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Chakra's



Summaries

Pisces Sun ☾ ♊ and ♍ ☾ Virgo Moon man

([852] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Thorough Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Keen, conscientious and resistant;

Negatives: Overreacting, too demonstrative and stubborn;

Perfect partner: Someone who is confident but not pretentious;

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

Sun ☾ in X 10th House

([868] i.thehoroscope.co)

Beyond ambitious - Summary:

Strengths: Responsible, sensual and hardworking;

Challenges: Superficial, tyrannical and vain;

Advice: They need to learn to balance career and personal life.

Moon ☾ in IV 4th House

([875] i.thehoroscope.co)

A lasting emotional impression - Summary:

Strengths: Resourceful, funny and caring;

Challenges: Emotional and overly nostalgic;

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

Neutral: Dependent on the ones they love

Moon ☾ in 13th Nakshatra: Hasta

Short Version [2]

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

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

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in second pada

(13°20'-16°40' degrees Virgo): Taurus navamsa. You are peaceful and honest, with an innate desire for harmony. You are extremely artistic and have a great eye for beauty. A man or woman of the world, you are knowledgeable on many subjects and have a mature, experienced outlook. You are very practical.

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

Mercury ☿ in ♉ Taurus man

([886] i.thehoroscope.co)

A disciplined and resilient man - In a nutshell:

Positives: Ingenious and loving;

Negatives: Mean and nervous;

Soulmate: Someone who is lively and dynamic;

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

Mercury ☿ in XII 12th House

([919] i.thehoroscope.co)

Visionary but rational - Summary:

Strengths: Communicative, insightful and talented;

Challenges: Brief, distracted and moody;

Advice: Be careful who you are sharing your secrets with.

Venus ♀ in ♈ Aries man

([921] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Straightforward and confident;

Negatives: Self-indulgent and vague;

Soulmate: Someone who is very honest and reliable;

Life lesson: Taking less risks and being kinder to himself.

Venus ♀ in XI 11th House

([955] i.thehoroscope.co)

Only a strong friendship will have them wanting more - Summary:

Strengths: Friendly, cheerful and devoted;

Challenges: Pretentious and inconsiderate;

Advice: Follow your gut feeling without doubting yourself.

Neutral: Loving but a little naive

Mars ♂ in ♐ Sagittarius man

([973] i.thehoroscope.co)

A charming companion - In a nutshell:

Positives: Communicative and ambitious;

Negatives: Sneaky and self-indulgent;
Soulmate: Someone who is patient and understanding with him;
Life lesson: He should find his purpose to fight for.
Neutral: Not a big fan of commitment

Mars ♂ in VII 7th House

([1987] i.thehoroscope.co)

Optimistic and charming - Summary:

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♎ Libra man

([1999] i.thehoroscope.co)

A balance of needs is required - In a nutshell:

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

Jupiter ♃ in V 5th House

([1009] i.thehoroscope.co)

A lucky personality - Summary:

Strengths: Creative, fun and expressive;
Challenges: Pessimistic, speculative and conceited;
Advice: They need to learn to feel comfortable in their own skins.

Saturn ♄ in ♊ Gemini man

([1019] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Practical and adaptable;
Top qualities: Serious, disciplined and caring;
Challenges: Superficial and pessimistic;
Advice: You need to be a lot more patient.

Saturn ♄ in I 1st House

([1029] i.thehoroscope.co)

Keeping their promises, always - Summary:

Strengths: Generous, responsible and contemplative;
Challenges: Shy, easily stressed and conceited;
Advice: They need to take every obstacle as an opportunity to learn.

Uranus ♅ in ♒ Aquarius man

([1051] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Original and insightful;
Top qualities: Aware and dependable;
Challenges: Extremist and stubborn;
Advice: Take your time to know people before drawing any conclusions.

Uranus ♅ in IX 9th House

([1061] i.thehoroscope.co)

An easy-going personality - Summary:

Strengths: Idealistic, mysterious and open-minded;
Challenges: Impulsive and controlling;
Advice: They should look at difficulties as opportunities to grow.

Neptune ♆ in ♏ Scorpio man

([1072] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Respectable and spiritual;
Top qualities: Intense, libertine and resourceful;
Challenges: Materialistic and manipulative;
Advice: You are not taking advantage of your time like you should.

Neptune ♆ in VI 6th House

([1082] i.thehoroscope.co)

Very attentive and kind - Summary:

Strengths: Witty, easy-going and curious;
Challenges: Deceptive and manipulative;
Advice: They should spend more time helping other people.

Pluto ♇ in ♒ Aquarius man

([1099] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Original and independent;
Top qualities: Adaptable, relaxed and eager;
Challenges: Extremist and undecided;
Advice: Beware of compulsive behaviors.

Pluto ♇ in IX 9th House

([1109] i.thehoroscope.co)

Inspirational personalities - Summary:

Strengths: Curious, profound and creative;

Challenges: Self-absorbed, sloppy and criticizing;
Advice: They should aspire to higher ideals.

North Node ♋ in ♌ Leo

([1117] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Spiritual, objective and adventuresome;

Challenges: Vain, isolated and overly emotional

Working from the shadows, A need of changes and transformations

South Node ♊ in ♒ Aquarius

([1135] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Supportive, confident and balanced;

Challenges: Criticizing, rushed and harsh;

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

North Node ♋ in III 3rd House (Gemini)

([1115] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Straightforward, honest and friendly;

Challenges: Unpredictable and too curious

Charming companions, A need to keep changing

South Node ♊ in IX 9th House (Sagittarius)

([1133] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, honest, adventurous and witty;

Challenges: Obstinate and insecure;

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

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in ♒ Aquarius

([1147] elsaelsa.com)

Neo-Creator

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in IX 9th House

([1157] elsaelsa.com)

Heretic Saint

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars - (1°08')** ♎6 | ♋7

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

Opportunities: 1. Creating a Nice Home 2. Surrounding Yourself with Beauty
Challenges: 1. Dealing with Life's Practicalities 2. Knowing Yourself

► **Moon ☾ Contra-Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (1°48') ♀4 | ♀9

([632] astromatrix.org.)

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

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

► **Mars ♂ Contra-Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (0°34') ♀7 | ♀9

([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. Positively transforming rage

► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (2°49' S) ♀12 | ♀11

([48] astromatrix.org.) The Comic

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Elders 2. Spreading Happiness

Challenges: 1. Being Your Own Person 2. Expressing Yourself

► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♀ Lilith** - (4°12' S) ♀7 | ♀9

([642] astromatrix.org.)

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

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

► **Ascendant ASC Square ☉ Sun** - (4°11' A) ♀1 | ☉10

([385] astromatrix.org.) Inability To Face The Facts

Opportunities: 1. Forming Healing Relationships 2. Becoming Socially Graceful

Challenges: 1. Knowing Yourself Better 2. Embracing Your Personality Changes

► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (6°02' A) ♀1 | ♀4

([396] astromatrix.org.) Emotional Misunderstanding

Opportunities: 1. Understanding Others Better 2. Balancing Your Personality

Challenges: 1. Reevaluating Goals 2. Learning to be Open

► **Mercury ☿ Square ♀ Lilith** - (3°36' A) ♀12 | ♀9

([654] astromatrix.org.) Stressed Personality

Opportunities: 1. Validating emotions allows greater motivation 2. Strengthening head and heart connection

Challenges: 1. Comprehending others' expectations 2. Avoiding distractions by desires

► **Midheaven MC Trine ♂ Mars** - (6°32' A) ♀12 | ♀7

([347] astromatrix.org:) The Hard Worker

Opportunities: 1. Making Bold Decisions 2. Getting Meaning from Your Work

Challenges: 1. Discovering Your Mission 2. Working in Teams

► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♀ **Mercury** - (0°26' A) ☿4 | ♃12

([311] astromatrix.org:) The Charming Speaker

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Difficulties 2. Embracing Ambiguity

Challenges: 1. Balancing Emotion and Reason 2. Working for the Common Good

► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°43' A) ♃11 | ♀7

([332] astromatrix.org:) A Natural Born Lover

Opportunities: 1. Loving Intensely 2. Seeking Pleasure

Challenges: 1. Understanding Indirect Communication 2. Understand Other's Motives

► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (4°07' A) ♃5 | ♃9

([650] astromatrix.org:) Freedom comes above everything

Opportunities: 1. Unleashing your best self 2. Intellectual expansion

Challenges: 1. Adjusting to the norms 2. Working on Self-Acceptance

► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (4°26' A) ♄1 | ♃9

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

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

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

Extra Source

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

Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°08') ♎6 | ♋7
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°40') ♎6 | ♉5
- 3) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°54') ♎6 | ♊9
- 4) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°48') ♎6 | ♊9
- 5) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°14') ♎4 | ♋7
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (1°28') ♎4 | ♊9
- 7) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°34') ♎4 | ♊9
- 8) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°34') ♍12 | ♉5
- 9) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°52') ♍12 | ♊1
- 10) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♎ North-Node** - (0°35') ♍12 | ♏3
- 11) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°16') ♍11 | ♊1
- 12) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (0°14') ♋7 | ♊9
- 13) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°20') ♋7 | ♊9
- 14) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♎ North-Node** - (0°59') ♉5 | ♏3
- 15) ► **Uranus ♅ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (0°06') ♊9 | ♊9
- 16) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (5°38' A) ♊1 | ♊1
- 17) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (2°49' S) ♍12 | ♍11
- 18) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (10°19' A) ♎6 | ♎6
- 19) ► **Uranus ♅ Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (6°23' S) ♊9 | ♊9
- 20) ► **Pluto ♇ Conjunct ♏ South-Node** - (4°38' S) ♊9 | ♊9
- 21) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♆ Neptune** - (5°21' S) ♍12 | ♎6
- 22) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (8°38' S) ♋7 | ♊1
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♆ Neptune** - (4°55' S) ♎4 | ♎6
- 24) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (3°30' A) ♍11 | ♊9
- 25) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♅ Uranus** - (0°13' A) ♋7 | ♊9
- 26) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile ♎ North-Node** - (2°29' S) ♉5 | ♏3
- 27) ► **Saturn ♄ Sextile ♎ North-Node** - (2°10' S) ♊1 | ♏3

- 28) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☉ Sun** - (4°11' A) ♀1 | ☿10
- 29) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (6°02' A) ♀1 | ♃4
- 30) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♄ Saturn** - (0°24' S) ♃4 | ♀1
- 31) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♇ Pluto** - (1°38' A) ♄12 | ♃9
- 32) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♁ North-Node** - (3°00' S) ♄12 | ♁3
- 33) ► **Neptune ♆ Square ♁ North-Node** - (2°21' A) ♆6 | ♁3
- 34) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♃ Jupiter** - (5°57' A) ♀1 | ♃5
- 35) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♇ Pluto** - (8°06' A) ♀1 | ♃9
- 36) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♂ Mars** - (6°32' A) ♄12 | ♂7
- 37) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♆ Neptune** - (5°18' A) ☿10 | ♆6
- 38) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ☿ Mercury** - (0°26' A) ♃4 | ♄12
- 39) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°43' A) ♀11 | ♂7
- 40) ► **Jupiter ♃ Trine ♄ Saturn** - (0°19' A) ♃5 | ♀1
- 41) ► **Jupiter ♃ Trine ♇ Pluto** - (2°09' S) ♃5 | ♃9
- 42) ► **Saturn ♄ Trine ♇ Pluto** - (2°28' A) ♀1 | ♃9

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♓ Pisces 5° 40'

(Betty Lundsted)

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

The mother of a Pisces is a lady who worries a lot and who is afraid of everything: she worries about getting robbed, mugged and killed. She worries about life - and in the middle of all her worry she plays the martyr role. She will accept her fate, she sighs, and the little Pisces child soaks up these vibrations. These children are so intuitive and allknowing that they often make their parents uncomfortable. One mother of a Pisces confided in me that her brother came for a brief visit when her child was six months old.

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

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

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

The Pisces male makes the same mistakes as the Pisces female. When he is younger, he also marries a person he feels sorry for. Or, the first 'big' love affair is with someone who needs to be saved from herself or from something else. He soon finds that he has

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

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

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

Pisces children need lots of encouragement in early childhood. They should be exposed to music and dance, and creative endeavors in general. They often live in a fantasy

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Sydney Omarr)

Pisces females

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

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

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

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

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

Pisces males

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

Your sensitivity to others allows you to tune into their unconscious sides, and you often seem, to know what they are thinking and feeling. As a result of your keen intuition and your fascination with the spiritual realm, you may become interested in the psychic or mystical arts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where many of them find work in these fields. Among my Piscean acquaintances, I know a musician, a builder, a swimming instructor, a flying instructor, a lecturer in history, an executive in an oil and energy company who sells gas; many astrologers, palmists and clairvoyants, healers and medical workers; and one prostitute. Most of the people I have worked with in the psychic field (as opposed to the astrological field) have either their Sun or their Moon in Pisces.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some Pisceans are very fussy and old-womanish, demanding that everything be done in

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

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

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

As parents, Pisceans can be rather lax and absent-minded. The children of a Piscean woman may spend a good part of their lives being brought up by someone else, whilst Piscean men may drift away from their children as a result of a divorce. When all goes well, they are very caring parents; but they must have a life of their own, and cannot sacrifice all their time and energy for the sake of their offspring. Pisces parents try to

introduce their children to the gentler aspects of life, such as art, music and 'New Age' interests; and they hate arguments and discord.

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sun ☉ in 10th House

(Haydn Paul)

The focus of attention is towards the outer world and the assertion of your nature and qualities through social status and acknowledgement. Your motivation will come from a desire to become socially influential, aspiring towards public recognition and the satisfaction of needs for power and the attainment of your ambitions. This will attract you into striving for career or social progression, so that you can rise to positions of authority

and responsibility, and others can easily recognise your success and achievements. You want to rise above the crowd through expressing your abilities, to become a leader directing others rather than be a passive follower.

This reflects a need for egoic assertion; and your experience of self-worth and esteem will be directly related to your degree of visible success in the community. Entering socially respected professions may be the direction you choose; and your self-image will be closely connected with and modelled upon the ideals of your profession or type of employment, especially if you are at supervisory or management levels.

As success is so important in your chosen direction, you should have the ability to focus your will, consistently and powerfully applying it to amplify self-discipline and perseverance so that some degree of attainment is achieved. However, by rigidly pursuing this path you may simultaneously restrict your freedom and options in life, as certain ways may be considered to be unsuitable as they fail to fit into the idealised image that you are projecting. The danger may lie in the possibility that even if you do reach your aims, the apex fails to fulfil and you are confronted with the question of 'what next?'. At some point you will reach your apex, which can become a limiting plateau and may have a dispiriting effect on your well-being and identity.

While you have to strive for your ambitions to activate your path of development and purpose, try not to narrow those goals but instead expand them so that they become more inclusive, touching all areas of your life and nature. This will lead to a greater sense of satisfaction, and will unify disparate aspects of your life. Otherwise, by following the star of the glorious career to the exclusion of other spheres of life, you may be creating your downfall in your private and domestic life, having a negative effect on marriage or family relationships. Conflicts may rise between career and home, especially with any challenging aspects of square and opposition to your Sun; and a balance may need to be established for personal security and stability.

Your Sun's ideal is to help you become centred, expressing your strengths and qualities; this is what can make you impressive to others and a source of inspiration and influence, rather than the positions of prominence that may glitter as the summation of your dreams. Displacing your sense of identity into a professional community role or position of social status is often unwise, because at the end of a career (through retirement, ill-health or redundancy, or perhaps through some career reversal or disagreement), there is always the possibility that some external agency can be destructive to both your aims and your stability of identity. You may fall prey to temptations which surround positions of influence, and your morality and integrity can be challenged or impugned; few rise to the 'top' without having upset others along the way. If your Sun has challenging aspects (square, opposition), then you may display dictatorial traits, a love of power and tendencies to be less than scrupulous in chasing your aims, or fail to realise how power can 'turn the head' through an egocentric misapplication. Your need for personal and social power is likely to be directed through the Sun-sign associations.

It may be beneficial to consider parental influences upon your life path and career needs. The 10th house is associated with the importance of parental conditioning, particularly that of the mother; and evaluating their impact on your attitudes, values, motivations and aims may be illuminating. You may be striving to achieve so that they fully acknowledge your worth and abilities; you may have come from a high achievement family, and so need to match an unspoken level of success; you may be living out parental desires, rather than fulfilling your needs, as they may have encouraged you to take a certain life path and you surrendered to their pressure.

A need to be seen by others as being an achiever can emanate from a hidden insecurity; but the right use of your Sun potency would heal any such tendency, giving you a stable, deeper centre to live your life from, transforming your style of personal assertiveness from any predisposition to exploit power over others into a cooperative attempt at mutual benefit for all.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is one of the strongest testimonies of career success. Negative aspects in the chart must be extremely severe to counteract its effect. It gives a proud, calm, dignified bearing, with an air of authority and a charismatic quality that others admire and respect, though they are usually quiet and undemanding in attitude. They appear to rise to high position through little or no effort of their own, just by being in the right place at the right time.

At the same time, there is a loneliness here; events of early life operate in some way to set them apart from others so that their qualities of character and mind develop in solitude. They are gratified by the admiration they attract, but would gladly exchange it for the rollicking freedom of a close-knit group of life-long buddies with whom they can be totally at ease and let down their defenses - something they may imitate, or experience in passing, but rarely find for real, or for long.

Family relationships are extremely precious to them, and they may cling to their family ties and early-life relationships, sometimes to too great an extent (particularly women), thus blocking their own natural growth and development away from the family into broader and more effective spheres.

There is great power in this location of the Sun, but they are often unaware of it, or unwilling to use it, fearing the loneliness that comes with it. If they try and fail, it is always due to their lack of belief in themselves or their willingness to continue always to see themselves as the folks at home see them. They must learn to let go of the advice and opinions of others and make decisions on their own. Once they can do this, their rise will be rapid. The earlier they are on their own, the better, as the habit of making their own decisions and taking immediate action will carry them forward. They should steer clear of

closely binding business partnerships at the outset, as these will often come to hamper them later. The warmth and trust they seek will come later from people who trust them and are supported by their strength and selfconfidence: their employees, students, constituents, or own children.

(Bill Herbst)

Collective responsibility: Your life-energy comes from the awareness of collective culture, life in the visible world. There's 'guru-consciousness' operating here. It may be profound and powerful, or subtle and almost unfelt; but others recognize the potent divinity that flows through you. Your task is to make expression of that energy as complete and correct as you can, for you are on the Earth for a purpose larger than personal fulfillment. Every time you're responsible, every time you succeed in right action, you absorb life-energy. In order to live, you must address your place in the world. The challenge is to carve out a niche where you make as significant a contribution as your potential allows.

Professional ambition: Depending on other factors in the chart, you may be conservative, a three-piece suit-and-tie person, formal and cautious, or you might be quite the opposite, someone who rises out of the crowd to assert his own opinion. In any event, you're sensitive to the issue of cultural power, and are drawn to acquire as much as you can, whether you earn it, inherit it, borrow it, or steal it. Your lifemachinery gets basic energy from career considerations; and whenever you need to energize yourself, juicing your profession is a natural way to do it. The Sun is too broad to indicate specific career choices. It does show that whatever you do for a living must have core importance in your life, that you must do it with great dignity, and that you want impact on the world. Your challenge is to achieve broad social respect. Remember - be authoritative, not authoritarian.

Missions and messages: Your personal purpose and your mission are the same, although you may not experience them as the same. There is often conflict between living for yourself, and consecration to a larger purpose. You are certainly selfinvolved, and you may have at least a slight God complex. It's not that you see yourself as more important than others, but you are very egocentric in expression of your message. You are the message. In observing your life, we're reminded how important it is to maintain our dignity, and we remember the relevance of personal integrity. The Sun's sign and aspects reveal the tone of what's coming through you, so look to those factors to fine-tune your message.

'Outer-link' parent: In either obvious or subtle ways, your father embodied strength; and you've assimilated many of his attitudes and traits. His importance in your life cannot be underestimated. If he was clearly present during your childhood, then his imprint is profound and enduring. The similarities between you grow as you age. If he was physically or psychologically absent, you'll flounder until a surrogate authority figure can

be found, someone who takes the missing father's role, or until you take it for yourself.

Authority: Authority may be your great strength or your Achilles heel. It all depends on your maturity, on how well you've reconciled the paradoxes surrounding pride. If your inner growth has gone well, you may be a model of responsible power. On the other hand, you could be ambivalent in your behavior, opposing any external authority wielded over you by others while commanding total authority in your own dealings with others. This pitfall is the 'pot calling the kettle black', and results in others eventually opposing or undermining your power. The challenge is to understand the gentle strength of true fathering, to develop and release the authority that resides within you, in a way that is honorable, respectful to others and yourself.

(Robert Pelletier)

To realize your ambitions, you utilize every opportunity that arises. You are determined to gain recognition, but in your own way. Having a position that requires responsible leadership will help you feel important, because others will depend on your skill and good judgement in fulfilling their needs. Your enterprising ability enables you to achieve many objectives with ordinary creative talents. For the most part, you truly like your work, and you energize others who are involved in your goals. You understand the value of money and can use it effectively to buy the talents you need. You avoid being obligated to others, because you want to keep control of your own destiny.

You generally know what people want; and you offer yourself as the person most qualified to provide it. You aren't afraid to promote yourself, and you are convincing enough to win people's confidence. You realize that you must plan ahead so that you will be prepared when an opportunity comes along. Don't form secret alliances with so-called friends who may be using you to satisfy their own objectives. Being wellinformed at all times should prevent this. Try to be specific about what you hope to achieve in life, and don't be misled by well-meaning friends. You can accomplish almost anything if you are willing to sacrifice some immediate pleasures. And you will gain the resources you need for security in your later years.

Your domestic relationships may be strained if you become so obsessed with satisfying personal goals that you neglect to spend time with your family. You could be trying to live up to the expectations of your parents, who may have unwittingly programmed you that way. Your need to assert yourself and win over your competitors could alienate you from your loved ones. You must expect some loss of personal freedom and privacy when you are in the public spotlight, so be prepared to live with it. One of your best assets is knowing how to promote yourself, which will bring you many gains. You probably want a partner who supports you in your objectives. Your mate's sympathetic understanding of your needs will give you additional strength.

Probably your children have a high priority in your life and will serve as the catalyst to

your success. You hope they will benefit from your experience, and you give them training so that they can achieve according to their individual needs. Your preoccupation with a career may not leave enough time or energy to fulfill your responsibilities to your loved one. Admitting you are wrong takes courage, but it also gives you the opportunity to correct your errors. Your many valuable ideas need development, but you will gain a great deal if you decide to invest in them.

If you assume you can do whatever you want without acquiring the necessary skills, you are deluding yourself, as you are if you feel you can work outside the law or ethical guidelines. Because you are better informed than most people, you can be held more accountable for your actions. Don't assume that everything will work out favorably in the end unless you have planned carefully to make it so. If you treat your friends kindly, they will help you when you need it. You should derive much satisfaction from working to improve social conditions. The chances are good that you will also gain the security you need for retirement.

With the Sun in the 10th, the identity is bound up with career and professional achievements. The 10th house describes the qualities in ourselves which we wish others to notice: in this case, the Sun strives to be seen as emanating power, strength and authority in respect to the sign in which it is placed. The Sun in Gemini there, for instance, wants the power of its intellect acknowledged; the Sun in Pisces craves recognition for its power to heal, enchant, or inspire, etc..

The Sun in the 10th has a deep urge to be admired as a 'Somebody'. Some degree of ambition should be 'owned' and satisfied if they are to fulfil their life-purpose. Women with this placement who do not satisfy their own need to achieve through a career may be drawn to prestigious or successful men as partners (the 'Hollywood wives' syndrome). For either sex, conflicts between the home and personal life versus achieving publicly and professionally are shown by oppositions from the 4th house to the 10th house Sun. The kind of self-exertion, dedication and perseverance required to ascend the ladder of success often limits the freedom and spontaneity to move in other directions. Another danger with this placement is that the sense of identity or worth could rely too much on their title or position in the world. Should that be lost, they are left totally bereft and annihilated.

If the 10th house is taken to be the mother, then the Sun in this position makes her very important. The child with the Sun here could project his or her own identity and power onto the mother: her needs and wants become the child's needs and wants. Conversely, this placement sometimes indicates a child with a mother who requires that the child mirror her, imposing her own individuality onto the offspring, as in the classic example of the 'stage mother'. ('I'm a frustrated actress, so my child is going to learn to act.') Usually there is a collusion here: the child worships and adores the mother and offers the self up to her - 'You want me to be as your showpiece and I want to be that for you'. At some point, those with the Sun in the 10th must examine how much they are doing something for

themselves, and how much it is being done to win Mother's love.

Moon ☾ in ♍ Virgo 15° 53'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

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

Dynamic

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

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

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

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

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

General

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

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

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

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

(Tracy Marks)

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

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

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

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

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your mother may seem critical and cool to you.

(Sasha Fenton)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

or practical affairs.

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

Moon ☾ in 4th House

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

Childhood experiences have been very formative influences; and your relationship with

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

There is a shyness with this Moon, a fear of the limelight. In a creative chart it will show one who plans or works behind the scenes; if they actually step onto the stage, it will be only under the utmost creative compulsion. They usually feel completely at ease only in the immediate family circle and among long-time friends. They are selfconscious in front of groups, and they are always cautious about revealing their true feelings about things.

This insecurity gives them an instinctive identification with underdogs and all victims of injustice. The rights of individuals are important to them. Someone victimized by a machine-like social institution can cause them to stick their necks out where nothing else will.

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

Personal security: The nesting instinct is strong, deep, and permanent. Giving security to family and taking security from family cannot be distinguished from the safety of your loved ones. The pull of the past is persistent; and the imprints are both conservative and traditional. The pitfall lies in the risk of giving up too much of your life to achieve and maintain security that may be illusory, or, at best, temporary. The challenge is to learn that taking care of yourself begins within, since control of the environment is an ineffective way to make yourself feel safe. Instead, regulating personal emotions and understanding your early relationship to your mother aids fulfillment.

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

'Inner-link' parent" The mother is ultimately important with the Moon in the 4th. She is very likely to have been the most dominant influence in your life. It's almost as if there

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

Your early family conditioning caused you to develop strong personality ties. This is fine in itself, but it may deny you the opportunity to grow to maturity with enough self-confidence to become secure in your individual achievements. You tend to submit your plans to members of your family, hoping to win their approval and support. You must acknowledge the importance of becoming self-supporting and on your own as soon as possible. You will learn the value of your natural talents when you are forced to use them imaginatively to solve your daily problems. Once you stop feeling sorry for yourself, you will be able to extend yourself to people who are less fortunate or capable, and to learn how competent you are in dealing with such situations. Your natural compassion for those in need can be used best by getting an education so that you can make a worthwhile contribution to help others. When people need help, they naturally turn to someone like you.

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

The first major crisis you must deal with is learning to live with yourself and, if possible, on your own, especially if you always ask for your parents' approval or if they insist that you should not do this or that. Once you decide that you will make your own way, it will be easier to choose your own career direction. You will never be indifferent to those you

love, but it is essential to put past, present and future in proper perspective. A partner will give you the initiative to accomplish more than you might otherwise. Knowing that your partner appreciates you will provide sufficient reason to extend yourself in your career. If you accept competition as an opportunity to demonstrate your capabilities, your victories will be even sweeter.

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

Whereas the Sun in the 4th struggles to free itself from too great an identification with the family, the Moon in the 4th finds security and a sense of belonging within this structure. Refuge from life's battles is sought by withdrawing back into the home. Even when they have a family of their own, those with this placement may pack their bags and run back to the family of origin when difficulties arise. They need the home to be a kind of retreat and sanctuary, and therefore they are highly attuned to the undercurrents and changes of atmosphere in that environment. Nonetheless, they may not always make their own feelings obvious to others. Often they regress into their early childhood behavior patterns when the struggles of life become too much. I know one person with this placement who whenever he is upset has an intense craving for chocolate chip cookies because that is what his mother gave him to make him feel better as a child. It is as if there is a mechanism in the psyche which says 'All right, I've had enough growing up for now; I'm going backwards for a while'.

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

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

Mercury ♀ in ♉ Taurus 16° 19'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

When you are willing to communicate openly and to acknowledge that the ideas of others can be as valuable as yours, you can discover that these ideas may actually transform and enhance your own. You can decide to use other people's ideas as resources; thus, your own concepts gain acceptance through the resultant transformation. When you listen to others and communicate those Taurus perceptions of how their ideas can produce tangible results, your sense of self-worth can be increased.

(Grant Lewi)

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

Study elocution, and learn to pay attention to what meets your ears.

(Sydney Omarr)

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

This does not mean, however, that you aren't as intelligent as your more verbally adroit friends; only that you don't demonstrate your intelligence with words. Instead, you might be a brilliant painter, dancer or musician. You may not have been a very good student, and learning new subjects might have come more slowly to you than to others. Perhaps you never had an opportunity to develop your intelligence fully or to get a good education. As a result, you might feel somewhat inadequate or inferior about your mental capabilities even as an adult. When speaking before a crowd, you may become tongue-tied or feel awkward; and when you have to write a report, paper, even a letter, you often find yourself at a loss for words. Expressing what you really think and feel can be a struggle for you.

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

You rarely take chances, and usually plan carefully before undertaking any venture. You like things to be clearly defined, down-to-earth and useful; and it is difficult for you to grasp abstractions or theoretical constructs. Not an 'idea person', you are a doer rather than a thinker - the one who brings the dreamer's visions to fruition. As far as you're concerned, an idea is useless unless it can be applied in some tangible, physical way. Although you aren't going to set the world on fire with an exciting or revolutionary

concept, without your persistence and common sense all those 'brainstorms' would never become realities.

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

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

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

This position of Mercury can give mental ability in the arts. If Mercury is strongly

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a steady, though potentially stubborn, mind.

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

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

You think very slowly and carefully, and arrive at conclusions only after much thought. People may think that you are not too bright, but that is not true. It is just that you want to take enough time to be sure that your thinking is solidly based. You like to have ideas presented correctly, with drawings or other visual aids if possible. It is easier for you to think about an idea if you can see it. Many people with Mercury in Taurus have trouble

with mathematics, because it is so abstract and hard to bring into your everyday world. You demand to know the practical use of every subject. You are less concerned with whether something is true than with how useful it is.

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

(Freda Edis)

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

They often have an appreciation of well-structured and harmonious patterns of thinking; and the placement can indicate an ability in written and verbal forms of expression. Once their minds are made up, their powers of concentration are great, but they may need to be aware of a tendency towards intellectual obstinacy and fixed patterns of mental expression. Flexibility of thought and a continuing curiosity about the world may help to offset these inclinations, as it did Hermes when he made concessions to Apollo and bartered some of his own possessions after the theft. He was able to let go of some of what he most valued in order to have the one thing he really desired - divinity and recognition from his father.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Thoughts are communicated with deliberation.

Symbol: A banker explains a financial statement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

Mercury ♿ in 12th House

(Freda Edis)

If Mercury has this placement it can lead people to some intellectual understanding of the unity of all life. Able to use their considerable mental powers to tap into the collective, these people may develop an awareness of the archetypal and mythic roots of being. Mercury here can be at its most alchemical, trying to connect the worlds of the conscious and unconscious minds, both for their own and for others' understanding, successfully or not according to the aspects made by other planets. The placement can lead to introspection and, occasionally, to obsessive thoughts; and there may be an occasional need to retire from society in order to think difficulties through clearly. Often, Mercury in this position is in touch with collective forces which may not be coconsciously felt by other people, but are experienced at the feeling level. It indicates people who sometimes may not find it easy to distinguish their own thought processes from those of others; boundaries around thinking are clearly an issue here.

Part of the process of change Mercury has to submit himself to in the twelfth house is the neptunian dissolution. The black and changeable water breaks down all that has gone before, becomes formless and uncertain before it is transformed into the dark substances which eventually becomes the philosophical stone. Purification in the chaotic waters of the unconscious is a necessary and feared part of change, before the separation from unconscious identification can occur. Those who take the risk of fishing in Neptune's waters must face being swamped by what they find there, if only in imagination. If Mercury is to rise again in purified form, he must first submit to the death of old ideas and associations, allowing his old boundaries to be penetrated and to dissolve.

House cusp signs can reveal the way in which this sometimes impressionistic Mercury works. Mercury with Cancer may prevent objective thinking and encourage a clinging attitude to sometimes outworn ideas and emotions. Becoming aware of the appropriateness of a response to difficult circumstances is often a problem for these

people. Mercury with Capricorn on the cusp of the twelfth house can incline people to overemphasize or repress the practicality of their thinking when they feel threatened by structures imposed on them by others; it may impede the process of necessary dissolution. But aspects from other planets to Mercury here will often indicate in more complexity just what it is that Mercury picks up from the collective at an unconscious level. Where the twelfth house is involved, dissolution may take place whether the person is aware of it or not.

