive when another child or person is given attention or love, or when the parents themselves show affection toward one another. Of course, this type of emotional behaviour follows the person into adulthood.

People with Pluto in the Fifth House can be highly self-centred and self-focused. They can feel as though the universe revolves around them. Just as the Sun is the centre of our solar system, individuals with Pluto in the Fifth House (the Sun naturally rules the Fifth House) can expect to have all things revolve around them. Yet these individuals must learn to understand that this condition has been the evolutionary intention, desire and need from the past: to creatively actualise and be in charge of their own unique and special purpose. We must strive to understand that Fifth House Pluto individual in this light, and resist the temptation to harshly judge this kind of emotional behaviour in the

earlier years of their lives.

Even though this orientation will be the theme in all Fifth House Pluto individuals, the variety of mitigating factors that condition and qualify the behavioural manifestation of this orientation will lead to many different kinds of expression. In different examples, the evolutionary theme and necessity are the same. Yet the mitigating factors have conditioned the application and ways to fulfil those evolutionary requirements. With Pluto in the Fifth House, the focus has been, and will be, upon the creative principle. Creativity can be expressed in any dimension of life. It can be expressed through whatever unique and special capabilities the individual has. Because the evolutionary desire and intent from the past has been to actualise and establish the special creative purpose, these individuals have necessarily required an intense inner focus and determination to shape their destinies with the strength of their own wills. The mode of operation as symbolised by the South Node, and the vehicles to facilitate the mode of operation symbolised by the planet ruling the South Node, will show how this has been shaped in the past. All Fifth House Pluto individuals will have this need and desire regardless of the evolutionary condition or state. However, the evolutionary state will correlate to and qualify what is and is not possible for them to do with their creative needs. It will also correlate to the areas or external life conditions that it will operate through.

One of the karmic and evolutionary problems of this dynamic is that many of these people will consider themselves as the source of their own creativity because individualised (subjective) power is at maximum development or expression with Pluto in the Fifth House. Thus, many will feel that they, and they only, are the directors of their own plays. From a universal point of view, this orientation obviously implies a limitation. All the mitigating factors, and the observed evolutionary conditions, must be assessed to determine to what degree an individual has identified with the creative principle in this way. In the worst scenarios, some of these individuals will consider themselves to be miniature gods who are able to create and destroy reality at will. In all cases, whatever the mitigating factors and karmic conditions, these Fifth House Pluto people have been, and will be, learning to take charge of their lives in order to creatively actualise their own special purpose and destinies. The need to emotionally unite with the creative principle is the same in all conditions so that this evolutionary need can manifest. How this is done, and the reasons and ways that are karmically determined, will be different in all cases. Because the bottom line in all cases is the Fifth House Pluto, all will feel a sense of special destiny at a core level. All will feel the need to be recognised as special in some way. All will feel the need to express and actualise their creativity, and will feel that they must be in charge of their lives in order to actualise their destinies. When the individual does not receive enough recognition according to his or her specific requirements, then a variety of emotional problems can result. When the individual is either overly identified with the creative principle from an egocentric point of view or experiencing a false sense of powerlessness to actualise the creative principle, then the individual will create or draw conditions that have the effect of counteracting the problem of false identification either way. Of course, varying shades of these two extremes can

manifest. The specific pattern or arrangement relative to how the person has identified, applied, and responded to the creative self-actualisation principle will determine the specific kinds of life conditions that are drawn or created to further the development of this evolutionary need in this life.

Many of these individuals with Pluto in the Fifth House have had prior lifetimes in which they were recognised as special in some way. As a result, many of these individuals will have unconscious memories of being treated as special by others. In this life, these unconscious memories can lead into a situation wherein they simply expect to be treated and acknowledged in the same way again. They expect that others will cater to their needs, that doors will open before them, that the red carpet will unfurl as they emerge upon the scene of life. These memories can condition and dictate what these individuals think and feel they need in this life. Again, some will manipulate situations and people to receive the desired attention and recognition. This can be done in a variety of ways relative to the specific way that the individual has responded to this evolutionary impulse.

As a result of this prior evolutionary intent, and the associated memories, it is not uncommon for many of these individuals to create what I call the pyramid reality structure in which they place themselves at the very top. Every other factor in their reality structure revolves around and serves them; every other factor is subordinate or secondary to the fulfilment of their own purposes. Again, this can be done in a variety of ways. Because the need for recognition, acknowledgement, and attention can be so compulsive, many Fifth House Pluto individuals are not beyond taking emotional gambles or risks to get the needed attention. With respect to the pyramid reality structure, if the individual is not getting the needed attention or recognition from the point of view of his or her inner reality references, then he or she can threaten to topple his or her existing external reality structures in order to get the required attention. Thus, for example, if an individual is already married and is not receiving the required love and attention that he or she feels is his or her due, then he or she may involve him- or herself in a love affair to get this type of emotional feedback. Such emotional risk-taking can take many forms; but the need for power and recognition will always be the underlying theme. In the case of an affair, the individual, of course, runs the risk of being discovered. If the individual is discovered, then the possibility of having the existing reality (the marriage) destroyed would exist. This kind of emotional shock, and the different forms that this shock can assume, will serve to create the necessary blow. This blow will enforce upon the individual the necessary realisations as to where he or she was coming from, and for what reasons. With reference to the pyramid reality structure, many of these individuals will unconsciously manipulate others in order to have their emotional needs fulfilled. In the example where the individual could seek out an affair, he or she could cater to the desires of the potential lover in order to fulfil his or her self-centred desires and needs. As soon as the need is fulfilled, then the person will terminate the emotional risk situation.

As an example, a woman who came to see me for astrological counselling was the

unwitting victim of such a Fifth House Pluto individual. The man was a very prominent individual, married, and had children. Apparently he was feeling less than satisfied in his marriage. He 'needed' a love affair. My client was a photographer. The Fifth House Pluto man was getting ready to publish a book - which mirrored my client's own wishes linked to her career. He led her on by promising that she could produce the cover for the book; by catering to and manipulating her in this way, he had his own desires met. When the affair ended, he asked someone else to do the cover of the book. My client, of course, felt used.

Fifth House Pluto people can also be quite given to shaping and controlling the lives of those around them, including their children. This can occur because they have been learning how to identify their own special purposes and actualising them through the strengths of their own wills. Thus, it is only natural that they will project this developed inner capacity onto others, since their own Souls resonate to this vibration. Keep in mind that this process will work in all Fifth House Pluto individuals in some way. Even in certain negative cases, the individual could attempt to shape and control the lives of others in this way: to suggest to others that they have their own self-centred needs and desires met in the very same way that the Fifth House Pluto individual does, i.e. feigning victimisation. This need to shape and control the lives of others can be overtly or covertly stated; and it will manifest in varying degrees of compulsion and intensity. In the worst cases, the individual will subconsciously play God as he or she attempts to direct the lives of others according to what he or she feels or thinks another should or could do. In positive cases, the Fifth House Pluto person will encourage the individual development of those around him or her, because he or she values this need in him- or herself. Yet, even in positive cases, it can be very difficult for the individual to resist the desire to encourage this development according to what he or she thinks is right for the individual.

Fifth House Pluto people can be very giving and generous. And yet this giving and apparent generosity is commonly extended only when it suits some personal need. Because there is such a high degree of self-focus, the giving is commonly not related to the actual needs of another, but to what these people think the other needs. This emotional complex, of course, is relative to all the other mitigating factors in terms of its degree of fixity and the different lenses - the position of the Nodes and so forth - through which it will be expressed. This dynamic can be difficult for many Fifth House Pluto individuals to understand, because they are giving within their own reality references. However, that is exactly where the problem lies. In other words, the giving is occurring from within their own reality references, and not others. This orientation can set the stage for emotional scenes and confrontations when others manifest negative feedback in relation to what is being given by the Fifth House Pluto individual. These scenes, when they occur, are necessary because they can serve to undermine the pyramid reality structure of the Fifth House Pluto individual. In their so doing, the individual will begin to experience the effect of the Fifth House polarity point: the Eleventh House.

The evolutionary intent described in the Eleventh House polarity is one of developing an

objective rather than a subjective consciousness and focus. The individual must learn to link his or her special destiny and creative purpose to a socially useful or relevant function. In order for this evolutionary lesson to be realised, many of these individuals will be blocked or denied in fulfilling their unique purpose. The blocking force will be the social structure itself. This situation can lead to tremendous emotional frustration and anger. Frustration is heightened because society apparently is not acknowledging or recognising the Fifth House Pluto individual as special. These people sense within that they have a special destiny to fulfil, yet are blocked in a variety of ways from being able to realise it. Even if they can succeed in some way of actualising some aspect of their creative purpose, they may still experience the lack of enough recognition according to their own estimations of how much they should have. Accepting their lot in life can be very tough as a result. The royal red carpet seems to remain furled, the remembered acclaim but distant memories. By being relatively relegated to the sidelines, these individuals are forced to learn the lessons of objectivity. In addition, they are learning how to become detached from the pyramid structure of their inner reality. As a result, these individuals may come to realise how to link their purpose to the needs of the whole of society. In so doing, they can contribute to the relevant needs of the whole; and their unique and special gifts can be their function as individuals who will learn that others are just as special as themselves. They can give to society or another in the ways that are needed as a result of this evolutionary intent. These individuals are learning to be a member of the play, not the director of it. As this process unfolds, the evolutionary metamorphosis will produce people who can now recognise the individuality and needs of their children. This metamorphosis will allow them to guide their lives objectively, rather than wilfully creating their children's identities out of their own self-centred images. It is not uncommon for Fifth House Pluto people to have children who are very strong-willed, self-centred, and resistant to the dictates of their parents. The resulting collision of wills produces the emotional confrontation necessary to induce the lesson of objectivity and detachment. The children can serve as mirrors who reflect the deepest inner dynamics of one or both of the parents. This mirror effect can be quite stark for one or both of the parents, especially if they are emotionally resistant to accepting, admitting, or seeing these similar dynamics in themselves. The evolutionary lessons of the Fifth House Pluto individual must also be passed on and taught to the child.

By learning the necessary lessons of objectivity and detachment, Fifth House Pluto individuals can also realise that they are not the source of creativity; they are a channel for the expression of the creative principle in the universe. This fundamental lesson is very important. Until it is fully realised, the creative flow can cyclically dry up or be blocked in order to induce the progressive realisation of the true source of creativity. In this way, these individuals learn how to acknowledge creativity and specialness in others without feeling threatened. Once these evolutionary lessons are put in motion with conscious intent, these individuals can create something new and unique in whatever field of endeavour they are destined to fulfil. That which they create can have uncommon depth and power of a transformative nature. Sometimes this creation may be ahead of its time - the dead artist syndrome. Yet, eventually that which was created will become

accepted. These individuals can achieve a degree of fame or acclaim with respect to what they do apply themselves to. They can act as natural leaders and pioneers, and objectively understand how to guide the individual development and actualisation of those that they touch. In some, the natural leadership abilities are a sight to behold. The other day I was watching several children play. They were all four- and five-year-olds. At one point an eighteen monthold baby wandered by tjese children. This little girl had a tremendously powerful aura. All the four- and five-year-old children stopped what they were doing and began to follow her. Mesmerised, they simply fell into line behind this child. The baby was undaunted, and simply kept walking. After watching this scene, I asked the mother of teh baby if she would give me the birth data for her child. She humoured me and obliged. As it turned out, the little one had Pluto in the Fifth House. This intrinsic leaderhsip capacity created an almost Pied Piper -like effect upon the four- and fiveyear-olds even though she was only eighteen months old!Common characteristics of Pluto in the Fifth House people include: having tremendous strength of will, being dignified, being creative, needing attention and acknowledgement, being loving, being giving, can issue attention and love upon others, being magnetic, being generally narcissistic, having a king or queen complex, being powerful and intense at a core level, can be quite demanding in overt or covert ways, being suspicious of yet needing flattery, and being very protective of those close to them.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°37') 0010 | ♃12
- 2) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♂ **Uranus** - (0°50') ♄9 | ♃7
- 3) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°04') ♄6 | ♃2
- 4) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Pluto** - (0°14') ♃7 | ♄5
- 5) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♄ **South-Node** - (1°17') ♃7 | ♄5
- 6) ► **Pluto** ♄ **Parallel** ♄ **North-Node** - (1°31') ♄5 | ♃11
- 7) ► **Midheaven** MC **Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (0°39' S) 0010 | 0010
- 8) ► **Descendant** DC **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (7°24' A) ♃7 | ♃7
- 9) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (1°08' S) ♄9 | ♄9
- 10) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♄ **Pluto** - (1°04' S) ♄5 | ♄5
- 11) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♂ **Uranus** - (9°14' A) ♃7 | ♃7
- 12) ► **Venus** ♀ **Opposition** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°11' A) ♃12 | ♄6
- 13) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♂ **Uranus** - (3°00' S) 0010 | ♃7
- 14) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°38' A) ♄9 | ♃7
- 15) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♄ **North-Node** - (2°33' A) ♄9 | ♃11
- 16) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♂ **Uranus** - (2°21' S) 0010 | ♃7
- 17) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♄ **North-Node** - (3°41' A) ♄9 | ♃11
- 18) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°46' A) ♄9 | ♄6
- 19) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (0°43' A) ♃12 | ♄9
- 20) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°54' S) ♄9 | ♄6
- 21) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°38' A) ♃1 | ♄9
- 22) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (5°08' S) ♃1 | ♄5
- 23) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°42' A) ♄5 | ♄9
- 24) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°05' S) ♃7 | ♃11
- 25) ► **Midheaven** MC **Quincunx** ♄ **Neptune** - (2°50' S) 0010 | ♃2

- 1) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (0°37') 0010 | ♃12

(Haydn Paul)

Moon-Venus contacts involve instinctive feeling reactions to social and intimate relationships; and these shape responses to the situations and experiences. The conjunction indicates that you have sociable and friendly relationships, characterized by sensitive awareness and affection.