People with Mercury placed in this house may come to develop their potential as wayguides between the everyday world and the world of a universal and archetypal imagination. Thinking and speaking in images to the collective would be of some importance to them, or they may draw on the collective for the kinds of symbolic language they need in order to communicate their knowledge of deep levels of the psyche. In any case, they may find a periodic need to be sunk in the collective, neptunian waters of the unconscious. But they may also need to guard against the effects of obsessive thinking, and to protect themselves from the invasive thoughts of others.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Individuals with Mercury in this position may have a damaged ego; if not, then their ego has suffered in childhood from pressures that have toughened it. Their sense of self is often damaged in childhood, which can make them wary of exposing themselves and their feelings. They may even hide their own feelings from themselves, trying to be a different person from who they really are.

They are usually sensitive to the pain and trouble of others, though they may react in a variety of ways, one trying to help while another turns away. Some feel that they have such a hard time solving their own problems that they have no help to spare for others. If there are no other aspects of twelfth-house planets, they may try to help by preaching or lecturing, or by recounting what happened to them along the same lines, rather than by giving warmth, sympathy, or real assistance.

It is not a good position for self-acceptance. They are likely to spend a good deal of time fantasizing about themselves, refusing to face themselves squarely. It is hard for them to accept their own faults and weaknesses, and equally hard for them to believe in their own virtues and strengths. They often enjoy reading stories of other people, watching movies, plays, and so on, that give them the illusion of getting to know the truth about people. This is the soap opera position par excellence. They may even pry into the lives of others, looking for similarities to themselves, seeking justification for their own foibles (even, in extreme cases, watching people through binoculars, reading other people's mail, etc.). They are inclined to gossip about others. In most cases none of this is malicious, just the result of curiosity.

If they respond to this position at a higher level, they will want to understand themselves and will seek help from counsellors, astrologers, psychiatrists, psychologists, psychics, or the like. They may study these subjects themselves in an effort to achieve more self-understanding, possibly even becoming practitioners.

This is a good position for a writer once the tendency to fantasize has been put into perspective. There is an instinctive quality to the mental processes. Sometimes they have trouble with straight facts, reacting better to the vibes in the air. They learn by absorbing ideas, not by study per se.

On the lower levels of response, they are inclined to overdo on eating, drinking, or drugs. Actually, sensible fasting is probably the best way for them to deal with problems.

They are inclined to be overly susceptible to praise, because they are so hungry for self-acceptance, and for the approval of others that will allow them to approve of themselves. If they rise to positions of power, they are apt to be led astray by flattery, if they are not careful.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Your rational mind is an open and inspirational screen for the projection of your dreams. It extends into your own unconscious and beyond, into the collective unconscious of humankind. However, communication is often confused or misunderstood. Sometimes you don't know how to express yourself in clear language, and sometimes others aren't tuned to your imagery. More often, you misinterpret what they're saying, infusing their words with images from your own unconscious. The challenge is to communicate your thought-dreams in as clear a way as you can. Realize that your mind is sometimes not your own, and learn methods for communication other than verbal.

Unfocused intuition: Intuitions are perceived as thoughts, as if they were the conscious product of your own rational processes. But they're not; they're signals you convert into thought-patterns. Your own thinking tends to flow with the patterns moving through culture, so you are a bellweather for currents at the cutting edge of society. New cultural vocabularies are natural to you, and your thinking changes with the times. To maintain clarity and minimize the dangers of misunderstanding, you must learn to be quiet mentally. The challenge is to understand that your mind is not merely a rational machine. Listen for the signals, and locate both their origins and their destination.

Withdrawal or isolation: You need to clear out the clutter of other people's thoughts from your mind, to take out the garbage. Too much input or exchange can fry your brain. If you don't get relief from the strain, your thoughts become garbled. It's not that you need to stop thinking. It is no more possible to stop the mind than the beating of your heart. But you can take a break from attending to your thoughts. Allow your mind to go its

merry way without paying so much attention. You don't need to 'read' every thought. Direct the focus of your consciousness upward, beyond the cacophony of thinking. Leave it behind for a while; and when you return, your understanding will be clarified and refreshed.

Selfless giving: You love to figure out solutions for the psychological puzzles of people's lives. Be careful, however, that you don't turn into an advice machine. However pure your motives may be, there is a tendency to get carried away in trying to solve other people's problems. Even when they seem to want exactly that, you're better off letting them come to their own solutions through probing conversations. Remaining neutral is an essential part of your service. Occasional periods of silence - 'speech fasting' - are very beneficial, since too much talking can overwhelm your sense of order.

'Past lives': The way you perceive, think, and communicate is linked with past life patterns. Your nervous system is already programmed to interpret life in specific ways, ways that now must be made conscious. Misunderstanding with others are frequently a carryover from prior incarnations where the dissonance originated. Don't presume that communication is clear, especially if there is conflict or difficulty. Assume the opposite, that there is something beyond what meets the eye, and investigate the possibilities by visualizing images of yourself and the other person in past life settings. The more you distinguish then from now, the easier it is to reach the satisfaction of mutual agreement. The challenge is to work into your past lives to establish the origins of disagreement or misunderstanding, to finally reach clear awareness of the facts in any current situation.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because of your early upbringing, you feel free to pursue your own life and establish a foundation that is comfortable for you. Your parents probably had more faith in you than you realized, and they undoubtedly brought you up so that you could succeed on your own terms. Although you are cordial to others, you reserve the right to make your own choices and achieve goals that you alone define. You are rich with ideas, but at first you have some difficulty finding ways to apply them. You generally try not to attract attention, especially when you are attracted to someone and don't want the relationship to gain public notice. You are clever at negotiating your financial affairs quietly until you feel confident that they are sufficiently developed to be made public.

Your interests are diversified, so you always have an alternative direction to follow if your current program fails or becomes uninteresting. Because you work quietly behind the scenes to develop your skills, your career is far more advanced than anyone can tell from appearances. You have the ability to apply your basic talents and resources to achieve your goals. The financial rewards of such a career will satisfy your need for security.

Developing your skills should have a high priority, because others may not always be

available to help you. A good education will teach you how to use your potentials to accomplish your objectives. You cannot afford to neglect the trivial details that you encounter in your career, even though they seem like a waste of time. Through dealing with these chores, you can become independent of the people you would otherwise have to rely on. This is the only way you can be in complete control of any situation that develops in your career. Your career should involve working with the public in some way, for you are qualified to solve many kinds of social problems. Social service might be an attractive field for you, and it would give you freedom to come and go as you choose in performing your duties.

You don't mind making some sacrifices for those you love, but you resent it if sacrifices is expected as a condition of the relationship. you should choose a partner who sympathizes with your goals and who will work with you to reach them. You would resent a partner who is unwilling to share your highs and lows, successes and failures, or someone who constantly asks you to indulge him or her. You will work without recognition until you feel qualified to establish yourself firmly in your career. You consider this a good investment in developing your creative talents.

Careful self-analysis may help you appreciate your creative potentials and understand how using them positively can help you reach your goals. You tend to underestimate your abilities and credit others with more talent, even though theirs is no more significant than your own. You are sometimes more generous and thoughtful to your friends and associates than they deserve.

(Howard Sasportas)

Mercury doesn't exactly wander into the 12th house - he falls into it. And, like Alice, he finds himself in a strange land, encountering things that are awesome, helpful and fascinating.

Primarily, a 12th house Mercury attempts to build a bridge between the conscious and unconscious minds - to integrate into conscious awareness what is operating in the hidden depths of the psyche. This involves a twofold process. First, those with this placement must venture into the imaginal realms of the unconscious, although if they don't choose to take that initial step, it doesn't matter - what is down there will sooner or later come up to get them. Secondly, once in that realm, they must look around, take notes and then come back up again. If they get stuck down there, forgetting to return up again or unable to do so, then someone else will have to be called in to rescue them.

What does all this mean? Those with Mercury here - through introspection, soulsearching, psychotherapy, good literature, or dreamwork - need to explore the unconscious to find out what makes them tick. Depending on the aspects to Mercury, some of what is stored there will be useful and productive and well worth bringing to the surface. However, other stuff may need to be sifted through and sorted out - especially

learned impressions and memories from the past which, consciously remembered or not, distort and obscure how information received in the present is being interpreted. In order to see what is in front of them more clearly, they will have to clean up some of the early life (or previous life?) debris cluttering their immediate perception and awareness.

Venus ♀ in ♈ Aries 27° 50'

(Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker)

Venus rules the principle of love and reaching out to others. Venus in Aries indicates those who tend to be aggressive in their emotional self-expression. Their outgoing natures lend enthusiasm and sparkle to social gatherings. They have no reticence in pursuing the object of their interests, and they can be competitive when seeking the affection of others. In a female horoscope, this quality may make for an aggressive approach in which the woman chases the man. The ability of these people to be passionate in love and romance results from Mars, the ruler of Aries, which gives energy to the affections of Venus. These affections can be impulsive and unstable, however.

Venus in Aries is in its detriment, because Aries is the opposite sign to Libra, which Venus rules. For this reason people with Venus in Aries demand a lot of personal attention and tend to be self-centred.

If Venus is afflicted in Aries, the native's manners can be coarse, lacking refinement. When Venus in Aries is well aspected, there is a positive, cheerful attitude. There is also the ability to be actively creative in artistic pursuits.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Venus in Aries is the most impulsive of all the Venus signs, leaping straight into relationships, usually on the basis of romantic attraction alone. Practical difficulties are no deterrent at all to them. There is something of the knight in shining armour about these people - they like to feel that they are rescuing someone from a miserable existence and carrying them off to eternal bliss.

Idealistic and somewhat naive, the Venus in Aries person expects the best of everyone. Straightforward and direct to the point of bluntness themselves, it never occurs to them that some people are devious and manipulative. Because of this they feel terribly hurt and let down when people betray their trust.

Venus in Aries likes to take the initiative and tends to come on pretty strong, which can be very alarming to more timid types. Aries has little time for the subtle approach, preferring things to happen now, and lacking patience with people who cannot make up their minds.

Because Venus is the relating principle and Aries is concerned with being itself, there is going to be some degree of internal conflict between the self and the other; and it may be quite difficult for the Venus in Aries person to work out a balance between the need for independence and personal self-expression and the need for relationship and sharing.

Venus in Aries needs space and freedom in relationships, and appreciates independence in others. As lovers, they are warm and demonstrative, giving their love freely and openheartedly. They need, and can create, an element of excitement in their relationships, so that life is never dull for someone involved with them.

The person with Venus in Aries tends to demand attention and will definitely want to be the number one attraction in their partner's life. Their love is full of heat and intensity which can quickly change to dramatic rage when they feel hurt. Venus in Aries gives drama and passion, together with romanticism and naive hopefulness. For the Venus in Aries person, the eternally burning flame of hope is what makes life worth living; and they will never cease to pursue their vision of the perfect love.

(Skye Alexander)

This is a difficult position for Venus. Here, the planet that represents female energy is placed in the most masculine of signs. Consequently, Venus has a hard time expressing its natural characteristics of harmony, union and romantic love in a sign that is individualistic and combative.

In partnerships of all kinds, but especially love relationships, you insist on being the dominant partner and are not willing to compromise very much in order to maintain domestic tranquility. In fact, you don't really want your relationships to be peaceful and harmonious. You prefer to maintain a high level of tension in your relationships, and find conflict and arguments stimulating and exciting. Often you start fights - verbal or even physical ones - with your partner, just to see the fireworks. If things stay calm for long, you become bored.

You see love as a contest and partners as opponents to be conquered. It is the chase that intrigues you most; and you are likely to lose interest in someone once he / she succumbs to your advances. The way to keep your attention is to keep you guessing. Always looking for new experiences, new challenges, you tend to be rather promiscuous, or at least to change partners frequently. Whether male or female, you are usually the aggressor, easily pursuing your 'quarry' rather than waiting for hi, / her to make the first move.

Sex is more important to you than affection; and unless you have water signs prominent elsewhere in your chart, you may lack the ability to express tenderness and romance in

love relationships.

In itself, this placement of Venus is not an indicator of an artistic sensibility. If you have artistic talent, as a result of other factors in your birth chart, you are likely to be avantgarde, even rather provocative in the way you express yourself creatively. Your style tends to be highly energetic and forceful, even abrasive or violent.

Women with this planetary placement may reject traditional feminine images and put little value on such things as home, a husband and family. Independent, outspoken and assertive, you refuse to let any man dominate you, and insist on being free to do as you wish in matters of love. You probably aren't 'feminine' in a traditional sense, for what makes you feel good about yourself as a woman is being able to do things like a man. You want to show everyone (including yourself) that anything a man can do a woman can do better. Thus, you might express this image of yourself through athletics, by being highly competitive in the business world, or by playing the role of 'buddy' to the men in your life. As a child, you probably were a tomboy who beat up your brothers and could out-hit anyone on the local Little League team.

Men with Venus in Aries tend to be out-of-touch with their female sides (unless their Moons are in Cancer, Pisces or Taurus) and have little respect for female values, or even for women in general. Your ideal woman is one who is 'one of the guys', who likes to play football with you and your friends on a Saturday afternoon and can drink the lot of you under the table afterwards. Emotional, gentle, delicate or sensitive women don't interest you in the least. You want a partner who is strong, feisty and independent, even a little 'butch'. Thus, you might find women with mesomorphic bodies, athletes and body builders more attractive than those with 'hourglass' figures.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The individual is passionate, falling in love quickly, and will be demonstrative. Sexual fulfillment is of above-average importance, and an unco-operative partner will not be tolerated. Although an element of Arian selfishness may well cause problems occasionally, the individual will be generous to a loved one, making sure there are many occasions of joint enjoyment. Here is a lively friend and energetic colleague. The attitude to money is extremely enterprising, but a risk-taking element can cause financial losses. Often, there is an enjoyable second source of income, but money can still slip through the fingers.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, Venus here adds warmth and passion to the cool detachment of the Aquarian Sun. There will be powerful emotional relationships; but sometimes conflict can arise when the subject has to decide whether to deepen one of these through home-sharing or marriage; and there may be a delay in making an emotional commitment. Independence is most important, as is the Aquarian lifestyle; there will be an active social life and many like-minded friends. There is an erratic

attitude to money, with a liking for unusual possessions.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, the sensitive watery emotion of Pisces combined with the fiery passion of Aries makes these individuals ardent but caring and tender lovers. At times they will be confused by their own emotional intensity; and apprehension and a lack of self-confidence may clash with a desire for the loved one (Venus in Aries). Nonetheless, the striving for a rewarding relationship is important, as are friends with shared interests. Money will be enjoyed, so saving may well be difficult. The subject may find that impulsive generosity could cause problems.

If the Sun sign is Aries, here is a very passionate and enthusiastic partner who needs to maintain independence within a permanent relationship. Although selfish at times, he or she will be generous to loved ones, wanting them to enjoy the relationship. Rivalry can occur in friendship, with the subject needing to take the lead. Money is often made from sidelines as well as a main source; and investment will be enjoyed. Impulse-buying can lead to cashflow problems.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, the passions are very powerful; and while this subject makes an excellent, sensual lover, the emotional level is so high that storms may well arise. At such times, possessiveness (Taurus) and selfishness (Venus in Aries) can cause serious problems; but the highs will be marvellously romantic as well as fulfilling. Over-emotional reactions can sometimes cause difficulties with friends. In money matters, the individual is clever; but a liking for luxury will prove expensive.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, the Geminian mistrust of emotion can cause problems with this passionate placing; but there will be good rapport and friendship, and sexual fulfillment once the tendency to rationalize is overcome. This is a lively friend with many varied interests, wanting to do a great deal and travel widely. Spendthrift tendencies must be countered.

Static

If you value aggressive independence in relationships, you might without knowing it relate to others thoughtlessly and forcefully. Thus, you may experience an endless series of temporary alliances. In attempting to prove the Aries self-worth by disregarding the values of others, you may ultimately win the conquest yet end up alone.

Consequently, a reluctance to sustain closeness often results in a lack of confidence in your worth and ability to relate to others. When you withhold your ability for positive leadership in social situations, it may lead to a competitive viewpoint that is destructive for all concerned.

Dynamic

You possess the ability to take the initiative in social situations. You can be a spontaneous leader. With the natural Aries gifts of enthusiasm and courage, you inspire others to contribute to the group.

You can realize your inherent value when you share your independence in a manner that helps others to help themselves. This encourages others to actualize their potential for self-sufficiency. You can become aware that others feel insecure about their sense of selfreliance. This awareness enables you to motivate them to believe in themselves and assert their individuality. As you help others to build their own independence, you simultaneously come to a realization of your true worth.

Combining your talent for seizing leadership with the recognition of other people's feelings can lead to a sense of confidence in your ability to stimulate others to interact socially. This situation maintains your independence and validates the worth of all concerned.

(Grant Lewi)

Your reaction to emotional stimuli is highly personal. You will do anything for someone you love, and little for anyone or any group that has not won your personal affection. Love, sympathy, human kindness are all related to yourself; you are therefore not a great humanitarian, nor especially interested in group social problems. But you may be much interested in society - that is, social gatherings, social position, social graces. You are warm and even ardent when you feel you are loved, but can also be touchy with friends and easily offended. This is a somewhat narrowing position for Venus, and with it you should make a conscious effort to find sympathy and understanding for people whom you don't love and who never will love you. By universalizing the Venusian vibrations, you broaden your whole nature, widen your interests and give greatest scope to your abundant emotional vitality, which benefits you in direct proportion to the number of individuals whose problems you are able to take to your heart.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aries, Venus is an emotional antenna - the native is sensitive, aware of how others feel and react. He wants to love and be loved - romance is the key. Without romance, he withers, becomes discouraged, broods, worries complains.

The astrologer's job is to help him discover the romance that is everywhere, available, ready to be grasped and enjoyed. The native tends to be too romantic about romance! He often doesn't recognize the real thing and is taken in by the phony, the imitation.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a bold, though potentially impatient, lover.

Love for you is something that has to happen quickly, like at first sight, almost as if you are taken by storm. There also has to be a childlike, spontaneous quality to it that never settles down into an 'adult' rut of habit and predictability; love has to make something happen. The dark side to your particularly bright love nature is that you can be selfcentred, impetuous and emotionally immature, causing you to give in to mere fancy.

You attract with a forward but quite innocent seductiveness that is instantly beguiling; with a wild and primal sexuality that suggests a romping, playful and uncomplicated sort of pleasure and love-making; and with a youthful appeal, whatever your age, that forces progress in some way.

You repel with a selfish, demanding and minx-like nature that can drop Other quite unceremoniously; with a reluctance, or possibly an inability, to give any more of yourself than is needed to keep Other where you want him / her; and with a Peter Pan complex that prevents you from accepting your social responsibilities.

You are attracted to forceful and demonstrative displays of interest and affection; to Others who are independent with, to a degree, interests other than you; and to Others who have energetic or hectic social lives that are full of exciting and individualistic people.

You are repelled by limp, unsure or, worst of all, creepy types who lack passion or conviction, for it reflects badly on your own vibrancy; by fawning or clinging characters who want mothering or constant reassurance; and by fuddy-duddy social scenes and people that lack spontaneity and a bit of wildness.

When you are alone, it could be because you have pushed one or more of the above negative traits to a point where no-one is willing or able to commit to you. One of two choices here is to recognize that Other can keep your interest if you give him / her long enough to discover how to - but not too long, of course. The second choice is to settle for the fact that you are just too young at heart, or old in body, to find anyone who will last more than a week or so - if at all. The irony here is that sooner or later you will have to settle for something - the very thing you may believe you are so averse to. Alternatively, you could be alone because love has ended as suddenly as you like it to begin - kind of living by the sword and dying by it.

(John Townley)

Your appetite for love is quickly whetted; and you wish to possess the object of your affections without delay. If there is too much dallying about with a potential lover, you are likely to lose interest and move on to a new partner.

Your style of loving may be very intense, even violent upon occasion. On the other

hand, your desires are usually satiated rather quickly, particularly if the experience is a very intense one. This enables you to thoroughly enjoy a brief but fiery affair that would leave another person unfulfilled. In a longer-range affair, however, you may feel that your partner lacks the intensity of passion you desire, or that you wear yourself out while your lover is still getting into stride.

You may have to make an effort to pace your desires and be more consistent in your tastes to match your partner's. At the same time, your lover must understand that an apparently inconsistent or fickle desire is actually one in a series of sudden but sincere enthusiasms that must be seized and enjoyed on the spot before the impulse takes another direction. Although such an affair may take some time to develop, you would be happiest with a patient and understanding lover who can adjust to your timing rather than someone whose rhythms are similar to but out of sync with yours.

(Robert Hand)

You are very affectionate toward others, but you hate to be tied down by anyone. Not shy or reserved, you express your loving feelings freely, and you need to be free to love whomever you choose. When you are older and have some kind of romantic life, you may have problems in understanding the balance between your own rights and the rights of your loved one in the relationship. You are unwilling to give in to your partner, because you always want things your own way. The price you pay for this may be difficult relations with the opposite sex. While you are young, this could be a problem in your relationships. However, now is the time when you can learn how to give and how to make compromises with friends, relatives and other people.

With others, you often make no special effort to be popular and well-liked. But people usually like you anyway because you are yourself, not because you are charming. If you like someone you meet, you will not hesitate to say so. You are usually the person who starts a friendship or, later, a love relationship. You know what you want, and you are willing to go after it.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus is in its detriment sign. Here is 'self'-satisfaction. Where Venus loves, she is apt to do much for the loved one, but in this position she is apt to love herself through the loved one. A tendency to touchiness; and is apt to be easily offended due to self-love. Apt to be inconsiderate of others without realizing it. This is a love springing into activity with ardor and enthusiasm, but not a sustaining and nurturing kind of caring. Passion and aggressiveness can be strong; thus, Venus may lose her sweetness in this sign. The lesson needed with this placement is the ability to put oneself in the other fellow's shoes. In spite of an impulsive approach to love, Venus in Aries is idealistic, and is always seeking outwardly that which can only be found within. There is a tendency to lack stability, for Venus can tire quickly and change her mind often in the impulsive, restless

sign of Aries.

Venus ♀ in 11th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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Just as the placement of Venus in the third and seventh Air houses focuses on the ease with which individuals form interpersonal relationships, its position in the airy eleventh house encourages group activities that accommodate creative ideas, love, and the need to be associated with a unit. Because the eleventh sign / house represents an attempt to align with a force greater than the self, that is, the 'limiting' sphere of home and family, those with Venus in this house only value themselves if they can identify with a particular group - whether it be their circle of friends, the community, the nation or their belief system - political, philosophical or religious. In fact, the placement of Venus in this area of the chart almost guarantees that part of the reason one attracts or is attracted to a particular partner lies in shared political, social, cultural and / or artistic ideals.

Passionate, diplomatic, charming and well-spoken, those with Venus in the eleventh house are often called upon to mediate or be spokespeople for an organisation, idea or product. Dedicated to the improvement of their social, political and cultural milieu, they often devote more time to community activism than to their own families, whom they are often accused of neglecting. For this reason, it is vital for them to select socially concerned partners, who either share or, at least, respect their ideological points of view. Most important, their partners must provide the friendship, intellectual stimulation and freedom of expression that go beyond the sensual enjoyment and monetary security so important to other placements of Venus. (The need for a spouse or partner who is valued as a friend is particularly acute of Venus is the ruler or the descendant - that is, if Taurus or Libra is on the seventh house cusp.)

While Aquarius (the eleventh sign) and the eleventh house are often promulgated as representing social, political and religious values, the placement of Venus describes the precise relationship formed within the group, community or organisation espousing those ideals. Because Venus is directed towards harmony, artistry and beautification, individuals with this planet in the eleventh house are attracted to creative arts organisations or troupes whose vision may also extend to the social and political arenas. Their functions within the group structure may range from being observers to being a vital part of the group's artistic or public relations staff - each role utilises their powers of persuasion.

While traditional astrological texts infer that one's friendships (eleventh house) are primarily with women (Venus), it is more appropriate to describe Venus in the eleventh

house as the ability to maintain long-lasting friendships (eleventh house) with individuals (regardless of sex) who are creative, passionate and loyal (Venus). This position also suggests that the ideal situation is one in which the spouse or love interest is also a friend and / or colleague - because people with Venus in this house tend to spend a fair amount of time away from home.

Since the eleventh house is categorised as one of Air, the placement of Venus there epitomises the ethereal, cerebral Goddess who assigns more importance to platonic love than to physical love. Since the eleventh house signifies one's hopes and dreams, those with Venus in this house have extremely high and often unrealistic expectations for their partners, whom they expect to live up to the ethical standards of the organisations to which they belong - an almost impossible task. It is very important that these individuals separate everyday reality from their exaggerated idealism without relinquishing their dedication and activism. On the other hand, an afflicted Venus may cause such devotion to causes or even to friends that elements of insecurity and jealousy may enter their relationships, thus jeopardising otherwise meaningful associations in both the personal and the professional sphere.

The impracticality of those with Venus in this house may also result in a misuse or neglect of their finances, which can simply be overlooked in favour of indulging (Venus) their social activism (eleventh house). On the other hand, they may just be donating their earnings to their favourite charitable causes. It may be advisable for these individuals to choose efficient, level-headed partners to handle their practical affairs and balance out their idealism.

As the second house (finances) from the tenth house (profession), the eleventh house represents, according to Hindu (Vedic) astrology, that which we have earned. With Venus placed in the eleventh house, there is not only the ability to profit from the fruits of one's labour, but also a tendency to squander it just as easily. Because the eleventh house is impractical, these people will probably not amass possessions but will contribute to charitable causes or support worthwhile organisations.

Because self-affirmation is often measured by the group with whom we identify or 'belong', individuals with this placement of Venus are often hesitant to take on family responsibilities for fear these will complicate or interfere with their social, political and / or religious obligations. While there may be an innate conflict and even trepidation about settling down into domesticity, the eleventh house has, according to ancient tradition, long been regarded (along with the fifth house) as an indicator of fertility and the timing of childbirth. To this end, if a well-aspected Venus or Jupiter is situated in the eleventh house, circumstances revolving around the birth of a child should be beneficial. By the same token, if the aforementioned planets transit the eleventh house, the time is ripe for planning a pregnancy.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

People with Venus in the eleventh house will derive pleasure and happiness from a large circle of friends and acquaintances. They may be a part of several different social networks, as they are capable of interacting with a wide variety of people.

Friends will be a high priority for people with Venus in the eleventh; and they will spend a lot of time maintaining friendships. Their happiness is very dependent on their circle of friends. Discord between others can adversely affect them; they want everyone to like and get on with everyone else.

People with this placement who have not developed their own friendships may expect their partner to provide them with a circle of friends. They may come to see their partner's friends as theirs, not recognizing that they only know these people through their partner, and that they do not have their own friends.

They are likely to find a partner through their social activities. If they do have their own circle of friends, they will want to draw their partner into their social sphere, and will similarly move in on their partner's social life. These are not likely to be individuals who have separate friends.

In a relationship, shared hopes and wishes will also matter to them. They will want their partner to enter into their dreams for the future, and will want to be involved in and share in their partner's vision of their future. This, more than anything, will be what binds them to another.

They may be people who get a lot of their relating needs met through their participation in an organization. This could be an ideologically based group such as Friends of the Earth or a political party; or one representing something else they feel strongly about. They will derive well-being from involvement in group activities, and they enjoy the camaraderie offered by a shared ideal. They may find a love relationship with someone they meet in this setting. Whether in this context or not, they may be drawn to someone who displays strong convictions.

They enjoy and perform well in any group situation where co-operation is required. They do well when working as part of a team. They tend to thrive in co-operative ventures. They may enjoy group holidays. This is a very sociable person who has a high degree of tolerance and acceptance for each individual within a group. People with this placement are able to act as a mediator between others in order to achieve group cohesion, and contribute immensely to the smooth running of any organization.

These are people who may place their friends and involvement in groups above any romantic involvement. Platonic love may matter as much to them; and anyone they become intimately involved with will have to be capable of being their best friend too.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is found in the idealistic wonder of man's cosmic spirit, the beauty of his universal resourcefulness, and the lofty aspirations which elevate his consciousness to a progressive visionary understanding of life. He admires the beauty of individual differences while at the same time being capable of realizing the aspirations of group consciousness. Thus, through a liberal and humanitarian outlook on life, he makes friendships easily, while contributing the beauty of his universal ideas towards groups, associations or philosophies which harmoniously unfold through social change. He seeks the kind of love which is forever evolving towards a hopeful future. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are realized, he has much to learn about how his impersonal values affect his ability to feel love on a personal level.

He can chase for years the obtuse fantasies of a personal need for freedom, finding it easier to relate to others casually than intimately. Thus, he can allow his feelings to get somewhat remote through a tendency to ease himself out of the center of warmth and affection through which his true beauty comes.

Many with this placement prefer to isolate themselves from established values, living instead through an idle nature by which they seek to experience the easy pleasure of life. With this attitude, the individual can easily lose himself in strange or curious pursuits whose unconventional directions tend to warp his outlook. Thus, in searching for harmony with himself, he can be incredibly naive about his own personal relationship with life.

If his friendships, acquaintances and group affiliations are anything less than idealistically founded in the higher concepts of humanity, he can easily dissipate himself in wasteful philosophies or subcultures whose libertine values contribute little to human need. Thus, more than any other placement in the zodiac, it is important for this individual to choose friends who are in harmony with the uplifting ideals through which humanity reaches universal goodness.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, the individual begins to realize the true essence of universal love. He becomes attracted to culturally progressive thinkers, artists, poets, musicians - the givers of beauty and the lifters of society, whose special sense of caring helps him to feel the harmony of human idealism as it unfolds towards an enlightened future. From this sense of cosmic harmony, he learns how to blend his hopes and dreams into the fibre of universal love, which becomes the foundation of all he will give to others. Being especially sensitive to social injustice, or the 'underdog', his sincere feelings for mankind seek to balance human equality.

Thus, he sees how love fosters the evolution of his race. He learns how to devote himself to the furtherance of worthy causes which bring out man's humanity to man.

Many with this placement direct their lives towards expressing a message of humanitarian love, for the individual is capable of feeling how everything in the universe is in harmony with everything else. As a result, he realizes the beauty of individual freedom, yet at the same time sees the common thread through which all is connected to the whole.

His very special Gift of Love is his ability to realize man's individual awakening to the essence of cosmic beauty, through which he helps to discover a veritable renaissance of social change as it unfolds through the Golden Rule of equality which makes each man his brother.

(Howard Sasportas)

A planet's house position instructs how the person can best approach life in that area. Those with Venus in the 11th, then, should encourage and develop a natural inclination to unite and co-operate with others in friendship and group situations.

They have the capacity to bring positive influences into any group they join and receive the same back in return, although aspects to Venus will show if other things get in the way of this happening. Usually there will be a fondness for social life and cultural openings. If Venus is difficultly aspected by Jupiter or Neptune, too much energy may be dissipated in social situations, and greater discrimination is required.

The image of the beloved and that which is beautiful might be projected onto a friend or a group. Some people with Venus in the 11th only feel beautiful if they are seen with and accepted by the 'right' group or crowd. There may be an eye to personal social advancement through choosing groups or friends who are helpful in achieving their goals and objectives in life. Unlike Neptune, Venus doesn't always put on her girdle for nothing back in return.

For others, however, there is an interest in those groups or organizations which propose to better or improve life in some way. Venus in the 11th gives and expects quite a high standard of friendship or group involvement, and may be disappointed if others don't share or live up to these ideals. Sometimes, issues of rivalry and competitiveness may surface with friends or in group situations.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

People with Venus in the eleventh house are dreamers, weavers of fantasies, eloquent speakers, and good storytellers. They have elegant manners, and move through the crowd with cheerful authority. They exude confidence in speech and manner, and act as though born to the purple, with an air of casual elegance that others seek to emulate. Frequently they are inheritors of wealth and position; but, if not, they have the opportunity to observe those who are, and learn their style and manner.

They are extremely inventive; and their active imaginations are put to use inventing anything from get-rich-quick schemes to science fiction to more or less useful and lucrative inventions.

They have pleasant, mellow voices, and are usually good singers, able to accompany themselves on a piano or guitar and to amuse themselves and their companions without a whole lot of effort or training. They love to party and hang out, which, with other partyhearted placements, can get to be too much of a good thing.

This is a good position in any chart, because it assures a certain amount of success in almost any endeavor and the granting of at least one major wish. However, without an iron will (strong Sun, Mars, Saturn or Pluto aspects), there is the danger of resting too long on the laurels, of drifting with pleasing circumstance with little effort beyond what is necessary just to keep floating along. A strong Mars is needed, and a well-placed Saturn or Uranus, for these people to mobilize their energies, from merely enhancing the passing moment, into something more permanent. Without pressure aspects, they have a tendency to live in their dreams and imaginations while doing their best to steer clear of cold, hard reality. It is too bad if they do, because any effort on their part will bring results unusually quickly.

This position of Venus doesn't modify stronger and more ambitious aspects and locations, but it adds a veneer of bonhomie, of good fellowship and charm, that can hide an iron will, if it is there, and create the illusion that the climb to the top has been without effort.

They always benefit greatly from the admiration and assistance of women and young people of wealth and position. As for a career, these people can benefit more from a round of parties than most can from months or even years of hard work.

(Bill Herbst)

Group participation: You love the whole experience of socialization; and very little in life is more pleasing to you than group involvement. You fit in easily, naturally, comfortably. Mediation is your natural posture in groups. But accept the inevitability of some conflict, since egos clash in even the smoothest organizations. The challenge is to lubricate the gears of social organizations with grace and charm, but without compromising personal values.

Appropriate behavior: You enjoy the rituals of social existence, and you look forward to opportunities to demonstrate your sense of class, your flair for high society. You're especially suited to formal gatherings with elaborate rules of order, for the 'politics of the court' (whether serious or soap opera) are a source of joy. You're sensitive to what others seem to want you to be, since you want to please, but avoid the pitfall of

artificiality. The challenge is to be both charming and sincere.

Friendship, social circle: Friendship is linked with personal affection. There is a greater-than-average likelihood of romances growing out of friendships, or vice versa. You may be drawn to artistic types; and physical beauty is very compelling, as are those devoted to beauty. Appreciation of social ritual is important. There is a sweetness to your friendships, a gentle delicacy. You want your friends to be pleased with you all the time, and pleasing to you as well. The challenge is to make your social circle a source and an outlet for the love and beauty in your life.

Shared creativity: Shared creativity is a high priority and a great satisfaction. Your talent is polishing the ideas and structures other group members provide. Being sensitive to harmony, you operate in a way that smooths over rough edges, soothes ego conflicts, and alerts the group to the necessity of allowing creativity to happen rather than straining to create it. Your creative role is to provide beautiful forms for the group's expression.

Receiving love: You feel loved when your beauty is recognized, when you're showered with affection or gifts. You may require that you be placed on a pedestal, although you're much too sophisticated to overtly express such egotism. The question is sincerity. You love being charmed, and you're certainly charming in response. Being the beloved is a role you relish. But do your suitors really love you, or are they too mearely acting the part? Are you in their hearts, or simply in the script? It may not make any difference at all, though this varies according to Venus's sign and aspects. The challenge is to experience the archetypes of courtier and beloved in all their glory, but then to go beyond your infatuation with the rites of loving, to feel the flesh-and-blood human beings who can make love more than a dance. Finally, love is a sacrament.

(Robert Pelletier)

You focus strongly on achieving a comfortable and abundant lifestyle, enriched by a rewarding career and good friends. In order to fit into the social environment you aspire to, you may have to overspend to acquire the right social image. Being accepted is very important to you. But you fit quite naturally into the mainstream of society; and because of your easygoing manner and flair for communication, you generally qualify for the groups you want to join. You know how to make people feel comfortable, which endears you to them. You enhance your partner's social position; and he or she shares your dreams for the future. When given the opportunity, you prove that you can promote your ideas to achieve the goals you've established. You are especially skilled in dealing with people in your personal and professional affairs.

In your struggle to achieve your goals, it is important to recognize your limitations so that you don't waste your time and energy in unrewarding enterprises. You know what you want out of life, and you have a feel for how to go about getting it. You know that a formal education will further qualify you to accept a responsible and rewarding position.

You are willing to make any necessary adjustments in your plans to get the training you need to satisfy your objectives.

You are attracted to persons who seem destined to succeed in their endeavors, and you will probably select your partner from this group. It is important to you that you and your partner have equal opportunities to demonstrate individual talents in your respective careers. You look for situations in which you can promote your creative talents to the maximum. You may have to curtail your plans to satisfy your family's more immediate needs. In time, you will find a way to achieve your long-range plans. You must be content to build slowly and consistently, expanding as your resources allow. Much of your desire for financial independence and a rewarding lifestyle comes from observing those around you who have arrived at those goals. You may get many helpful suggestions from your associates.

You don't generally discuss your writings and early environment, for you consider those matters private and privileged. Nevertheless, your early environment stimulated you to improve the quality of your life. You may have had to put up with some obligations to your family, which indicates how strong your parents' influence was. You will accept and endure routine physical tasks if they give you a chance to improve your skills. Though you are generous in helping others, you resent it when people demand that you help them.

Don't underestimate your qualifications for helping improve the quality of life of others. The people you help will remember you fondly for your efforts; and being appreciated does wonders for your self-image. You would prefer a career that gives you social status and allows you to mingle with people who have distinguished themselves by their accomplishments. Don't forget those who helped you in your struggle to achieve your goals; remember, you could meet them again on the way down. You will undoubtedly acquire the finer things in life, for which you have a deep appreciation.

Mars in Sagittarius 24° 7'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high physical energies, adequate mental and emotional energies, and low practical energies. Your energy is freedom-seeking, erratic and speculative. It is often channeled into gambling of a literal or figurative nature, publishing, and giving advice to others. Your strengths include hope, optimism and enthusiasm. You lack discrimination, endurance and consistency.

You have a strong sense of justice and an inner strength based on a positive philosophy of life. You're also courageous and very good at debating, persuading, and popularizing. Your spontaneity is a plus, although at times it can contribute to sloppiness or slapdash

work. And should your Mars be under severe stress - in a Grand Cross, for example - your tendency to act without thinking can get you into a fair amount of difficulty.

Sexually, you're expansive and undoubtedly not the sort to 'save yourself for marriage'. You tend to approach any kind of sexual encounter optimistically, and sometimes with not a lot of discrimination. If it's offered, after all, it must be a sign that somebody 'up there' thinks you need it. If it's not offered, men with Mars in Sagittarius can be quite bold, blunt, and even crude about asking for it. And they have few qualms about one-night or even one-hour stands. What they do have qualms about is committing and taking responsibility; they are not, by nature, Boy Scouts, and hence do not always come prepared. Women with this Mars placement tend not to be really good at 'feminine wiles' and often wind up being the best friend rather than the lover. They do, however, enjoy sex - although they sometimes, to their detriment, get it mixed up with love.

It's hard to say what you want, except that you want what you believe in. And you'll fight to get it. 'It' might be foreign travel, higher education, specialized knowledge, or merely freedom to come and go as you please with no strings. You tend to approach virtually any involvement in a wide-open, anything-goes fashion. For this reason, a lot depends on your philosophy of life. There can be beautifully spontaneous relationships that deepen without losing their zest as time goes on, or there can merely be a series of rather superficial relationships - fun while they last, but not lasting long. Your best chances of happiness would come from involvement with someone who has Venus in a Fire sign, Venus in the 9th house, or a Venus / Jupiter conjunction. People with Fire or Air predominating in their charts will probably be more compatible with you than those who have Earth or Water predominating.

You're best off working for someone else in a salaried job. You have a high energy level and are a self-starter, but meeting deadlines isn't your strong suit. You have a tendency to get side-tracked and spread yourself too thin. In a corporation, this tendency will be squashed pretty quickly, and therefore will be kept under control by you if you value your job. But when self-employed, or working freelance, with no-one to account for your time, your unreliability can lead to more than one setback. Curb that tendency to scatter your energies, and success will be yours! With proper training, you could do well in the following areas: legal work, religious work, publishing, diplomatic work, publicity, communications, lecturing, philosophy, travel, exploring, or flight engineering.

Unless an activity has tremendous potential to improve your life, your interest in it passes quickly and your motivation remains on low. Trips to little-explored foreign places and opportunities to teach or do research in new, wide-open fields would be typical of the sort of activity that motivates you strongly. On a smaller scale, social activity involving shared creative or intellectual interests, or meeting people who expand your mind somehow, can lead to lucky breaks. So can romance. Fads, especially those of a recreational nature, can provide you with good opportunities, as can any action on your part that's designed purposely to remove restrictions from your life.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by competitively pitting your philosophical understanding against another's intelligence. You can inadvertently imply that the beliefs of others are based on inferior understanding and intellectual ability. You may lose energy for expanded insights by using the power of Sagittarius intellect to intimidate others with demonstrations of self-righteousness.

Dynamic

You can assert a powerful intellect by inspiring others to attain their intellectual heights. When you are willing to learn as well as teach, you can accept the views of others and incorporate their ideas with yours. Taking the time to understand another's point of view first allows you to establish a line of communication. You can gain energy by acknowledging the intellectual contributions of others and actively inspiring them to reach out and expand their goals and ideals.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

People with Mars in Sagittarius tend to have huge expectations of sex. Believing it to be a path to self-knowledge, many are looking for sex to give meaning to life, and they may elevate it to the status of a religious belief. This can lead to restless promiscuity as they search for the spiritual enlightenment they crave. They can make a religion out of their own need for sexual freedom in order to pursue this illusive goal. On the surface, they appear to be happy and easy-going; but underneath there may be emptiness, despair, and a sense of having been cheated, as life constantly fails to match up to expectations. This provokes an endless search for the deep sexual healing that they believe could soothe this inner pain.

As with all Fire signs, but most intensely with Sagittarius, there is a propensity to feel limited by the body, which holds them down when they want to be all spirit; and this can lead to a total rejection of the physical. This manifestation of Mars in Sagittarius can indicate someone who despises the ways of the flesh and aspires to devote him- / herself to the concerns of the mind and spirit, therefore renouncing sex completely.

On a more ordinary everyday level, most people with Mars in Sagittarius do not live in such an extreme way, but they do all have the need for sex to bring meaning to life, together with a strong belief in personal freedom. There is a common desire for sex to enrich their lives spiritually and offer a gateway to personal development. They are stimulated by differences and challenge, and so are often attracted to those who come from very different backgrounds who can give them a new perspective and widen their

horizons.

The impulsive nature of Mars in Sagittarius people means that they often jump too quickly into close relationships and then immediately feel restricted, so that often they have no sooner started a relationship than they have dreams of leaving. There is a tendency to run away from difficult situations rather than face up to the consequences of their own action. Indeed, they often find it hard to accept responsibility for what happens, believing that they have acted with the best of intentions and that therefore it must be the other person's fault.

In order to enjoy sex, these people need to feel free to act spontaneously. Within a relationship that offers this, they are very active and enthusiastic sexual partners, uninhibited and keen to experiment. They need the stimulation of variety, and tend to become bored if sex is too predictable.

The person with Mars in Sagittarius will want to get a lot of fun out of his / her relationships, and will enjoy going out to the cinema, concerts, and other entertainments with his / her partner. These people are also likely to enjoy their partners participating in sporting activities with them, so that a shared morning jog or a tough game of tennis could be quite an aphrodisiac!

People with Mars in this sign are able to make their partners feel really good. They have a warm enthusiasm which they give out freely - if they want you, they really show it. Generous-spirited and optimistic, they expect to be desired, and so act in an open, confident way. If they are rebuffed, they will just try again or turn their attention elsewhere. They can, however, be rather careless with other people's feelings, tending to act first and think later, which can be very painful to those who are more sensitive. They find it hard to focus on the here and now or empathize with other people, as their gaze is firmly fixed on the distant horizon. They prefer to ignore difficulties, and that includes people's hurt feelings. Rather than grapple with present problems, they will concentrate on their visions for the future and chase their dreams. For someone who shares these dreams, it can be an exciting road to travel.

(Skye Alexander)

Restless and energetic, you need lots of physical activity, and have trouble sitting still for long. You want to be on the move as much as possible. Your boundless curiosity and adventurousness may inspire you to explore distant realms; and you enjoy nothing better than travelling.

You probably enjoy sports and have natural athletic ability as well as energy, speed and enthusiasm. Since Sagittarius is associated with the legs, you might excel at skiing, running, soccer, basketball or bicycling. Or, your love of speed and gambling could make you an auto- or horse-racing enthusiast. Unless you have some stabilizing factors in

your birth chart, though, you may not have the disciplined and determination to develop your talent fully; you want to have a good time, and once it becomes work you lose interest.

You have a tendency to scatter your energy, to try to do too many things at the same time, and to spread yourself too thinly. Because your attention span is short and your interests are many, you often start things but fail to finish them, and are inclined to promise more than you can deliver. It seems that you are always late and rushing madly from place to place, like the rabbit in Alice in Wonderland.

Friendly, witty and good-natured, you have many associates, people with whom you like to do things and have fun. You love to talk, but prefer to keep the subjects light and humours, and often entertain friends with jokes and amusing stories. You have a vivid imagination, and might channel your energy and enthusiasm into creating a colorful fantasy world. Too often, however, you prefer the fantasy land you've imagined to the responsibilities of the material world.

You believe that you are invincible; and your irrepressible confidence and optimism usually get you through the tough times, so that it seems as though you were born under a lucky star. Often you succeed because you never stop to think about failing. You are the quintessential salesperson or con artist, and sometimes even manage to convince yourself that your snake oil really works. Even if one of your fanciful schemes doesn't pan out, however, you bounce back from defeats with hope in your heart and a smile on your face, and it's hard to stay mad at you for long. To you, it's all a game, and the playing is what counts.

You approach sex as if it, too, were a game to be enjoyed, but not taken too seriously. It's difficult for you to commit to one person, partly because you don't want to limit your opportunities and partly because you are afraid of serious involvements. You are terrified of being 'trapped' in a relationship. In this area as in so many others, you are better at starting things than finishing them.

Men with this planetary combination are proud of their sense of humor, positive attitude, athletic ability and playfulness, and see wit and optimism as desirable qualities in a man. You enjoy nothing more than watching a ball game or going out drinking with the boys. But when things get too serious you become uncomfortable and you fill your life with activity to avoid dealing with important issues. Free and easy with your money and time, you like to impress others with your generosity. Responsibility, however, isn't your strong suit, and things like mortgage payments and business meetings tend to slip your mind.

Women with Mars in Sagittarius find humorous, upbeat, fun-loving men most appealing. You want a partner with whom you can go places and do things, not someone who will sit quietly with you in front of the fireplace. In particular, you might be attracted to athletes and / or tall, active, robust men who make you laugh.

Mars in 7th House

(Donna van Toen)

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

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

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

To people with Mars in the seventh, relationships are the driving force of life, even though they are fraught with difficulty and the source of much conflict. Being close to someone brings up a lot of anger and insecurity, and these people may tend to use their partner as a punch bag on whom they vent all their frustration and rage. But even though close relationships are so difficult, the urge to be involved is so strong that they are seldom on their own for long.

Desire and anger are closely linked for them, so sex tends to stir up hostility, and they

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

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

They have trouble getting along with people, so those with Sun or Mars in Fire or Earth

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: Others may seek you out as an attractive object of desire. You

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

An argumentative person, you must try not to get angry when people disagree with you. If you can be objective, you will understand that no-one is trying to threaten you - they are simply presenting an alternate point of view. This could be an opportunity to expand your knowledge and get the benefit of someone else's experience, so don't cut it off before you have a chance to evaluate the situation. People are impressed by your aggressiveness, but they are intimidated when you act impulsively without justification. You will get support for your programs if you learn to discipline yourself, because people won't take a chance with you unless you seem more self-controlled. You arouse people's interest by dramatizing your plans. Above all, get an education so that you can learn how

to promote your ambitious plans without incurring the resentment of your intended supporters.

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

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

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

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♎ Libra 15° 48'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

When you decide to take the leap of faith and put yourself in situations where you will experience intimate contacts with people, you can undergo a sense of expansion and joy. As you accept and trust deep level relationships and can get close to people on more than superficial levels, you may find a continuous inspiration to self-growth. Self-trust increases as you use your natural abilities for creating ease in social situations to unite others into a harmonic whole.

(Marilyn Waram)

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

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

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

side comes to the fore, then the individual will either open himself up to only loosely structured relationships, or leave.

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

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

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

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

With Jupiter in Libra at its best, the individual has a lot of reverence for the importance of

co-creation, between individuals to form a relationship, and between people to form social institutions which improve the quality of life. He has a powerful concern with justice and may turn his attention to political life as a way of expressing his concern. In such a role, with enlightened integrity and charming sophistication, he can talk others into programs which are idealistic, future-oriented and of benefit to many.

(Skye Alexander)

You are likely to experience some sort of growth and expansion as a result of your relationships. Perhaps a fortunate marriage or business partnership enables you to achieve greater success or recognition than you would have on your own. Or, because of your relationships you might expand your horizons through travel, higher education, philosophy or religion. Your partners in love and / or business open doors for you - professionally, personally, intellectually or spiritually - and you come to understand yourself and your place in the Universe better through them.

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Libra indicates a strong concern with justice or moral principle in marriage, partnerships and close personal relationships. Since the native tends to marry someone interested in religious, educational and philosophic thought, this position favors

a marriage based on spiritual values and co-operation in contributing to the larger social order. Such values go beyond sexual attraction, so that there is promise of an enduring marriage (unless Jupiter is heavily afflicted here) and of a worthwhile home life (because Jupiter is exalted in Cancer).

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

These people are generous in their consideration of the wishes and needs of others, so that unless Jupiter is afflicted, they are popular and well liked. This consideration produces an ability for dealing with the public, which enables them to be psychologists, mediators, diplomats, peace-makers, and public relations and sales personnel.

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

This is a position of curiosity, capable of seeing opportunity almost everywhere. There is a certain perversity about it, because you seem willing to do anything except what your nature is best fitted for. The opportunity that will appeal most to you is very likely to be the last thing in the world you should do. You are all too likely to follow what someone else says you ought to do, or what chance throws in your way. You need to cultivate

firmness of purpose, and to concentrate on one line in which you want to excel. Your need for appearing successful in the eyes of others, rather than in your eyes, causes you to see too much with the eyes of others, so that you lack the drive of those who work outward from their wells of ego into the world. You are all too likely to try to fit your ego into the demands of other people, and thus to flounder because your anchor is not within your own heart.

(Sydney Omarr)

Jupiter in Libra presents an extraordinary talent for spotting opportunity, for swaying public opinion, for winning friends and influencing people. The native tends to take too many things for granted. He tends to back down when the going gets rough. This is because it is usually too smooth - and setbacks are something foreign to him. He needs to hear applause; he feels praise is more important than good. The astrologer must help him to see that principles, too, are important.

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

Jupiter ♃ in 5th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

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Since all of the 'fiery' houses have a major impact on one's attitude toward life itself, one would be correct in assuming that having Jupiter in this house (the house correlated with the Sun and Leo) would indeed motivate a person to have a strongly philosophical - and usually optimistic - attitude toward life. There is in this placement of Jupiter a powerful urge toward significance - toward 'being somebody' (as in show business), toward expressing something significant creatively, or toward making a significant contribution to society. It is not surprising that Jupiter in the fifth house is not known for a humble expression of one's self and beliefs, for such a big planet in such a powerful, dynamic house cannot be squelched or ignored.

The upbeat, optimistic quality of Jupiter is expressed well through the fifth house, with little inhibition; and, in fact, sometimes life is seen or felt to be a show, a drama, or an arena for spontaneous and enjoyable play. Traditionally, the fifth house rules speculation, and - with Jupiter in this house - risk-taking of all kinds is accentuated. Risking hurt by giving one's heart (fifth house) in love; risking financial loss through speculative investment; risking disapproval by appearing on stage in the hope of public

approbation; or launching out into the world a creative work, thus risking criticism, rejection, or sheer neglect - all of these are fifth house ventures closely tied in with one's identity. All are a result of revealing and projecting publicly one's innermost self, as is also having children, another reflection of one's self (or, at least, so many parents seem to think!). So what does such extensive risk-taking have to do with 'Identity Security', this house's keywords? Simply that, by taking risks in a wide range of activities and modes of personal expression, we can grow more secure and gain confidence that we do indeed have something to contribute; and thus our awareness of our inner self and creative purpose (beyond mere personality) can be expanded.

In Indian Vedic astrology, the fiery houses (1, 5 & 9) are known as dharma houses, and are thus connected with right action. The fifth house specifically is known for symbolizing 'creative intelligence', which is not intellectual ability but rather a more intuitive perception with a creative flair. All the fiery houses have to do with projecting dreams into the physical world in the hope of seeing them manifested; but the fifth house especially - being the most creative house of all - represents a strong need to see an effect on the world at large through one's creative ventures and self-expression. With Jupiter in this house, this urge tends to be even more persistent and powerful than with most other placements in the fifth house. This house, in fact, has more to do with true creativity than with fame; many creative pioneers have various planets in this house but are relatively unknown. If I wrote about such individuals in this book, the reader wouldn't have the vaguest idea about who they are!

Creative expression can take so many forms that we should not fall into the trap of seeing creativity only as expressed in a few artistic or entertainment fields, for Jupiter in this house can indicate an entrepreneurial streak as well, creatively building a business through the power of vision into the future. Or one can find people who encourage others to grow or to express themselves, especially those who work with children. One can also find unique examples of creative expression. Jupiter in this house can also manifest itself as being outspoken in a creative way, thus having a strong impact on society.

Because the fifth house is known for taking risks, and especially so when Jupiter is posited in it, we have to mention the tendency toward going to excess through taking too much risk. As Charles Carter wrote about the fifth house in *Essays*,

Thus it would not be too much to postulate that the term 'the house of self-undoing' is much more applicable to this sector than to the maligned 12th house, which more often points to trouble through other people. Those who have ruined themselves through self-indulgence and recklessness... will usually show in their nativities an involvement of the 5th house....

(Marilyn Waram)

A Fire planet ought to be at home in Fire house; and it is true that this is a comfortable

placement for Jupiter. However, this is the house of the ego, and Jupiter is the planet of excesses, so there are lots of ways to go with this combination.

Jupiter placed in the fifth house connects ultimate values and the tendency to expand to the ego, self-esteem, willingness to take risks, courage, creative ability, children and lovers.

A person with Jupiter in the fifth house may value children tremendously and have many. He may expect his children to be perfect - that is, have extremely high or totally unrealistic standards for them - or he may project, and think they expect him to be so. He may set himself up as God in his relationship with them, and present himself as a parent who does not make mistakes and should never be questioned or doubted. He may enjoy teaching them, and may have to watch a tendency to play guru, to act as if he has all the answers. This is a particularly easy pattern to fall into because young children naturally look to their parents for answers and it can become seductive. In other words, the parent may enjoy the role so much he is unwilling to relinquish it later, and may fight the children when they come home with different ideas.

With Jupiter in the fifth, an individual may assume his children already are perfect, and defend them against all possible criticism. He may project Jupiter qualities on to them and discover that not only do they express all the confidence and enthusiasm and optimism which he lacks, but also they have outrageously unrealistic expectations of others, take too much for granted, assume they are entitled to anything they want, and irritate him with their tendency to preach. It is also possible with Jupiter in the fifth that the individual may value children in theory but want to maintain his freedom and so have none. Often this is experienced as a decision not to bring children into such an imperfect world. Or he may idealize certain qualities of children but be totally unwilling to deal with the realities of diapers, runny noses and crying fits.

All of this can be applied to lovers, as well. They may be idealized and put up on a pedestal. The individual may expect ultimate fulfillment from a lover or a love affair, or think he offers it himself. He may enjoy teaching a love partner, or expect her to have the answers. He may set himself or her up as a master who can do no wrong. He may set himself up as God, or assume that she is. He may demand too much from her, take her for granted, and have unrealistic expectations of her; or he may project, and experience all these from her. He may project his Jupiter qualities onto her, and be initially attracted to her free spirit, enthusiasm, optimism and intellect, but later be annoyed by her cavalier attitudes, self-righteousness and grandiosity.

With Jupiter in the fifth house, unless there are other factors in the chart to seriously dampen it, the ego, self-esteem and self-confidence tend to be high. With confidence and a healthy self-esteem, an individual can weather life's difficulties with remarkably little lasting damage. This is one of the placements which is most likely to have a positive world view - that is, to have a basic faith that the world is a good place and that he has a

right to - and decent odds that he will - enjoy himself.

Low self-esteem is known to be at the bottom of many chronic mental health and dysfunctional behavior problems. The individual with Jupiter in the fifth has the most chance of avoiding problems which stem from low self-esteem. Jupiter's association with a natural confidence and optimism can be of enormous benefit in the fifth house due to their positive effect on self-esteem.

All that does not preclude problems, however. This is a very restless combination which is doubly exuberant, doubly positive, doubly courageous and doubly willing to take risks. This may denote a daring and bold personality. With the Jupiter propensity to symbolize excesses, however, there is a strong possibility it will indicate recklessness and foolhardiness. The individual may gamble money, time, or even lives, depending on the scope of his power. He may place all his faith in his courage, Indiana Jones-style, and neglect simple safety measures which would make the heroics unnecessary. He may become an excitement addict, living for thrills and living on the edge, because that is where he gets the biggest adrenaline rush. Or he could simply assume that he is a hero and brag about his smallest accomplishments as if they were epic adventures.

The fifth house is one of the keys to creative ability; and with Jupiter placed here, the person usually has a number of enthusiasms and creative outlets. He may have too many to keep up with adequately, or he may cheerfully overestimate his talent, his capacity for output, or his worth; but generally his positive outlook will carry him through. He can be a true inspiration to others if he is so inclined. He can teach others about the value of self-respect and self-appreciation, and may even find he can do so through the performing arts. He may have to guard against a tendency to expect too much of himself in this, once he discovers that he has a certain charisma.

This combination is one which indicates the potential for much joy and happiness. The fifth house is the house of fun, playfulness and a kind of childlike, hopeful approach to the world. People with this combination particularly enjoy expanding their minds, travel, the cultural arts such as theatre, opera, the symphony and so on, and even religious spectacles. They usually love ceremony; the more pomp, the better. They are also individuals who have the capacity to offer ego-boosting strokes to others, as well as hope and a dramatic vision of the future. For these reasons, they are often well-liked. If they develop their integrity, they will also be well-respected. If they live according to high principles, they will be highly regarded, which regard and approval can become a powerful value.

The individual with Jupiter in the fifth is usually proud of his values, his intellect and his faith. If he travels, he will be exceptionally proud of that. He will love to be complimented on any of these, but definitely has to be at least acknowledged for them. If he should find himself in an environment where he cannot win approval, or at least recognition, he will leave quickly. There is something about Jupiter in the fifth that has the effect that the

person tends to truly value his essential inner being. Naturally, this can reach obnoxious proportions; but whether it does or not, this is not an individual who will put up with neglect or abuse unless there are other strong indications in the chart for that. Many people with this placement have a healthy sense of their own value, and do not tolerate for long any situation in which they are not appreciated. They have, therefore, much to teach those people who have chronic problems with co-dependency.

When Jupiter in the fifth is handled in a balanced way, a person has a great capacity to teach others about such life-transforming qualities as joy, optimism and confidence. He has the ability to draw from many sources to make the learning process enjoyable and entertaining. As he grows in understanding of the need for personal honesty, integrity and high principles, he can become an exceptionally fine role model for many others.

(Eve Jackson)

The serious business described by the earthy houses: acquiring, ordering, and achieving on the material plane: could scarcely be effectively accomplished without the complementary creative impulse of Fire, which precedes Earth in the zodiacal cycle. Before work (sixth house) comes play; and it must be the Protestant work ethic that would place such activity under the belittling heading of 'hobbies'. I would say rather that this house reflects our capacity to express ourselves by doing what we want to do rather than what we must. Animals, even when fully grown, find time to play, which suggests that play fulfils a very basic need; in fact, it is relatively easy to relate to other species on this level. A child at play tries out the range of life's possibilities; and the ability to play keeps adults elastic and creative.

With Jupiter in the fifth, there is usually plenty of appetite and enthusiasm for fun and games, as much or more so than when he is in the first. There is usually a great love of pleasure; and though those with this placement are sometimes accused of self-indulgence, they are happy to share their indulgence, and are often highly entertaining.

There is often a distinctly exhibitionistic streak. Jupiter's penchant for dressing up here seems to pick up something of Leo's liking for being on the stage; and this a very popular position in the charts of actors and performers. Frequent love affairs seem to go with this position too, as an expression of an irrepressible urge to find even more ways of having fun.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is an excellent position for Jupiter, as its powerfully harmonizing nature can work with both the Ascendant and the Midheaven to give leverage to whatever goals are set. People with Jupiter in the fifth have durable egos, and are not put off by much of anything. They can rise to power in whatever field they choose. However, due to the

location of Jupiter just below the horizon, they may choose to become the power behind the throne; the king-maker rather than the king.

Children and young people are very important to those with this Jupiter. They may groom their children to achieve their personal goals. They are born leaders, but, until they reach the stage where their leadership is acknowledged, they may be lonely, because they are not good followers. They are usually self-employed; if they work for others, they will function best with a minimum of supervision. They may have trouble in school due to a strong sense of their own rightness and their disdain of low behavior. They feel that the mighty authority they sense within themselves far outweighs the puny authority of parents, teachers, and bosses. They have great courage and inner strength, though they may not know this about themselves until later, after they've lived a bit and examined their own lives and the results of their choices.

Saturn ♄ in ♊ Gemini 15° 29'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might try to build barriers against intimate relationships in order to ensure the Gemini option to mingle with many people and to pursue goals and friendships in a superficial, social manner. This form of relating to life may lead to the jack-of-all-trades, master-of-none syndrome. The upshot can be frustration due to a failure to complete long-range goals because of your need to detach from everything. You may experience defeat by always creating an option and by refusing to commit yourself.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility in the world for bringing many ideas into manifestation. When you acknowledge your need for a variety of ambitious outlets, you can notice that a flitting-about, social frame of reference does not encourage a consistent, conscious centre from which you can handle your divergent ambitions.

You can dedicate yourself to building an inner focus point, which gives you security in the ability to complete your ideas one at a time or give them to someone who can bring them to completion. If you follow a consistent philosophical identity within yourself, you can use your many talents and abilities to communicate information that organizes and supports others in a solid way. Thus, you will attract a variety of people and experiences. The result will be the positive stimulus and the variety of challenges needed for fulfillment.

General

Learning to communicate clearly, honestly and openly is your challenge. You have a strong internal sense of self, and are recognizing your own strength through interrelating, connecting, and communicating with others. You are learning how to be open to a clear and mutually beneficial exchange of information through eliminating a tendency to self-censorship. Your job is to live in the moment and to verbalize clearly the ideas that come into consciousness as they arise. Through cultivating this innocent, spontaneous honesty with others, you find that the people around you take their rightful positions in your life without any need for conscious manipulation on your part.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Gemini is a natural quincunx, the aspect which usually carries an implication of wanting to do better. This may support the critic side of Saturn; but the Air ability to see both sides of everything, to understand, and to accept, can offset the critic. With serious insecurity, this combination may try to control information and communication for a sense of security. It can be 'dry', lacking in warmth, insisting on 'facts' only.

This combination often illustrates the two sides of Saturn at different stages of life. Initially, children with Saturn in Gemini often doubt their mental ability, sometimes because they are comparing themselves with a parent or an older sibling. But once they have gained a sense of competence, they typically choose a mental career. This may include any form of communication, such as teaching, counselling, sales, media work, etc.. Work with the hands is also possible. Gemini, like all forms of Letter Three, carries the potential for skill with eye-mind-hand co-ordination.

The father may have been bright and verbal and engaged in an intellectual profession. In such cases, he usually pushes the child to do well in school. Alternately, the father might have lacked education and worked with his hands. I have seen cases where such a father also pushed the child to become educated or to be able to do more in life than the father could; but in other cases, the father disdained mental skills. Sometimes a sibling or other relative plays the role of parent or there is a power issue in what should be a peer relationship. Sometimes, the individual feels responsible for a sibling. Mutual criticism or power struggles can be a danger in relationships which should be accepting and cooperative.

(Skye Alexander)

In some way, you are likely to experience difficulties in the area of communication. Perhaps your early education was restricted or inadequate, interfered with by poverty, childhood illness, poor schools, family troubles, etc.. Or, maybe a learning disability, speech defect or other problem caused you to get a slow start and you had to work hard to catch up later. You might have had to teach yourself everything you know, mostly

through trial and error.

As a result, you feel inferior in terms of your intellect, education or communication skills; and you probably are quite sensitive about this. Because you believed you were deficient in these areas, you may have put forth Herculean effort to improve yourself, so that now you are more than adequate. However, it is also possible that early impediments to your intellectual and verbal development caused you to fear and dislike learning, so that as an adult you still find yourself mentally blocked. This does not mean that you are stupid or unable to learn, but rather that your negative attitude toward education and your fear of being inferior could be standing in your way.