You will enjoy numerous social contacts, feeling at ease with others and appreciating a diversity of communication, preferring the company of those whose relationship approach is sincere and straight-forward. You dislike social conflict, and try to minimize any discord with others, sometimes through tact and diplomacy, sometimes by compromise or a friendliness that diffuses tensions. Experiencing these interpersonal approaches as reasonably successful may encourage you to adopt better communication as a personal 'ideal', believing that life can be improved if everyone is more sensitively aware, and avoiding individual gains when made only by another's loss. You offer your hand of friendship, expressing human warmth, civility, and conscious goodwill. With your personality, if the rest of the chart amplifies these tendencies, you are likely to find success in working with the public.

Usually you receive a favorable response from others; and through reducing the superficiality of many social contacts, you can transmit positive attitudes to people. Shorn of unnecessary pretence, your direct human approach can appear almost too simple - some may even feel threatened and suspicious, especially those who prefer to maintain social masks and distance themselves from others. You allow your sensitivity to shine through and, while some may not recognize or acknowledge its presence, others will welcome it. Your genuine interest in others helps to build bridges between people, and, along with your natural sympathetic understanding of human dilemmas, can place you in a position to offer help to those in need. Yet, if brusquely rejected, you are unsure of how to deal with bruised feelings, and your sensitivity shrinks away from negative responses.

Within more intimate relationships, your emotions are highly activated and given priority. Both Moon and Venus require emotional satisfaction and stimulation; and the quality of a loving relationship is extremely important to you. You are probably attractive to others, and often socially magnetic; and, with your combination of grace, charm and artistic sensitivity, you will receive the interest of many, with the possibility of numerous relationships occurring unless you marry or settle into a permanent relationship early in life.

You may allow previous family bonds to interfere with a new or developing relationship. The older lunar patterns may still be overly oactive; and any residual dependency on parents or family members may affect the evolution of a new family unit; the 'mother-in-law syndrome' may be a classic example of this! Venus can exaggerate any tendency toward self-indulgence and preoccupation with satisfying selfish needs, with a corresponding disregard for those of a partner. Extra selfdiscipline may be needed within intimate partnerships, especially in areas of mutual sharing. There may be occasional attempts at emotional manipulation, both by a partner taking advantage of your sensitive feelings, and by yourself when attempting to gain your way.

Home life is important, providing a secure foundation to whatever life-style you desire; and personal enjoyment will come from domestic pursuits, especially from a comfortable

home, sensual clothes, food, and material possessions. It is important for you to develop a beautiful home environment; and if you take full advantage of prudent financial management, you will be able to devote additional resources to your home. Your artistic sensitivity can also be demonstrated in improving your personal and family home.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Venus shows that you relate to people easily and without pretence. You don't necessarily wait for the other person to make the first gesture to meet you, for you know that this is difficult for some. When you meet someone, you are willing to make adjustments if it will relieve any tension that seems likely to develop. A very sensitive person, you feel hurt whenever anyone deals harshly with you. You respond to tenderness and abhor rudeness. You are fond of people and try to be on friendly terms with everyone you have to deal with. For the most part, people appreciate that attitude, as you are aware.

Your early years probably were fairly pleasant, which enables you to look forward with anticipation to having a home and family of your own. You learned the value of money and how to manage your affairs in order to have some degree of security. You enjoy the comforts of a good home, fine furniture, plentiful food well prepared, and the joy of pleasant guests. You are warm toward your friends and always civil to everyone, regardless of their attitude toward you. Your tact and diplomacy serve your purposes, it is true, but you act that way mainly because you feel it is the right thing to do.

Unless you are careful, you can become too 'nice', which may arouse suspicion as to your motives. Don't fawn over people so that it becomes sickening. Try to remain courteous, of course, but don't overextend yourself to them. If you give them the opportunity to show their interest in you, they will feel more comfortable.

You can succeed in any occupation that requires you to come before the public. You gain people's confidence because you demonstrate a genuine interest in their affairs. Sympathetic to their problems, you usually try to use your resources as best you can to help solve them. You are generous with your offers to help those who are less fortunate than you.

You will enjoy pleasant emotional relationships with those you care for. Love and romance are important to you, but you will carry lingering family ties to your love partnership, which can cause some problems. You may prematurely enter a binding contract before you are really ready to make your partner the exclusive person in your life. You tend to be more concerned with gratifying your desires than with accepting the discipline required to share a total life endeavor with your mate. On the whole, though, you should not have too much difficulty in making the transition from self-seeking to mutual sharing.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of the Moon and Venus brings together two factors that are each concerned with safety in their own way. This emphasizes the need for harmony and for smooth functioning in the environment. We endeavor to cultivate a pleasant atmosphere, and aim for a balanced existence. The danger is undue avoidance of confrontations so as to keep everything as friendly as possible, at least on the surface - Moon / Venus aspects frequently figure in the charts of diplomats.

What is often forgotten in interpreting these two emotional factors is that when the Moon and Venus are conjunct, or otherwise well aspected, the emotions are characterized by tranquility. Either we are inwardly unruffled, or we are in the process of restoring our equilibrium as quickly as possible. This inner sense of peace enables us to take things as they come. The conjunction can give balanced judgement and imperturbability; in other words, it reaches out to affect much more than our emotional life.

Since Venus has to do with the aesthetic, a harmonious Moon / Venus aspect (and we may count the conjunction among these) can point to artistry and creativity. Even if we happen not to be creative, it would be strange if we did not have some appreciation of beauty, and hence of color, form and proportion in art; what is more, we may indulge a taste for luxury with this aspect.

Venus is not primarily an active planet, and in conjunction with the Moon can give a certain amount of leisureliness; probably from fear of being rushed and thrown off balance.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the Moon represents the emotional reaction to life and love, and Venus indicates the ability to appreciate love and beauty, the interaction between these two planets is very important in terms of emotional relationships. Venus can also represent the psychological impact of the mother on the child's psyche. The Moon represents the mother in a physical sense. When these two planets are conjunct, the person has an overwhelming tie to the mother that may seem insurmountable. In order for this person to break away from the family and mother ties, he must go through many more internal changes than the rest of us.

This aspect in a woman's chart represents the daughter who can't leave Mommy, who goes into a marriage and lives on the next block and talks to Mommy on the phone every day. Or, the girl who can't have a love relationship inasmuch as she can't share herself with another person because the ties to her mother are too strong. If the rest of the chart agrees, this aspect may indicate a homosexual female. Often, the lady she falls in love with is fifteen to twenty years older than she, since she may be looking for a mother substitute. She has difficulty considering the idea that she may be tied to Mother in some

kind of incestuous manner.

We usually consider incest in terms of the opposite sex - the daughter is in love with her father, etc.; but we have trouble diagnosing when the daughter is too close to her mother. Often these desires are not faced on a conscious level, for they are socially unacceptable. If a woman is homosexual and the rest of the chart doesn't look as though she has reason to be, this is one aspect that may help to find the key to why she is the way she is. However, when Venus conjuncts the Moon, it's difficult to talk to her about her relationship with her mother. She doesn't want to hear anything negative about Mom. Even if the rest of the chart shows difficult family influences, perhaps even an abusive childhood, she will defend her mother until the end.

Often, these children have been hurt more by the mother than the father, yet they see the father as the reason for all their failures. It's a hard aspect to work through, and for an astrologer it indicates a difficult client. This aspect should be approached with tact, gentleness and diplomacy by the astrologer. If this conjunction carries other hard aspects, the client may be helped by entering therapy of some kind; it is not an easy aspect to handle in one counselling session.

When a man has a Moon-Venus conjunction, the effect of the physical and psychological mother influence is overpowering. This man is emotionally close to his mother - usually too close - and it can manifest in many ways. Sometimes it indicates a love-hate polarity with the mother; the son may literally hate or love her. If the man is father-dominated, he may have a lot of guilt about his feelings toward the mother. If he is mother-dominated, he may be angry with her, or estranged from her, or he may be completely possessed by her. A grown man may overreact to the feelings stirred up by the mother image and may therefore try to cut her out of his life. The other aspects to the Moon and Venus have to be taken into consideration when reading this aspect.

Once the mother ties are recognized, the individual can begin to use the energy another way. Venus conjunct the Moon can be used to understand how we appreciate and respond in love situations. The energy of the sign can be used constructively, for our appreciation of love (Venus) and our feeling responses (Moon) can work together because they are in the same sign. The blind spots will be caused by an overreaction to the influence of the mother. Again, therapy can be helpful in working through the unpleasant ties in order to free the constructive possibilities. We are not meant to remain as a child tied to our mother forever. The Moon represents our feelings and Venus indicates how we appreciate love. We can separate these qualities from the mother in a physical sense and begin to listen to our own responses.

2) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ☿ **Uranus** - (0°50') ♀9 | ♂7

(Haydn Paul)

This will give you a dynamic, powerful energy that you attempt to direct in pursuit of your ambitions. One difficulty can be in the often erratic flow of this volatile energy, which creates problems in consistent application. It will be seen as though an on-off switch is being internally activated by an unknown hand. This is the unpredictable instability of the Uranian vibration, which is interfering with the drive of Mars.

Even so, the power that you release is quite considerable; but you may have to learn how to apply it in ways that create the maximum benefit for yourself, perhaps through taking into account this irregular flow pattern, and organising yourself accordingly. When this energy is freely flowing, you will feel highly charged, and under the influence (or 'inebriation') of this energy you are liable to be quite impulsive. Actions can be taken without due thought or consideration, and this can create future difficulties, through following unwise choices. A lack of sensitivity to others, and a diminution of common sense, can occur; and you may look for ways to release the sudden pressure that can rapidly build up inside you. In extreme cases, this can be expressed through explosions of temper and anger at any provocation, even to the point of physical violence; certainly attempts to release the energy through verbal and emotionally directed violence towards a partner are common.

You prefer to retain as much independence as possible; and you are not one to bow to any authority. Basically, you are anti-establishment, a natural rebel, an anarchist. You see your own will and desires as paramount, following a purely personal code of behaviour which is determined by a self-centred perspective on life. You tend to insist on your right to be free to follow your own path and ambitions, and can experience relationship problems through this attitude, and may need to learn the values of cooperation to modify this tendency.

Your search for excitement is mainly in terms of physically based action, which can be through competitive sports, or in sexual conquests. You feel a strong need to 'feed' this urge for physical / material level action, and it is tied in with a need to prove yourself in relation to others, to prove that you are better than them in some chosen way.

In some ways, the rebellious spirit can find suitable channels through becoming an opponent of the Establishment, but one who is working from within a socially accepted framework, attempting to change society from within. It may be argued that this is the most effective way, to initiate constructive change through speaking out on behalf of a minority or disadvantaged social group. Irrespective of how you may express this tendency, you will tend to look for results to occur in the physical world as a reflection of your impact. You can have little patience for social rules, preferring to disregard them; but apart from you being penalised if you contravene them, you may have to learn the art of apparent conformity in order to create a foundation that you can work from in your own inimitable, subversive way.

Probably you will find that you become more effective if you can control the inner energy,

so that you are able to direct it into predetermined channels of creative expression. The act of clarifying your aims, personal and social, will help this process. Careful consideration of your options and goals will lead to wiser choices at the times of activity, and a gradual transformation from self-preoccupation to becoming more aware of the rights and feelings of others will be a great step for you to make. Learning to share and work with others in co-operation will offer scope for the fullest use of your talents and forceful energy, and will re-integrate you back into society as a positive revolutionary rather than just a negative reactionary.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars conjunct Uranus, you are unrestrained, forceful, and energetic in striving to achieve your goals. You establish your own rules and won't submit to anyone's restraints. As you work to get what you want out of life, you are completely uninhibited, guided by the belief that you must be free to do whatever is necessary to get what you want. There's never a dull moment when you're around, because you seek excitement, and when there isn't any, you create it.

This impulsiveness can cause you many problems. Society is stabilized by laws and rules of behavior, and the people who abide by them are irritated by your rebellious nature. If you truly want to accomplish your objectives, you will have to play by the rules.

Your courageous nature can best be used in occupations that require daring, such as sports, racing, mountain climbing, or exploration. Before contemplating any of these, however, be sure you understand that safeguards are necessary. Otherwise, the results will be tragic. Only a powerful Saturn in your chart can offer the protection you need.

You could easily become the champion for people who are too weak or perhaps too timid to demand social adjustment or change for themselves. You have the courage to instigate change by challenging powerful government officials. To dramatize your point, you may even threaten them, using the public support you've gained. Once you have all the evidence to confirm an allegation of wrongdoing, you won't be stopped from whatever action is needed to make sure that justice is served.

You have a powerful sex drive that cannot accept 'no' for an answer. You would be refused mainly by those who expect an emotional response in addition to a biological one. As far as this conjunction shows, you are primarily a 'taker' and not much of a 'giver'.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The executive ability and energy of Mars is placed under high tension by a conjunction with Uranus. With two impatient factors in such close contact, we feel the urge, even when very young, to go our own way as unconventionally as possible. There is

something provocative and defiant about our behavior whenever we stand up for ourselves.

Our patience is not great: we have too much need of action, change and renewal. In one way or another, we are very alert to what is going on around us; and, because we are rather keyed up, we may suffer from nerves or slight overstrain. We are inclined to rush into things, but seldom finish them. And we are not good at co-ordinating our activities. Impulsiveness and lack of forethought are increased by Uranus; which can cause us to be brusque, capricious and sudden, not to say liable to the occasional fits of temper. Therefore this combination increases the risk of broken friendships and marriages; also of accidents. But the same swiftness of action makes us extremely adroit at handling difficult situations where snap decisions have to be taken.

The wayward self-will of Uranus produces a degree of obstinacy in the owners of Mars / Uranus aspects. We can impetuously follow our own ideas in spite of anything anyone may do to stop us. We are very dynamic, and it is hard to resist our bold handling of affairs. We can shine brightly if given the chance to be ourselves; but being warned off or told what not to do arouses the fighting spirit, and then the destructive side of this combination puts in an appearance. Forbearance is not our strong point.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus represents the erratic or selfwilled tendencies of the personality, the combination can be indicative of an individual with a 'short fuse'. How this energy manifests will depend on the sign placement.

The energy level is usually high. People born with this aspect are aware of the inherent energy level, and by the time they reach their twenties they have learned something about channeling it.

In a sexual sense, the conjunction can indicate a strange, unusual or unorthodox sexuality, which can manifest as a slightly eccentric conditioning as well as include all forms of what is considered sexual perversion. The aspect should be synthesized with the other aspects involved in the conjunction; the Venus, Sun and Moon placements should be considered before determining that a Mars-Uranus conjunction is unhealthy. The aspect indicates precociousness, impulsive sexual relations, as well as impulsive physical reaction in general. This person may jump into emotional or sexual involvements without considering all the factors necessary in a relationship. This aspect can cause relationships with partners who are unusual types.

Because Mars represents the action taken to express the Sun potential in each individual, it's important to become conscious of the energy here. Uranus involves erratic behavior and one can take erratic action. The concept of self-will may need to be considered, for action may be too impetuous to accomplish what is desired on an overall

level. The conjunction bestows a creative genius that may not be expressed until the less evolved qualities are disciplined.

(Charles Carter)

Will-power, courage, and dogged persistence characterise this aspect, though the nervous strain may be so great that the native breaks under it, fighting, as a rule, to the last. Paralysis must sometimes be feared from the tensions of Uranus. Often the character shows best in moments of danger but it has little patience under stress and strain. I have only known one case wherein, to date, it has been something of a dumb note; here it falls in Leo in the 12th and has externalised in the shape of dire suffering through the sickness of wife and children, as well as injuries at games.

Charubel, the astrological seer, had the conjunction in Capricorn; his natus exemplifies the occult side of Mars intensified by Uranus; Tennyson, who had the conjunction in Scorpio in the 6th, also had an interest in such things, but it was half-smothered by the age in which he lived.

Inharmonious aspects between these planets may in some measure denote weakmindedness, probably through an actual malformation of the brain (Mars).

3) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°04') ♎6 | ♏2

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition has several similarities to the square, but here the source of 'contention' is projected externally onto the outer world and people. There is the difficulty of 'followthrough', where intentions and plans are often thwarted by an inability to actually realise them, despite your original aims; things are started but never completed in any satisfying way. You tend to resent and resist any external pressure that can be placed on you by others' expectations of your performance and abilities.

Conflicts often arise in interpersonal relationships, especially with other work colleagues, who may attempt to take advantage of your skills or persuade you to take on responsibilities which may be thankless tasks, or in which for reasons of their own advantage they expect you to fail. There is often a lot of manipulative activity in work places, and you can become a victim of this if you are not aware of the hidden motivations of others. You can become paranoid and suspicious of people, perhaps as a result of previous experience, and there is often a kernel of truth and validity there; yet equally, part of this is a projection emanating from you based on the tensions inherent within this opposition. You tend to either oppose or antagonise others, sometimes by being too direct in your comments and attitudes; there is little social diplomacy in your style of expression, and sometimes you can be very tactless and too adversarial.

There can be a blind spot in your character that is often unrecognised, and is related to the sign and house positions of Jupiter and Neptune. Whilst you may fail to fully comprehend your own nature and what you 'should be doing', you still express yourself forcefully and with a tendency to be authoritarian. Yet you also often challenge the dictates of those in positions of authority, questioning their perceptions and rights to wield power. There is less of a social awareness and conscience here with this aspect, as most of the energy is tied up in an external uneasiness; you do not have any great trust in the good nature of others, which, whilst possibly more realistic, is also symptomatic of your own inner fragmentation and stress - you cannot relax and trust yourself either. You need to learn how to accept others as well as accepting yourself; the two are intertwined, and if you can manage this then stress will be diminished and all your relationships will improve as you correspondingly feel more at ease in your own nature.

Intimate relationships can pose difficulties until the step of personal integration and resolution is taken. Your choices of partners may be unwise, especially where those anima-animus projections are superimposed on the partner, apparently turning them into the ideal lover who possesses everything that you believe you desire and need. When these projections collapse, you are liable to be emotionally distraught and see that person as another one who has deceived you; in fact, it may have been your own illusions that have been self-deceptive, and so the consequences of a hurt heart should not be taken out on your partner in any emotional or physical aggression. Resorting to the Neptuneian addictions of drugs or alcohol must be avoided at such traumatic times.

Some form of religious or spiritual life and aspiration is likely, yet this too can suffer from some distortion and invalid projections. Your spiritual attitudes may lack a practical dimension, or even a serious application by yourself in everyday life. There can be a greater attraction toward the glimmers of more exotic religions, which offer a colourful fascination and mystery that appeals. Cultism and an idealised surrender to gurus can be a temptation, despite your resistance to forms of authority, and can seem to offer a way out from the disappointments and stresses of your life. Alternatively, you may dream of foreign travel or pilgrimages across the world as an antidote to the lifestyle you feel trapped within.

Realising that so much of what dissatisfies you in the world is a reflection of an inner lack of integration would be a major step forward. Reabsorbing those powerful projections, allowing yourself to re-own them, can only strengthen you and give you back the ability to redirect your life in ways that you want it to move in. Taking such control and self-responsibility is crucial, unless you want to persist in the likelihood of unsatisfactory relationships with others, where your need for development and expansion is perpetually thwarted by 'external resistance'.

4) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°14') ♄7 | ♅5

(Haydn Paul)

Like those with the square, you may feel that you have been mysteriously penalised by environmental deprivation, socially or parental, real or imagined. There was never any 'silver spoon' for you, and you tend to hold a brooding resentment for those who have not had to face the same problem.

The opposition is often associated with the themes of oppression and violence, physical and psychological, and with the tendency to be a victim of such forms of human negativity on others. For whatever reason, you may feel yourself to be a victim of persecution; and this would colour your perception of people and the world, probably making you inwardly defensive and possibly outwardly aggressive towards others as a form of pre-emptive defence.

Your ease of self-expression and creativity is likely to be blocked, and you are always wary of revealing too much of yourself to others, in case they begin to take advantage of you; and in any case, you lack self-confidence and inner stability. Emotionally, you may be quite unstable, probably repressing much of your feeling life, because that is what has been damaged previously. This leads you to attempt to create a life of predictability and stability as a counterpoint to those feelings of emotional flux and vulnerability. Certainly you are quite resistant to change, especially within relationships, as you rely on those few close ones in your life to give a sense of security; and because of this fear, you suppress inner movement or outer change until a crisis point is reached where a 'releasing explosion' is the only way for the blocked energy to move.

As with the square, you need to initiate a process of inner change, to transform the restrictive attitudes and self-image that act as a frustrating factor in your life. Somehow, you need to develop more personal confidence so that you can begin trusting more, and feel secure enough to come to terms with your feelings and emotions, to allow them to fertilise and water those inner barren lands. Through such an approach, Pluto can act to give you a new birth, to almost resurrect you from the dead and to allow you the opportunity to enjoy life much more fully and appreciatively. Your inner life is not fixed in unchangeable stone, as the prospect of transformation is ever-present in every life. Initially, it may be difficult to dissolve such long-established barriers; but it can be done, enabling a new you to flower and fulfil your hidden potential: this is the pot of gold which is waiting for you to claim it as your heritage.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of Saturn to Pluto shows that you can be victimized by others in their quest for power. You may become involved in enterprises that are at best questionable and at worst potentially dangerous. If you get into social situations that have negative or non-productive objectives, you may find it extremely difficult to safely extricate yourself.

You must examine each of your associates thoroughly to protect your own interests. Accept no promises of financial gain until you see evidence to support these promises. Someone may offer you material benefits that are unrealistic or extreme, so you must be suspicious of anything that seems 'too good to be true'. The chances are that it is. This goes for personal, emotional relationships also. The investment you make will probably be of more benefit to your partner than to yourself.

Your professional affairs may become unstable because of a power play at the top that will somehow involve you. The results can undermine your position. You are sure to encounter people who will make impossible demands of you, and severe alienation is sure to follow.

Your social conditions may be extremely harsh and may not provide you with constructive avenues of expression. Fear of poverty and loss of social status could drive you to use devious methods for obtaining security and protection.

The serious conditions that often attend your life struggle need careful evaluation and constructive planning. You must learn to either transform your environment or remove yourself from it and make a new start. Plan your objectives and each day lay the foundation on which to painstakingly build your future security and realize your goals. This is the best course if you wish to enjoy a life enriched through your own efforts and free from unnecessary difficulties.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father's influence on the psyche of the individual during early life will be difficult to comprehend on a conscious level. In order to overcome weak points, fears, feelings of failure (caused by Saturn's placement), these feelings must be acknowledged consciously.

The Plutonic energy from the unconscious may confuse the image of the father with the unconscious or mythic image. This aspect may indicate individuals who have an obsession about the father, who don't know how to begin the journey toward self-discovery. If the aspect also includes personal planets, these people may attempt to revolutionize society because they go against the father, authority and tradition.

This energy can be used in a positive manner for these folks are world changers. Before the aspect can be used constructively, however, personal understanding of the influence of the father must be achieved. If not, these individuals can be manipulators of situations whenever they become afraid. They can take the law into their own hands; they can be vigilante types.