Speaking before groups might be especially hard for you, and your writing style may be stilted and self-conscious. Your test in life, however, could be to learn to use your intellect and / or communication skills effectively. This might even mean that you work to improve communication systems, perhaps through delivering mail, editing manuscripts or repairing telephones, office machines or computers. If you neglect your mental development or misuse your powers of communication, however, you will have to pay the price.

Your mind works in a logical, orderly fashion, and you are good at planning, organizing, analyzing, researching and retaining information. It is quite likely that your powers of concentration and your memory are also good. A practical thinker, you want to be able to apply what you know so that it produces tangible results. You have common sense, a head for business, and the ability to focus intently on facts, figures, and technical data. Whether writing or speaking, you get to the point and don't waste words; and you rarely speak unless you have something to say.

Because Gemini is associated with your immediate environment and travel near your home, you might experience frequent delays, frustrations and difficulties driving or taking public transportation in and around your community. Neighbors and / or siblings, too, could present problems for you; and you may find it hard to communicate with them. Finally, Gemini's connection with the hands could indicate restrictions or tests related to your hands and, perhaps, a need to develop good manual dexterity.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Gemini indicates a practical, well-disciplined, systematic, and logical mind. There is a capacity for discipline in thinking, reasoning, and writing, and in solving problems of all sorts. Ideas are judged on the basis of their practical usefulness and on whether they have been proved out through direct experience.

Discipline in all forms of mental work, especially mathematics, science, and the concrete implementation of ideas, usually enable the natives to carry through in formal courses of study. These people like things to be well-defined, organized in detail, and set down

on paper. They are particularly concerned about clarity in contracts and agreements.

Honesty in communication and dependability are of paramount importance; hence these people generally end up with something substantial to show for their efforts.

Saturn functions well in the Air signs because it adds discipline, justice, and practicality to the intellectual functions. Saturn's exaltation in Libra and co-rulership of Aquarius give strength to its position in Gemini, through the double trine in the Air triplicity of the natural Zodiac.

Many secretaries, stenographers, bookkeepers, accountants, writers, teachers and researchers have this position. It also favors those engaged in engineering, the physical sciences, and mathematics.

If Saturn is afflicted in Gemini, there can be a tendency to experience and display excessive doubt, suspicion, shyness, and a critical attitude. However, the natives are flexible in adapting to the practical needs of any situation, being resourceful in finding the solutions to problems; they view life with a practical objectivity.

(Grant Lewi)

You attack the world vigorously, finding your natural defence in a swift flanking movement in which, by speed and profundity, you justify your existence. This is one of the best positions for Saturn, sharpening and deepening your reaction to experience and giving you mastery of mind and therefore of life. You justify yourself actively and articulately, and work outward into the world in intellectual or physical endeavor. You are shrewd in business dealings and can be slick. You are likely to range far in your battle with life, which is a sort of intellectual guessing game that you are determined to win by force of superior intellect. You are rarely stalemated even by the most complicated situations that you get yourself into, for you always have an 'out' which is likely to be an 'up' as well. Adaptability is your great strength; your notion of how to justify yourself is not limited, and you have few vocational inhibitions. This is also a weakness: you're willing to try anything once. But you concentrate readily and can master many things in one lifetime. In its best manifestation, this is Goethe's 'universal man' to whom no doors were closed, or the idea of Francis Bacon, who took all knowledge for his province. In its worst form, it is a dilettante - but you generally will emerge from this adventurous extreme with something to show for life.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Gemini, Saturn gives us a native who is easily depressed and wonders when he will receive the affection he is so willing to give. He can meet misfortune through journeys and dealings with relatives unless he takes special care. He tends toward self-deception - he wants persons and situations to be a certain way and often sees them that way. The

astrologer's task is to help the native obtain a greater grasp of reality. This is accomplished by helping him overcome his fear of responsibility and concentration - he must learn to finish what he starts, to tackle one project at a time; he must not spread his efforts too thinly. He is capable of learning from experience but, if he is not wary, the experience can be depressing. His motives are fine but his methods, at times, are devoid of logic.

Saturn ♄ in 1st House

(Liz Greene)

The first house is usually considered to describe the physical body of the individual, the personality with which he relates to his external environment, and on perhaps a deeper level the kinds of experiences which he is likely to attract during his life and which help him to shape and develop a certain set of conscious tools with which to govern his life. There is a two-way flow of energy through the first house of the chart because it is - as has often been suggested - a kind of lens through which the experiences of the environment pass to reach the individual and through which his own qualities must pass to reach the environment. Whatever factors are present within the individual birth chart, they must pass through the conditioning qualities of the first house and in particular the Ascendant before they can be recognized by others or expressed in a tangible fashion. All four angles of the chart are related to this inward and outward flow of the reality of the inner person into the outside world, but the most personal and most obvious of these four points of release is the Ascendant. The entire first house relates to the physical presentation of the individual in a conscious and deliberate manner. Whatever a man innately is, he must express it through a body and according to a body type - which gives the term 'body' a larger framework. The Ascendant and the first house are often equated with the Jungian idea of the 'persona' which, if it is to be a positive and effective medium through which a man may present himself to the world, must be in reasonable accord with the more hidden, unconscious aspects of his psyche.

The idea of the 'persona' offers a considerable amount of insight into the function of the Ascendant, which is often maligned by being considered merely a superficial mask which has little relation to the inner reality of the person. Like the masks of the ancient Greek tragedy, the persona is the person's statement of himself to the world; through this cultivated component of the psyche, he declares his role according to the manner in which he has developed over the years. The persona, like the Ascendant, does not come into full conscious flowering until a certain level of maturity has been reached. Ideally, this role should be a synthesis of what is best in him, and most useful, and should be worn lightly so that the man does not make the mistake of identifying with his presentation. It is very much what he would ideally like to be, or what he is developing into, rather than what he automatically is at any given time. The first house is the most

unformed part of the birth chart, for it, even more than the rest of the chart, is in a process of becoming.

According to the strength or weakness of this presentation, and according to whether or not it is crystallised and rigid or flexible and lightly worn, the man is able to stand at a precarious balance point between his outer environment and the world of his unconscious motivations. If he pulls too much toward one, the other reacts; he is required by the tension of the pull to stand at the centre. If he begins to identify with the role which he has chosen, he crystallizes into it and is then at the mercy of the hidden and more treacherous aspects of his own psyche. If he ignores the outer world and attempts to withdraw into his own darkness, he is at the mercy of the environment and is dominated by it. From this viewpoint, the importance of the Ascendant may be inferred, for it would appear that its development needs always to be in delicate balance with the direction of the chart internally for man to be in balance with himself.

Some idea of the effects of Saturn in the first house of the natal chart may be seen if this psychological adjunct to the traditional astrological interpretation is considered. Saturn's traditional associations with crystallisation and identification with mundane values suggests that one of the most frequent psychic effects of this position, if left unconscious, is a crystallisation of and identification with one's mask, with a consequent inner vulnerability to moods and effects and a great difficulty in expressing the inner person to the outer world. The mask becomes a prison and cannot be torn away; and behind it, the man slowly suffocates.

One of the main qualities which appears to accompany Saturn in the first house is a lack of self-assertion of a positive kind. There is often a need to enforce one's will and to control the immediate environment; but rather than being the spontaneous and selfconfident assertion of the individual, this is more of a defensive manoeuvre which sometimes attempts to attack first because it is fearful of attack. Sometimes the need for control is expressed in a subtle and indirect way so that situations are manipulated without any real evidence of aggressiveness. This is the characteristic coupling of need and fear which is so often found with Saturn. The natural shyness and stiff awkwardness of Saturn is expressed more obviously with this placement than with any other, although the individual often learns during life to cultivate a smooth, cool and polished surface.

Saturn conjuncting the ascendant is frequently concurrent with a difficult birth, usually physically but sometimes psychologically as well; and this curious coincidnece occurs too often to be a real coincidence. It is, moreover, reasonable to assume that the natural reluctance of the person with Saturn in the first house to expose himself to the outside world might even extend to birth. It is common with a first house Saturn for the individual to learn from childhood that it is costly to get too involved with life; and there is a basic weakness in the persona which causes him to identify both too much and too little with the outward shell of his personality. He is therefore vulnerable to attack and control from the outside, and generally knows it; and much of his life may be spent in devising ways

of protecting himself so that the extent of his vulnerability is not discovered. The person with Saturn in the first house is often high in suspicion and low in self-confidence; and he looks out at others from behind an intangible but often very powerful barrier that effectively isolates him from the real impact of life. He may sometimes be burdened with chronic ill-health, particularly as a child when he has not yet learned other means of successful withdrawal from the arena. He often has little faith in himself; but the self with which he identifies is the mask rather than the total psyche. From the deliberate withdrawal from the roots of his own psychic life stems the curious lifelessness and dryness which is so often observable in the person with this placement of Saturn.

Saturn may overcompensate with this placement as much as with any other. Consequently there are usually two distinct kinds of reaction to the struggle between the desire to challenge and experience life to the fullest and the fear of being hurt, dominated, and crushed by the forces of a hostile environment. The man who perpetually effaces himself to avoid a struggle and who backs away from those situations which might call for strength, aggressiveness, or direct confrontation expresses one kind of unconscious Saturnian reaction. He often has no 'temper', and rarely displays anger; but this can be very hard on the physical body because the natural tendency toward irritability is turned inward against oneself. This position is often connected with symptoms of a psychosomatic kind such as migraine headaches, which are often linked with unexpressed anger and frustration. The self-effacement of this expression of Saturn is not truly humility, but it is rather a fear of entering the fight because of the inner certainty of losing it. There is often great emphasis on being 'unselfish', a favourite keyword of Saturn in the first house. But to be unselfish one must first have a self to give away; and the difficulty with this placement is that, in the beginning, until the individual comes to terms with his fear, there is no real acceptance of or expression of the self in the first place.

Saturn in the first house often feels that he is never able to have what he wants, that life is forever thwarting his desires. This is largely because he does not ask for what he wants; or, if he does ask, then it is with the concurrent feeling that he does not actually deserve a reply. The will and the use of the will are often frightening to this kind of individual because he is afraid of his own will and consequently projects what he terms wilfulness or selfishness onto others. As he comes to terms with this shadowy and powerful feature of his own personality - for the person with Saturn placed here has a powerful and controlled will if he chooses to recognise and utilise it - he generally finds that along with his frustration, he has also learned control over the desire nature and has shaped his personality into a disciplined tool. The controlled and directed will, coupled with a sense of purpose, is one of the more positive qualities offered by Saturn in the first house.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, the more aggressive manifestation of Saturn in the first house often appears, and this individual may be at first glance rarely distinguishable from the truly fiery type of temperament. No-one is more outgoing than he is; no-one

more prepared to take charge or seize control of a situation through sheer force or more subtle calculation. His philosophy is that the best defence is offence, because it has not yet occurred to him that it is possible to control oneself without the necessity of controlling everybody else as well. On closer expression, this kind of individual is often found to be as shy and awkward as his more self-effacing brother. He may find it as difficult to participate fully in life and to experience the sense of richness and fullness which is so characteristic of the fiery personality.

The use of the will is something available to every human being, but it grows in proportion to one's self-knowledge and self-mastery. The natural fear that the majority of people feel about the unpredictability of life is connected largely with the unconsciousness of the majority of people about the resources and richness of the human psyche. Most men feel inadequate when confronted with their own powerlessness. The man who has achieved a degree of psychic integration is far better equipped to cope with life, because he is generally aware of the purpose of his own life in a broad sense, and also more aware of the energies which he can utilise from within himself to carve out a piece of life for himself. Saturn in the first house tends first to emphasise the fear of powerlessness because it suggests a clinging to the more superficial features of the personality and a consequent loss of contact with the richer inner person. Eventually this fear can prod the individual into a deeper exploration of what he considers to be his identity. Saturn in the house of the identity is closely connected with this search, which can help to yield greater knowledge, greater integration, and the greater and more productive use of the will.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the first house is less intense than Saturn conjunct Mars, but it represents the same issue. Personal will must be integrated with the limits of personal will. There is an inherent potential for conflict between our first house sense of our own identity, our right and power to do what we please, and the Saturn principle which represents the 'rules of the game'. The 'rules' include 'natural law', cultural regulations, authority figures, and the conscience. We may resist any limits on our will and fight the world, trying to make our own will into law. Or we may doubt our own power and rights and give up, convinced that if we tried to do what we wanted we would just fail or be put down by the world. To integrate the conflict, we need to compromise so that there is a place in our lives for each of these sides of life. We need to find some things which we want to do and can do which are not in conflict with the rules, so that we have our share of the power in the world.

Saturn is a key to authority figures; and our first exposure is usually a father-figure, which could be a grandfather, stepfather, etc.. In the first house, the parent is a personal role model for the child, who may want to be like the father, or may want to do the opposite. I have seen both extremes - individuals with brutal fathers they feared, and individuals who adored their fathers. Endless variations are possible.

One example of a first house Saturn was a woman whose self-esteem was damaged because her father obviously preferred her sister. Years after the death of her father, this woman was still having recurrent dreams. She would hear her father calling 'Wait. I'm trying to catch up to you'. She would turn in the dream, thinking 'at last, my father wants to be with me'. Her father would see her face, say 'Oh, I thought you were your sister', and disappear.

If we doubt our own worth and power and feel that all the power is outside our control, we may not attempt many things we could otherwise do. In extreme self-blocking, we can shut down our immune system and become ill. No-one can do everything he or she wants; but we had better do something.

Saturn in the first house also shows an identification with a career. Once we have learned the rules which let us survive in this physical world, our skills permit us to cope with the world. They define our role in the society, our status, our share of the power if we develop practical skills. When something is part of our identity, we have to do it or feel wiped out, so people with Saturn in the first house people have to feel powerful through some sort of accomplishment. But at the same time, the first house is demanding that our work be active, independent, varied, and under our own control. This can produce an entrepreneur, a self-employed professional or business-person, etc.. Mechanical skills are possible, which can lead to work with machines or tools, including modern technology, military, or medical fields, etc..

The identification with power and accomplishment may cause problems if such people retire. But a recent client who had been a highly successful business executive has managed it successfully by substituting control over his investments for his former job managing employees.

Part of the Saturn principle is a critical attitude, since to work effectively we have to look for the flaws and correct them. It is possible to so identify with this attitude that we are critical about everything in our lives, or we may just be too self-critical. In trying to handle any combination of two or more of the basic life desires, compromise is almost always the best solution. We have to learn to be ourselves, defend ourselves, and assert ourselves in the first house, but Saturn always reminds us to live within the limits.

(Bil Tierney)

The closer Saturn is to the ASC, the more it suggests we may start off in life with an uncomfortable self-image. An unchildlike uptightness is suggested. We have learned at a very tender age to hold back from taking spontaneous action due to basic insecurities about ourselves. Our instinct is to hesitate rather than self-assuredly mobilize our energies. Cautiousness and an air of reserve are often evident in our youth, reflecting an apparent degree of maturity in at least some of us. But because we naturally consider

the consequences of our actions before initiating them, we readily keep most impulses in check. We at least are able to wait until we can calculate a better sense of timing before attempting to fulfill our urges. We seldom assertively or boldly move out into our environment. Patient restraint and a wait-and-see attitude are typical ways we face life.

Some astrologers suggest our circumspect disposition was linked to a difficult birth. Maybe some of us with Saturn in the First House were indeed reluctant to be born, thus making the birth process laborious. Perhaps our soul somehow felt it was not ready to incarnate - a stage fright of sorts. While astrologers cannot easily explain why any soul would think it was not ready to emerge into the world, the sign Saturn inhabits may give us a few clues.

Karmic astrologers would perhaps speculate that our reluctance to be born could be in direct reaction to past life body trauma, severe abuse, or even torture. Imagine if you were burned at the stake for whatever sick reason by a jeering mob of half-wits; would you willingly want to make another *début* into this potentially threatening, cruel world? At the least, Saturn near the ASC suggests we might have been personally subjugated to physical restraint or confinement of some sort. For some reason, we probably suffered in the hands of authority by trying to simply be ourselves and follow our impassioned impulses.

Those interested in exploring former incarnations by analyzing Saturn's natal position should read Jeanne Avery's *Astrology and your Past Lives*. Granted, many were confined in the past for a wide range of reasons. Such past life experiences related to Saturn in the First House could now manifest as an obstacle to the development of a secure sense of identity and self-will in action. Our uncertainty about re-entering this world results in a ponderous, guarded nature. We observe our surroundings from a safe psychological distance. We may even tend to frown a lot. Since the First House deals with our body language, we may hold a lot of tightness in our physical frame, making us look stiff.

Our physical appearance is usually a sensitive issue. We don't seem to feel at home with our shape, size, or overall structure. Saturn traditionally symbolizes that which is slim, slender, thin, reed-like, under-abundant, or downright skinny. Those of us who fit this description have unconsciously been bought into the Saturn archetype quite literally. Yet there also are some of us here who struggle with chronic obesity: the dilemma implied here is quite complex.

Self-loathing may actually have nothing to do with why we are overweight. Most likely is that a heavy individual with a First House Saturn is psychologically using excess weight as a way to create symbolic insulation from a potentially harmful, unkind world. The extra fat in this instance becomes a ready defence against pain and rejection. Ironically, we are further judged negatively for such a physique. Society assumes we have gotten so heavy because we really don't care about ourselves: otherwise, why have we allowed

ourselves to balloon to such a degree? As the social environment continues to dump on us, we put on more pounds, and the vicious cycle continues.

Whether too fat or too skinny, our outward disposition is rarely vibrant or brimming with liveliness. We may rarely be physically animated, since Saturn can impose a body heaviness (not to be confused with weight) as if we were very much operating under the laws of gravity. Some of us may attempt to resist the pull of gravity by training our body to go beyond average physical limits and restrictions, perhaps by participating in ballet or weightlifting. Graceful lightness or imposing strength thus become physical ideals toward which to aspire. Realize that planet Saturn in the sky is gaseous and that it could float upon water if the Earth had a large enough ocean. Sadly enough, it is human ignorance that creates undue Saturnian weightiness in our psyche. We often make Saturn heavier in temperament than need be.

Due to Saturn's expert talent for self-inhibiting, some of us do appear to be light, vivacious, and even superficial on the personality level - so much so that astrologers are tempted to immediately rectify our natal chart (I'm half-joking here). We can act chipper, as if we do not have a care in the world. Maybe those of us here who express ourselves with an uncommon sense of flair and pizzazz are really trying to distract critical observers from detecting just how much we inwardly feel instead like unlovable loners. It's just that we do not want people to realize we can actually be too easily hurt and made to feel lonely. To avoid public judgement, we try very hard to appeal to and gain approval from anybody and everybody. This becomes our best defence against personal attack. We normally think of Neptune as having chameleon-like qualities. But apparently so does Saturn when under an intense pressure to fit in and be accepted. Remember this when you meet someone with a First House Saturn who instead behaves like a person with Venus or Jupiter rising in a Fire or Air sign.

Because we often perceive the harshness of life's uncompromising realities very personally and directly, we tend to feel it's all a big struggle to even exist. We may also make things harder for ourselves by going down more difficult paths to begin with. Yet maybe in the process we discover we have a keenly ambitious drive to handle adversity and eventually achieve more than was ever expected of us. We have had to continually meet up against many forms of authoritative backlash - from father to boss to our own rigid sense of inner authority. This can be a hardy placement for Saturn, once thinskin hypersensitivity has been replaced with unflinching determination and confident self-clarity. Although our actions appear level-headed, we seem to want to prove our inner strength by putting ourselves in situations where we have a chance to mow down obstacles and overcome hurdles.

Our childhood years were seldom free from inhibiting factors. We are most likely to have attracted at least one parent who presented authority to us in a fear-provoking manner. Feelings of personal inadequacy were typically due to some early deprivation. Economics may or may not play a role here (Saturn has traditionally been associated

with poverty and physical want); but a greater sense of lack can revolve around the matter of not receiving sufficient personal attention. We may have been ignored too much and not held or comforted enough.

We might grow up much too sensitive to criticism, rejection, or neglect from others (whether real or imagined). We probably also were affected by adult power and its abuse. At least one of our parents (daddy?) was apparently good at showing us all about wielding power at the social level. Authoritarian control, or at least a general strictness, was probably applied to us at too young an age. Whatever the scenario, we eventually learned to become vulnerable to coldness, indifference, or a lack of sympathy from others - especially from those who became our replacement authority figures during our adult years. Such surrogate parental types can be our coach, our doctor, our therapist, our business mentor, our employer, even our judge should we have our day in court.

Perhaps we have been made to feel like ugly ducklings while growing up. We could have a lot going for us, but still can get hung up on our appearance. Self-criticism regarding our looks can become a huge roadblock. Our assumption that we are basically unattractive can leave us feeling awkward and undesirable when making physical / sexual contact with others. Some of us may even downplay our physical attributes and shun direct attention from admirers. Lavish praise and enthused compliments can make us feel uneasy. Do we really want to endure an entire life span looking frumpy or even unkempt? Saturn in the First House means our outer packaging can, although functional, be much too plain, like the dull label on a generic product in the supermarket. Maybe we need to hang out with a few Neptunians, who know an imaginative thing or two about make-over magic.

Should our self-concept remain weak and unclear, we may exhibit self-doubt concerning our ability to both give and receive warmth, closeness, intimacy, and basic human connection. Our fear of disapproval may force us to assume a guarded appearance. We become skillful at covering up our wounded inner nature. On the surface, we may appear aloof and independent. This is a guise that can often work well in the professional zone, where we appear to have it all together as a self-made person. But we also need to review ourselves and determine whether or not we physically give off the(mis)impression that we are cool, composed, and a tad too unfriendly to get to know well. Maybe some of us really are indeed this way all the time. But the rest of us can be someone quite different deep inside. It is our self-uncertainty that makes us mistrust the intentions of others. We must learn that we live in a world that is not seeking to put us down or demean us, and that there are supportive people out there who can bolster our identity in life-affirming ways.

Getting to know us will probably take time. Once people attempt to go beyond our sometimes chilly façade - which can be intimidating at first encounter - they might just discover that we have a lot of depth. We give thoughtful consideration to others, and want the same in return. However, we do seem to have a hard time allowing people to

penetrate our personality. Those barricades we psychologically construct around us work against us by further increasing our sense of isolation. They will need to be broken down by the power of intimate relationships. One good thing astrologers love to say about Saturn, because it rings true, is that 'Saturn gets better with age'. All is not lost. We simply need those vital lessons only maturity can provide. We with Saturn in the First House need to keep this in mind.

One of the attributes of Saturn in the First House is the ability through sustained effort to convert a frustrated sense of self-will into a more effective sense of self-mastery. We have the strength to transform ourselves into very capable, very adept individuals who can control and manage life quite well. Our inborn sense of orderliness and purposefulness enables us to keep our life active yet stable and productive. When well-managed, this Saturn denotes we can begin new projects with more sure-footedness and singlemindedness than most. We are inclined to evaluate all realistic limits involved and make necessary adjustments before or after we've started our project. Our ASC's sign takes on more power with Saturn placed in the First House, even if that sign is not the same as Saturn's. The ASC sign has the responsibility of channelling Saturn's energy out into external experiences, and tends to mature and deepen in its expression as a result.

We are likely to feel more competent regarding worldly matters as we get older. We can become quite solid and grounded as we unfold ourselves and trust spontaneity. We learn to deal with the consequences of our actions courageously. Inner fortification can become well-developed in our old age. The key to much of this is learning not to become so crystallized and brittle that making changes becomes a painful ordeal for us. Keeping flexible attitudes and assumptions about life is the key. We need to continuously moisturize our consciousness with a sense of hope and faith, believing that our rut-bound patterns can always be modified, and that it's never too late to inaugurate new beginnings. The reward of a well-handled Saturn in the First House is a well-defined, workable sense of individuality. We can resiliently cope with whatever life presents to us. We can have a lasting feeling of inner security and the satisfying sense that our life is truly significant.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with Saturn in the 1st house are reluctant about approaching life at all. They cautiously venture out expecting the worst, and are invariably worried that they won't meet the mark. And yet they have to challenge themselves. It's like having a little man on their shoulders who repeatedly reprimands: 'I'm sorry, that's just not good enough - you know you can do better'. They imagine that others are constantly judging and assessing them, when in actual fact it is their own self-criticism which gives the greatest problem.

Saturn in the 1st may experience the physical body itself as awkward, gross and uncomfortable. Or they feel that their personalities are inadequate and lacking in social

graces. Because of their difficulty in feeling easy and relaxed, they may present themselves in an austere or withdrawn manner. Or fearing that unless they are careful they might look silly, they develop a most dignified stance and posture in all they do. Even if they appear frothy and superficial on the outside, they are likely to be masking something insecure and problematical. Others may interpret their lack of confidence and reticence as cold and unfriendly.

Usually they have (or can develop) a good sense of responsibility and a willingness to work hard in life. This may stem from a need to prove their worth to the world - a desire to receive some sort of collective validation of their 'okay-ness'. For these reasons, they may be ambitious, exhibiting a steely determination to make something of themselves.

Very often, the early life has been experienced as difficult or restricting. They may have felt the childhood environment as unsafe or unsupportive of their free expression and personal creativity, as if they were squashed every time they stepped out of line. Others may have been lumbered with worries and responsibilities inappropriate to their young age. Later on in life, they can usually make up for the fun and spontaneity they missed as a child.

Physically, those with Saturn rising are sometimes on the lean side, and often have a distinguishing facial bone structure. If Saturn is within a few degrees of the Ascendant, the birth may have been a difficult one as if the person was actually resisting incarnation. All new phases in the life may be met with the same degree of caution, trauma and fearful expectation. And yet, if they set their goals sensibly and realistically, they usually manage to achieve their objectives in life.

Uranus ♅ in ♒ Aquarius 24° 20'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having this placement have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind new ideas to link humanity beyond the level of traditional social order into an integrated whole that is in alignment with humanitarian ideals and standards for relating. A creative form of disorder occurs when Uranus in Aquarius operates on its highest, most inventive and original level. A form of disruption occurs through the awareness of obsolete social systems.

(Joan Negus)

The shift in attitude toward the Mexican government that took place in 1914 concerned matters of principle rather than finance. The incident that triggered the change was the arrest of several sailors and officers from the American barge Dolphin in Tampico. The

men were released, but Admiral Henry Mayo demanded an apology and a 'salute to the American flag'. The Mexican dictator, Victoriano Huerta, refused, and broke off diplomatic relations with the United States.

European countries with vested financial interests in Mexico urged US President Woodrow Wilson to recognize Huerta, stating that he was strong enough to keep the status quo in this country where rebels were again threatening to challenge the government. Instead, the usually peace-oriented Wilson asked for and received permission from Congress to send troops to control the city of Veracruz. The reason given for this action was that Germany was sending arms to Huerta through this port. The incident might have triggered a war had not Argentina, Brazil and Chile entered the picture as mediators. By the shipment of supplies being stopped, however, Huerta's power diminished; and eventually he resigned and left the country.

This series of events points up two important differences between Uranus in Capricorn and Uranus in Aquarius. The first is that financial and other material considerations that are foremost in the minds of people with Uranus in Capricorn fade into the background when freedom and individuality are threatened. With Uranus in Aquarius, the words 'personal dignity' or 'personal integrity' are mentioned as being an essential ingredient in one's personal make-up and a prime reason to rebel.

The mediation that took place illustrates the second difference. The dictatorial, paternalistic approach of Capricorn is replaced by the objectivity of Aquarius. There is no longer the necessity of being the authority figure. We are dealing with the sign of equality, where opinions and alternatives can be discussed. With Uranus in Aquarius, you will believe that you have an open mind when it comes to change and freedom, and you are capable of adjusting. You just may not do it as quickly as you think you can (or do). But at least compromise is possible. And what others have to say regarding Uranian matters can eventually be accepted if the arguments make sense and humanitarian reasons are offered.

Capricorn is a black-and-white sign. Things are right or wrong, and tangible actions must be taken to reinforce what is right and eliminate what is wrong. There is usually 'one way' to resolve issues, and this is dependent upon who is in charge.

With Uranus in Aquarius, the approach to Uranian issues is more abstract. 'Principles' outweigh specifics. There is an awareness of the possibility of choice, and recognition that there are alternative courses of action. Decisions are based on intellect, not on feelings of concrete facts. And if you try to influence a Uranus in Aquarius person with a sad story or fifty practical reasons for starting a revolution, you will probably experience a cool response. When emotions or too much practicality are brought into the picture, the Uranus in Aquarius person has the ability to detach from the situation and withdraw. The best way to reach the Uranus in Aquarius person is to be impersonal and objective.

An excellent example of the difference between the two signs was evidenced at the time of the passage of Uranus from Capricorn to Aquarius in 1912. That was the year in which Woodrow Wilson was elected president in a landslide victory over both Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. The events that took place in each of their terms of office which were mentioned earlier illustrate clearly the mood of the country during those times; and a look at the general character of the three men reaffirms the information - but most particularly the contrast between Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, as Taft worked under Roosevelt and really rose from his shadow.

Roosevelt's motto was 'speak softly but carry a big stick'. This evokes the image of the stern father whose authority is felt without it being spoken. It was time to make concrete changes materialize with Uranus in Capricorn. Therefore, a man with the character of Roosevelt would appeal to the populace during that period.

When Uranus moved into Aquarius, different types of changes were desired. The people wanted to work toward their hopes and wishes - to aspire more highly - and perhaps improve conditions for all of mankind. Using physical force was no longer enough. The mind needed to be exercised as well. Therefore, it is not surprising that Woodrow Wilson, a former professor and president of Princeton University, would be elected President of the United States. Nor is it surprising that he would be considered a visionary and noted for his intellect.

Although these years of Uranus in Aquarius (1912-1920) coincided with using the mind to institute change and to work toward higher ideals, it also included World War I (1914-1918), thus demonstrating that the intellect alone may not be enough to alter conditions. In fact, it suggests that if the mind cannot make the difference, any feasible means can be used. With Uranus in the sign of its rulership, we have a principle associated with both the planet and the sign Aquarius, strongly expressed through World War I. With this Air combination, neither feelings nor practicality plays an essential role in actions taken to bring about change or freedom. The end justifies the means - no matter how unorthodox or, in this case, how bloody - it may be.

This example can add more information to our interpretation of Uranus in Aquarius for the individual. If you have this placement, you may view alternatives for change first through the intellect. Yet, you may be willing to defend your own right to freedom and equality in any way that is expedient. The same holds true if you become involved in a humanitarian cause that does not involve you personally. You would probably join such a cause for idealistic reasons. There need be no close connection between you and others defending or affected by the project. In fact, you can probably start and continue revolutionary activities in an impersonal, detached manner. It is easier to embrace principles than people; and sentimentality is probably not a consideration in Uranian matters.

(Skye Alexander)

Uranus was in Aquarius last century from February 1912 until March 1919, and again from August 1919 until January 1920. In April 1995, it entered Aquarius again, and will remain there until January 2003. In its own sign, Uranus's energy is amplified, so that such periods usually are racked with turmoil, sudden and explosive change, revolts and conflicts that involve issues of independence and equality. Both Uranus and Aquarius are associated with progressive social change, freedom, human rights, unconventional attitudes and behavior, new and revolutionary discoveries and ideas, modern technology and scientific advances; therefore, your Uranus-group will be involved with and instrumental in effecting changes and upsets in these areas.

World War I took place during Uranus's last passage through Aquarius. For the first time in history, aircraft - ruled by Aquarius and Uranus - played an important role in warfare. Authoritarian governments around the globe toppled, and new political systems were established. The Russian Revolution, which overthrew the ruling czars and set up a government of the people, occurred during this period. In China, the Ch'ing dynasty, which had been in power since 1644, was ousted, and a republic was set up in its place.

Other social equalizing forces were also at work during this period. In the United States, the women's suffrage movement was gaining strength; and in Great Britain women achieved limited voting rights. New York health care worker and social activist Margaret Sangar began her birth control decade, which was intended to give women greater independence. Workman's Compensation, the first social insurance program in the U.S., was established in some states, and the American income tax system was made law by the 16th amendment to the Constitution.

Those of you who have this Uranus placement in your birth charts have a strong sense of independence, individual rights and social equality. You could be involved in implementing social reforms or making breakthroughs in the established order that create more equitable situations.

You also are curious, inventive, unconventional, perhaps a little eccentric, and willing to try anything new or different. Perhaps you will be responsible for important discoveries or changes in scientific fields, as was true of physician / scientist Jonas Salk, who developed a polio vaccine; his Uranus was in Aquarius. Or, your curiosity and desire for excitement could lead you to discover new worlds. The new 'minigeneration' of Uranus-in-Aquarius people will experience and be involved with significant, revolutionary changes in the areas of human rights, technology and science, as well as New Age thought. Perhaps they will even travel to other Universes or establish contact with other-world beings.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in Aquarius is in its own sign and is therefore very powerful. People with this position have a penetrating, intuitive insight into scientific and occult truth. In highly developed types, there is the capacity to understand spiritual energies and religious concepts in a scientific context. These people have great scientific and inventive talents.