Saturn square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The presence of ambition, tenacity and the desire to prove oneself (not to mention an aptitude for getting on in life) are even more marked here than in the harmonious aspects. Hard aspects strengthen, and sometimes exaggerate, these characteristics. A need to define and limit, to mould and preserve form, is intensified more than usual by Pluto, because the aspect made by Pluto is hard. Thus a person can seize the objective so fiercely that he or she arouses negative reactions in others. But, besides intensifying, Pluto transforms; it often leads one to demolish a huge chunk of the past in one iconoclastic outburst. Therefore, with Saturn / Pluto conflicts this person shall alter lifestyle and goals more than once; also, in the environment, he or she will play a taboo-breaking, form-breaking role. Contests with those in authority are not excluded; especially as the desire to prove oneself is so strong in the tense aspects that one is determined to be one's own person. Being insecure, he or she wants to hold the reins in his or her own hands, to gain overall control, and to leave nothing to chance. As far as possible this person tries to get a grip on everything, and is rather demanding. If the native should lose the grip, however, he or she falls prey to uncertainty and the search for power becomes tinged with desperation. It goes without saying that this produces a fair crop of problems.

The aspect indicates strife, but because of the energy and tenacity it bestows and because it impels the native to get to the bottom of things, it frequently indicates victory, too, although at the cost of sweat and tears. Spiritual growth and radical changes often occur by this means, in spite of Saturn's anxious efforts to hold Pluto back - efforts that repeatedly come to nothing in the on-going conflict.

With the tense aspects, too, we can toil hard and long, performing heavy work. Generally speaking, this person likes to push himself: not for him the path of least resistance. Experiences are liable to make him harsh and calculating in dealing with his fellow men and women. Therefore Saturn / Pluto conflicts can have a very isolating effect - provided, of course, there are links with personal planets. Nevertheless, through being hard on himself in these conflicts he can go a long way in science, society, or in anything to which he sets his mind. The aspect cuts this person out to be a loner, but on his own he functions outstandingly.

5) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ☿ **South-Node** - (1°17') ♄7 | ♅5

(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.

6) ► **Pluto** ♌ **Parallel** ♎ **North-Node** - (1°31') ♄5 | ♑11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The conjunction gives the native a special knack for seeing through prevailing social trends and provides the necessary drive and willpower to take advantage of them. As is the case with Neptune conjunct North Node, there is an intuitive ability to understand the forces shaping present trends.

However, in the case of Pluto, the native is much more deliberate and calculated in taking advantage of this ability. Whether it is used for selfish or for altruistic purposes depends upon the aspects of Pluto and the overall tenor of the horoscope. On the negative side, this conjunction gives a dangerous tendency to try to manipulate social forces too large to be handled with safety. The natives may become entrapped or crushed by the weight of circumstances in which they have involved themselves. The affairs of their lives can get out of hand, with subsequent danger of collapse. (This is the tiger-by-the-tail aspect.) In what department of life this condition arises depends on the house position and house rulership of Pluto.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The common destiny of a large mass of people. Unions or associations brought about by the particular circumstances of one's destiny, a karmic link. Sociological correspondence: Crowds or large groups of people, mass meetings. Large business concerns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, large scale changes are utilized or the person chooses to utilize destructive means to convey his message. The idea is to transform and revive the society or surroundings utilizing the past-life energies or counter-acting the previous life's functions. This is often done as a total destruction and then rebuilding the dream all over again. Basically, it is a karmic lesson, reward or punishment, utilizing the Plutonian means. Depending upon the house location of this conjunction, you can get more details of the focused area in life.

(Donna van Toen)

The person often seems to be forced to take some sort of separative or eliminative action in order to grow. Relationships with groups or individuals seem to play a major role in the growth process. Leadership qualities enhance growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

The conjunction with Pluto will activate the Node and initiate the first step in personal development. Everything with which it comes in contact is intensified. The natives strive for personal and spiritual growth. Many (according to the sign and house involved) put all their eggs in one basket, develop an inflated idea of their own importance, and have an inner urge to achieve something exceptional. With Pluto, there seems to be an inner calling, and a powerful motivation towards self-improvement and growth in maturity. However, power is also desired for its own sake, and further development may be sought in order to gain more influence over others. In the opposition, the will-power is employed selfishly and often roughly too. The ego-transformation which should be produced by Pluto stagnates, and then erupts with a breaking of old rules, a bringing of repressions into the open, and a sweeping aside of obstacles.

7) ► **Midheaven** MC **Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (0°39' S) ☾10 | ☾10

(Robert Hand)

Your emotions are very powerful, and you are quite sensitive to the feelings of others as well. What happens while you are young will have a very strong effect on your future life,

so that the attitudes and patterns you pick up in youth will be very hard to change as you get older. It is also likely that the career you choose will be influenced by your ideas in youth.

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

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

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

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

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

Quite frequently, the individual wants to become involved with big groups or with the public, and usually creates a good impression. The Moon at the MC encourages one to seek security by making a mark in society, either by attracting attention or by doing something helpful.

However, the Moon is always waxing and waning, and this person, too, will find the need to chop and change. As long as he or she projects this vacillation on things, he or she is likely to change social position from time to time, or, at least, to keep making minor changes even when occupying a permanent position.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Moon on either end of the MC-IC axis is suggestive of exceptionally strong parent-child ties. Those with Moon on the Midheaven sometimes take on the role of some kind of public mother, perhaps the person in the company who 'holds' everything together

and provides some kind of containment. Sometimes the vocation chosen is concerned with looking after one's own home and family, but sometimes the vocation is concerned with protecting, caring and nurturing in a much more public sense. Obviously the sign is of great importance.

Like Sun conjunct MC, there is a need for personal recognition with this placement, coupled with a sensitivity to what the public thinks and feels. Thus this is a good combination for anyone who has to be very responsive to the needs of the public.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction, unless afflicted, indicates popularity and life in the public eye. It favors actors, entertainers, and politicians. If the conjunction is well aspected, the natives gain through women of wealth and high social standing who aid them in achieving status.

Very often, professional activities are carried on in partnerships, or positions of responsibility are bestowed by someone in authority. Sometimes this conjunction indicates that the native will inherit the family business, or that the career is linked with the family life.

This lunar position is advantageous to people in business connected with food and articles of domestic use. Also favored are those in real estate and other businesses which deal with homes.

8) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (7°24' 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.

9) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (1°08' S) ♊9 | ♊9

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun conjunct Mars gives you a sense of power in asserting your will. You don't feel that you have to compromise in your dealings with anyone. Since you project your will forcefully and with undeniable intensity, your presence may unintentionally threaten less hardy individuals. You are ambitious to be recognized, not so much for your achievements, but simply for yourself. But this may antagonize others, who will resent your assumption of superiority without having any achievements to justify it. It is difficult to determine whether you are driven by egocentricity or merely by having energy to spare. In any case, you respond quickly to competition and use every skill at your command to win. Because you find status quo conditions intolerable and apathy unforgivable, you stimulate people to take action when they might have indolently failed to do anything. Your considerable physical strength sustains you in expressing your boundless enthusiasm.

You have enormous creative ability and can excel in any leadership capacity. The kind of work you do isn't as important as the manner in which you accomplish your objectives. Intolerant of insubordination, you react violently to criticism. you tend to be uncompromising with people whose opinions differ from yours, and you are blunt in reprimanding them for it. You feel that anyone who expresses a different opinion is making a direct, personal attack on your credibility.

Your temperament is suitable for competitive occupations in which hazard and danger are commonplace. Sports, racing, exploration, military service, working with machinery, or hunting would provide good means for creative expression, as would more intellectual pursuits, such as medicine, surgery, law, or police work.

Your insistence on asserting your own desires with no consideration for others is a distinct liability. In evaluating the facts before taking action, you often disregard common sense, which makes it necessary to repeat the work later. You are inefficient in managing your energies and waste a lot of effort in unrewarding enterprises. A trusted adviser could help you plan your tactical moves, serve as your spokesperson in disputes, and restrain you from destructive impulsive action.

Your powerful libido urges you to violence when your desires are not satisfied. not only that, but you are insensitive to the feelings of others; you must learn to make adjustments for those whose feelings are not as intense as your own. Because you react impulsively when you are angered, the chance of physically hurting yourself is increased. You waste large amounts of energy in fruitless effort that could be utilized constructively. Being hyperactive, you need sufficient rest to preserve your health.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates the presence of an energy that is 'masculine' in essence, being highly vitalised, vigorous, forceful and assertive. The application and exploitation of your powerful will becomes a major impulse that demands expression, often resulting in a more self-centred level of preoccupation, focused on satisfying your desires and ambitions.

You may have an aggressive, combative temperament, which can respond quickly to any hint of a threat or potentially competitive situations, seeing these as an opportunity to display your force and innate abilities and talents. You will feel a need to prove yourself to the world through achieving, or at least rise to a higher social profile than the majority. You may tend to assume attitudes of superiority, which is often derived from a sense of self-confidence, and inwardly you hold a self-image as a leader in some capacity. An urge to battle lies near the surface of your personality, and you can approach life as if it is a challenge, almost provoking encounters by 'throwing down the gauntlet' as a testing of your strength and power.

To some, you may seem overly assertive, and your presence may threaten them by its forceful vibration. You may acquire several adversaries in the course of your journey through life, especially as you are liable to be insensitive to others' feelings. This may occur particularly within your employment or business life, where you are likely to contact other powerful individuals. You intensely enjoy applying your will-power, and may need to pay extra attention to your relationship manner and style of expression, as

this could become a source of contention and downfall if it is misapplied. A liability to anger quickly may need some control too, or words spoken in haste may ruin relationships or friendships.

You react against limitations and restrictions, and find adherence to the status quo or repetitive routines anathema to your volatile spirit. You love action, and the adrenaline rush of physical or dangerous sports and activities is highly appealing. Your enthusiasms can be spontaneous and impulsive, and you prefer to leave space in your lifestyle for sudden decisions and changes of direction which can renew vitality and add a touch of freshness when life becomes jaded and familiar. You may be attracted to share this love of life and excess energy with others, stimulating them to break free of their self-imposed ruts and shake off their apathy. Some may not appreciate your endeavours though, and you may need to recognise when your efforts will fall on stony ground.

There is an opinionated streak in your character that can take offence if anyone challenges your attitudes, values, thoughts or beliefs, and you take this as a personal attack, rather than a sharing of differing points of view. You can adopt an attitude of 'I'm right, and you're wrong' in such encounters, and refuse to consider alternative perceptions; this can be a restriction of your openness to life's many wonders and infinite variety of perceptions.

In relationships, you do not easily compromise, as you tend to be self-centred and concerned about reaching for your desires; this could become a problem unless it is carefully modified, or you have an extremely passive and supportive partner. A strong sexual drive and inflamed passions are likely factors in your relationships, and you may be especially attracted to sudden love affairs, particularly if that theme of 'conquest' is paramount in your nature.

While you are likely to possess considerable creative abilities, you may have difficulties in focusing these constructively and consistently, and despite your high level of activity you may waste energy that could be more positively applied. Part of this is due to an impulsiveness that prefers action to forethought and planning, and this tendency may need tempering by better managements of your resources and less haste in charging towards your objectives. Listen to the advice of others, or take professional suggestions; you may not always know best.

Your focus is power through action, and the main areas that this can be released through are the conjunction house, and the houses ruled by both Sun and Mars in your chart. Look at these, as they may offer additional opportunities for a successful use of your talents and energies, especially when you begin to handle them with greater self-understanding.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two active planets join forces here, signifying a ready identification of the self (Sun) with ambition, executive ability and leadership (Mars). Often the individual is rather pugnacious, competitive and fond of sport. Such a fiery combination as the Sun and Mars can make for great liveliness and enthusiasm. There is a capacity for hard work and the native's sights are set on solid achievement - also on the honors that go with it.

Mars is inflammable and, when conjunct the Sun, can give a very volatile personality. The native is excitable and subject to bursts of enthusiasm; sometimes being shorttempered and aggressive into the bargain. Because Mars is uncompromising, the individual is one of those go-getting, turbulent people who display scant consideration for others and are intent on making the most of their own opportunities. The person with a Sun / Mars conjunction pulls no punches and is not easily thwarted. But, though quick to flare up, he or she is not usually one to bear a grudge.

The Sun conjunct Mars frequently opens up opportunities in sport, but the native also treats everyday life as something of a sporting event. Excellent outlets are sports such as boxing, fencing, wrestling, or sports that require explosions of energy. Frequently there is a fondness for high-risk sports and for sports demanding courage and speed. The Sun conjunct Mars can warn of violence, but only when there are insufficient outlets for the enormous amounts of energy generated by this aspect.