This position of Uranus gives strong will and mental independence. Natives insist on making their own decisions and drawing their own conclusions. Their independent, intellectual minds are bent on discovering the impartial truth; they will discard yesterday's ideas and methods if they cannot be proved scientifically or if they fail to conform to fact. Direct experience is their final test for determining the truth of any matter. Their capacity for direct experience and observation can be extended in higher dimensions through the unfolding of their clairvoyant faculties.

They are concerned with what is good for humanity as a whole; they believe in human brotherhood and the dignity of man. Their openness to new ideas is a manifestation of their humanitarian tendencies. They seek to reform society, and they like to work through groups and organizations.

If Uranus is afflicted in Aquarius, there can be license instead of freedom, producing unreasoning stubbornness and impractical eccentricity. Uranus heavily afflicted here can make the native unwilling to follow any system of routine or discipline.

(Grant Lewi)

You know instinctively that your individual genius requires a mass expression, that there is no personal freedom for anyone till everyone is free, and that no individual can be happier than the sum total of his society is happy. You are the lamplighters of the new birth of freedom in the hour of the world's darkness. In the depths of your spirits, you know that there is no individualism, no personal genius, no true expression possible to any one human being till all of mankind has found the level at which it can live securely together. This is the great message of the Aquarian age of which you and those of your generation are acolytes.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Uranus is in the sign that it rules, giving these people a certain Aquarian air. They are friendly, kind and humanitarian, usually with an independent streak, and may be rather private. As they get older, they must be encouraged to keep their independence, and will probably want to. However, Uranian unpredictability and intractability will surely emerge, so the rest of the chart should be examined to find the best solution to such deadlocks. If Air signs are emphasized, this placing's influence will be somewhat increased.

There is considerable inventiveness and originality, and a certain flair in whichever area

of self-expression is most fulfilling. Many will look glamorous well into the later years of their lives, but poor circulation and stiffness or arthritic conditions in the joints is likely - exercise should be encouraged.

Kindness and the Aquarian / Uranian humanitarian traits are usually present. Here is someone who likes to raise money for charity, or at least ease suffering in a practical way. As Uranus is in its own sign here, its influence is enhanced, and will be even more potent if it is also a personal planet.

Uranus ♅ in 9th House

(Joan Negus)

Uranus in the ninth house can be indicative of someone who strongly believes in religious freedom for everyone. Personally, this individual will find it hard to conform to an organised religion. If you have this placement, you might even object to the word 'religious' being attached to you. But call it what you will, there is a need for a personal belief system. It is possible to start life in a traditional religion, but unlikely that you will stay in it. You probably consider your religious beliefs unique; and it may surprise you when you discover that, although some of your ideas are nonconforming in terms of organised religion, there are other people out in the world who have similar views. This is because the main concern is not necessarily uniqueness or eccentricity, but rather that your spiritual concepts satisfy you as a person - that they contribute to your sense of individuality and make you feel freer.

If you were raised in a traditional religion, you will probably retain some of the tenets from your early religious training (although you might do this unconsciously); but you will discard anything which does not fit into your way of life or does not make sense to you.

A number of people with very different horoscopes, but all of whom have Uranus in the ninth house, have each mentioned to me a search for a personal religion. The methods they used varied. Some read books, others took courses, still others visited houses of worship, and some did two or more of the above. However, whatever method was used, what each was doing was to examine the possibilities of the ninth house in terms of religion. They were defining their choices so that they could stretch their boundaries. They wanted a belief system that would make them feel freer. The body of beliefs that each ultimately embraced were, to some degree, different from each other; but the overall result was the same - the formation of a personalised religion.

With Uranus in the ninth house there can be an intellectual curiosity in terms of spiritual matters. But because Uranus is a fixed planet you are not easily influenced. You do not readily accept ideas without question. However, your curiosity can prod you to

investigate, and your objectivity help you to look fairly at what you find. You may even examine religious concepts in order to disprove them; but your mind should be open enough to accept tenets that withstand the probing.

Since the ninth house is also the house of higher education, your intellectual curiosity can be satisfied by learning about matters other than spiritual ones. There is a thirst for knowledge and an impatience to get it as quickly as possible. If we add the ingredient of impatience to the non-conforming quality associated with Uranus, it is understandable why some individuals with this placement do not easily adjust to college life and may take another route to educate themselves.

On the other hand, many people with Uranus in the ninth house do attend traditional colleges. This may be because the desire for knowledge outweighs the need for freedom, or else they find ways to satisfy individuality and the revolutionary spirit within the frame of reference of the four-year college or university. If you are an idealistic person with a cause, or in search of a cause, you might gravitate toward an institution of higher learning. You may do this because you think that academia caters to open-mindedness. Therefore, you will be able to find a cause or get support from other free-thinking people. You could consider the campus a good place to vent your revolutionary tendencies.

Another reason for attending a traditional college is that you may take pleasure in challenging your professors. Someone I know with this placement told me that when he was in college, he would research topics that were going to be taught in his courses with the idea of discovering facts that might refute anything his instructors would say. He particularly enjoyed doing this with teachers who were dogmatic or those who were ill-prepared. He may not have been popular with the faculty; but a number of the courses in which he participated were probably more interesting and informative because he was there. And he felt that he became more knowledgeable because of the experience.

Another route that might be taken in terms of higher education is to attend a technical school. In such places you can acquire specialized knowledge and can receive training for a specific purpose. This training is often focused on a particular subject and you are not slowed down by having to take courses that seem to have no connection to your goal. For example, you might take a computer course to learn to program computers or to operate them. If you take this route, you get the information you need as quickly as possible without the embellishment of seemingly irrelevant courses full of extraneous material. You can apply the results of what you have learned right away and satisfy that impatient quality so prevalent in your attitude about higher education.

Another possibility of Uranus in the ninth house is to avoid any form of traditional higher education and broaden yourself in other ways, such as travel. You need not be constantly on the move; but when you go to a different state or country it is not just to vegetate. You want to know what the natives are like, and will probably ask about and go

to see the points of interest in the area you are visiting. The success of your journey will be most likely to be measured by the amount of knowledge you have gained.

(Haydn Paul)

What Uranus is attempting to guide you towards in this 9th house position is a revolutionary change in your world-views. Similar to everyone else in your culture and society, you will have grown up under the influence of collective thought-forms, attitudes and beliefs. These will have formed the conditioning social concepts arising from religious, philosophical / moral and educative teachings which form the structure of your society. This is the process of socialising, where the young child is taught how to live within the socially accepted parameters of the culture. Most individuals' thinking is basically repeating what they have been conditioned to think; very few become 'free minds'. Yet such an approach does instil order into society, historical traditions and established patterns of thought being inherited and transmitted across generations.

But it is in the fixity of such mental patterns that problems arise. They inhibit explorative discovery, leading to branding such thinkers as heretical; they suppress questioning of the status quo, creating dissidents, who are leant on by the weight of the State; they deny and inhibit necessary changes from occurring, in case the results are destabilising; they ignore the consequences of choices made under these fixed world / cultural views, because if they do not, the edifices of their political / religious beliefs collapse through being revealed as outdated and inappropriate.

What Uranus will expect is that you break out of these restricting mental paradigms. There is probably a spirit of revolution in you anyway, inclining you to free expression of your own unique individuality; but Uranus in the 9th house will fuel this need, so that you can mentally breathe freely instead of suffocating. This certainly will not be an easy move to make, as it involves shaking off the accumulated dust of centuries of that society's thinking, in order to gain a glimpse of something else that has perhaps been lost. The problem is that until an individual wakes to the fact of this social conditioning, it is not realised how deep its effects have grown. Most of the sense of personal identity is rooted in that ground; the reflective angles of self-perception have been allowed only within a certain social context, and the rest are 'taboo areas' where social constraint is attempted over even words and thoughts.

If you can achieve a new mental paradigm, a way of experiencing and perceiving the nature of life, then you will have been truly reborn. Through you could come advanced, progressive, utopian ideas and visions (reflecting the Ideation of Uranus); you could become inspirational to others who are seeking ways out of the impasse facing them. Expressions such as teaching and publishing could become your 'outbreath' released into the world to continue and stimulate the process of change and liberation. But it will not be easy to have the roots of our mind and identity uprooted, and then replanted to give a totally new scenario of the universe. One can start by pausing, looking within and

considering what you do really think and know. Has it been absorbed through forms of conditioning? Essentially ask yourself the question 'Who am I, and what am I doing here?'. The 'answer' can be an ongoing experience, the start of your personal revolution.

(Jeff Green)

A natural stress occurring in the thyroid gland will impact on the ability to assimilate or metabolise the inherent nutrients of the foods that one eats. Stress relative to the pituitary gland will impact on its regulation of the growth and decay of the organism; and stress impacting on the sciatic nerves will disrupt the functioning of the legs and feet. Uranus here accelerates the individual's (or species's) need to interpret the existential phenomena of existence in metaphysical, cosmological, or religious terms, thus placing heightened stress, or focus, upon the right brain. This focus thus produces the problems associated with 'switching', as mentioned with Uranus in the third house. The difference is that the individual's centre of gravity, or focus, lies within the right brain here, whereas in the third house the focus, or centre of gravity, was in the left brain. An acceleration of intuitive realisations about the nature of whatever the individual is focused upon can lead to brain fatigue or stress because of the intensity of the electrical energy in the right brain, which produces such realisations.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Uranus at this ambitious angle can bring a variety of opposite effects. It can intensify the ambition or will to succeed at all costs, or it can turn it around, creating disdain for worldly ambition. Sometimes it brings spiritual ambition, and eagerness to penetrate the mysteries of life and death and be ready for the next world. The emotional isolation can be very great at this angle; and good aspects below the horizon, planets in Water signs, and a good Moon and Venus are necessary to create a warm home life and stable friendships.

There may be sorrow or coldness at home in childhood or youth. The family may break up or move away from familiar surroundings. There is a tendency for them to leave home early or to be forced out on their own before they are ready; and as they tend to lack the inner resources to re-establish quickly and easily, this remains a lasting grievance. They are inclined to maintain a cool or lofty pose, which makes it even more difficult for them to ask for help.

This position brings deep political insight which can manifest in many ways, causing some to become political geniuses, able to mastermind large scale social movements for the benefit of mankind, and some into cold-blooded manipulators for the benefit of no-one but themselves, and (few, luckily) into paranoid monsters who manipulate others for the thrill of seeing them destroyed. Some will have experienced from childhood the limits of human ambition and social manipulation, and so will retreat from the world, renouncing all personal claims and social ambition. It brings a cynical attitude towards

the motivations of others, an inclination to suspect the worst, or even a paranoid inability to see anything but personal ambition and cold manipulation in all actions of others.

It gives courage that can become recklessness, a tendency to gamble with things that others would hold too dear to risk. Lots of love in childhood helps to ease the difficulties this position brings later.

(Howard Sasportas)

Uranus is always searching for 'the truth'; and what better house to do it in than the 9th, the natural abode of Sagittarius? Rather than adhere to traditional or orthodox views, they must independently find a meaningful set of beliefs or a philosophical system by which to order life. But in true Uranian fashion, they will keep on destroying systems they have created for the sake of discovering or trying out new ones which might be broader or more inclusive.

The image of God may be cast in the likeness of Uranus - the starry heavens - vast and very difficult to grasp. And yet, just as there are laws which guide the movement of the planets, somewhere in it all, there must be a system. Those with Uranus difficultly aspected could, at certain times, adhere to quite odd or fanatical cults. Too abstract, their philosophy may not translate easily into everyday life. Occasionally, they might have flashes or insights into what they believe are the workings of the Divine or Universal Mind. Often those with Uranus in the 9th will hold progressive views in the field of education. They may seek an alternative rather than traditional academic structure - such as an independent study programme or the Open University in England. At any time in the degree programme, they may decide to make an abrupt change in their course of study. A 9th house Uranus can bring new ideas, concepts, and insights into any field.

Unusual and unexpected experiences can come through travel. They might, while visiting another country, encounter people or ideas which wake them up and shatter old structures. An in-law may even be the catalyst for inspiring new vision.

If Uranus is not too adversely aspected, they will probably have an uncanny insight into future trends, as if they can feel the pulse of society.

(Robert Pelletier)

Freedom is so important to you that nothing will stand in the way of getting the education you need to achieve your goals. In your view, anyone who is uninformed is likely to become trapped in a life situation or career that limits his or her personal privileges or ability to assert individuality. You want the opportunity to develop your creative potentials and prove what you can do with them. You demand the same for your children; and you offer yourself as an example of what someone can accomplish through individual

fulfilment. You give them the chance to exploit their identities to the fullest. Your innovative talents make you a creative lover as well; and your partner is probably quite content with your skill in lovemaking. You have enormous faith that you will succeed in anything you attempts; and your devotion to your responsibilities makes it possible for you to 'move mountains'.

You have a good understanding of people and their problems; and it is rare when anyone deceives you successfully. You know intuitively when someone is not telling the truth or is insincere. You are generous in helping those who truly need your assistance; and you willingly share your knowledge to help them solve their own problems. You never lose sight of the future and the goals you still plan to achieve. You want to know that your efforts have helped improve the quality of life for as many people in society as possible.

It is essential that you always be available to those who need your knowledge and skills. Though you are well informed, you still have to apply yourself to acquire new information. No-one knows everything, not even you; and your growth depends on your continued search for more knowledge so that you can better use your skills. You need the kind of career environment in which you can use your talents fully and not be restricted so that your enthusiasm wanes. You could distinguish yourself in many fields; but whatever you decide, you should make some contribution to benefit the most needy members of society. Because you are in tune with society's problems, your efforts can help reduce or eliminate many of them.

Though you may have yielded to family responsibilities, you were innovative enough to find a way to pursue your education at the same time. This probably required that you make many sacrifices, but you realised that you could not afford to pass up the chance to invest in your future security. This also taught you how to plan for the future, for you know that increased earnings will give you freedom to succeed in newer and more satisfying objectives.

The right to pursue your own objectives does not allow you to ignore those who have come to depend on you for help and guidance when they need it most. For the most part, you recognise that you play an important part in their lives, so you are usually available. Don't deny yourself the full benefit of your creative resources by aligning yourself with people who want you to lower your ethical standards while working on their behalf. You don't need the apprehension of fearing that someone will learn about your lack of integrity and cause you to lose much that you have gained.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, Uranus indicates that the higher mind is a rollercoaster of stimulation. There is a desire to go past the acceptable, to see what lies beyond in forbidden realms of thinking. At times you become a philosophical or religious

revolutionary, going after accepted beliefs with a vengeance, stopping at nothing to upset the status quo. Rarely one to mince words, you may lambast others with your opinions, and you're as likely to provoke opposition as win support. Remember, devastating social criticism is easy. Aim for something higher, for true reform. The challenge is to let your mind move as it wishes, to allow it to show you previously undiscovered channels to brilliance. If you live your own philosophy, you'll promote a wider revolution than by storming the walls of traditional power centres.

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(Howard Sasportas)

Uranus is always searching for 'the truth'; and what better house to do it in than the 9th, the natural abode of Sagittarius? Rather than adhere to traditional or orthodox views, they must independently find a meaningful set of beliefs or a philosophical system by which to order life. But in true Uranian fashion, they will keep on destroying systems they have created for the sake of discovering or trying out new ones which might be broader or more inclusive.

The image of God may be cast in the likeness of Uranus - the starry heavens - vast and very difficult to grasp. And yet, just as there are laws which guide the movement of the planets, somewhere in it all, there must be a system. Those with Uranus difficultly aspected could, at certain times, adhere to quite odd or fanatical cults. Too abstract, their philosophy may not translate easily into everyday life. Occasionally, they might have flashes or insights into what they believe are the workings of the Divine or Universal Mind. Often those with Uranus in the 9th will hold progressive views in the field of education. They may seek an alternative rather than traditional academic structure - such as an independent study programme or the Open University in England. At any time in the degree programme, they may decide to make an abrupt change in their course of study. A 9th house Uranus can bring new ideas, concepts, and insights into any field.

Unusual and unexpected experiences can come through travel. They might, while visiting another country, encounter people or ideas which wake them up and shatter old structures. An in-law may even be the catalyst for inspiring new vision.

If Uranus is not too adversely aspected, they will probably have an uncanny insight into future trends, as if they can feel the pulse of society.

(Robert Pelletier)

Freedom is so important to you that nothing will stand in the way of getting the education you need to achieve your goals. In your view, anyone who is uninformed is likely to become trapped in a life situation or career that limits his or her personal privileges or ability to assert individuality. You want the opportunity to develop your creative potentials and prove what you can do with them. You demand the same for your children; and you offer yourself as an example of what someone can accomplish through individual fulfilment. You give them the chance to exploit their identities to the fullest. Your innovative talents make you a creative lover as well; and your partner is probably quite content with your skill in lovemaking. You have enormous faith that you will succeed in anything you attempts; and your devotion to your responsibilities makes it possible for you to 'move mountains'.

You have a good understanding of people and their problems; and it is rare when anyone deceives you successfully. You know intuitively when someone is not telling the truth or is insincere. You are generous in helping those who truly need your assistance; and you willingly share your knowledge to help them solve their own problems. You never lose sight of the future and the goals you still plan to achieve. You want to know that your efforts have helped improve the quality of life for as many people in society as possible.

It is essential that you always be available to those who need your knowledge and skills. Though you are well informed, you still have to apply yourself to acquire new information. No-one knows everything, not even you; and your growth depends on your continued search for more knowledge so that you can better use your skills. You need the kind of career environment in which you can use your talents fully and not be restricted so that your enthusiasm wanes. You could distinguish yourself in many fields; but whatever you decide, you should make some contribution to benefit the most needy members of society. Because you are in tune with society's problems, your efforts can help reduce or eliminate many of them.

Though you may have yielded to family responsibilities, you were innovative enough to find a way to pursue your education at the same time. This probably required that you make many sacrifices, but you realised that you could not afford to pass up the chance to invest in your future security. This also taught you how to plan for the future, for you know that increased earnings will give you freedom to succeed in newer and more satisfying objectives.

The right to pursue your own objectives does not allow you to ignore those who have come to depend on you for help and guidance when they need it most. For the most part, you recognise that you play an important part in their lives, so you are usually available. Don't deny yourself the full benefit of your creative resources by aligning yourself with people who want you to lower your ethical standards while working on their behalf. You don't need the apprehension of fearing that someone will learn about your lack of integrity and cause you to lose much that you have gained.

(Bill Herbst)

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Neptune ♆ in ♏ Scorpio 10° 58'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation of Neptune in Scorpio have the potential for realizing the higher levels of shared material ownership on a planetary level. They are infused with the vision of the spiritual responsibility for the Earth's resources as a whole. They are aware of the current human material values and the potential for transformation of those values that will lead humanity to a higher level of relating to the physical world. On a personal level, it indicates the dilemma of dealing with establishing one's value with other people. It is the choice between idealistically expecting the automatic support of other people's resources or responsibly defining material value with them. It also deals with the choice between expecting automatic emotional fulfillment through sex or committing oneself to the self-purification that will actually bring about the realization of those ideals.

(Skye Alexander)

Neptune was in Scorpio last century from December 1955 to March 1956, between October 1956 and December 1969, and from May until November 1970. Scorpio is associated with power, control, anything secret or hidden, the occult, the unconscious, transformation, death and rebirth, destruction, obsession and sex. Whenever Neptune passes through this sign, the public is sensitized to these areas and they become emphasized.

Neptune's most recent trip through this sign during the tumultuous 1960s brought about transformations on many Scorpionic fronts. This was a time when the balance of power was being questioned throughout the world. Many African nations gained their independence from foreign domination during this period. In Cuba, Fidel Castro overthrew Batista and established the first Communist state in Latin America. In the United States, desegregation of the public schools was ordered and Civil Rights was an important issue. The struggle between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. escalated, and both world powers built up awesome arsenals of nuclear weapons.

Those of you who were born while Neptune was in Scorpio have lived your entire lives in the shadow of the bomb, and fully expect the Earth to be destroyed by nuclear war. Your generation feels powerless in the face of such a devastating possibility and is, perhaps, the most pessimistic of all Neptune-groups. To you, the future looks dismal, and you believe that almost everything is beyond your control. This is the bleak message conveyed by some punk songs, a musical style that reached popularity with your generation.

Nuclear power plants designed to produce electrical energy proliferated during this period too. Though at first the new technology promised to provide unlimited cheap power, this idealized picture turned out to be an illusion (as is typical whenever Neptune is involved); hidden dangers included environmental pollution from nuclear wastes and the chance of nuclear contamination and massive destruction from a meltdown.

Whenever Neptune is in Scorpio, public awareness is focused on the subject of death. When this combination occurred from approximately 1792 to 1806, France was embroiled in the Reign of Terror and several thousand people were guillotined. Neptune's most recent transit of Scorpio coincided with the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King. And, of course, this was the era of the Viet Nam War, when death was in the forefront of many Americans' minds.

This planetary placement also brought about a change in attitude toward death and dying. The hospice movement, a humanitarian program that helps the terminally ill and their families deal with death, was established in the U.S. while Neptune was in Scorpio. During this time, the concept of reincarnation also became popular in the West. Those of you who have Neptune in Scorpio in your birth charts probably believe in life after death; at least, you don't discount the possibility, and may be fascinated with such things as past-life regression, life in other worlds, ghosts, channeling, etc..

You also may be intrigued with the occult and with discovering the ancient mysteries. Salem, Massachusetts, a city connected with witchcraft, was founded in 1629, while Neptune was in Scorpio. As your generation becomes an influential part of society, the occult is growing fashionable. (This also was true toward the end of Neptune's last trip through Scorpio.) Perhaps you want to master the hidden forces of the Universe in order to gain power. Or, you may simply want to understand core truths and learn the secrets of the unconscious mind.

During Neptune's most recent passage through Scorpio, the use of mind-altering drugs became popular as a way of probing the depths of the unconscious. Those of you with this planetary placement in your birth charts may have a particular fascination with drugs of all kinds, for a variety of reasons. Your desire to reach the deepest recesses of your mind could make psychedelics attractive to you, and your deep-seated feelings of powerlessness might incline you toward cocaine. Neptune is associated with drugs and alcohol, Scorpio with obsession and extremes; therefore, your generation is more susceptible to drug excesses and addiction than other Neptune-groups.

Scorpio is the sign of subterfuge, secret knowledge and undercover intelligence organizations. While Neptune was in Scorpio, espionage became fashionable; and books, television programs and movies on the subject proliferated, with the adventures of James Bond leading the pack. People who have this Neptune placement in their birth charts see spying and detective work as glamorous and exciting. You idealize the person who knows what goes on behind the scenes, whether he / she is a government agent, a corporate spy or an independent investigator. A bit of a snoop yourself, you want to know everything about everyone else, but may not be willing to reveal yourself. Your generation might be responsible for the expansion of computer data banks that allow access to personal information about many thousands of people to anyone who knows the code.

Scorpio also is connected with sex, and while Neptune was in this sign sex became more relaxed and fashionable. The 1960s were a time of 'sexual revolution' when birth control became more accessible; abortion was legalized in many European countries, the U.S.S.R. and Japan; and many of the taboos about sex were destroyed.

Those of you whose birth charts contain Neptune in Scorpio probably entertain many fantasies and illusions about sex. Perhaps you see it as glamorous and fashionable, and you might even enjoy wearing overtly sexy clothing. You have a tendency to idealize sex, and believe that sexual compatibility is all that's needed in a relationship. Your unrealistically high expectations of sex are likely to result in disappointments, however. The Neptune-in-Libra generation is searching for perfect love; your generation, in contrast, wants perfect sex.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune in the sign Scorpio indicates a period of exploitation of man's natural desires. A few people have experienced spiritual regeneration and initiated a search into life's inner mysteries, but many are marked by the exploitation of sex for commercial purposes. Scorpio is the sex sign, and Neptune rules drugs. Loose sexual morality at this time has led to widespread venereal disease, and the use of drugs as a psychological escape has spread. There is much emotional intensity and confusion, causing the turmoil in the unconscious to break out in such chaotic artistic phenomena as rock music.

Many of the children born with Neptune in this sign will have clairvoyant abilities and will have been forced to acknowledge the need for spiritual regeneration when Uranus and Pluto came conjunct their natal Neptune position.

(Grant Lewi)

The people and nations of the world are aware of the awesome, death-dealing possibilities of nuclear war. Atomic-powered submarines in the depths of the seas play their role in the struggle for power. Those born under this influence want to plumb the secrets of the Universe. The mystery of life and death is theirs to fathom. They are enthralled by occult studies, chemistry and invention. Neptune in this position intensifies the emotional nature. There is a tendency to be secretive and mystical. Gain is possible through inheritance, financial ties with others, partnership and marriage. There is a great possibility of possessing marked extra-sensory perception. Caution must be exercised regarding drugs and strong beverages, and dabbling in spiritualism. The sex instincts must be channeled in the right direction since the craving for sensation is very strong. Recuperative power is present, as is a desire for reforms.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Think how different the people with Neptune in Scorpio are from those with Neptune in Libra! Here are the hard-rock types who are much tougher - or so they would have you think. They often have a very aggressive and formidable image, but have had to fight much harder for what they want out of life.

It is not surprising that in coping with unemployment many succumbed to the negative, escapist, drug-addictive tendencies of Neptune. This drug scene is not the peaceful, loving, easy one often associated with the flower power people; here it is much more intensive, even more poisonous, weird and spooky (adjectives which are very Scorpionic in essence).

On the other hand, there are many of this generation who live to make money and enjoy a glamorous life in the fast lane - the Yuppie generation, who are another manifestation of Neptune in Scorpio. Remember that Scorpio is also the sign of big business.

There is increased emotional intensity when Neptune is personalized. If the planet is well-aspected, the emotions will be positively expressed by inspiring the individual's talents and ambitions. Do not single out these trends in interpretation, however, unless similar complementary ones are also present or Scorpio is personalized in the chart.

(John Townley)

Your age group puts a premium on sexuality in love relationships, and that attitude is bound to affect you, whatever your personal feelings may be. The previous generation had a more easygoing and freewheeling attitude toward sex, but your generation's do-or-die attitude toward sex does not lend itself to relaxed relationships.

If total intensity in love is your style, you may feel quite at home with this trend. However, if it is not, you will encounter much peer pressure, often unspoken, to throw yourself head-over-heels into stormy and tumultuous affairs just to make love seem real and significant.

Indeed, if your relationships seem quietly amicable and not stressful, you may subconsciously feel that something is missing. This is not necessarily the case, depending upon your personal style; and too much intensity may actually wreck a relationship for you. You should follow your own inner guidelines, separating them carefully from the attitudes toward love and sex that surround you. In the end, it is you and you alone who can make love work.

(Robert Hand)

This generation is characterized by a love of the mysterious and strange. As these people grow older, the current increase in the occult and related subjects will probably continued, but they may use these energies to gain power over others, which could

create very dangerous psychological forces. On the other hand, they will be more concerned with individual regeneration and techniques of healing, both psychological and physical. They will have extreme ideas, either very lax or very strict, about personal morality.

Neptune ♆ in 6th House

(Marilyn Waram)

In this house, Neptune is, in a sense, in a place which is its polar opposite. That is, the sixth house relates to Virgo, which is the polar opposite of Pisces, the sign associated with Neptune. The polarity, and the fact that it is not actually an opposite but two different sides of the same coin, shows up clearly with Neptune in the sixth. It is a house of detailed work, of productivity, of nose-to-the-grindstone, of doing a good job for the simple sake of doing a good job. Above all, the sixth house is about the world as it is and how to manage that and work with that on a day-to-day basis.

Neptunian energy seems so totally different: it seeps into the path of least resistance, undermines its opposition, yearns for and (it is to be hoped) seeks to be united with and absorbed by God, or by some Cosmic Consciousness which transcends this petty world. How can these two ever find a point of co-operation?

Neptune and the sixth house do share some common points, however. Both pertain to health, and to an attitude of service, of somehow doing something to help one's fellow human beings.

When Neptune and the sixth house themes are integrated, the individual can dream the dream of Neptune and also use the practical sixth house skills to plan and organise the details which will make the dream a reality some day. Without such plans, the dream is just that: a potential, an inspired idea with no basis in reality. The sixth house can direct and focus the Neptune ability to envision something better, something prettier, something more creative and inspiring. Without the dreams of Neptune, the sixth house is merely a housekeeping unit - a drive to organise and plan and weed out the inefficiencies, but for what purpose? Neptune supplies the purpose and the sixth house supplies the know-how and practical skills.

Neptune in the sixth often relates to some kind of artistic creative work. The sixth house and tenth house both relate to work, but the tenth indicates more ambition and more interest in an important career than the sixth, especially one where some kind of power can be wielded. The sixth is concerned with somewhat more mundane jobs. Neptune in the sixth tends to find expression as commercial artists, hairdressers, beauty make-over consultants, make-up artists, practical nurses and so on. These people are certainly

expressing Neptunian themes in their work.

When Neptune is at odds with the sixth house energies, there can be quite a struggle between the need to dream, to let matters flow and ebb, and the need to be realistic and practical. The individual may feel a strong need to busy herself with details and to make every thing and every process as efficient as possible, including tidying up or at least criticising people. Co-workers are especially likely targets. The Neptunian need for flowing harmony and ease and grace gets trodden underfoot. Or she may use the Neptune need for perfection in her assessment of her work - does she do it perfectly, with harmony and beauty and ease? She may expect far too much of herself, or never be able to say 'no' when more work is piled on her.

Another expression of an out-of-balance Neptune in the sixth is when the individual cannot keep work situations and environments straight. She may forget, be habitually untidy and disorganised, feel tired and drained of energy, get sick a lot, or feel vaguely unfulfilled. She may have sought her job for its glamorous aspects, only to get swamped by the details and drudgery. She may have been very unrealistic about what the job was going to provide in terms of wages, attention or emotional satisfaction. She may spend great deal of her time and energy 'rescuing' others: taking on extra work, listening to co-workers and getting behind in her work, shielding a poorly performing co-worker because she feels sorry for her and so on.

Sometimes this is projected, in which case employees or co-workers can display any or all of the range of Neptunian behaviours. If an individual who has Neptune in the sixth constantly ends up with coworkers who have all the artistic talent, or who are 'rescuers', who are overly sensitive, who can't focus on the important issues, who are frequently late, or careless, or forgetful, or in poor health, it is definitely time to get in touch with Neptune and to learn to express it personally and positively. Sometimes an out-of-touch Neptune is associated with peculiar events such as floods, which is a physical expression of Neptune and a signal that it is time to come to terms with this aspect of human nature and to integrate it into the personality.

A person with Neptune in the sixth needs to challenge her beliefs about work, coworkers, service to others, and possibly the need to straighten and correct everything or everyone she encounters. She needs to check out her illusions regarding all of these issues for she may have some unrealistic expectations which lead to a great deal of dissatisfaction. Or she may be projecting Neptune and find it turns up in her coworkers. This position carries the potential, however, for integration of a polarity, for bringing two seemingly opposite sides of life into cooperative harmony. If the Neptune side can come to value the reliability and productivity of the sixth house, and if the sixth house side can learn to appreciate the visions of Neptune, then both can unite to produce realistic dreams of practical health care, or both.

(Haydn Paul)

The influence of Neptune in this natal house is concerned with the themes of work, service and health; and there are several personal adjustments that are likely to be required before you are able to experience the positive dimension of Neptune.

The nature of any aspects made to natal Neptune will be important indicators of how your Neptune will feel in this position because this is the point of detriment and so can be uncomfortable and struggling to express the planetary nature through you.

Work will be a challenging sphere, and it is probably essential for you to try and discover a satisfying type of employment; otherwise, it can prove to be an area of inner conflict, especially if the aspects are squares and oppositions. You may find that you do not enjoy your work, that its repetitive nature irritates and bores you, that your potential is not released but only constantly repressed, and that it is only continued because there seem to be few other options to take. Neptune will intensify your natural sensitivity; and you will find that you are attuned to the atmosphere of fellow-workers and the work environment, which may not enable you to enjoy work any better because invariably in most employments people would prefer to be elsewhere and there is a constant current of underlying tensions and pressures in the air.

It may be that you fail to reap the rewards at work that you believe are due to you, and because you have invested so much time and effort feel almost betrayed when promotion is offered to 'young high flyers', leaving you feeling disgruntled and wondering if it was all worth it. You may be vulnerable to being the 'fall guy' when things go wrong at work, others blaming you for their inefficiency - the victim aspect of Neptune. You may be made redundant, and struggle through a period of unemployment with the stresses that it brings to finances and domestic life. Certainly the sphere of work will be a key one in your experience, personally important to your development, and one which is liable to have periodic disruptions caused by a blocked Neptune.

If Neptune has favourable aspects, then you are more likely to find suitable employment, which offers reasonably interesting work and decent relationships with co-workers. The types of work that can appeal and would fulfil this Neptune energy include creative ones, and work which involves service and aid to others.

If your experience of work is unsatisfying, then Neptune will be confronting you with the issue of change. How can you become free of an imprisoning situation? What type of work do you really want to do? Are you capable of doing it? Do you need extra study and qualifications? What are your essential family obligations? Can you take steps to reach your dreams? What resources do you have that can be used? What personal talents can be exploited? How can you earn a living in a more fulfilling way that is beneficial to others too? You may need to consider such questions prior to making changes in your life; there are always alternatives; yet we are often conditioned to believe that there are none, and so persist in imprisoning ourselves unnecessarily.

There is a more humanitarian, altruistic and service-orientated side to the Neptunian work ethic of this house, and in several ways it helps to express that energy more fully. This involves a devotion to community development, the healing of the individual and society, and will appeal more to those touched by the New Age vision. This can include a more karma yoga attitude, where the spiritual life is fully integrated into the everyday world and all life experience is perceived as an ongoing 'Mystery School', all work being seen as an offering to the Divine and part of the anchoring of the biblical Kingdom of God. Communities such as Findhorn embody such an attitude.

The power of a spiritual vision on earth is indicated in Gandhi's expression of Satyagraha, his philosophy of non-violence, the application of the power and force of Truth, and the social changes that this can stimulate. Acting from a spiritual perspective, work becomes transformed, and so possesses a deeper meaning and importance to the individual.

It is possible that if you succeed in releasing the Neptune energy you may discover a natural healing ability which can be offered as a means of service and livelihood. Alternative therapies may fascinate; and the philosophy of the body as a living temple of God will open up a new dimension of life for you to explore. You will become aware of the influence of inner states on the health of the body, and will investigate the psychosomatic effects of separatists and unintegrated attitudes, beliefs and emotions, and attempt to develop a working concept of the whole-man therapy.

You could approach alternative healthy concepts through personal illness, where they offer a more satisfactory way to self-healing; and Neptune may take this route to lead you towards a personal transformation. You may realise that suppressed emotions are causing corresponding physical ailments, and that inner work can be therapeutic in allowing a cathartic release to happen, so liberating blocked energies.

It is a delicate balance that needs to be established to gain the best out of Neptune in the 6th house, because there are innate conflicting tendencies operating. Neptune prefers to expand and move beyond barriers; and the Virgoan 6th house prefers to define, impose boundaries and order. Connecting to a spiritual attitude and transforming your own life and work in the context of social change could be the ideal answer to aim towards.

(Howard Sasportas)

There are some basic conflicts between the principles of Neptune (Pisces) and those of the 6th house. Neptune yearns for wholeness, infinity and unboundedness, while the 6th house (the natural domain of Virgo) divides everything into its component parts, examines one thing at a time, and clarifies what something is by contrasting it to something else. While Neptune keeps falling apart in order to be put back together again

in a new and better way, the 6th house likes everything labelled and neatly stored in its proper place. Obviously, we can't always have it both ways, and one or the other principle is going to have to bend. Sometimes the 6th house need for order and efficient functioning will suppress the Neptunian urges to relax, let go and just float freely. At other times, the dissolving effect of Neptune will undermine the structure and organisation of everyday life and the body itself. Ultimately, the challenge for those with Neptune in the 6th is how to function within defined limits and boundaries and yet not lose sight of their connection to everything else around them.

Neptune in the 6th indicates a sensitive and delicate nervous system, what some writers call a weak etheric boundary or 'leaky aura'. As a result, those with this placement are prone to invasion from outside forces or are more susceptible to germs and illnesses in the atmosphere. They would be well advised to take up an exercise or technique which strengthens the nervous system, and they should be cautious to discover which foods do or don't agree with their system. They need to find that balance between indiscriminate indulgence (no boundaries) and over-preciousness in diet and life (too many boundaries). Usually they are sensitive to drugs and alcohol and may need much smaller quantities to feel the effects.

Illnesses are often emotional in origin and difficult to diagnose clearly. In some cases I have seen, they have been diagnosed incorrectly, given a wrong prescription, and treated for something they didn't have. Some will benefit by seeking treatment from the alternative or complementary medicines such as homoeopathy, naturopathy, acupuncture, etc. - which approach prevention and cure on a more subtle level than allopathic medicine in general.

Conversely, those with Neptune in the 6th may have healing abilities and sometimes choose work which gives expression to these gifts. Some will be deeply aware of the body as a vessel of the spirit. As with many other 6th house placements, illness can be understood as a message that something in life is not right and needs adjusting. The person's faith and attitudes will play a large part in the course of recovery. Sometimes, the psychological or spiritual awakening and understanding which comes as a result of illness will profoundly alter their whole slant on existence.

Pluto ♅ in ♒ Aquarius 17° 57'

No interpretation.

Pluto ♅ in 9th House

(Ginger Chalford)

Very often, this PLuto child is brought up in an environment of strong-willed parents. Often the mother feels she knows all the answers or has at least to look as though she does, and the child is fooled by the grand show put on by his / her superparent. However, what the child feels and intuits about the nature of life is often disregarded by the parents as being charmingly meaningless. This child, who so easily tunes into perceptions that go beyond space and time, is puzzled at the firm faith and belief others have in limited philosophical doctrines. The mother of a child with this placement is often either strongly religious or anti-religious. Whatever her beliefs, she takes a very exacting and definite position, as if to say "My child will learn what's right!" This can create a crisis for the child, who finds she / he can't integrate his / her magical perceptions of life comfortably within the framework of parental beliefs. In order to preserve inner mental peace, a choice is necessary. The obvious winner will be the beliefs which he child sees in his / her parents. This sets up the tendency to take everything the mother says as being absolutely true. Mother knows it all! Of course, after a few years the child is exposed to alternate ideas and ways of thinking, and can make attitude adjustments. However, the early imprint remains so strong that the child will often attempt to assume that other people have the same capacity for absolute knowledge as the mother. Sometimes with this placement, the child has a reverent devotion to the tenth house parent, whether it be mother or father or any adult guardian. When this child has questions, and she / he certainly has a lot of them, they are presented to the mother for the explanation that the child assumes mother or father will always have.

Answers come easily and readily in the early formative years, but when the time comes (as it must) that mother or father can't answer all the questions any more, panic strikes the heart of the ninth house Pluto child. Although still loyally affirming the world view of his or her parents, and believing them to be virtually infallible, the child or adolescent looks inward and sees that his / her own self doesn't know all the answers. Consequently, he / she turns to the social world outside in search of them. With the powerful urge to know that is so characteristic of this placement, he or she is not content to sit back and let the answers reveal themselves. There is an aggressive mental search for the truth; and the answers must be known as soon as possible! This causes many young people to turn to other young people for answers. The ninth house Pluto person waits and watches, learning constantly, even when his or her questions are not asked out loud. Many questions reflect his or her nature, and are asked inwardly, non-verbally. They can only be answered by experience, which unfortunately doesn't come until later in life. The young person usually doesn't find the answers he or she is seeking in other young people, and therefore searches for them in the larger mainstream of society. This search and learning process can include excessive television watching, as well as early involvement in cult groups or gangs. This child or adolescent is not attracted to timidly expressed ideas - they must have impact, they must be important and meaningful, and they must be infalible and cover every possible situation. On the one hand, this can lead to a spiritual search; and on the other hand, it can result in extreme narrow-mindedness and intellectual arrogance.

For those who continue searching outside themselves for a solution to life's mysteries, meanings and purposes, advertising can be hypnotically effective - it can even brainwash them. These are the people who, even though they are adults, will still use a particular brand of toothpaste because the advertisement impressed them. They will buy the correct and best dishwasher detergent, wine, or pain reliever, because they believe the ad. Women with this placement could become obsessed with their appearance, attempting vainly to look like an Eileen Ford model, feeling that something in life is tragically missing because of their lack of physical beauty. Men may become excessively defensive over their masculinity, and befriend others who have the same political or business axes to grind. One never discusses politics, religion or morality with this type of man, because he will always quote the ultimate authority, whether it be the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, the government, scientific documents, etc.

Neither of these types of men and women can function well and happily; and they will seldom move beyond a close group of associates who constantly reinforce the same beliefs. This clannishness gives these people a sense of spiritual, philosophical or political security. In a sense, they have sold their soul to the devil, to the mental expressions of others. They have little to say on their own authority - after all, everything has been figured out for them, starting with mother. This pattern is reflected in those who blindly follow leaders, religious or political gurus that do their thinking for them. They can be intolerant of other beliefs, and may feel 'called' to preach, discovering a sense of personal destiny in the service of social, religious or governmental institutions. Originally manipulated by advertising, they have no qualms about brainwashing others when given the chance. This quality can even be seen in mundane everyday affairs, when several individuals who are supposedly sharing a conversation are actually vying for the attention of the group, trying to persuade others what is right and wrong, that they know what is best for humanity.

A real danger of this placement can be that individuals feel they have found the answers, so there's no need to search any farther. They may also be those who are so insecure in their own ability to think that they will believe virtually anything in print or in the news. By their own unwillingness to think for themselves, they have lost their power to transform themselves and the world, even though such a transformation is a goal to which they aspire longingly. They may even create for themselves a situation of exile, as their learned beliefs conflict with the environment and society around them.

However, the fanatical extremes of belief are relatively rare in these people; and although they bark loudly, few of them have any real 'bite'. Although their philosophical narrowness can continue for a while, it is often dramatically shifted at some point during the lifetime. The world view changes as they begin questioning their parents' philosophies and attitudes. Often this change is expressed initially in a rebelliousness against learned attitudes, even to the extent of refusing to read the papers, watch television or go to church or synagogue. Then a dramatic restructuring of their views

occurs, which can initiate changes that bring upheavals over a period of several years. They begin to get in touch with their inner visceral comprehension of the world. They begin to expand their mental horizons so much that they will observe other cultures in order to provide grist for the mental mill. They will study a great variety of philosophical ideas in order to get a grand perspective on life, and may express this mental expansion with statements that tie opposites together by way of their common denominators. For example, such a person may find the common thread between various religions or political systems. As controversial as this usually is, the individual is merely trying to find what makes a polarity a polarity. The commonality is enthusiastically pursued, and when found, it gives access to a perspective that is beyond either extreme.

Pluto ninth house people, whether they go through a philosophical overhaul or not (they usually do at some time in their life), can achieve recognition through higher education, governmental service, or religious institutions. They are intolerant of hypocrisy, and evoke inspiration in others. This is a calling which can be used on any level; physical (in relationships), mental (as in the ability to skilfully reach the masses through advertising), or emotional (by creating and maintaining movements for spiritual or social change and service). These people are definitely capable of having a mystical experience, as their world view transcends time and space, and they have the potential to tap into perceptions far beyond the capacities of the normal or average individual. Their broadened perspective brings wisdom eventually, and with it comes a desire to positively change society - not through violence, but through education. These people find their answers through spirit; but even though answers do come, the creativity of this placement inspires more and higher questions. The eternal search may never bring total peace; but those with this placement are thrilled with the search itself, and find pleasure in the constant expansion of their personal horizons. They become natural guidance counsellors, or psychics who understand the insecurities and foibles of human nature with a perspective that just may help those who are reaching out to them. They understand its spirit as well.

Dramatic crises in life come as a result of changing belief systems. Sudden understandings of a larger scope, or even the glimpse of another possible reality beyond the mundane everyday one, can bring this about. As a result, careers may be changed. Students may suddenly drop out of school, wondering why the motivation to do what they had been doing is no longer there. A period of questioning may create rifts in familiar or traditionally based relationships. The affected individuals may retreat into the country, hoping to get back in touch with some peaceful dream lost from another era. Or, people under this influence may just seem to withdraw from society in some kind of alienated protest. Fortunately, this protest seldom lasts very long. These rebellious individuals will soon discover that broader perspectives could bring about a rebellion against the very things they have recently embraced! And on and on it goes, as the perspective expands. Some people join organisations at this time, in the hope of finding security within a group. Again, few in this type of crisis are destined to stay in narrow confines for very long.

Pluto transiting this house can bring about any or all of the above-mentioned crises. Yet, with this transit often comes an emphasis on challenging the beliefs and social attitudes of the mother or adult female guardian. Remember, these beliefs or world views are assumed on the part of the Pluto person, and may not objectively describe the mother. Other children in the same family could have another Pluto house placement, and might feel that the mother represents something totally different. So the person hit by Pluto in this house will have to deal with these concepts within himself or herself, by re-evaluating who and what the mother represents specifically, and what attitudes must stay or go.

This is a scary time, philosophically, because any and all things suddenly have the possibility of being absolutely true, even though they may contradict each other! Although not everyone can be an astronaut, imaginings like this could crop up during this transit. The natural tools of fantasy and imagination run rampant, as the individual attempts to hastily put together a new belief package that can work in his or her daily life. This can be an extremely difficult transit to have during adolescence, for then there is a mad dash to keep up and grow up, with a tendency to defer thinking until some later date. This backfires sometimes, later in adulthood, when the challenge to think for himself or herself once again arises, creating disillusionment and panic.

A good way to go about developing the positive potential of this aspect is to question everything. Be willing to have what you believe to be true thrown out of the window if it's shown to be false. And how do you know if something is false? An idea is false for you if the choice to believe it is based on fear, rather than on self-esteem and love. A child would rather believe the world view of the parents because it creates a sense of security. Disagreeing with or moving away from the parents' beliefs can create anxieties, fears that what you are doing is not quite right. You do not want to have your current crop of beliefs and attitudes based on insecurity and anxiety. If you are willing to examine some possibly scary alternatives, you may find out that what you were originally taught really is correct. In that case, you can now make a positive choice to keep that belief - because you want to, not because you are afraid not to. And the same goes for a belief based on childhood anxiety, which you don't want any more. Throw it out - you are the one who decides now what you wish to believe, feel and know! Take a belief that causes you a lot of trouble, such as 'People can't have both love and money at the same time'. Admit that you have it! Then acknowledge the ramifications of that belief in your daily life. Writing down examples of how you express the belief over a period of a couple of days is very helpful in identifying the impact that the idea has on your daily life. Then forgive yourself for having held onto that belief for so long, and forgive your mother or father who taught it to you. (See the fourth house Pluto for a description of forgiveness.) Now decide what idea you want to put in its place. Ask yourself why you haven't let yourself activate this new idea already. What are your resistances? Acknowledge them, and then decide to change. Gradually increase the amount of time each day you spend in the new mental framework. You'll begin to see the difference in your life! (Haydn Paul) You will feel the

need to have a strong ideological support structure guiding your life, to give it a definition, clarify your choices and offer a clear direction to follow. In many ways, your beliefs help to create your sense of personal identity, as they act as a centering energy giving a sense of solidarity and permanence.

The areas which will interest you, and from which the ideological base will emerge, are those of morals, ethics, politics, education, law and religion. Your social conscience and sense of responsibility will be awakened; and you may become involved with the attempt to alleviate causes of social and world problems. Certainly you will want to help in these directions, to add your contribution towards healing the ills of the world, and to oppose social hypocrisy and injustice. Once you have adopted and established your chosen platform, you will feel a need to express it to others; and this can lead to excessive dogmatism and self-righteousness, especially in the first flush of your enthusiasm for the particular ideology. All those who possess 'the truth' or 'the right answers' suffer from this tendency to convert, convince others that theirs is the only right way. It may well be for them and an associated group, but it is most unlikely to be for everyone; not everyone accepts or believes astrology for instance.

(Haydn Paul)

Your intuitive abilities will lead you in a generally harmonious direction which should benefit others; and you will be ambitious to achieve success in all your endeavours, possibly becoming a spokesperson for your beliefs. Much will depend upon the nature of the ideology that you adopt. Some are more inclusive than others; some can be too restrictive and limit personal freedoms; whichever you choose, it will mould your personality, so be very careful which you get involved with. At an extreme, you could become a religious fanatic, or a political revolutionary attempting to impose your perception of life upon others, expressing basically divisive attitudes into the world, as do many religious and political leaders.

The transformation which Pluto requires is for you to develop your own unique ideological approach to life, not one which relies upon following a group belief structure, and to have the strength to stand on your own feet and have the courage to follow your own path and convictions. This implies an eventual sharing with others of the individual freedoms to search and discover, not merely an attempt to convert; and an encouraging of each to find his own unique path by releasing the need to feel secure by reflecting group beliefs uncritically and without question. Such a new approach to the underlying tendency will act as a liberating force, potentially leading to more personal experience of the reality and validity of your essential beliefs, or to their unsuitability and failings. Pluto will act to undermine your compulsive need to adopt a structure to guide your life, by stimulating conditions that cause it to fall apart and erode your confidence in the beliefs. However, this is only because it wants to lead you towards new horizons, which are more fully expressive of your unique individuality and through which your own light can shine in freedom.

(Donna Cunningham)

This shows a deep, analytical mind; yet this person may balk at completing a higher education. This type resents having to get a degree to succeed, as getting one would mean his or her parents won. Many such people go all the way through school, then somehow fail to complete the last semester, the last course, or even the last paper. This is a great revenge, maddening to parents who so much wanted their child to have an education, which was seen as a magical key to getting somewhere. This may be seen as a fail for spite play, because these people also believe that education is powerful and life-transforming, and that without it they won't get anywhere. Where Pluto is, one tends to give over power, so one is stuck there - 'damned if you do and damned if you don't'. Resentments can be displaced onto society. One highly intelligent man with this placement who had just one course to go to complete a badly needed degree expressed his resentment toward society. I should him by saying, 'You know what? Society doesn't care whether you finish your education or not! Society doesn't even know you exist! The education is only for you!'. Startled into clarity by this deliberate shock therapy, he went on to finish his degree. (Similar resentments and self-spiting patterns may exist toward The Law or The Church.) When these people work through the resentments that are getting in their way, Pluto here can be an excellent placement. These people are actually born scholars and researchers, and would get great satisfaction from studying on their own. They could also be powerful teachers who could get to the heart of abstract issues, using the power of the mind to release others from the bondage of ignorance. Knowledge IS power, and the right use of knowledge could transform the world.

(Ulla Palomaki)

Through the ninth house we acquire the sense of belonging to society, its order and hierarchy. The ninth house often determines the nature of this belonging and eventual difficulties and challenges inherent in it. The ninth house also has strong connections with traditions and cultural background. Thus, Pluto is not necessarily very comfortable in the house. The individual is easily estranged from his domestic, religious and cultural background. That sort of hierarchy and values are not naturally adopted by him. Sometimes fate has determined that the individual has a family whose traditions and way of life differ far from those prevailing in society at large. Pluto's position in the ninth house brings feelings of rootlessness so that the view of life or religion has to be looked for in other horizons, perhaps far away. Other countries and cultures may be sources of inspiration for new spiritual concepts. This kind of 'wandering instinct' often results in a lot of spiritual wisdom (Nostradamus), and may lead to a continuous spiritual search for higher truths. Instead of wandering physically, some wander in their minds. This individual is apt to live a solitary life if he so desires. The search for vision and beliefs may become obsessive, so that the views are defended strongly and considered as absolutely right. This attitude may lead to intolerance. The zeal to convert other people to follow the individual's own views is sometimes very strong. Jeff Green calls this a 'Billy

Graham archetype'. In a positive way, the individual is able to get near the truth after a long search, and transmit his knowledge to others. Important is to remember that the truth is never held by a human being. In a positive way, he can also contribute to questioning old religious systems. He has an inner capacity to see their flaws, and thus can contribute to their transformation. Pluto in the ninth house symbolises transformation (Pluto) of religion (ninth house, analogical to Sagittarius). This house position allows the mind to develop because the ninth house has to do with higher thinking and non-trivial matters. The mind is usually very sharp and performing, especially if Mercury is also strong and not disturbed. It may lead to erudition, theoretical work and studies in different kinds of fields. Many have a deep-rooted view that knowledge is power, and thus are keen on studying and not letting their minds languor in disuse. According to the French astrologer Jean-Pierre Nicolas, a lot of time, studies and experiences are needed before life starts to express itself. One of the best means to channel this planetary position is to participate in changes in social life, hierarchy and politics, all of which represent the ninth house.

(Howard Sasportas)

I have observed that, in general, people approach the house in which Pluto is placed in two very broad but different ways. Some plunge into the affairs of the house, grappling with the deeper issues and implications of that realm, and inevitably are changed and transformed through what they experience there. Others, trying to preserve their already existing sense of self and fearing what this planet might do to them, close the door and try to shut Pluto out of the house altogether. They forget that he has an uncanny ability to break locks. This same dynamic applies to Pluto in the 9th. On one level, the challenge for those with this placement is to join Pluto in a quest for a deeper awareness of the ultimate concerns in life. With Pluto here, religious and philosophical issues are often approached with a seriousness and reverence, as if their survival depended on coming to grips with the nature of God or existence. The spiritual drive can be obsessive and fanatical: they are often voracious to find answers and to discover the basic, irrefutable laws and patterns which govern life. In search of the truth, they reach for the bright heavens or plumb the dark undercurrents and depths of the psyche. And what they are really looking for is the ground under their own feet. How can life be fared unless there is something to stand on? Even if the ground is slippery and treacherous, it is still better than no ground at all. Even if it should turn out that life has no givens, and there is no preordained design or structure to existence, those with Pluto in the ninth still desperately need to find or create meaning. But Pluto is a destroyer as well; and sooner or later their philosophies may be subjected to some sort of purgatory, or be torn down and structured anew. In this sense, they are sometimes betrayed or let down by their cherished religion or beliefs. The collapse of a belief system may be an almost overwhelming experience, throwing them into deep despair and depression, until they are reborn again through another one.

Their dogmatism and self-righteousness could stem from the fear that if another person's

philosophy contradicts their own, then what they believe in may have to be questioned. Rather than endangering the sanctity of what they worship and adore, they may try to control what everyone else believes in or convert all others to their side. The image of God is often coloured by what planet is in the 9th. For those with Pluto here, God may not be all justice, beauty and light. He may have a dark side to His nature and occasionally decide He doesn't like them. He could delight in leading them to the edge of a precipice, dangling them there, or destroying them altogether no matter how 'good' they were. It is no wonder many of the people I have met with Pluto in the 9th have difficulty conceiving of a rosy future. As dire as this may sound, some real benefits arise out of their dilemmas. Firstly, they are forced to take a stand on suffering and find some meaning through it, even if it is a fate they can do nothing about. Secondly, they will try to derive as much as they can from every experience, engaging themselves in each and every moment far more completely than others who have a less harrowing concept of God. I said earlier that some may not welcome Pluto in the house at all, although he invariably finds a way of sneaking in. Along these lines, I have met people with this placement who, afraid or thwarted by the search for truth, turn nihilistic. Diametrically opposite to those who use Pluto's constructive probing, these people are aimless and apathetic, and don't see the value in anything. Why bother if it all ends in death anyway? But this is exactly why they should bother. Death is probably the most important event in life; and we can't die well unless we have lived well. Cicero said: 'To philosophise is to prepare for death'. Unlike those with Pluto in the 8th, these people are not necessarily suffering from the repression or malfunctioning of sexual or aggressive instincts, but from the repression or frustration of an equally important and particularly human drive - the will to find meaning in life.

While the 8th house represents drives which push us from within, the 9th represents strivings or goals which pull us from without. For those with Pluto in this house, there is a strong pull to follow Pluto's lead, and yet much anxiety and trepidation about what they might encounter in the process. This dynamic applies to the pursuit of higher education and long journeys as well. Experiences which evoke profound transformations can occur through higher education. Pluto is met within the halls of academia, either in the guise of an important professor who profoundly arouses them, or through conflicts and challenges which any particular course or educational system presents. In certain cases, they may drastically alter their major focus of study at some point during the education. A few people with Pluto in the 9th might make discoveries which require the rewriting of history, the revising of any discipline, and the elimination of that which is old and false in some system of thought.

Long journeys represent another area in which a 9th house Pluto is activated. They can be transformed through travelling or through encountering and assimilating the knowledge and traditions of cultures other than their own. There is a possibility that some people with Pluto in the 9th may project the unacceptable parts of their own psyches onto another race, religion or culture - persecuting and blaming something outside themselves for what is dark or evil in the world. The relationship with in-laws

might also be the sphere where Pluto is felt. For instance, if in difficult aspect to the Moon, the mother-in-law or sister-in-law might be seen as threatening or manipulative. The death of an in-law may have a profound effect on the life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

For those with Pluto in the ninth, politics is their Achilles heel. Either they are afraid of it and shy away from any dealings that smack of political manoeuvring, or they go into it with the idea of changing things and get hurt in the process. They generally exhibit a cynical attitude toward politics or any kind of political dealings, yet they themselves are among the most instinctively adept when it comes to manipulating others to get what they want or to get out of what they don't want. Even so, they have a tendency to get caught in political dilemmas and lose thereby. They have a broad streak of righteousness that can surface under stress, causing them to say and do things that can make enemies, often silent ones, that work against them behind the scenes. They have a genuine desire to do good and accomplish good works, but must be careful how they go about it and not offend broad-based interest groups of long standing until their own structure is sound and can withstand a siege. They have a tendency to fly in the face of authority over some immediate issue, which brings about nothing but their own loss of face. They have a great thirst for freedom, and bitterly resent any encroachment upon it, real or imagined. They are generally fearful of getting involved in any group endeavours involving the signing of papers, lawyers, etc., fearing that someone may be pulling a fast one on them. This paranoia can put them at a disadvantage; it can make them hold back from worthwhile opportunities and cause them to put their trust in those who are clever at manipulating their fears to their own advantage. Part of their nature craves the limelight and feels a great urge to step forth and proclaim the truth as they see it; and part of it is terrified of exposure and all the dangerous or embarrassing situations it might bring about. The tension of this ambiguity can cause them to behave very oddly when and if they do step forward. It also makes it hard for them to fight for an issue, because they will surge forward at one moment, then hold back at the next.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are tuned in to current social and political problems and disturbed by the failure of those who are largely responsible for dealing with them. Your reading includes philosophy, religion, metaphysics and psychology. You feel that government officials must have a more comprehensive understanding of the great social problems that cut across the barriers of race, creed and national origin. By developing your own skills, you could make a substantial contribution through political or social activity. You obviously care enough to make this effort; but you need training to accomplish your objectives. Finding a suitable career should come first on your list of priorities. Serving the public's needs would exert a positive influence where it's most needed, and would give you a feeling of spiritual enrichment as well.

People often seek your counsel, because you listen attentively to their problems, and they know you can offer them valuable advice. You generally hear more than is being said, as if you were reading between the lines of their conversation. This gives you keen insight into people's problems and an understanding of what motivates them. Your partner must share your interest in social issues and should be similarly concerned about finding solutions to them. It is not likely that you will ever retire, because you consider it a waste of time when you can still accomplish so much. Though you may not require it, you can always turn to your friends for help. Be prepared to revise your past opinions as you gain new information. This will assure that your views are always current and will allow you to withstand those who try to intimidate or gain control over you. If you are troubled by conditions that you observe in your environment, the only answer is to learn whatever skills are required to do something about them. You can be instrumental in guiding people to greater freedom by helping them find solutions to their problems. You should incorporate this objective into the duties of your career. You are deeply sensitive to human suffering, whether the cause is physical, social, political or economic; and you can do much to relieve these anxieties.

Don't depend on getting a lot of help from your family in your endeavours. They may be sympathetic to your aims, but they may not provide you with the financial resources you need to get the education and training for achieving your goals. Resolve to go after what you want with determination that you will succeed. There may be sacrifices in preparing for the life you want; but the rewards will more than compensate for what you have to do without in the meantime.

In general, people trust implicitly in your judgement because you give the impression that you are intimately concerned about them, and you are. They derive many benefits when they capitalise on your suggestions about using their resources more effectively to achieve their goals. Pay some attention to your motivation, though, for if you are primarily interested in winning public attention, your achievements might boomerang. People pick up that kind of vibration, and may resent you for using them to satisfy your personal desires. If publicity comes with accomplishment, fine. But even if it doesn't, do the very best you can.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: Your higher mind undergoes periodic purges. At certain points in life, you discover a new philosophy, and it hits with unbelievable conviction. All previous ethical understanding is swept away, obliterated by the new clarity. Your entire approach to living changes overnight as the new allegiance galvanises your mind. Then you stabilise until the next mental housecleaning. Each plateau of mind has immense power. It can be a surgical scalpel, cutting to the essence of life, or it can be a weapon, bludgeoning others into submission. The challenge is to choose the former and avoid the latter.

Cultural perspective: Where cultural diversity is concerned, you're either open or closed. You can be incredibly presumptuous in believing that your particular experience of the world is natural for everyone. In that state, you can't see any farther than your own nose. During these periods, travel is irrelevant; your personality remains unaltered. At other times, your subconscious mind is sufficiently 'cooked' to release its contents into awareness. Then travel can have a profound effect as you open. You become insatiably curious about alternate ways of living; and your pursuit of change through cultural relativity becomes a whirlwind of insights.

Higher education: Education is used as a tool to support intense emotional beliefs. You look for principles to justify your passions. Whatever you're currently studying becomes the whole of your understanding, as if nothing you ever knew before had any relevance. Although it's natural that your quest for understanding will necessitate abandonment of some old ways of thinking, be very careful about what you destroy. The challenge is to promote enlarged awareness, not just to trade one inflexible orientation for another equally fanatical philosophy. The search for truth: Revelation is profound for you, since, unlike some people, you change your life to fit what you understand as true. But truth is not simple; it hides between the lines. So be careful. Lies often masquerade as truth, like wolves in sheep's clothing. Be honest, but do not bludgeon people with your truth - they may hit back with truth of their own. Let others find their own paths. Relativity is what you must develop, the ability to integrate new truth into your life without completely forgetting everything you've unearthed in the past. Remember that all great truths can and do coexist; and don't use the truth destructively. It may come back to haunt you later. Truth is powerful and dangerous, awesome and ultimate.

Ideal society: You would certainly change society, giving it more power, until it surged with volcanic intensity, pregnant with possibility. Wherever outmoded social structures inhibited growth, they would be destroyed. Emotional power would rule - pure, pulsing, primal energy. For others, it might end up being heaven or hell, Utopia or 1984. As Ruler of the World, you would be an absolute authority. Your word would be law, but everyone would agree with you anyway, so there would be no need for dissent.

(Steven Forrest)

In the tradition... the ninth house bore a rather romantic name. It was the 'House of Long Journeys'. The implication was that of a mythic Quest, a journey into strange and perilous places, a journey from which one would return, if at all, a changed person. The ninth house was also associated with religion... and that is not as much of a leap from journeys as it might at first seem. Religion is a human attempt to impart meaning to life, or to discover life's meaning. And we learn about life by living it - by fully accepting and undertaking the 'journey'. It is this 'religious' dimension of the ninth house that is really the heart of the matter, as we shall see.

Furthermore, nothing will so challenge and focus our own beliefs as an encounter with

their passionately held alternatives. Generally throughout human history, such encounters have been hard to come by. 'Multiculturalism' has been a rare phenomenon; cultures have tended to be monolithic, with a particular set of commonly held values, morals, and mythologies binding them into unity. To experience the full-blown reality of alternative perspectives, one didn't have a long list of options. And travel was high on the list. Just leaving town. Going among the foreigners, the 'heathens', the 'infidels'. It would provide an 'education' unavailable elsewhere.....At least until 'education' became widely available - and that is yet another traditional meaning of the ninth house: universities, learning, scholarship. Closely linked to those notions was the idea of the dissemination of knowledge. Hence, the association of the ninth house with the publishing industry... and who hasn't ever been taken on a 'Long Journey' by a book? But it all comes back to the endless search for meaning, pattern and significance in our lives: our 'religious' needs.

What does it mean when Pluto lies here? Your High Destiny: Life hardly feels meaningful automatically. Much of the time we are merely struggling with our responsibilities and wrestling with our circumstances. What honest, reflective person has not occasionally been plagued by that eternal question, 'Why bother?'? Jodie and I saw a cartoon once in which the Almighty appeared to a harried fellow in a vision. His message was, "The Universe exists to annoy you!". I don't think that cartoon made it onto our refrigerator. I guess it cut a little too close to the bone.

In the face of the seeming meaninglessness of life, we turn naturally to religion - and by that word, I don't simply mean Catholicism or Islam. I mean any of the Things To Believe In that humanity has devised. Science serves the purpose for some of us. Art does it for others. Humanitarianism may fit the bill for one person, while making a million dollars may do it for another. And every one of these 'religions' has not only its adherents, but also its spokespeople. Call them Teachers, Exemplars, Preachers... whatever. We humans instinctively seek them out. We want a man or a woman to embody the ideal for us, to speak to us authoritatively and confidently about the moral or metaphysical framework of life.