People with this conjunction know where they stand and are not afraid to make their position clear. Others may be apprehensive of them because they seldom mince words. The native is more forceful than he or she realizes, and unintentional and unwanted ruptures with others can occur. So restraint is advisable, especially as there is a tendency to act before thinking.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect should be read in the context of other aspects that involve the Sun-Mars conjunction. Mars heats up everything that it touches, so it tends to give energy and spontaneity. When Mars conjuncts the Sun, the personality is acted out; it can be volatile; it can be quick to act and react. When reading this aspect it's important to remember in what sign the conjunction takes place in order to evaluate how the energy will express. Mars adds intensity to the Sun so there is a stronger vitality than without the presence of Mars. Well aspected conjunctions of Sun and Mars give added energy, but, when other planets are involved, how those aspects affect the Sun must be considered.

(Charles Carter)

I do not think that this can be differentiated from the trine and sextile (q.v.), except that it usually denotes some danger of physical injury or disease - usually the former. It makes the native tremendously hard-working, and he / she may toil on the verge of break-down year after year. On the whole it is beneficial, unless the conjunction itself receives other

important bad aspects, in which case it will bring some of the deleterious effects of the bad aspects into the life.

10) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♅ **Pluto** - (1°04' S) ♄5 | ♄5

(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.

11) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♅ **Uranus** - (9°14' A) ♄7 | ♄7

(Haydn Paul)

During the twentieth century, the conjunction aspect was made during 1942 and in 1988. It offers the possibility of an effective balance between these two antagonistic planets. Apart from those born under this aspect, the energy released into the collective mind at these times can aid in the interplay between forces of order and chaos, conceivably bringing the opposites into equilibrium and allowing a space for something new to be born.

For the individual with this aspect, there should be the ability to fuse ideas with practical application, to ground and anchor those sometimes slightly intangible and ephemeral Uranian ideas, thus transferring the, from the level of mind into material existence. You should be able to take advantage of your personal resources and talents; and these can be effectively expressed through efficient organisation. The flow of Uranian energy should seem more consistent and reliable; and you will be able to apply persistence and focused will to achieve your objectives. Often, you will find enjoyment from becoming

involved in situations where you can create order from chaos. Whilst this may appear Saturnian in nature, Uranus is not chaotic for the sake of it, but is only disruptive in order to create the conditions for a higher order to be superimposed.

You can function in a 'bridging role', carefully restoring a balance between order and change, and re-integrating this into a new structure which is an improvement on the previous one. In modern life, where so many changes are occurring so quickly, such a role can be most important, and utilises both of these planetary characteristics in a positive way. You have a sympathetic understanding of the past, and of the values and attitudes of conservative stability, yet also intuit and appreciate the necessity of change and evolving of social structures, organisations and individual development. You will try to integrate these threads, uniting what is worth retaining from the past with the ideas of the next step forward. Doing this, you work with both your intellect and intuitional faculties, and so reflect the next stage in human development towards the consciousness of unity.

You are likely to prefer a form of expression that involves a social contribution over and above mere participation in society; you would like to feel that you have some influence in improving things, and that your preoccupation is not totally for personal gain. This need can often give you a sense of direction in your life, and one which can absorb both of these planetary energies. If you begin to feel that you are having to keep down inner pressures of certain kinds, perhaps through a lack of channels to release them into, then it is a likely sign that you are not fluently expressing both the energies. Look at your life pattern and see which one is being repressed. In most cases, this would be the Uranus energy, as the Saturn energy, which is one of order and discipline, is often expressed through social conditioning. To free this blocked energy, more spontaneity, more experimentation, and exploration of new interests, would help. These would stimulate needed changes to happen, and so break down any fixed lifestyle patterns that are becoming inhibiting. If the Saturn energy is repressed, more self-discipline, commitment and perseverance to achieving your objectives would help. If the lifestyle lacks control, too much freedom could also lead to a loss of personal centre and stability, leaving you feeling lost and unsure of what to do or in which direction to travel. You will need to draw through the Saturn qualities of boundary-making and structure, so that your life and inner nature begin to take distinct form again, creating a stable foundation from which to work.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between Saturn and Uranus shows that you have the ability to give form to many creative ideas. You are unusually mature in your attitudes, which enables you to derive some benefit from everything you do. Your desire for freedom is matched by your capacity to earn it by carefully and efficiently mobilizing your resources for particular objectives. This self-discipline will always sustain you. You have a healthy respect for authority and its lessons. You also have the drive and ambition to accomplish important, long-term tasks that can assure your future security.

Your professional potentials are almost unlimited because you are not afraid of responsibility and the demands of leadership. Almost certainly, you have much to offer the world in terms of understanding and experience. You comprehend the lessons of the past, and you act aggressively to help rid the future of ignorance. These contributions should be harnessed to group enterprises or socio-political endeavors. Fields such as science, mathematics, research, politics, the occult, and especially teaching are some of the areas in which your talents would be useful.

You are most comfortable in the company of rugged individuals who have high aims and ideals. You need to associate with adventurous types whose grip on the future is firm. People 'on the move' and on their way up in the ladder of achievement are those to whom you can relate meaningfully. You are impatient with trite, superficial people, since you doubt that they can serve the needs of the masses. Your life has purpose and direction, and your closest associates have similar goals.

You must relax periodically in order to recharge your energy centre. You can easily drive yourself too hard, unmindful that your physical reserves are being depleted. When tired, you may become pessimistic about plans that would otherwise seem to be going well.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two very conflicting factors are brought together here: a need to carve out an identity for ourselves, to define limits and to preserve form (Saturn), and a need to break structures, to overstep limits and to develop individuality (Uranus). Clearly, this will sometimes make it difficult to decide whether to preserve or to destroy.

Whenever we are engaged in giving life a certain shape (Saturn), we suffer from the urge to break out of or alter this shape (Uranus), and so we become tense and restless. Attempts to bring about change are impeded by a desire to proceed along fixed lines or according to a set pattern. There is no stagnation with this conjunction, but a restless activity continually generated from within, which can make the native feel insecure. Nevertheless, the conjunction does have a creative side that can be put to very good use. We regularly break free from anything that might hamper us (Saturn), and are unlikely to be rigid in our opinions. Tendencies that are too revolutionary are held in check, as is the temptation to be provocatively iconoclastic. Generally, one of the results of all this is a democratic attitude born out of tension and uncertainty.

If we are assailed by fear and doubt (Saturn), the conjunction with Uranus can really wind us up, so that disruptive tendencies are increased. The development of personality (Uranus) may be accompanied by feelings of anxiety and guilt (Saturn); we are always trying to improve situations and want to stop them getting out of hand. Therefore this conjunction often produces great self-control. With this aspect, we are very determined because Saturn and Uranus encourage stubbornness and willfulness. Uranus in full

flight is a poor listener, and Saturn dragging its heels is not likely to change course. When linked with personal factors in the horoscope, this is not a bad combination for doggedly pursuing personal interests.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Saturn represents the effect of the father on the individual's developing psyche and Uranus indicates the behavior of a generation, the father will have some unusual or unconventional effect on the child. In the personal chart, Saturn represents the part of ourselves we are 'cautious' about; that part of personality we view with apprehension. The conjunction to Uranus can also indicate certain kinds of erratic or self-willed behavior that directly relate to a father influence. The conjunction indicates a person who may be unruly or recalcitrant about his fears. He may hang onto beliefs long after they have been proven invalid.

Since Saturn represents authority, the conjunction indicates that the individual has little respect for it; that his life is bound up in learning about his concept of authority. The Uranus influence can indicate that he has the energy (in his generation) to lift the consciousness of tradition to another dimension. If the conjunction is involved with hard aspects to other planets, it can indicate an individual who wants to win at all costs.

A young person with this conjunction will be involved with group values, or the establishing of personality in the face of what he considers a stringent world. After the age of thirty, the personality will be somewhat settled and other aspects of maturity become visible.

The conjunction indicates the ability to rise above the father, to remedy the father's influence, to change and uplift the traditional. This individual may be able to bring into being a new approach to tradition because of his work and his attitude toward life. Because Uranus can represent willfulness, it's important to consider it in this conjunction - this may be the mark of a self-centered individual, one who is interested in living a personally erratic or eccentric life at the expense of those around him. When this occurs, check the other aspects in the chart that may also indicate a fear of approaching life - for instance, if the Moon afflicts this conjunction, the individual may be emotionally apprehensive, and because of that apprehension he may be excessively harsh with others.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful combination, characteristic of a person of considerable self-will, varying from the selfish and obstinate to enlightened determination. It tends to the unusual; and those having it are rarely concerned at all to please the conventional-minded. They are as a rule democratic in spirit, though autocratic in method; and they have considerable breadth of outlook, originality, and energy of mind and body. The temper is inclined to be

masterful.

There is often bodily strength and hardihood if the appropriate houses are involved, but there is a likelihood of accidents and possibly of suffering violence.

The affairs of the houses occupied and ruled are likely to present difficult problems; and the native will require the utmost tact, patience, and will-power to solve them satisfactorily, for the conditions caused by these heavy planets are not likely to be ephemeral or superficial in character, but may last for years or even be life-long.

Any good aspects to the conjunction will indicate the direction from which help may be sought.

12) ► **Venus** ♀ **Opposition** ♁ **Jupiter** - (1°11' A) ♃12 | ♎6

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Venus to Jupiter indicates that you don't trust your competence in dealing with people and circumstances; you are never really sure you can adequately cope with relationships. You are indulgent to others in the hope that they will conform that you are indeed capable. The challenge of constant competition reassures you of your skill in handling even the most demanding problems in your situation. You seek social approval for everything you do, and are upset when it is not forthcoming. Presumptuous in your expectations of others and somewhat conceited, you alienate even your closest friends by boring them with endless trivia about yourself and your affairs. It is a sign of immaturity if your self-regard depends on the approval you extract from your associates.

You are conniving in your dealings with people, and you tend to use them to satisfy your objectives. When you find that you have been used also, you become bitter. You associate with those who approve of you and detach yourself from those who don't. You will go along with any prevailing opinion if it suits your purposes. The only time you compromise is when it costs you little or nothing. Your inconsistency in applying justice is remarkable. And yet, with all these negative tendencies, you can be generous to your benefactors and sympathetic with the problems of your associates.

Business is probably the area of your greatest creative self-expression. You are essentially a wheeler-dealer who enjoys direct contact with adversaries, for competing successfully confirms your competence. Argument, or what you call discussion, is the skill you use most effectively. You know how to charm people and get them to lower their defences while you prepare their defeat. Not altogether honest in your dealings, you 'bend' the truth when it suits your purposes. You can be hypocritical when it serves your ends.

Your romantic relationships are touch and go - you make sincere-seeming gestures until your lover suggests a more contractual arrangement, when you suddenly lose interest. 'Always a bridesmaid or best man, never a bride or groom' seems particularly appropriate for you. Whether you will be married depends on your willingness to accept the responsibility of such a contract; it isn't that you lack the opportunity.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates that the mother of the native does not relate well to her femininity; she may be going through a period in which she considers herself a second-class citizen during this person's formative years. Jupiter indicates how open we are, how we receive love and beauty, the capacity to relate to others. Because Venus represents how the mother thinks of her femininity and how she is able to perceive love and affection, the opposition between Venus and Jupiter indicates a person who is extravagant and excessive when beginning a love relationship, but the energy is seldom long-lasting. It is a response to the loving-relating function that was learned early in life. It may cause a feeling that love is a compromise, that one's ideals and 'druthers' cannot be fulfilled while relating to another.

A female with this opposition will learn not to accept love easily, nor will she expect that any woman can be appreciated for herself. A male will have little feeling for the feminine principle; often this aspect indicates a male who doesn't appreciate what his wife does in the home to make it attractive; nor does he really appreciate the fact that she loves him, if she does. He may fall in and out of love as does his female counterpart, for he turns on and off. These people bring an expectancy of loss into their love relationships. If they can understand that this attitude can be changed, that they can develop their own expectancies, that the universe is metaphysical, that it gives what one expects; if they understand that the pattern was learned from the mother at a time when she was relating poorly, then they can teach themselves to change. Sometimes this aspect develops a selfishness that needs to be overcome, for it indicates a tendency to want immediate satisfaction to all wants.

This aspect can be analyzed as follows: the Jupiter (relating principle) opposes Venus ('I want' facet of the personality). This can be interpreted as 'I don't relate to what I want', and can be the basis for forming individual relating patterns that are brought about because the person thinks he is able to appreciate his surroundings when in fact he is relating discontent. The aspect can indicate a confusion of goals, and some signs may indicate an inability to reach the goals desired.

The trick to working with the energy is learned when the different phases of life are understood so that both sides of the opposition can be expressed in the appropriate time and place.

Venus square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the hard aspects between Venus and Jupiter we do have a great deal of warmth and cordiality to display, but we tend to be too pushy. There is no mistaking how much we value good fellowship and the pleasant side of life. It is not often you will find us gated with the wallflowers; no, we are more likely to come waltzing in with the gate-crashers.

The craving for friendship and love (Venus) can well become too expansive under the influence of Jupiter and can incite us to make conquests on a large scale; especially as Jupiter, literally and metaphorically, is the planet of voyages of discovery. And although what we have here is a combination of two very compatible factors, we suffer from restless activity accompanied by restless feelings. All the same, this tension brought about both by the nature of the aspects and by the stirring expansiveness of Jupiter is an optimistic type of tension. Any Jupiter square will make us eager and challenging. When the square is with Venus, this can be rather attractive as long as it is not overdone.

We appreciate beauty and nice things, not to mention luxuries, but the appreciation is not simply passive even though two 'easy' planets are involved. With the restlessness both of the tense aspect and of Jupiter, we can work wonders in creative and artistic fields (Venus). Philosophical pursuits are not so well-starred, because, for these, Venus has to stimulate Jupiter, and Venus is not a great encourager of activity.

As in all Venus / Jupiter aspects, self-discipline is not a strong point, yet this is just what we need in order to keep our liveliness within bounds.

13) ► **Midheaven** MC **Sextile** ♃ **Uranus** - (3°00' S) 0010 | 7

(Robert Hand)

With this aspect, you want to be independent and to find a lifestyle and life work that are unique and yours alone. While you are young, others will consider your interests quite unusual, especially for someone your age. You may be particularly interested in a technical or scientific field, and in fact when you are an adult you may choose a career in such a field. This aspect may also indicate an interest in the occult or in offbeat philosophies. You do not feel obligated or held back by tradition. You seek to carve your own niche in life, and in the course of doing so, you may come up with some rather original and even daring ideas. At some time in your life, you may even make a totally new discovery.

You may prefer to be alone much of the time, not because you can't get along with

people, but because you prefer to be free to program your own time. Other people may keep you from doing this, so that you feel you cannot accomplish what you need to.

You are likely to identify yourself as being different from others, because you feel that if you are just like everyone else, you are less of a person. Everyone follows some kind of pattern in order to feel unique, and yours is simply to be different.

You are capable of working with others as long as you feel that you share common goals. In fact, you can work very hard for a belief in something higher than yourself, usually a belief that is radical or unusual.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives exceptional talent in the native's chosen profession and in capturing the support of people in prominent positions. Friends help further his professional advancement. When combined with other favorable influences, this configuration signifies a successful political career.

It also helps the natives create their own distinctive domestic environment. They often entertain friends at home. One or both of the parents may be unusual.

Uranus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is less fickleness and provocativeness with the harmonious aspects, our behavior makes it quite clear that we mean to go our own way, that we are highly individualistic, and are always ready to fit the new into the old - indeed there is nothing we like doing more. We are prompt to take part in changes, often initiate them, and keep alert to what is going on instead of settling down to the day's work. We like novelty - especially in social and business affairs: a dull office routine drives us to distraction.

Alternative viewpoints are quite acceptable to us, and we try to break down rigid forms and barriers in ourselves and in society. We may advocate processes that lead to the spread of democracy or that revitalize the community; we may become absorbed in occultism, astrology, crazy inventions and so on. If possible, we turn these interests into a full-time occupation, and could succeed in integrating them into both social and business life.

Even with the harmonious aspects, upheaval is not unknown; often we bring it on ourselves. There is nothing mysterious about life suddenly propelling us in a new direction, as it does every now and again: inner transformation is the real cause.

14) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°38' A) ♀9 | ♃7

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from the Sun to Saturn indicates that you have great depth of understanding and the capacity to help others understand what you have learned. You are modest in assessing your self-worth and are aware of your limitations, but you also know how to make the most of your potentials. You have a respect for authority and competence. Because you rarely voice your opinion unless asked, your views are considered authoritative and sincere. Usually you prefer to remain in the background and let others with greater needs gain the attention. You don't need anyone's approval for your actions because you generally observe the rules of good behavior.

Although you have a driving ambition to succeed, you methodically plan each step toward your goals, quietly and without fanfare. You have a distinct rapport with your professional superiors because you carefully avoid threatening them with your ambition. You always extract important lessons from your experiences.

You are suited for such occupations as teaching, research and development, industrial management, politics, or law. In any of these professions you would very probably rise to a management position. You take your work seriously and always strive to maintain your position by staying abreast of new developments in your field. It would be difficult for anyone to remove you from your position, because you have gained it by demonstrating competence, efficiency, integrity, and sincerity. In other words, you've earned everything you've gained.

You relate well to anyone who upholds the virtues mentioned above. Your mate probably shares your high regard for tradition and orderliness. Together you plan for a future made secure by your efforts.

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that you will have a conservative attitude to life, preferring order and discipline linked to traditional values and social life paths. You will naturally follow a mainstream course through life, which also offers established routes towards achieving 'success'.

The sextile is especially effective within your mental nature, helping you to deepen your understanding and extend your communicative skills. Your thought processes are likely to have a natural logic, organisation, clarity and perception that can be exploited through several careers. Mental precision is valued in management roles, scientific research, law, politics, teaching, business, and this backed by leadership ability and practical, methodical abilities should enable you to attain your ambitions.

Work can become extremely important, offering a purpose and life direction, as well as being the sphere where many of your major personal assets are applied. While success highly motivates you, there may be a distastes for assuming a 'high profile' that draws personal attention, as you prefer to remain quietly working in the background. You can feel uncomfortable at personality extroversion, and in some situations this can work to your detriment, and you are overlooked or misvalued. Opportunities could be lost and progress halted. If this does occur, then you are faced with two alternatives. You either adopt a higher personality profile, or consider different routes to your ambitions, perhaps a change of job or career. Doors never close for ever, unless you refuse to open them; there are always alternatives and different options available to those who refuse to limit themselves.

You may find your life path in the sphere of communication and teaching, mainly through your ability to explain and express your knowledge in an accessible and meaningful way. You realise the essentials of a subject and ensure that these are grasped, so that a good foundation of knowledge is transmitted. Social concerns may become more predominant in your life as you grow older, and political issues may attract your attention. You may become involved with community or social activities, or look for power and responsibility linked to political ambitions. While you favour traditional attitudes and values, you also acknowledge the need for development and progress, so you try to act as a 'bridge' between the past-present-future, carefully retaining the value of the past with an awareness of what is required tomorrow.

In social and intimate relationships, you prefer the company of like-minded individuals, those who have a similar or compatible perception, and whose attitudes do not openly challenge or disturb your implicit assumptions about life and yourself. Domestically, you will follow established social lifestyles, rarely considering any radical deviations or choosing to step outside conventional patterns. While you are aware of your own limits - but less so of those self-imposed ones - you may not always take advantage of your whole potential, and can create subtle demarcation lines of personal restrictions formed by your unconscious attitudes. Perhaps a greater tolerance of those who feel less need to conform may open you more to the potential and possibilities of life; not everyone has to follow the same road, and there are more ways open for you than have been consciously realised.

15) ► **Sun** ☉ **Sextile** ♊ **North-Node** - (2°33' A) ♍9 | ♎11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This sextile to the Sun includes a trine of the South Node to the Sun. Any interpretation of the aspect must take this factor into consideration.

The natives have opportunities to work in harmony with the prevailing tide of social

events. They have the ability to make constructive use of the existing moral and social traditions of their culture. Often this is manifested as social leadership, because they know how to win the support of other people by appealing to their social and ethical standards.

They may make valuable artistic commentaries, through drama, music, and art, on cultural conditions.

(Donna Van Toen)

The motivation to grow is still there but you have to focus on it consciously; it doesn't come as easily as with the trine. There's a tendency to become so absorbed in some South Node pursuit that you may miss opportunities to develop the North Node potential. It becomes easy to let the South Node keep you in a rut, although sometimes the rut is quite a pleasant one.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Adaptation, preference for associations and for team-work, the search for intellectual contacts. Physical associations, intellectual cooperation, union with the husband. Shared experiences. Relationship with the public. Sun square or opposition North Node: A disharmonious attitude towards living or working together with others. The termination of associations.

16) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♊ **Uranus** - (2°21' S) 0010 | 7

(Haydn Paul)

Both sextile and trine offer an easier handling of the Moon-Uranus energy relationship than the conjunction. There is a fluency to the energy flow and merger that offers considerable potential when utilized creatively and sensibly.

You may find less reliance upon established behaviour patterns, certainly reduced conflict or confusion, whenever you respond to the future orientation of Uranus. Also your 'head and heart' can beat more in unity, rather than to different discordant rhythms, so relationships should be more successful. In addition, this can improve your decision-making ability.

You will be mentally alert, recognizing opportunities when they arrive and being ready to take advantage of them. You are prepared to take risks and speculative leaps if required to capitalize upon an idea or venture.

Learning can come easily: you quickly grasp the lessons which experience teaches, and you are able to channel enthusiasm into your projects to increase the chances of their

success. Signs of this may have been evident during childhood, where you probably developed and matured earlier than most. A feeling of independence and uniqueness can increase self-esteem. This helps build a stable personality and is also a source of energy to exploit.

Socially, you get on well with people, experiencing empathic rapport and deepening understanding and tolerance. You enjoy inter-personal relating, and could become interested in expanding this into teaching or communication, where you can transmit to others your enthusiastic love of exploration and discovery.

Intimate relationships should rarely be fraught with emotional moods and tensions; and this helps committed partnerships to continue. You remain attracted toward Uranian impulses for change, variety, and novelty; but these demands will be less compulsive and demanding. If you wish, you can follow these urges, but can also control them. You need an intellectual content and affinity in closer relationships, however; and this factor should be considered in your choices. It is also likely that the relative 'success or failure' of your life will be heavily influenced by women, and that they will be important 'agents of destiny' for you.

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon sextile Uranus, you realized early in life that you were different from other people. You were unique in that you understood the significance of your experiences much more than others ever could. You learned something from every situation or event that involved you in any way. Perhaps your parents asked why you weren't like all the other kids. Your emotional and intellectual development was accelerated, mainly because you are not blindly loyal to the past. You respect the lessons of the past, but you set your sights toward the challenging future.

Your best expression is in teaching, because your feeling of excitement in discovery is instantly communicated to others. History particularly comes alive as you discuss, examine, and derive meaning from it. You effectively dramatize the importance of history, which can benefit others. You especially want people to enjoy the freedom from ignorance that serves progress. You encourage them to put aside emotional loyalties that hinder individual development.

Regardless of the particular profession you follow, you have enormous opportunities to stimulate others. You would be capable as a writer, reporter, politician, or a researcher in medicine. In science you would be certain to make distinct progress. However, you are impatient with the laborious effort often required in research and development, and you would probably work best if you could determine your own pace. Your highly developed intuition allows you to solve many problems with amazing ease. For this reason you might have found the usual pace in school too slow for your accelerated learning ability.

You are drawn to relationships that involve your logical nature, realizing that a strictly emotional rapport is not enough to bind you permanently to anyone.

(Betty Lundsted)

The emotional response capability that the mother shows this child, because of her reaction to life, is extremely positive for the child's emotional development. This aspect indicates a person who can work through emotional crises, who has original ideas, who can understand many other patterns of reaction than his own, and who brings much positive energy to the environment.

Moon trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious aspects you'll see a great need for freedom and the chance to develop, and usually this need will make itself well and truly felt. These people have an enormous desire for change, renewal, for breaking established patterns, or crossing demarcation lines.

Every time they revert to Moon behavior, or, in other words, to a search for peace and safety, Uranus springs into action, and the planet, although intervening harmoniously, does tend to make them restless and impulsive. In breaking free they may also want to be unconventional, and interests may include astrology or esotericism, subjects which lie outside the present scientific world-picture. Of course, by no means everyone with strong Uranus aspects will become an astrologer, but they will probably be interested in something pioneering - say some innovative branch of technology like radar.