Your High Destiny is to be such a figure. The responsibility here is enormous. Whenever you speak of Right or Wrong, or the Meaning of Life, people will naturally listen to you. It is as though something radiates from you, a kind of message from God saying, 'Take what this person says seriously'. And if you put out the notion that life is a hopeless mess unfolding in a random universe, people will be mightily influenced by that viewpoint. You can do a lot better than that, but first you must face... Your Distorting Wound: We humans are pretty brilliant as monkeys go. I suspect that perspective is not terribly far from the way the angels look at us. We are inventive, cunning, and creative, but our knowledge of this vast, multidimensional universe is exceedingly limited. When the preacher ascends the pulpit on Sunday morning and begins fulminating about the nature and purpose of life in the cosmos, imagine the angels having a good laugh. Even if the preacher's heart is in the right place, his head is still stuck in the three-dimensional,

time-bound world.

But preaching is his job, and he prides himself in it. And when he was a young seminarian, he was deeply inspired by a teacher no older or wiser than he himself is now. What doubts he had in his inherited belief-system were dispelled by that teacher. On top of that, the congregation isn't paying him for his doubts; they want certainty, clarity, and confidence - 'faith', they call it. It's a commonplace observation that religion has caused more bloodshed and unfeeling, self-righteous sadism in this world than money, sex, and the territorial imperative combined. People will do things for 'faith' that they couldn't stomach for any other reason. And their 'preachers' egg them on with 'messages from God'. With Pluto in the ninth house, you instinctively see all that. You have a sceptic's capacity to ask the right, embarrassing questions. Reflexively, you question the assumptions underlying whatever metaphysical cardcastle you are presented with. You have an especially wary eye when it comes to observing the 'preachers', sniffing out the subtle traps their own egos lay for them, and places where their Shadows leak out into behaviour.

When you were young, you were presented with a religion and strongly encouraged to accept it. This religion may not have been a conventional one - it could have been liberal or conservative politics, education, money, almost anything. And you smelled something rotten, and doubted... or believed deeply at first, and thereby set yourself up for a harder fall. Synchronistic principles here often suggest early contact with especially virulent examples of religious or moral hypocrisy, or other similarly disillusioning experiences. The paedophile priest. The philandering guru. If we add such outward biographical events to the stew, your Plutonian education in religion's dark side was that much more intense.

However we read the story, your Distorting Wound is a learned response of doubt, cynicism, and hesitancy to believe. Your Navigational Error: Those of us raised in the Christian tradition know the story of Christ's encounter with the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. The gospel accounts give an impression of Pilate not so much as a bad man but as a weak one. He seems motivated to afford Jesus a way out of the crucifixion, if only Jesus would plea-bargain a little. But of course Jesus won't. Near the end of their dialogue, Pilate despairingly asks "What is truth?". In Sunday school, we are encouraged to view this as an example of Pilate's perfidious character, but in fact it's a pretty good question. What is truth? The world is full of people, nefarious or merely gullible, making large sums out of claiming to provide the answer. You figured that out before you were very far into your adulthood; and such parasites make your blood boil. In your compulsion not to get fooled again yourself, and to roust out the tricksters into the bargain, you might make any of several fundamental errors.

The first error lies in adopting doubt and cynicism as your 'religion', and doing so without realising that they are as narrow and limited as any other doctrine. And not nearly as uplifting, we might add. A person under the spell of that dogma will live a life full of fear,

hesitant to reap the real joys of love, charity, and fellowship. He or she might withdraw from real sources of inspiration, and recoil from the pleasures and advantages of simple faith. The second error involves reacting unconsciously to the 'religion' of one's childhood - and moving fanatically into another doctrine as far removed from the birth-religion as one can find: a classic 'out of the frying pan, into the fire' move. Daddy was a right-wing entrepreneurial capitalist; daughter is a leftwing Marxist saboteur. Joe was raised Pentecostal, but then he found Zoroastrianism. Wherever we wind up, if we are in the grips of this error, one eventuality is sure: the preachers of the new religion will prove just as fallible or morally culpable as the preachers with whom we grew up.

A third possible error lies in becoming an Inquisitor regarding either all religions or the religion of one's childhood. Down this road, one zealously, fanatically seeks to discredit belief at every opportunity. The attacks may very well be cogent; our concerns about them lie more in a consideration of their motivations and their benefits to the attacker. Typically, there is a big element of unconscious anger in such attacks, and they accomplish little that enhances anyone's life. A fourth error is an attempt to escape the whole issue, and in fact to shirk one's high destiny. It can be made to sound pretty good, though: "Everybody has to figure it out for him- / herself. Who am I to judge? We should all just trust our inner guidance". These are certainly laudable ideas in many ways. But they miss something. We all wear shoes, but not everyone is cut out to be shoemaker. Most of us drive a car, but only a few of us can rebuild the brakes or the ignition system. Similarly, not everyone is wired to distill the chaos of daily life down to a few reliable moral principles. That's as much an inborn, unique skill as the shoemaker's or the mechanic's. And not everyone possesses it. You are mentally wired to be a philosopher. You carry those instincts and reflexes. And you are not the only one who knows that - anyone sizing you up is going to come to the same conclusion. That's how it works with Pluto. Like it or not, you're set up for that kind of destiny, and people are going to see through that kind of filter. They'll take moral cues from you no matter what you do.

The Healing Method: The first part of your healing method is simple to say, but absolutely essential to the recovery of your high destiny. You must physically leave the land of your birth. This leaving is not necessarily permanent, although it often is. Nor does it necessitate crossing international boundaries; cultural lines count for more here than political ones. If you're a native Californian, moving to New Hampshire might do it. The point is that there is something liberating and refreshing for you about culture shock. Your ninth house wounds are tied up with the 'religion of your people' - your church or temple in youth, or the collective attitude of your ethnic group, your neighbourhood, or your extended family... or any combination plate of such factors you might assemble. Just getting away from that environment clears the air. And in that clear air, you will naturally begin to think more freshly.

A second part of your healing depends utterly upon your committing yourself to an educational journey. This may very well involve matriculating in a formal degree

programme, complete with the diploma to hang on your wall. It may just as easily take a less official form, as, for example, when a person sets out to master the practice of astrology and commits zealously to the formidable intellectual exercise that entails. Again, what is at stake here is a stretching of the boundaries, an extension of consciousness beyond the narrow framework of one's early life. Synchronistic principles declare that in the course of travelling far from home and acquiring an education, you will encounter a religion that works for you. That is part of the shape of your destiny. The third step in the healing lies in accepting it. By 'religion' we refer to a world view or a moral perspective; a set of values to live by. It may or may not be a religion in the customary sense.

The religion that works best for you will be Plutonian, of course - that's what suits your nature. How do we recognise such a belief system? For starters, a Plutonian religion is one that isn't quick to view doubt as a sin; it will encourage questioning, scrutiny, and testing. It is a religion that makes some satisfactory account of the problem of evil in the world; no greeting-card philosophies will work. It is a religion that encourages and supports introspective psychological self-analysis, and ties it inextricably to the notion of the spiritual quest. Typically, it will deal energetically and at length with the realities of death and the dying process, and be willing to embrace positive views on the spiritual potentials inherent in consciously directed sexuality. All these notions are simply Plutonian; a Plutonian religion, which is natural to you, will embrace them all to some degree.

The Energising Vision: What are we if we believe nothing? What would life be if everything came down to meaninglessness? What would be left? Only appetite.... 'Man shall not live by bread alone', Jesus said. And it is a simple truth. We need more than mere appetite. We need purpose and meaning. But if, as some tired modern intellectual theologians say, purpose and meaning are purely human creations, it all rings a little hollow. Why bother? Here's the essence: in your guts, you know that life has purpose. You were born with that certainty. Some early experiences of disillusionment nearly knocked that faith out of you, but it only went underground. Employ your healing methods and the faith is resurrected. And it radiates from you. And that faith is given an integrity and a legitimacy by your own fierce commitment to doubt. How strange that phrase wounds from a conventional religious perspective! But your willingness to question yourself and everyone else, always to go deeper, always to let the truth be more than what you already know, those qualities lift you out of the morass that so often captures the evangelist and amateur guru. You are called upon to speak as one of the moral voices of your community. And as long as you are willing to stay in communion with your own Plutonian shadow, you'll not slip into mere moralising. Need renewal? Then go questing again! Journeys will punctuate the conscious life for you, and each one will stretch your spiritual frontiers a little wider.

(Jeff Green)

Individuals who have Pluto in the Ninth House have had the desire and evolutionary need to understand life and themselves in a cosmological, metaphysical, philosophical or religious context. In the broadest possible sense, the Ninth House and Sagittarius are the archetypes through which humanity has a need to explain its connection to the phenomenological nature of the universe and the world in which we live. The Eighth House and Scorpio generated the awareness of 'larger forces' in the universe and the world, forces that were sensed as originating outside the individual. Consequently, there was a need to form some kind of relationship to these forces in order to become identified and united with them. In effect, the relationship allowed the individual to experience these forces directly, and thus to undergo a metamorphosis of his or her personal limitations. The individual became that to which he or she formed a relationship through the osmosis effect. Because of the direct need to experience these larger forces, people and cultures have developed rituals, methods and techniques to harness, possess, control and know them. As a result, this desire and need has led into an understanding and explanation of occult or hidden knowledge. It has also led into internal psychoanalysis or psychological investigations of the inner dynamics or laws that explain who and what we are and how we work. In the Ninth House, the desire and need has been, and is, to explain one's relationship or connection to larger forces. Whereas the person with Pluto in the Eighth House sensed this connection, in the Ninth House the connection is known. As a result, individuals with this placement have needed freedom to pursue whatever experiences are necessary to discover the knowledge that explains those larger forces. As with Pluto in all natural Fire houses, the Ninth House placement gives the individual the feeling that he or she has a special destiny or identity. In the Ninth House, the special identity is directly linked to the individual's relationship to the cosmological, philosophical, metaphysical or religious principles that explain their connection to the universe and the world. These people recognise the phenomenological nature of the universe at large, and in contrast to those with Pluto in the Third House, are not as focused on the immediate physical environment. They understand that, in a phenomenological sense, the world or universe simply exists; that it exists of itself beyond labels or classifications. Yet, because it exists, Ninth House Pluto individuals have desires to understand the fundamental truths that explain the existence of the world and the universe. Truth implies natural laws or principles that govern the totality of life as well as the individual's life.

On this basis, these individuals desire to be free in order to generate whatever experiences are necessary to discover the truth of their existence. They need to understand and explain their relationship to the universe via the principles founded on cosmological, metaphysical, philosophical or religious terms. As a result, many of these individuals come into this life as natural loners. Many of these individuals have travelled far and wide throughout many lifetimes in the pursuit of truth and knowledge. Many have incarnated into diverse cultures all over the planet. It is also common for many to leave a culture, society, or nation in which they felt inhibited or stifled in their pursuit of truth and knowledge. Consequently, many Ninth House Pluto individuals have experienced and will experience a fundamental alienation from their own culture and society. Alienation

occurs because most cultures, societies or nations are based on a specific religious or philosophical system, arrived at by general consensus, that serves as the framework for understanding or explaining its relationship to the world and the universe. Because the desire and drive of the Ninth House Pluto person is to search for and discover truth in an unrestricted way, alienation arises from the limitations of society. These limitations lead to external, and therefore internal, confrontations for these individuals

.The confrontations reinforce the sense of alienation from the culture or belief system into which they have been born. Given a prior-life history of incarnating into diverse cultures, many of these individuals will experience alienation because each new culture or society will be different from the one that they have just experienced. The unconscious 'memories' of the most previous life experience will induce the alienation relative to the 'new' culture. This produces a cultural, emotional and philosophical shock that threatens the unconscious security needs of the individual. The experience of restriction, alienation, confrontation and shock reflects the evolutionary impulse to discover the comprehensive truths, principles or laws that underlie the diverse expressions of phenomenological truth as defined by any culture, at any time. Alienation is a necessary experience because it fosters an elimination of any barriers, be they individual or cultural, that are preventing a direct understanding of the fundamental laws and principles that govern this comprehensive and total truth of existence. Because of this evolutionary impulse, many Ninth House Pluto individuals will feel rootless; rather than identifying with any specific nation, they will consider themselves citizens of the world. On the other hand, many of these individuals will naturally gravitate to certain philosophical or cultural expressions that reflect their own inner intuitive sense of how life should be explained or understood. For some this natural gravitation to a specific philosophical or cultural expression of truth is at odds with the society or culture that they were born into in this life. The memories of the past often create a desire or need to rediscover or align themselves with a religious or philosophical tradition from another time and another place. For others the culture that they are born into will mirror perfectly the philosophical or religious tradition necessary to continue their evolutionary journey and to fulfil their karmic requirements. For these individuals the experience of alienation will be minimised or eliminated altogether.

Because Ninth House Pluto individuals desire to understand themselves in these ways, there is a concentrated development of the inner intuitive faculty. Because these individuals know that they are connected to larger forces beyond themselves, and because of the desire to discover the natural laws that explain this connection, they have necessarily had to develop an intuitive faculty - a 'sixth sense'. Intuition is the inherent ability in each of us to 'know' something without conscious reasoning. This knowing or understanding occurs without any effort on the part of the ecocentric and subjective mind. Because these individuals know that they are connected to larger forces in the universe, they have 'tapped in' to those forces. By intensely focusing upon those forces, they become aware of their nature and, therefore, of the laws and principles behind those forces. Laws and principles translate into concepts or conceptualisation of those

forces. Concepts and conceptualisations translate into beliefs. A composite of concepts, laws, principles and beliefs translates into a comprehensive philosophical, metaphysical, cosmological or religious system. The specific nature of mankind's belief systems is determined by individual and collective evolutionary development and geographic locality. In other words, the fundamental laws or principles are the same for all individuals or cultures, but are conceived, conceptualised and expressed in a diversity of cultural and individual ways. This becomes clear when we observe the world's amazing array of religious and philosophical systems. Even though the basic laws and principles are the same for all peoples and cultures, the individual and cultural interpretation of those principles reflects not only diversity but individual and cultural necessity. Individuals with Pluto in the Ninth House will interpret these intrinsic laws and principles according to their own natural evolutionary condition and karmic necessities.

The evolutionary need to focus upon and develop the intuitive faculty in order to know the truth of reality creates many problems for the individual and for society. These problems are rooted in the two co-existing desires within the Soul. The desire for separateness results in an egocentric overidentification with a specific philosophical or religious system that reflects the needs of the society or the individual. This overidentification is based on the need for emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual security and stability. This need for security and stability gives rise to the need for the society or the individual to defend against the intrusion of other interpretations of the same intrinsic laws and principles by other cultures or individuals. In this state of delusion and separateness, the individual or culture will either attempt to impose its system upon another or will withdraw from the threat posed by another individual or culture. The history of human experience on the planet abundantly demonstrates this fact. The recent turmoil in Ireland, the Middle East, and South Africa, China's imposition on Tibet, and so forth are only the latest manifestations of this sad evolutionary development.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°08') ♀6 | ♀7
- 2) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Jupiter** - (1°40') ♀6 | ♀5
- 3) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (0°54') ♀6 | ♀9
- 4) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (0°48') ♀6 | ♀9
- 5) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°14') ♀4 | ♀7
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (1°28') ♀4 | ♀9
- 7) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (1°34') ♀4 | ♀9
- 8) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♀ Jupiter** - (1°34') ♀12 | ♀5
- 9) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (1°52') ♀12 | ♀1
- 10) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♀ North-Node** - (0°35') ♀12 | ♀3
- 11) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♀ Saturn** - (0°16') ♀11 | ♀1
- 12) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♂ Uranus** - (0°14') ♀7 | ♀9
- 13) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (0°20') ♀7 | ♀9
- 14) ► **Jupiter ♀ Parallel ♀ North-Node** - (0°59') ♀5 | ♀3
- 15) ► **Uranus ♂ Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (0°06') ♀9 | ♀9
- 16) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♀ Saturn** - (5°38' A) ♀1 | ♀1
- 17) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (2°49' S) ♀12 | ♀11
- 18) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♀ Neptune** - (10°19' A) ♀6 | ♀6
- 19) ► **Uranus ♂ Conjunct ♀ Pluto** - (6°23' S) ♀9 | ♀9
- 20) ► **Pluto ♀ Conjunct ♀ South-Node** - (4°38' S) ♀9 | ♀9
- 21) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♀ Neptune** - (5°21' S) ♀12 | ♀6
- 22) ► **Mars ♂ Opposition ♀ Saturn** - (8°38' S) ♀7 | ♀1
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♀ Neptune** - (4°55' S) ♀4 | ♀6
- 24) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♂ Uranus** - (3°30' A) ♀11 | ♀9
- 25) ► **Mars ♂ Sextile ♂ Uranus** - (0°13' A) ♀7 | ♀9
- 26) ► **Jupiter ♀ Sextile ♀ North-Node** - (2°29' S) ♀5 | ♀3
- 27) ► **Saturn ♀ Sextile ♀ North-Node** - (2°10' S) ♀1 | ♀3
- 28) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☉ Sun** - (4°11' A) ♀1 | ☉10
- 29) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Moon** - (6°02' A) ♀1 | ♀4
- 30) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♀ Saturn** - (0°24' S) ♀4 | ♀1
- 31) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♀ Pluto** - (1°38' A) ♀12 | ♀9
- 32) ► **Mercury ☿ Square ♀ North-Node** - (3°00' S) ♀12 | ♀3
- 33) ► **Neptune ♀ Square ♀ North-Node** - (2°21' A) ♀6 | ♀3
- 34) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♀ Jupiter** - (5°57' A) ♀1 | ♀5

- 35) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♄ Pluto** - (8°06' A) ♅1 | ♁9
- 36) ► **Midheaven MC Trine ♂ Mars** - (6°32' A) ♄12 | ♃7
- 37) ► **Sun ☉ Trine ♆ Neptune** - (5°18' A) ☿10 | ♆6
- 38) ► **Moon ☾ Trine ♀ Mercury** - (0°26' A) ♄4 | ♄12
- 39) ► **Venus ♀ Trine ♂ Mars** - (3°43' A) ♀11 | ♃7
- 40) ► **Jupiter ♃ Trine ♄ Saturn** - (0°19' A) ♄5 | ♅1
- 41) ► **Jupiter ♃ Trine ♄ Pluto** - (2°09' S) ♄5 | ♁9
- 42) ► **Saturn ♄ Trine ♄ Pluto** - (2°28' A) ♅1 | ♁9

- 1) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°08') ♆6 | ♃7

(Robert Hand)

This position can have two quite different effects. On one hand, you may be subject to compulsive desires, wanting to do things without any special reason except willfulness. Such actions are usually rash and sudden, and may be caused by an inner emotional upheaval. Sometimes this happens because you have had such a stormy and turbulent home life as a young child that all your resentment comes out in sudden aggressive energies. To counter this, your parents should provide you with a reasonably stable and supportive home life, where you can feel that you are accepted for yourself.

On the other hand, if you feel confident that your family loves and accepts you, you will experience the energies of this aspect quite differently. You will determine the course of your life very directly, according to your own inner needs and impulses. You will be conscious of these needs, so that you can gratify them in a controlled way instead of being at the mercy of your inner drives. In general, you will succeed by creating a satisfying inner life more than by achieving in ways that the outer world can easily recognize. You may or may not be successful in your career, but that will not be as important to you as inner satisfaction. While you are young, your parents should understand this and help you discover your own needs rather than make you conform to other people's expectations.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the IC suggests that the individual operates from a foundation of anger. Usually there is a history of conflict in the home, and individuals with this placement may do anything to hide their own anger from public view and sometimes from themselves. With Mars on or contacting either end of the axis, there is often tremendous anger felt towards one or both parents, an anger that can fuel the individual into accomplishing tasks that require tremendous tests of strength or energy. This placement will often be indicative of the person who works from home or who is always 'on the go' when actually at home. The home is a place of activity for Mars conjunct IC. Whilst such activity may

be of a more Mercurial nature if Mars is in the 3rd house, this placement is also ideal for more physical tasks, for these provide a way for the individual to contact and work off his or her anger. Often people with this placement feel cut off from their physical energy unless they actively take steps to stoke themselves up. If Mars is making hard aspects to heavier planets, this placement can be indicative of accidents or fires. Such manifestations usually only occur if the individual is not actively 'using' his or her energy. Mars conjunct IC can also indicate an urge to dig out one's roots. For those with this placement, courage may be about unflinchingly exploring the emotional and sexual roots of the family and their own psyche.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

With this aspect, vehement actions and desires manifest themselves in the domestic life of the native. Since the conjunction of Mars to the IC partakes somewhat of Mars in its fall in Cancer, it tends to create a situation of disharmony in the home unless it is very well aspected. The forceful, combative nature of Mars does not harmonize well with everyday life, in which sensitivity and mutual love are needed. The home, which should be a place of beauty and harmony, can become a battlefield generating emotional tension and upset. Mars conjunct Nadir is something like a bull in a china closet.

This conjunction is favorable for people connected with industrial occupations having to do with the earth itself, such as mining or building construction. The Mars energy can also be used to make do-it-yourself improvements in the home.

Mars square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Mars in conflict with the MC, problems will regularly arise owing to an often too bold, sometimes too aggressive and vehement approach to others. We have a high opinion of ourselves and are not always tactful enough to hide it. We strike others as domineering, ambitious and belligerent. Socially in particular, that can spell trouble, because our attitude will come under attack more than once, and this is bad for our ego-image.

Once we learn to govern ourselves, enormous energy should take us far. To a greater or lesser extent, we shall always have to struggle to reach our goals; but this is something we are well equipped to do. Socially, we do best in positions where we can be very active and enterprising and also very independent. Freedom of action is something we prize extremely highly.

With these aspects, we usually have little regard for others, and often take the wind out

of their sails by our speed and competitiveness. Whatever we feel like doing, we do as a matter of course.

Both career and domestic affairs are subject to strife. There is a tendency to transfer to the job the conflicts that result from quarrels at home and vice versa. Thus, problems in the profession or in the home life are likely to aggravate other spheres of activity. The natives must learn to use their heads more and their feelings less.

There is also an inclination to get into trouble with the state and with its legally constituted authorities. Sometimes the natives are unwillingly involved in military affairs; for example, they may be drafted.

2) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Parallel*** ♌ ***Jupiter*** - (1°40') ♀6 | ♀5

(Robert Hand)

Your home and family are very important to you as a refuge that you can retreat to when the outer world is too harsh. You will always remember your childhood as one of the best times of your life, and you will have great respect for your parents, especially the one who gave you the most emotional support.

As you get older, you will remember what you had when you were younger, and you will love anything that reminds you of home. Wherever you go, you will try to find a community like the one you grew up in. And if you can't find such a community, you will seek one in which people are as close as they were where you grew up. All your life, you will have great respect for traditions and customs, even if they are very different from your own, not because you are narrowly conservative, but because you know they give people positive emotional support. Temperamentally you are quite liberal, and you enjoy the experience of new places and different worlds.

All of your life you will prefer rather large and elegant homes surrounded by lots of open space. You hate to be cramped, physically or emotionally, so you avoid close relationships with people who are very jealous or possessive, because they would restrict your inner freedom.

Normally this aspects signifies a high degree of emotional security, which enables you to withstand any difficult times and even offer help to others when they are in trouble.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Jupiter on the IC inevitably will have come from a background whose chief preoccupation was education, religion (or some other belief system) or travel. The individual will often have come from a 'good' family and often a large home. People with Jupiter on both sides of this axis themselves often want and obtain a mansion-like

residence. There is a need for 'space' on the domestic sphere on all levels, and a hope that one can be hospitable to all. Jupiter-IC people are often quite confident individuals; the confidence and faith is less obvious than with Jupiter rising, but it is usually much more solid and underpins everything the person does.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect is favorable for people dealing in real estate or in businesses related to the construction and improvement of homes. It also favors farming or those businesses related to the growing of food.

The natives usually live in large homes with large families, and unless other factors contradict parental relationships are good. The home is often the site of religious and educational activity. In the last half of their lives, natives are prosperous, comfortable, even opulent.

Jupiter square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We must take care not to overdo things when we have tense aspects between Jupiter and the Midheaven. We throw ourselves enthusiastically and impetuously into all kinds of things, seize fresh opportunities, and like to be active. Given our self-image, we tend to overestimate our abilities and possibilities and to underestimate difficulties - hence the repeated deadlocks, from which, with Jupiter's incorrigible enthusiasm (and sometimes ill-founded optimism), we can usually break free either in whole or in part.

With these tense aspects we are not very good listeners (even though we may think we are), but like to speed things up. Therefore others see us as difficult and arrogant; and sometimes, when we sally forth starry-eyed on some perilous adventure, as childishly naive. 'Look before you leap' is a useful motto for people with this combination.

Because we rely largely on our own judgement, we are liable not only to think we know best, but also (given the least excuse) to say so out loud with a wag of a finger. We tend to beat the drum in and out of season, and this usually brings conflict with others. Nevertheless, these aspects also give enthusiasm, cordiality, cheerfulness, hospitality, joviality and warmth; and when we learn to season our optimism with a little caution, we shall have a great deal in our favor.

3) ► *Imum-Coeli* IC *Parallel* ☿ *Uranus* - (0°54') ♀6 | ♀9

(Robert Hand)

This aspect signifies that you are an individualist and that you should go pretty much your own way in life. You especially need emotional freedom, and you don't enjoy being with people who are jealous or possessive. In fact, as a young child you probably did not like to be coddled by your mother, feeling that such emotions were smothering rather than reinforcing. This attitude probably resulted from an incident or series of incidents in earliest childhood that taught you that you couldn't count on the kind of nurturing children need from a mother. Therefore you understood that you must learn to do without it as much as possible. It is quite likely that your mother is very independent and has a busy life outside of being a mother. However, this aspect does not usually signal emotional inadequacy or difficulties, unless Uranus is otherwise poorly aspected. It often signifies a parent who, like yourself, is a very free spirit.

As you grow older, tradition and home life will mean relatively little to you, and in fact, you may regard them as elements that hamper your freedom of self-expression. As soon as you are able, you will try to break free of your family and your place of growing up. Even while you are quite young, you may enjoy the freedom of having no real roots; of fitting in, more or less, wherever you go. When you are older, you will keep your home simple and sparsely furnished, and you will try to have as few obligations as possible. If you ever have a family of your own, you will teach them to be as independent as possible, because you do not want anyone to depend on you.

(Sue Tompkins)

The inclination to rebel against the values or conditioning of a parental figure may occur even with Uranus conjunct IC, but its effects are not likely to be so obvious to the outside world as those of Uranus conjunct MC.

Uranus conjunct IC or even into the fourth house is sometimes indicative of great upheavals in the early home life. This placement is consistent with, for example, moving house in early childhood to a location that is radically different from that of one's forebears - perhaps being uprooted to a completely different country, culture or family, for example. Often the early upheaval is not that extreme, but in childhood may have seemed so. Sometimes a parent might have made a sudden exit or have been forced to do so. In any case, people with this placement often have to build their own roots, they often feel or are literally cut off from the roots of their family or their culture.

I know of one extreme case where a boy with Uranus exactly conjunct the IC, because he was born illegitimately, was placed in a children's home. He never knew who his father was, never saw his mother, and when aged about 11 was sent to Australia by the home as part of a Government scheme to help colonise that country. On all sorts of levels he was cut off from his roots, and has been looking for them ever since.

Sometimes, such early experiences result in the individual feeling unable to put down

roots, for he or she cannot believe that he / she is ever going to feel safe. For some, depending on the other aspects, the lack of roots is exciting. Many others with this placement, though, often become very concerned with creating a permanent home and as much security as possible.

For all its difficulties, being cut off from one's roots, like most things, can have its advantages. Individuals with this placement have freedom at their foundation. They can do what they want without having to consider the pull of the past or the tradition of the family.

Whatever the exact scenario, those with Uranus on the IC are often thrown back on their own resources at an early age. Thus, the individual is usually deeply independent, not only in behaviour and choice of life-style but also in his / her ideas and opinions. Unlike Uranus conjunct MC, though, there is usually no felt need to be seen to be different. On the contrary, any unusual family background, eccentric family members, or unconventional views are usually kept well hidden from public view at least until the mid-life Uranus opposition. Like Uranus in the 12th house, the individual with this placement will often want to be seen as conventional in public.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction creates an unusual and constantly changing domestic situation. The parents or the home itself may be out of the ordinary in some way. Natives may be forced to change residence suddenly. Their homes are filled with modern conveniences and electrical gadgets or else with artifacts of ancient or unusual origin.

Often the home is used for group activities such as clubs or occult organizations. Electronic or scientific hobbies are characteristic, with basement workshops or gadget rooms to accomodate them.

If the conjunction (to the Nadir) is afflicted, it can cause sudden disputes and separations in the family life, such as estrangements from parents. If it is well aspected, the natives are friendly with their families and share interests with their parents.

Uranus square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the planet is in hard aspect to the Midheaven, the changeableness, uncertainty and brusqueness of Uranus are not so easy to channel productively. Inconstancy, the abandonment of what looked full of promise, tension, a restless longing for change, and rashness are the result. With these aspects we need to exercise caution; as creatures of

impulse, we often forget to look before we leap.

Even when we are very young, we can be rebellious, hard to manage, and sometimes maladjusted. Given a propensity for trouble-making and rule-breaking, we can easily become revolutionaries in the literal sense of the word. When Uranus is powerfully placed in the horoscope there is always a great need to be ourselves; but, with these hard aspects, being ourselves can get in the way of social and business aspirations. We may decide to be ourselves at some unfortunate moment, striking others as unpredictable and even egotistic. What is more, we show resentment at interference.

Nevertheless, the hard aspects are particularly creative. True, we suffer from mental tension and restlessness, but we are seldom short of bright ideas. Making discoveries, small or large, often seems like child's play; and by following a path where there is room to try out various unusual options, we could go far.

4) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♌ Pluto** - (0°48') ♀6 | ♀9

(Robert Hand)

Your early childhood experiences will have an unusually strong effect upon your whole life. One parent in particular will be very important to you, and it is essential that that parent's influence be for the good. The problem is that the energies resulting from your early childhood experiences operate at a very deep inner level, probably unconsciously, so that they affect your life in ways that are difficult to understand. Negative experiences in childhood may give rise to fears, which bring about compulsive behavior patterns and bad habits. You might not even be aware of these fears, but if you understood them consciously they would be less difficult.

On the other hand, attitudes that you pick up from your elders may seriously limit your ability to make judgements on the basis of your experiences. Be very wary about acquiring any prejudices, and always question your beliefs so that you know they are helping your life rather than hindering it.

One of your parents may try to exert too great an influence over you, even when you have outgrown the need for it. That parent must recognize each new stage of your life and let go of you a bit at each stage. If he or she tries to control you too much for too long, your psychological development will be seriously retarded. Of course, good influences from that parent will also have a very powerful positive effect on your whole life. It is simply that the bond with that parent is very strong, which can have both good and bad long-term effects upon your development.

(Sue Tompkins)

Pluto conjunct IC suggests some sort of violation at one's roots. I have known examples

where the individual has discovered that he or she is the product of rape. Sometimes there is literal or metaphorical death or banishment of a parent. On other occasions, the person may have been transposed to a completely different culture or a completely different family from the one of his / her forebears.

Sometimes individuals with this placement attempt to purge themselves of their history. In attempting to eradicate their past, it is as if they sit on a time bomb, waiting for it to resurface suddenly and wreak havoc on their newly built foundations.

Still others with Pluto conjunct IC want to dig and dig to see where they came from: this must surely be a very positive manifestation of this combination.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction indicates a need for regeneration in the domestic life. How it should take place is designated by the houses where Scorpio, Aries and Leo are found, plus other aspects made to the conjunction. Thus regeneration applies especially to family relationships and, even more specifically, to relationships with parents. Conditions at the end of the native's life will indicate whether the Plutonian energy has been correctly used, as the flowering of higher spiritual faculties will take place in the later years.

In this conjunction (to the Nadir), as with Neptune conjunct Nadir, the home can be a place of occult activity or have peculiar conditions connected with it. There is often an occult attunement to nature and to the resources found in the bowels of the earth. Persons who mine Uranium ore will undoubtedly have Pluto in the fourth house. The conjunction favors those whose profession is geology. Many dowsers have this aspect.

Pluto square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects between Pluto and the Midheaven are particularly powerful in their effects. Friendly though we may otherwise be, there is something about us that warns others off trying to take advantage of us. Whenever we give vent to irritation, we should bear in mind that the Plutonian energy we radiate will make us sound much harder than we suppose, and that we can really upset people or drive them into such a tight corner that they feel compelled to strike back.