Once they have found an interest, then they can throw themselves into it heart and soul. They become absorbed in each new bright idea. Not all of these are likely to be usable, but that's not important; what matters is that the idea interests them intensely, and they have scant patience with the comments or criticisms of others. These people always give full rein to individuality and act according to what they think at the time. Possibly they shall bring about reforms in society, but these attitudes can also isolate them. Not for nothing is Uranus called an eccentric, solitary planet; and Uranians feel compelled to push themselves forward in order to express their individuality although, incidentally, they would be scandalized at the suggestion that they were being egotistic or self-centred.

With harmonious Moon / Uranus aspects, people feel at home wherever they can manage to be themselves. But when they are restricted the destructive side of Uranus shows up, harmonious aspects or no harmonious aspect, and reactions can be very

uncertain and even unpredictable.

(Charles Carter)

These bodies have little in common, the Moon being concerned chiefly with the usual and the ordinary, whilst Uranus is of an exactly contrary nature.

The good aspects appear above all to bestow firmness and determination of a singularly unflinching kind, and, moreover, there is a distinct tendency for the native to interest himself in occultism, spiritist phenomena, Christian Science, and various cryptic matters, ranging from the less reputable up to the truly scientific and elevative, such as astrology. Sometimes the effects of the contacts are apparently slight, and the same is often true, I believe, of directions between the same bodies. It seems that the good aspects favour the rigid performance of duty and make the native capable of enduring and sacrificing much for anything that he conceives as being an obligation or an ideal. He will be of the type that cannot be argued with; he seems to get his inspirations and beliefs from another world, or, as is sometimes said, intuitively - a word often used to indicate feelings that cannot be justified rationally and are not to be submitted to rational analysis. Even the good aspects seem to make people too inflexible.

It is probable that they are also indications of help from friends, and in some cases they are certainly found in the charts of persons of extraordinary genius. Apart from such cases, the probability of helpful friends is, I think, almost the only practically useful result of these configurations, for the determination bestowed by them is a dubious boon unless the rest of the chart offers promise that there is judgement and sense behind it.

17) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♀ **North-Node** - (3°41' A) ♀9 | ♈11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the natives the ability to act at the right time to further their well-being and improve their relationship to society. Their activities gain the co-operation and approval of their social order; and they are able to find support for their endeavors to bring about constructive change.

(Donna van Toen)

Adaptability must be consciously worked at if growth is to come. Energy is more easily channeled into resisting growth than seeking it. The more the person consciously channels his or her energy into growth-producing activities, the more difficulties that will be overcome.

Mars trine North Node

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the ability to act and to time actions so that they are in harmony with socially accepted modes of behavior. Thus the natives gain popularity as social leaders. The configuration favors politicians and others who lead public lives. The energy needed to deal with social trends and institutions is available.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides added physical strength or reserve energies to that individual. They can always recall these energies when needed to get the work done. This is not an initiative-creating situation, but an energy-strengthening condition. For women, this aspect often signifies better success in marriage and love relationships. Due to strange Karmic learning tactics, this aspect provides more than one happy marriage for women, just to reward them and strengthen their faith in that soul. This condition has been brought about by past life compensation and total circumstantial withdrawal from 'fun and games'. Assistance from brothers or to them is very prominent in this person's life.

(Donna van Toen)

Ability to face potentially dangerous situations and a great deal of courage are generally growth-enhancing assets. A need to co-operate with others encourages growth. A need for healthy sex or a desire for children can stimulate growth.

Mars trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The desire to co-operate with others, comradeship, and team-spirit, a social conscience, the desire for progeny. The attainment of joint or shared successes, the stage of entering into union with others.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect invigorates the sexual nature and gives much vitality. In a woman's chart, it gives her the magnetism to draw a vital man into her life. For a man's chart, it shows good sexual strength and strong vitality. It can give a feeling of independence because of the vital nature these people have. This person is well able to function physically in most things he attracts. He is able to undergo danger with great courage, and has great endurance in conflict. It gives practical application of energy to the affairs of Mars and the South Node.

18) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♌ **Jupiter** - (0°46' A) ♍9 | ♎6

(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.

19) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (0°43' A) ♃12 | ♎9

(Donna van Toen)

Insecure relationships or very difficult partnerships are common. You tend to be flirtatious, and can be self-indulgent. Often people with this aspect are quite goodlooking. You tend to put too high a value on the trappings of success, and sometimes not enough on inner satisfaction.

Your sexual / romantic feelings are very intense. In fact, you have to be careful that you run them instead of the other way around.

This is a disruptive aspect that works primarily in the love life area, though it can have

repercussions on finances and other areas as well. It's one of the classic indicators of divorce-proneness and romantic / marital difficulties. It also occasionally coincides with the death of your mate during marriage, but this is less frequent and there'd have to be substantial confirmation of this tendency found elsewhere in the chart before anything of this sort should be expected.

People with this aspect are demonstrative, warm, and generally faithful when committed, but they demand a lot in return. In extreme cases, when needs aren't met, dissipation of various types can result, with infidelity, gambling, and / or excessive drinking being the most common form of misdirection of romantic / sexual energies.

If you have Venus square Mars by sign but not by aspect, some of the foregoing may apply to you. However, you'd be less inclined towards dissipation and slightly more inclined to find a constructive way to meet your romantic / sexual needs.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Venus square Mars indicates that you have difficulty in maintaining harmonious relations with people. You are not the easiest person to get along with; you expect others to make concessions to you, but you refuse to make any compromises without being pressured to do so. You have a strong desire nature and use all kinds of clever tactics to get what you want. People may accuse you of using others to gratify your desires by taking advantage of their feelings for you, especially when you don't have similar feelings for them. You greedily assume the privilege of indulging yourself at every opportunity, expecting no interference from anyone.

This planetary combination indicates that you are not really happy with yourself, so you provoke trouble with others in order to blame them for your inability to resolve your personal conflicts. You are indifferent to the feelings of others because you don't really think they are worth it. The problems you have in relationships should cause you to wonder whether you are worth it to them as well. Somewhere there is a solution, and it would certainly help if you toned down your desires and adopted a more compromising attitude. Accept the fact that few people get everything they want, and, when they don't, they turn their attention elsewhere. You cannot force yourself on people and not expect some resentment for it.

Until you work out these personality difficulties, you will have problems with your family, friends, and associates on the job. If you can become more compromising you can be successful in any occupation, even those that bring you into close contact with people. You have magnetism, and you tempt people to want to be close to you. You are certainly not dull, and excitement goes wherever you go. Just be sure that the excitement doesn't become turmoil.

Make an effort to broaden your perspective by learning something about art, literature,

music, and the social amenities. This aspect tends to produce a coarseness of manner that requires refinement and polish.

Venus square or opposition Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tension between the need for harmony, balance and friendship, on the one hand, and the urge to make a mark, on the other hand, certainly emphasizes a need for contacts - especially emotional ones; but, because we are not sure when to hold back and when to be outgoing, relationships may become strained in both friendships and love life from time to time. What is more, we do not know quite what we want; sometimes the partner is everything and we feel intensely drawn to this person; at other times we fear that our liberty is being threatened and we start reasserting ourselves (Mars). For this reason, a love-hate relationship with the partner is thought to be typical of the aspects.

Whenever we are ready to compromise, the conflict of Mars with Venus spoils everything - we change our mind, for instance, or find that we cannot bring ourselves to give way after all. And when we push to the front (Mars), we are ill-at-ease because the Venusian part of our nature cannot reconcile itself to this form of behavior. The consequence is inner disquiet and outer vacillation. The desire to unite (Venus) and the desire to break (Mars) keep interfering with one another.

With these hard aspects, we are often extremely creative provided we can settle down - although we shall always be rather impatient. A bonus point is that the Venus indolence is counteracted both by the active planet Mars and by the tension in the aspects themselves; so we are able to get through a large amount of work. And, although we can run into problems in relationships, these can be sorted out fairly quickly. Through Mars we are quick to take offence, but equally quick to forget why; and Venus hastens to mend the breach.

20) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°54' S) ♍9 | ♎6

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mars square Jupiter indicates that it is essential for you to discipline yourself in using your abundant physical and intellectual resources. Everything you do must be planned, or you will waste a lot of energy in nonproductive enterprises. You want to emulate those you admire for their professional accomplishments, but you may not be willing to endure all the hard work required to succeed. You make valiant efforts to acquire knowledge, but when there is no immediate reward you quickly lose interest.

Once you acquire faith in your ability to succeed, persistence and determination will come. You are impatient to an extreme, but with some contact between Saturn and Mars or Saturn and Jupiter, this will eventually be corrected.

In spite of the sloppiness resulting from your careless use of your energy, you will nevertheless benefit somewhat from the lessons learned. Only time can refine your manner of applying yourself. You need to define your objectives clearly and then establish a program for realizing them, a schedule you can adhere to. You need to consolidate your resources to make a massive assault on your most important priority. To do anything less than this would be a sheer waste of energy. Diversification is fine, if you take up each subject exclusively, but not if you attempt to develop a variety of interests simultaneously.

You are almost certain to have domestic and professional difficulties when you first set out to make a life for yourself. This planetary combination inclines you to have some difficulty in dealing with people. You feel threatened by competitors and unfairly treated by superiors in your job. You don't accept criticism gracefully. Your domestic tranquility will be disturbed because you complain so bitterly about the way you are treated that your partner becomes bored with it all.

You have the potential for excellence in law, government, teaching, writing, public speaking, sports, acting, and the communications media in general. This aspect gives you the necessary drive to accept challenges, for you realize that they are the only way to determine your competence. You are probably more likely to avoid a confrontation when you suspect that your opponent is expertly trained and has a greater advantage than you. With experience, you will meet any challenger with complete assurance of success. Even if you don't succeed, you will know you have given your best, and that is all that can be expected.

This configuration indicates that you are accident-prone because of your reckless disregard for safety measures. You tend to act impulsively, not taking time to consider whether any danger is involved. Because you do everything to excess, you need frequent rest to restore your physical reserves.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square indicates that the relating principle and the action principle are at odds. Mars represents the action taken on any physical level, including sexual expression. Jupiter represents the relating principle and how one opens up to new experience. The square indicates that this person may not relate to the action he takes, and therefore may be accident-prone, for he may expose himself to unnecessary risks. He may not relate well to career decisions either; he may not understand the actions he takes regarding his job responsibilities. On the sexual level, he may not relate to his own sexual needs; he may have excessive needs, depending on the additional aspects in the chart.

Any square between Mars and Jupiter indicates a setup for excessive action, and when things don't go as planned, this individual often overreacts. The aspect indicates a childhood environment that was excessive during the formative years. If the square also ties into the Sun or Saturn (father) or the Moon or Venus (mother), we can see which parent helped form the reaction pattern. Because Mars indicates action and sexuality, the square to Jupiter indicates a problem relating sexually, as well as an over-relating in other aspects of life. If the square doesn't tie to any of the parent symbols, everyone in the family was functioning that way during the individual's formative years. Overreacting sexually may be indicative of a parent who only relates on a sexual basis, or one who is confused about sexual attitudes. The individual picks up the reaction and makes this response a part of his or her adult experience.

Because of the square, one form of expression that happens is that of not relating to the partner after a sexual relationship has been established. Sex is separated from the relating experience. The complex can be cured by examining the needs of both planets by sign and function. Combining the energies in some constructive manner can be learned. Examining old relationships may be of help in discovering the relating pattern, so that new ones can be established.

Mars square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although the optimism and enthusiasm, the executive power and force of the Mars / Jupiter aspects already mentioned are equalled if not exceeded here, this is not an unqualified blessing. Great care is needed; for not only are the two planets not noted for self-control, but the strain set up between them makes it hard to use and manage our energies properly.

We are never satisfied, but are always looking for more - though not necessarily in material things; the aspect works even more strongly on the mental plane. We crave adventure, have an enormous need to prove ourselves, and want to be completely unfettered and independent. We ram our opinions home (soetimes we go on about them far too much), and are extremely pugnacious where ideals are concerned. Fair play is something on which we insist, and we champion new things or indeed anything we find absorbing. But the constant danger is that, because we can underestimate the force and application needed to gain our ends, we shall always be wanting too much and pushing ourselves (and possibly others) too hard, often to the point of exhaustion. All the same, we do manage to keep extricating ourselves from self-made difficulties, and our sense of purpose can be tremendously stimulating to those around.

21) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°38' 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.

22) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♅ Pluto** - (5°08' S) ♀1 | ♄5

(Robert Pelletier)

Pluto trine the Ascendant shows that you have an enormous source of energy to draw on in using your creative abilities. There is literally nothing you can't do if you set your mind to it. You have the strength and self-confidence to project your ideas and win the full support you need. Tolerating the past only for the lessons it teaches, you look eagerly to a future made more secure from the lessons you have learned. You are eager to communicate what you know to others; but you will not force it on them, preferring to wait for an indication that your suggestions are welcome. Lack of funds is no excuse for inaction in your view, for you feel that there is always a way if one wants something desperately enough. You are clever in converting all your resources into the tangible assets you need to implement your projects.

Knowing your failings, you work hard to transform your negative qualities so they do not limit you. Even more important, you understand your capabilities and emphasize them in seeking your goals. The task of making the future secure challenges you to use every resource you have. You know what you're worth, and you expect to be fully rewarded for the contributions you make in your career. You admire people who seek an education, if they are motivated by a desire to be the best in what they do. Ignorance is no defence for a lack of accomplishment, you believe, because you know that being well-informed is as accessible as the nearest library.

You know how to get along both with competitors and with associates; and you strive especially to be worthy of the people you deal with. You want to know that you have made an important contribution in stimulating them to reach their goals. But don't assume that without you these people would not be able to succeed. You must realize

that many people are quite capable of transforming their own lives, and may not need your self-righteous assistance. Be available when they need you, but don't be a nuisance when they don't.

Pluto trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The easy aspects between Pluto and the Ascendant possess the same intensity as the conjunction. As in the conjunction, we give the impression of being purposeful and filled with an unfathomable sort of strength. We do not open up to others readily, but probe deeply in their psychological make-up and motivations in order to discover what is going on.

We have a great craving for power, and give others a taste of our strong will. Quite often we are able to take the reins in our own hands without having to fight for them. There is something compelling about our personality; and, since these aspects are harmonious, we know how to avoid stirring up opposition. In any case, people with Pluto / Ascendant aspects are often born leaders.

Because outwardly we appear to be so forceful, self-assertive and independent (although inwardly we may not be feeling any of these things), but do not show the 'real us', others may regard us as more open and friendly than we are. For this reason, we often attract individuals who look for some advantage from us, or whom we can mother or father in some way. But this state of affairs is quite different from that brought when it is the Moon that is on the Ascendant. The caring of Pluto is more impersonal and all-embracing, and is like that of a possessive, heavy-handed mother from whom one is unable to escape.

So, with these Pluto / Ascendant aspects, we have a hold on people that is firmer than we may imagine. Others will frequently pour out their troubles to us, ask advice, seek protection, or just tag along. In dealing with them, we acquire a fair knowledge of psychology. Nor are we averse to delving into human relationships and so on, as long as we ourselves are out of range and untouchable. This attitude stops us from making ordinary, simple emotional contacts with peers. First, we invite everybody to put us on a pedestal, and if they hesitate we put ourselves on one; second, we do not wish to be known intimately; third, we make big emotional demands on those we allow to come near us. Sooner or later, therefore, even with harmonious aspects of Pluto and the Ascendant, we shall be brought face to face with these problems. Once we see where we have been going wrong, we are quite capable of making a radical improvement.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile or trine between Pluto and the Ascendant relects a childhood environment that was encouraging of group participation and co-operation. It sometimes indicates an individual who may be totally involved in the needs of the generation; an individual who strives for the peer group goals without questioning why the goals are important.

23) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°42' A) ♄5 | ♀9

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mercury trine Mars shows that you have a lot of creative energy and the imagination to express it in many ways, although you sometimes lack the enthusiasm to do so. You know your capabilities and limitations and have enormous potential to succeed in almost anything you attempt. However, success never seems urgent enough to instill in you the desire to achieve. You cannot be forced to do anything you don't want to do, and no-one can deter you from what you want.

You have considerable depth of understanding, and the ability to concentrate when it is important. Well-informed on many subjects, you can hold your own in any conversation. You are inoffensive and friendly to everyone you meet. You can be trusted with classified information and would never reveal someone else's secrets.

There are many fields in which you can apply your skill in communication. Some of these are law, politics, public relations, education, writing, acting, and military service. Another endeavor that would prove rewarding is working with young people or children. You have the patience to cope with their boundless energy and the enthusiasm to stimulate them to achieve on their own. Whatever occupation gives you the most satisfaction is yours to choose. You are not intimidated by the excellence of your contemporaries, and you don't threaten those who are less skilled than you. You are equally at ease working alone or with people in large groups. But you can achieve the most worthwhile effects by working with groups, since your temperament lends itself to this.

You may also enjoy many avocational interests, especially crafts. You could become so competent in a craft that eventually you might make it your primary occupation. You have the talent for this kind of work and the imagination to succeed.

You enjoy the company of people who are not troubled with psychological hangups. Not one to interfere in the lives of others, you demand that others give you the same consideration. You will probably respond emotionally to a person who is creative and inspired, someone who would co-operate with you in a mutual endeavor suggested by either of you.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect signifies an open household during the individual's childhood as far as certain kinds of communication are concerned. The most value from this aspect comes when it is applied toward career, for it is a prolific communicator: the mind is always working and is capable of being extremely productive. The aspect will only work if it's free, so look to see if it carries hard aspects from other planets.

This mind can be lazy, for the gift hasn't been earned in this life. When the talent is a natural one; when the person hasn't struggled to 'earn' it from a conscious point, he may overlook its importance or even its existence. This can indicate a person who procrastinates.

Mercury trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Much of what has already been said about the conjunction also applies to the harmonious aspects. Mars sextile or trine Mercury indicates an alert and acute mind, and may make a fluent communicator. Conversation is brisk and lively, pugnacious and energetic, and the native is quick on the uptake. These aspects are accompanied by excellent powers of concentration, and can give an edge over nearly anyone with whom he or she may be arguing; so he or she is a surefire debater. Since the aspects are harmonious, the native is less likely to antagonize others than one would with the conjunction or with one of the discordant aspects, and is less likely to become embroiled in altercations. Nevertheless, mental activity is as great as it is with the conjunction. The native sees all kinds of connections and snatches at all kinds of ideas from outside. Constant alertness enables this person to pick up information readily, but thoughts give him or her little rest.

Being free to express opinions is something that is considered important. This person has independent views on everything. Although Mars does not encourage mature reflection (so there is every chance that ill-considered conclusions will be reached), this is offset by the speed with which relationships can be seen and facts can be absorbed. Even when young, this individual displays the need to be independent in thought and deed; however, the openness of a Mars / Mercury aspect gives the grace to admit when he or she is wrong.

Mercury is the planet astrologers look at when we wish to know about manual dexterity, and, when it is harmoniously aspected by Mars, we often find that the owner of the aspect is very skilled with the hands, even though Mars may encourage the individual to leave tasks unfinished.

(Charles Carter)

This contact powerfully strengthens the mind, and gives great vigour to its faculties, especially the more practical and positive ones. It is untiring, incisive, alert, and singularly capable of detecting weakness in the positions of its opponents, and of instantly taking advantage of them. It is common in the charts of people who have engaged in successful struggles, such as military or naval commanders, politicians, financiers, and reformers. It has been stated that contacts of some kind, usually malefic, were always found in the maps of pacifist conscientious objectors during the Great War.

The position is courageous and often rash, so that even the good aspects do not tend to personal security, although naturally the effects are not likely of themselves to be very serious.

It tends to literary work and is often childless in a physical sense, its books being its offspring. At the same time there is much fondness for children and their society.

The disposition is usually good-natured, but sometimes the native is centred in his own interests ;and there is, as a rule, more practical common sense than sentiment in the character.

It is excellent for debaters and disputants, being very quick in argument and retort and never at a loss for an answer; it loves a fight, with either the spoken or the written word. It is probably good for all trades and occupations that have to do with traffic and engineering work that is connected with locomotion.

With regard to health, it strengthens the nervous system and gives quickness of hand and eye, but it is apt to cause the native to like to run risks and seek the sensation of danger.

24) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♌ **North-Node** - (0°05' S) ♄7 | ♎11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates that the natives are careful and conservative, hewing strictly to the codes of social, moral, and business behavior of the culture with which they must deal. They are, therefore, considered somewhat oldfashioned. However, they achieve success by gaining the co-operation of social institutions and the older, more traditional members of society who respect their conservatism. They tend to ensconce themselves in secure positions in established institutions. This aspect especially favors those politicians or others in public life who represent the more conservative elements of society.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect provides excellent working habits to these individuals. They have great stamina and endurance to do things. Getting substantial assistance from, or providing large helping hand to, older people is a part of their lifestyle. Stronger family ties are already established from this aspect. As a result, they may have large family cohesion or a family environment that includes a lot of relatives and sometimes even distant relatives. They have excellent co-operative spirit, which is definitely learned not by childhood discipline but by some of their past-life habits. In this aspect, the harder the person works, the better will be his rewards. Surprisingly, he gets to collect those rewards in this lifetime. Emotional and spiritual maturity is seen even in early childhood.

(Donna van Toen)

A need for material progress stimulates a desire for growth. Patience and ability to tolerate seclusion are conducive to growth. In other respects, much like Saturn conjunct North Node.

Saturn trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The inclination to become attached to persons older than oneself, also to seek contact with mature and experienced people. Association with elderly or experienced persons, also sponsorship through such people.

Saturn conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This can give considerable spiritual beauty and a great feeling of duty and responsibility. These people are in step. Here we have the ability to see the serious broad view and to stick to it. It gives considerable patience and fulfills the work of balancing the Nodes and learning an even greater lesson in this lifetime. It eventually brings luck and success due to the ability to make the required sacrifices. The conjunction of North Node to Saturn brings a Saturn opposition to the South Node. This is considerably easier to handle than the South Node conjunct Saturn opposition the North Node, for with Saturn working in opposition to the North Node growth, it takes considerably more effort to push forward. Without additional support in the chart, it could be most difficult.

25) ► **Midheaven** MC **Quincunx** ♄ **Neptune** - (2°50' S) 0010 | 2

(Robert Hand)

With this aspect, you may have to build up your self-confidence considerably while you are young and learn that you are as worthy as anyone else. Even though these are your learning years, when you must develop a great deal of discipline, you still deserve as much consideration as anyone else. Your natural tendency is to yield to authority, so that those people who are most influential in your life, including your parents, should be very careful about how they exercise their authority over you. If they try to control you too much, or if they make you feel that you just aren't able to manage your own affairs, it will be difficult to correct the effects of this negative influence later in life.

You are very impressionable, in that you pick up the energies around you very quickly. Therefore it is very important that you be surrounded by wholesome influences in your early years, because negative influences will weaken your self-esteem and make it much more difficult to accomplish anything when you are older. On the other hand, your impressionableness may give rise to some psychic ability, or at least a very sharp intuition, when you are older.

While you are young, you won't have a clear idea of what you want to do in life. In fact, you may never orient your life around a single purpose or idea. But don't worry. Your purpose in life may not be one that is readily defined in terms of a career or profession. More important may be your style of living or your experience of life. Simply learn to always be aware and to learn whatever there is to be learned. With your sensitivity and intuition, you can understand much more than other people, especially those who have wrapped their lives around their career or profession.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The insecurity and oversensitiveness associated with Neptune / Midheaven aspects are greatest in the inconjunct. They appear to express themselves very much as they do in the hard aspects (q.v.); but it is not easy to trace their origin, seeing that we do not recognize the influence of Neptune on our self-image. The distortion produced by Neptune, and especially the chaotic conditions that follow in its wake, are all the stronger for being below the surface; and, although we are imbued with tremendous benevolence and idealism, we rarely succeed in making them known. Due to the aspect being an inconjunct, we put things badly, or cling to longings and ideas that are too Utopian to be taken seriously. All the fuss and bother over our well-intentioned deeds we find upsetting; and, lacking the energy and determination to hold our own, we are inclined to retire disillusioned under the lea of a peaceful inner world. This could be the world of dreams and fantasies, but is just as likely to be a cloister or a mountain hermitage. Anyway, we go far from the everyday hustle and bustle that is so uncongenial.

Nevertheless, with the inconjunct, we ought really to make an effort to avoid estrangement from the world; for, given the right support, we can achieve a great deal

with the talents Neptune bestows (creativity, spirituality, musicality and the like). But not until we realize that our picture of the world is influenced from within by distorting or idealizing processes shall we be able to express capabilities in a more balanced way

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