With the disharmonious aspects, we have an enormous need to prove ourselves and to keep a grip on ourselves and our surroundings come what may. If we are not careful, we shall turn into slave drivers. Obviously, this will lead to power struggles, especially over social and business status. The tense aspects make us pugnacious and we are likely,

sooner or later, to attack the things that displease us. Once again, caution is advisable. Pluto always goes hand in hand with tremendous intensity; and, in the hard aspects, it is difficult to adjust this intensity to the desired effect. Consequently, it may prove to be destructive rather than constructive.

Inquisitiveness is well-developed, but we do not always know how to control it. Thus we can catch someone on the hop with a completely tactless question, and surprise him into blurting out the answer. But, very often, this method leads to confrontations, although, with Pluto / Midheaven conflicts, we generally ferret out what we want to know. Also, it is quite common for us to use knowledge indiscreetly or at the wrong moment; and, given certain other indications in the horoscope, we could divert knowledge to bad ends by being manipulative.

When we begin any task, it is with complete dedication - maybe too much dedication. We might even undermine our efforts by an all-or-nothing attitude. Others do not always understand this lack of give-and-take, even when we are obviously being well-intentioned, because they simply cannot see why we should get so het up about things.

Nevertheless, we have great perseverance combined with enormous energy and love of action - all flowing from a need for power and recognition. If we learned to channel energy a little better, we could relaly move mountains. Then it would take an exceptional opponent to stop us.

5) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°14') ♀4 | ♀7

(Haydn Paul)

Moon and Mars contacts involve the psychological relationship between instinctive and emotional patterns with an ability to act decisively by applying a consistent will directed toward achieving aims.

The conjunction indicates you have strong emotions and feelings which influence perceptions and decisions. Their intensity may often feel uncomfortable and frightening, espeically in situations of heightened passion or confrontation. You are aware that unleashing these energies oftne results in displays of temper, emotional outbursts, and anger, and that your sometimes belligerent style of disagreeing with others is actually a form of self-defence. Being overly sensitive to others' reactions and having emotional anxiety can create a mental state where you imagine that others criticize or plot against you. Before such situations are proven real, you are ready to retaliate.

Until a deeper integration and understanding of these energies occurs, you may find that contentious relationships continue. Those erratic and volatile emotions help to stimulate inner agitation, and this friction spills over into your exchanges with others. While you want to form better relationships, there are often problems with cooperation and trust, at

work and in intimate partnerships. You are both attracted to and repulsed by emotional intimacy, often unable to deal with powerful feelings due to emotional immaturity; and others may sense these raging feelings and withdraw from closer contact. Rejection strikes into your deepest core. Reacting against the pain, you often strike out verbally with unkind words designed to damage and wound, or throw childish temper tantrums when needs are denied. You are liable to brood on any rejection, often continuing to criticize someone to friends for a long time afterward. Perceptions of losing erode a fragile self-esteem.

One of your major problems may be self-preoccupation; concerned with your private emotional world, you fail to recognize that others have needs too, and that they are also emotionally sensitive. Your world is egocentric and revolves around your desires, expecting others to serve your needs, and rejecting attempts at compromise. Being unaware of these tendencies is no excuse; failing to acknowledge that others have an equal sensitivity is a denial of reality. If you react against criticism, then so do others from you. You need to realize that others' needs are as important as yours. Compromise between all concerned is necessary to minimize conflicts. Emotional reactions distort your perceptions and evaluations, influencing choices, decisions, and actions; and sometimes these may contradict rationality.

This apparently negative portrayal of Moon-Mars conjunctions can, however, be transformed into a more positive approach. Much depends on an honest appraisal of your relationships, and of how you deal with inner difficulties, especially identifying how you project emotional frustrations onto others close to you, making these relationships fail to satisfy and later collapse. These intense feelings can be directed toward positive aims designed to shape constructive action. If you consciously attempt - even for a short time - to project yourself into the position of others and to imagine how life is from their perspective by seeing through their eyes and feeling through their heart, then your egocentric world may be transformed, and your latent sympathy and understanding awakened.

Moon and Mars can work successfully together, once inner adjustments are made; and feelings of personal anguish and frustration are reduced by developing awareness of others' needs. Then you may discover a new meaning and purpose to life. There can be a crusading spirit about this energy supported by powerful, assertive Martian qualities, which can increase persistence and opportunities for eventual success. This could initiate a real transformation.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Mars indicates emotional anxiety and impatience. Your feelings are strong and always in turmoil, because you are extremely sensitive to what people say or do to you. Your imagination works overtime inferring slights against you that were never made. You defend yourself against these imagined insults by abusing the people you

deal with, even though they don't deserve such treatment. In your selfpreoccupation, you are sometimes unsympathetic toward people who are trying to compromise with you. In time, they will start to avoid you. When you feel threatened by persons who relate to you aggressively, you retaliate by putting them in their place. You want desperately to establish close relationships, but you don't know how to cope with them when you do. This probably started in childhood, when your parents erroneously accused you of wrongdoing.

This planetary combination does not of itself incline you toward specific professional interests. It does indicate problems in relating to your co-workers, no matter what your occupation is. When you lose, you are not especially gracious and may even imply that your competitor had an unfair advantage. In other words, you're a sore loser. You are so thin-skinned that even a minor criticism is enough to set off a temper tantrum. On the other hand, you can easily launch an almost sadistic verbal attack against another person, and then you are appalled at the response you get. There is a large inconsistency between your overly sensitive response to criticism and your indifference to other people's sensitivity. If you wish to achieve in occupations that involve close contact with the public and / or co-workers, you will have to solve these problems.

You assert yourself in extreme ways to satisfy your emotional needs. When you are rejected, you can be incredibly unkind, even vicious and vindictive. The people you care for need a variety of human companionship, but you are blind to their needs, and your jealousy distorts your reason. You complain bitterly of being 'abandoned' by them. Compromise is something you expect from others, but you fail to see any reason to make compromises yourself.

You have a lot of homework to do before you can expect to attain peace of mind. Start by postponing any decision pertaining to a relationship until you have all the facts. Try to put yourself in the other person's shoes, to imagine what it's like to be on the receiving end of your cruel outbursts. If you are honest with yourself, you will realize that you often behave immaturely and unjustly. You have only yourself to blame if you can't get along with people. Try to assume they are not out to get you; the chances are that you have been imagining it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When security-minded behavior (Moon) fuses with the extremely energetic, fierce and executive Mars, there is a good chance that in doubtful situations we shall make it our business to go on the offensive in an impatient and quick-tempered, but also brave and enterprising, fashion. The speed of reaction that is virtually automatic in this lunar aspect may cause ruptures. Language is often forcible, and generally we don't stop to think what we are saying. Once we have had our say, annoyance is soon a thing of the past, but the consequences of plain speaking can follow us for a long time.

A good way to let off steam is physical activity; in a word, sport - preferably highly competitive sport, for Mars favors ambitious loners more than team players. The Moon / Mars conjunction makes a tough fighter, even though sometimes the combativeness is more of the mind than of the body. When contending with someone with a Mars / Moon conjunction, one should be aware that the antagonist has tremendous resilience. For Mars does not rule the idler, and the person whose Mars is conjunct the Moon will battle away without thinking too much about the odds.

The fighting spirit of a Moon / Mars conjunction finds a useful outlet in pioneers and in champions of various ideas. The ideas need not be reformist (or Uranus would be involved), but for them to be worth defending the native must feel they belong to him.

The aggressiveness and defensiveness of this conjunction must not be confused with militarism. The native has little patience with the strict regimentation of the armed forces; he is and remains a free spirit.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the physical body; the physical mother of the early childhood years; the emotional nature of an individual and his responses to life experience. Mars indicates how one acts, how one expresses sexuality.

The early childhood experience reflects an emotional mother; a mother who nursed her hurts, who reacted to her husband and children when her feelings were hurt. This child learns to respond in a similar way. The adult with this conjunction will be easy to anger, will act on hurt feelings, will act out emotional upsets rather than thinking them out. He may be seen as self-destructive because he seldom considers his own safety while in the midst of an emotional trauma. As he matures, and as he experiences physical pain because of his emotional reactions, he will eventually learn to think before he acts, but this behavior will be learned.

The conjunction can indicate a person who has a great deal of anger to cope with. He either explodes and takes out his anger on someone else, or he implodes and takes out his anger on himself. The conjunction can operate explosively, implosively, or in both ways. Rather than suppressing the anger, it is more important to understand it - to allow oneself time to work through it (writing letters that aren't mailed, sitting on reactions for several days prior to doing anything about a situation, getting a perspective from someone else) in order to learn how to channel the energy. Mars energy is creative; anger is merely the undisciplined tip of the iceberg.

The conjunction will express differently in each sign. The Mars energy will intensify the sign qualities of the Moon. When the supersensitivity is understood, when the overreaction to the environment is understood, this energy can be used creatively.

(Charles Carter)

Great energies, daring, and enterprise characterise this position, and the native usually takes many risks, both physical and financial. The same two sides of Mars will show forth - the bold and outgoing and the profound and penetrating. There is sometimes a reckless, irresponsible element, moody and resentful, but on the whole it is a healthy influence, which expresses itself freely and bravely as a ruler, teacher, reformer, or constructive man of business. There is often kindness and benevolence, at least in intention, but there is a tendency to extremes in action. It makes a good martyr if other parts of the chart concur, or it may be a revolutionary or rebel. It makes a combattant, and the character of the adversaries that are chosen depends on the general nature of the birth chart.

6) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♂ **Uranus** - (1°28') ♀4 | ♀9

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Moon conjunct Uranus, you are somewhat of a character, and your personality is exciting. You are very expressive, especially when emotionally aroused. You prefer to have few secrets and thus remain free of the anxieties often brought on by them. Although you may become involved in emotional situations, you always try to examine them intellectually and as realistically as possible. You believe that this is the only way to solve such problems.

In your circle of friends, you are popular because of your tolerance and understanding. You rarely take sides on an issue because you can always find something worthwhile with both sides, and you know that there is common ground for mutual accord. Your basic honesty is what endears you to others. You are so hopeful and optimistic that others feel better in your presence, even when they are experiencing personal difficulties. But you can't always solve your own problems as easily as you solve those of others. When this happens, you may suffer from intense strain and nervous irritability.

Your romantic life is filled with unusual types who run the gamut from saint to sinner. You enjoy the thrill of forming relationships with 'impossible' individuals; an average person never seems to turn you on. Although you are often the matchmaker for others, you may remain unmatched yourself. When you do fall in love, you fall hard, and if the love is not returned you may become distraught.

Being such a free individual, you are impatient with any restraints. You insist on the right to determine your own way of life, and consequently your life-style bears little resemblance to that of your parents. You consider your success or failure to be an exclusive personal matter and will not permit yourself to be the product of someone else's conditioning.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We cannot expect much tranquility from a Moon / Uranus conjunction, since the restless, original, sparkling and fickle Uranus is indissolubly bound to the longing for security. These people will not know ordinary security, but that need not pose any problems. They find reassurance by expressing themselves in an individual and unconventional manner. They feel at home with this form of behavior in spite of the fact that it can lead to occasional clashes with those around them.

Certainly, great tension accompanied by alertness and restlessness is observable in the conjunction; these people are also nervy, irritable and quick-tempered. They like to rush into everything at once, and especially into whatever is unorthodox. In fact there is a temptation to be provocative with this aspect.

Changeable and capricious though they may be with a Moon / Uranus conjunction, they can also keep to their chosen course with grim determination. If they are completely sold on an idea, Uranus makes them easily annoyed by criticism, and they cling to the idea all the more obstinately. This apparent discrepancy (changeability and a taste for the unusual being combined with mulishness) is encountered in all Moon / Uranus aspects. In particular, the inability of the Moon / Uranus conjunction to adapt to the environment can only serve to reinforce their intractability.

Inner stability is not a strong point and, owing to the tremendous impulsiveness of Uranus - which is coupled here with a very unconscious and variable lunar influence - they tend to be accident-prone. Also, with this aspect, brusqueness needs curbing. And yet, with the same aspect, these people can retrieve some situation in an unexpected way by striking out on a new path; for it seems that change (and sometimes even radical change) is the watchword.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon symbolizes our emotional responses to life, the responses we learned at an early age from our mother; and Uranus indicates a behavior pattern that is connected to the generation we were born into.

If the word 'erratic' can be associated with Uranus aspects, we may surmise that we have erratic emotional responses with this conjunction. The chances are that the mother of the person with this aspect responds to her life in some erratic or eccentric fashion during the individual's childhood. It may be that the mother doesn't respond emotionally unless it's in the form of an emotional outburst; the child may have difficulty determining whether Mom is happy, angry or upset; here the emotional tirades come out of nowhere.

The adult with this aspect tends to make sudden and abrupt emotional decisions that sometimes offend others, for decisions of an emotional nature are seldom discussed

before they are made. The emotional responses or reactions may be unpredictable. This can be both good and bad. It gives the individual a close tie to his generation and creates an affinity with peer group goals; so, it often indicates a person involved in healing or social welfare. It indicates a person who responds so suddenly and so strangely to emotional relationships that he leaves a string of broken hearts behind him as he rejects one lover after another, rarely working through relationship problems.

If the rest of the chart warrants, it can indicate individuals who draw violent relationships. For example, a woman with this aspect can be involved in sudden break-ups; this may result in an angry lover trying to break down her door. If these women want to avoid violence, they must consciously learn to share their feelings and hurts before coming to a decision about a relationship. They need to learn to discuss their feelings, for this is the only way a man (or anyone) can understand how they feel. The constructive behavior pattern will have to be learned, for the child didn't see the mother making reasonable or considerate decisions.

In the case of a man, it tends to indicate an individual who doesn't commit himself to one relationship, who may leave in a huff when the situation is not going his way. He goes from one love to another, or one marriage to another, rather than sharing himself with the person he says he loves. Rarely is he physically abused, since men usually are not physically attacked by women; but it sometimes happens. Should this male be homosexual, however, he may suffer from physical violence in his emotional involvements until he learns how to share his feelings.

(Charles Carter)

This is a powerful and often a dangerous position. There is high emotional tension. Sometimes the affections are strangely and (possibly) tragically bestowed; there is an element of perversity and great determination, which may be directed wisely or unwisely, but very rarely follows any conventional or usual course. The interests are nearly always strange, and both mind and feelings differ from those of ordinary humanity, often giving rise to conditions with which it is exceedingly difficult for another to deal, because the native is deaf to reason and seems unable to help himself, there being a variable paralysis of the judgement. Perhaps it is most perilous in Fire, and least so in Earth and Air, but I have known strange people with this aspect even in the latter element - they are, however, less excitable than those having it in Fire, their vagaries being more often intellectual. Things ordinary and common do not satisfy the nature at all, and the constant search for the marvellous may lead the native into all kinds of fantastic cults. Note particularly the strength of Mercury and Jupiter, for these planets may determine the measure and direction of the influence.

Since the Uranian seldom does anything by half-measures, this conjunction may make a bad enemy, but as a general rule the afflictions of Uranus do not affect the moral nature (except unfortunately that they sometimes cause sexual abnormality), and I have never

found those with this conjunction to be unlikeable so much as they are (to non-astrologers) impossible to understand.

It tends very much to an individual sort of life, the native hating routine and being willing to submit to anything rather than loss of independence of thought and action.

7) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♌ **Pluto** - (1°34') ♀4 | ♀9

(Haydn Paul)

You are likely to experience strong emotions and feelings, whose intensity may dominate choices and decisions, almost as if you lose control over any free will. As your emotional roots are located in the unconscious mind, you may believe there is a compulsive or obsessive fate shaping your life.

Relationships are where you encounter potential transformation and meet your destiny, influencing your life direction. You may try to dominate others emotionally, influencing them and events in your favour, perhaps by exploiting others' feelings for you. There can be periodic crises whenever any repressed emotional energy rises into consciousness, demanding immediate release. This energy explosion can seem like an erupting volcano, causing sudden family friction and confrontation with partners and children, even surprising decisions and dramatic major life changes which apparently occur spontaneously. For you, emotional release is crucial and unavoidable, even if it demands letting go of an established life-style and burning bridges to the past. You can be quite moody, reflecting the changing lunar tides. This affects intimate relationships, where you seek emotional intensity. You have high ideals for a perfect partner, and would prefer to remain alone rather than become involved with others who do not match this ideal. You hope to find your perfect mate, and believe this is your destiny. You look for a physical embodiment of your inner partner image (the anima or animus figure) which you project onto real people as a means of comparison.

In love, you will be committed to relationships, almost consumed by emotional fire by the strength of your feelings. This may be like an obsessing state for some time, perhaps often difficult to handle, and a total preoccupation for you during a relationship's early stages. You will be possessive and demanding of your partner, possibly too critical once you realize that he or she is not the ideal partner that you believed him or her to be. You will hate rejection, especially if your emotions are still attached to an ex-lovver, as the passion turns back on you for want of a recipient, and this 'burns'.

There can sometimes be a thin line between love and hate; and you may understand something of emotional masochism and sadism. Your relationships can often be emotionally destructive, perhaps for all concerned. Passions are intense, and people lose themselves in emotional fires, being changed either positively or negatively in the process, but certainly emerging as different people from the ones they were before the

relationship. Regularly evaluate your relationships, ensuring that mutual benefit occurs, and that this is an uplifting energy and not one that enslaves in the name of love.

You can be impatient and domineering. Close friends are likely to be few, including only those who can accept intensity and depth rather than preoccupation with triviality, especially as your emotions are consistently powerful and active. In family life, try to avoid imposing your will on partner and children, and you may need to learn to bend and compromise for family harmony.

If you can allow emotional energies to be expressed properly, and develop relationships and suitable constructive channels for this energy, then most of your difficulties can be resolved. Any emotional repression will create problems, often leading to eventual crises, and should be avoided if possible. Also, you need to realize that your partner has to be a real person, not an idealized archetypal projection by your unconscious. Emotional maturity and understanding are to be discovered, provided that you pass through the emotional self-transformation that Pluto serves to initiate.

(Robert Pelletier)

Moon conjunct Pluto shows that you love deeply and tenaciously. Rather than waste time in casual relationships, you continually look for someone who can respond to you with feelings as deep as your own. You will wait for this rare and elusive person rather than fall in love impulsively. Once in love, you can be very possessive and extremely demanding. If you are rejected, you can be vindictive and callous, even toward the one you love.

Domestically you can be a tyrant and therefore difficult to live with. Unless you are careful and observant, you may permanently alienate your loved ones, thereby creating your own loneliness.

Sex is very important to you, and you will sometimes involve yourself in a physical relationship in order to satisfy your cravings for fulfillment. Even with a totally satisfying physical relationship, however, you will feel frustrated. You want more; you demand the heart and soul as well.

Your drive to find a complete relationship will force you to continually re-evaluate your partners and yourself. In time your personality may undergo drastic changes, and old acquaintances may find it difficult to recognize you as the person you once were.

This aspect is a powerful one and indicates that you will not appear to be in control of your emotions. A very idealistic person, you want the very best relationship or none at all. You prefer to continue looking rather than settle for second best.

If you don't find that perfect someone, you will wait and suffer, punishing yourself for

craving the depth of human companionship that only an intimate relationship can give you.

Even in friendship, you choose only close, select companions, for any kind of superficial relationship rubs you the wrong way. In time you will learn to detach yourself from those who want just a casual relationship.

The Moon here shows emotions, love, and fluctuating moods, and Pluto shows a deep sense of regeneration. The conjunction of the two tells that you have a drive for new relationships, new loves, new romances.

You may live half your life before you discover that a love you had years ago was the most important to you. But this realization comes too late, for you discarded that love for a new one.

Your vulnerability to love allows others to take advantage of you, and your fear of this leads you to be defensive. However, with your drive, you can also take advantage of others. In time, you will need to sort out your various experiences in order of their importance to you.

This may sound difficult and hard to live with, but it can be a blessing when you find and enjoy your true love. If this is the love of your life, it will be deep, emotionally satisfying, and a means for your spiritual growth.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of these two factors has a very intense effect. At the same time as we are looking for security and adopting an attitude in which we hope to feel safe (Moon), we are confronted by the very thing from which we are trying to escape or by some other bugbear from the unconscious. Since Pluto represents endeavors to hold our own by gaining control of situations, a sense of safety will be ours only when we know that we are in command. Whenever we feel we are not, we can lash out fiercely or wait for a chance to seize the helm again. Because the confrontation with repressed and unconscious factors makes us inwardly insecure and compels us to do something, we can expect to be involved in some pretty vigorous action sooner or later.

The confrontation this conjunction brings about between the natives and their hidden insecurity is likely to make them bottle up feelings in public. But they have an intense need for emotional contact; and this, combined with a power urge, can cause them to be motherly and protective, the danger being that they may turn tyrant and force the loved ones to obey.

Intensity is the keyword of Moon / Pluto aspects. The Moon is highly charged by Pluto, which enhances its influence. This is why these natives can be so emotionally fierce and

demanding. An ordinary relationship does not satisfy: they insist on much more than that. They want depth and intrigue. With the Moon / Pluto conjunction, the grip will tighten on partners until they have wrung the secrets out. By the same token, this is a good aspect for researchers, (para)psychologists and the like. But the natives must take care not to be misled by feelings - an ever-present danger.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents how the physical mother teaches the child to respond emotionally. Pluto represents the unconscious motivation of a generation. When it ties to the Moon, it usually indicates a manipulative and controlling mother type. This aspect should be read after considering the other aspects to the Moon, for the combination of aspects to this conjunction will tell the story of how the child is overwhelmed by the mother's energy. She is a strong woman; a woman who may be obsessed by something that is going on in her life during the time this child is influenced. The sign involved in the conjunction is important in determining what kind of energy is available.

The conjunction is overpowering; emotional reactions are usually formed in the subconscious rather than in the conscious mind. The aspect indicates a person who responds emotionally (via the feelings, or the responses in the physical body), although the cause of the emotional reaction is actually subconscious. By way of compensation, the individual with this aspect feels that he must be in control of his responses all the time. He will keep a tight rein on his own emotional responses, and will attempt to control any emotional situations around him in order to avoid being surprised or shocked at his own reactions. This can indicate that his mother controlled her environment completely and manipulated everyone around her. This person will become an adult who has difficulty responding spontaneously in any emotional relationship involving family, friends or lovers. He can obsess on any relationship and may surround himself with people he can control. He may surround himself with inferior types in order to maintain control; he may play all the control games possible, from excessive gift-giving to 'smother' love. This aspect may describe the 'smother' love syndrome which causes the person to produce the same kind of emotional responses when he reaches adulthood.

The root of the distortion is control. This is the underside of Pluto manifesting itself; when it is understood, the transformational process can begin. Jung talks of the collective unconscious, that part of the psyche in all of us that remembers what has happened to the species up to this point. The collective unconscious can be linked to Edgar Cayce's Akashic Records, though Jung interpreted it in much different terminology. When the Moon is attached to the energy of Pluto, it gives a person a chance to be tremendously creative, to tap into the wealth of information and ideas that lurk below the surface. This type of creative energy can be called intuitive for it comes from the subconscious. The person has to develop the skill of letting the intuitive energy flow. It cannot be developed as long as the feeling nature is controlled.

Various metaphysical and religious organizations sponsor classes which teach trust in the God-self and how one can get in touch with the creative centre that exists in all of us. Trusting the personal creative energy of this aspect has to be learned, for it is hard to let go of early childhood experience. The circumstances of the childhood and examples of the mother's manipulation and control techniques must be understood so that the individual can evaluate the kind of game absorbed from Mom. With a little effort, anyone can begin to recall early childhood memories. Memory becomes difficult only when trauma occurs to block the mind channels, for we don't like to recall something that offends our ethics. The ethics can be determined from aspects in the chart and read from planet and sign. This conjunction gives the individual great creative energy. Powerful as it is in the creative sense, it can be as powerful in a hurtful sense.

When a man has this aspect, he attempts to control all his emotional relationships with women; the aspects to the conjunction should be checked to see if there is violence there. A woman with this aspect can draw to her men who are physically violent if the signs are right, or if additional aspects to her Moon indicate the potential for this kind of behavior. An astrologer can warn her that indiscriminate behavior may bring emotional difficulties into her life, but the words should be carefully chosen.

This aspect gives great intuitive and healing ability. The charts of healers and psychics often have Pluto-Moon configurations, and the hard aspects seem to confer more power. These individuals are so empathetic to the feelings of others that they may even assume symptoms of other people's illnesses. When they become aware of this ability, they can learn to channel it; after all, who wants to walk around with someone else's headache? Eventually they may learn that not only can they pick up information from other people without asking for it, but also they can heal the hurts. Those who don't wish to pursue the occult forms of healing can find an outlet in the multiprofessional field of medicine: many physiotherapists have strong Pluto-Moon aspects.

8) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♊ **Jupiter** - (1°34') ♋12 | ♎5

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury and Jupiter shows that you have excellent reasoning ability and the enthusiasm to remain interested in whatever gains your attention. You have an insatiable appetite for knowledge, and your mind is a treasure chest of information. Communication is your greatest talent, and you express your opinions positively. Because you insist on always finding out the truth, you are sure of yourself and of what you know. You develop your creative ideas cleverly and with extraordinary ingenuity. You have much inspiration to draw on as you exploit your creative potentials.

Early in life, you began asking questions and would not be silenced until you had the answers. This curiosity has continued and will be active as long as you live. Each answer you get opens broad vistas of still more unanswered questions. Suffice it to say

that your whole life is a process of learning about everything, old and new. You are flexible enough to revise your thinking when new evidence suggests that you should. Although you study the past for whatever knowledge can be gained from it, your primary interest lies in the future.

Your incredible mental capacity can be applied to such fields as education, philosophy, history (modern and ancient), public relations requiring direct communication with people, writing (journalistic and independent), and travel. Eventually, you will be recognized as an authority in your field and respected for your contributions to society.

You must understand the necessity of getting a higher education, if you don't already have it. Education will enable you to make a real contribution; the world will be poorer if deprived of your enormous creative potential.

You may experience some difficulty in focusing on one subject to the exclusion of all others, but don't be too alarmed at this. With self-discipline you can take up several interests at once and pay exclusive attention to any one of them when you choose. Such unique abilities give you the potential for greatness.

You may have some nervous ailment that will require you to detach yourself from your ambitions while you recuperate. Rest is extremely important to you, and this cannot be overemphasized.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The way of talking and communicating (Mercury) is usually rendered jovial, warm and cordial by a conjunction with Jupiter - but often long-winded, too. We pass on information with enthusiasm and optimism, but make no bones about expressing our own views on it. By and large, we make a favorable impression, so the aspect helps social life.

In the conjunction, Jupiter as the planet of expansion has every opportunity to be expansive. In each of its aspects with Mercury, it broadens the thinking and the faculties of assimilation and imagination; in the case of the conjunction, this carries the risk that we shall read into things more than they contain. Our fantasies can deceive us or, what is more likely, can lead us to exaggerate, and to paint much too rosy a picture of the future whenever we lay plans. What is more, we may rather enjoy telling tall tales.

Jupiter also has to do with vision and judgement-forming. When it is conjunct Mercury, this can make thought and speech fairly opinionated - can make us something of a wiseacre or moralizer.

The need to broaden horizons may express itself literally in travel or metaphorically in study or mental improvement. Often, however, we may simply be satisfied by understanding something; preferably in connection with other things. Our ideas are

broadly based but our thinking is a bit slapdash.

The placement is a favorable one for learning ability and powers of assimilation. We need to curb the tendency to be opinionated, but often display great tolerance and friendliness in both contacts and mental approach.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the Jupiter placement is the bridge to higher consciousness, and if Mercury is the messenger of the gods, once this person gets past the overindulgence in words, he will be able to indulge sensibly in ideas. He relates to words and ideas, and he enjoys communicating. The kinds of ideas he's involved with are indicated by the sign involved in the conjunction. If the energy is not being used well, this may indicate a person who talks profusely.

(Charles Carter)

This is a powerful position, and one that usually causes the native to be considerably above the average of intelligence. Yet I have found it difficult to collect examples of it. perhaps because the people whose nativities are published, who are for the most part either famous or notorious, are unlikely to have this conjunction, for, like the harmonious aspects, it often leads to a quiet and uneventful life - perhaps that of a 'learned recluse'. Probably the native is more original and investigatory than those with the good aspects usually are. There is the same good-nature and kindness, and often there is a definite propensity to philanthropic pursuits.

It brings success of a quiet kind, in all matters coming under the planets, such as religion, law, literature, art, or music. It is said sometimes to be conceited, and not infrequently there is a spice of self-will and stubbornness. It is not favourable for exact thought or patient, detailed work, unless Saturn is also strong.

9) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♅ **Saturn** - (1°52') ♈12 | ♊1

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mercury to Saturn shows that you are responsible, contemplative, and serious, partly because of your early training. You solve problems logically and waste little time with superficial matters. A veritable storehouse of information, you extract something meaningful from every experience. You are a good listener and cautious about voicing your own opinions in conversation. Rather than indulge in fanciful dreams, you prefer to apply yourself to goals that are well within your reach. You are sometimes pessimistic and may become severely depressed when you face reversals.

Your professional interests could be in mathematics, drafting, engineering, architecture,

teaching, or politics. In fact, there is a wide range of occupations in which you could be successful. However, you will lose interest in your job if it doesn't make demands on your talents. But if you know your own efforts are appreciated, you will make enormous contributions. As you tend to be a loner, you will work better if you can set your own pace. Generally you would rather work alone because you are irritated by distraction from associates. Your employer will always get his money's worth because you are honest and sincere and insist on fulfilling your part of the contract. You don't expect to get something for nothing.

Though you are intellectually capable and reasonably ambitious, recognition of your abilities may be delayed or overshadowed by your gregarious competitors. Be especially careful not to let your co-workers pick your brains; you are so eager to demonstrate how things should be done that you unwittingly divulge information that you should keep in reserve. However, don't be afraid to speak up when you have a good idea. If you are shy, get someone you trust to present it for you. Because of your air of indifference, people may think that you are not interested in social contacts. Actually, you are usually engrossed in deep thought triggered by something said earlier. You may be absent-minded at times. Even in a large gathering, you may become so dissociated that others do not realize you are there; nor do you.

You need to be able to confide in someone close to you whom you can trust. Your romantic interests are stimulated by a person who is mature, honest, sincere, and responsible. Tradition and custom represent security to you, and you respect them. Your religious beliefs are probably the same as your parents' and reflect your childhood training. You resist change unless it can be proven to be an improvement over the past.

Unless you take time to unwind often, you will invite tension. Take frequent 'little vacations' and just waste time doing nothing productive. Try to look at the bright side and learn to laugh at your own mistakes. It is essential to avoid becoming morbidly obsessed with the big, important issues.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The ponderous Saturn always makes itself felt in our contacts, speech and analyzing. Therefore we hesitate to take the initiative, but play for safety and wait quietly to see how things will turn out. In conversation, we usually seem very calm and matter-of-fact, and it is not easy to make us change our minds. The aspect does not encourage optimism and, indeed, we probably strike others as pessimistic. Quite often we suffer from fits of depression but, every now and then, feel an overcompensating need for entertainment, if only to break out of our inner isolation.

Feelings of loneliness are not foreign to people with a Mercury-Saturn conjunction: they are painfully aware of themselves. Yet, this conjunction has wonderful qualities: it connotes immense powers of concentration and an ability to marshal facts. All research

is meticulous - a plus point, even though the motive is to overcome a sense of insecurity.

Because they possess clarity and the ability to think things out straightforwardly and step-by-step, the natives can make good teachers. They inculcate facts carefully, in easily assimilated instalments, and keep strictly to the subject.

With this aspect, we talk like people with a lifetime's experience behind them: but then, after all, Saturn is known as the planet of old age. Also, we are inclined to treat things too seriously and to disapprove of jests. Our thinking is unadventurous and rather conventional. We like to stick to well-known patterns (because this gives security). Therefore, opinions are rather rigid, especially if Saturn is the leading planet. However, if Mercury has more dignitaries than Saturn, there is greater flexibility.

The Saturn conjunction seldom permits mental repose. Even in the most relaxed moments, we lie thinking about next day's work or shopping.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect causes the person to feel restricted by the father in some way during childhood. On a subconscious basis, the individual will carry the father's effect into his adult life, for it seems that Dad inhibited the child's expression. It may be that Dad resents the child, or that the child's crying makes him angry. If the mother tries to shush the kid because Dad doesn't like the noise, the child with this aspect will develop an inhibition regarding communicating with his father. This will only happen if the father is angry in the child's presence. Other aspects will confirm the fatherchild relationship.

Because of the early influence of the father, the child will not respond early to the learning process that takes place in grammar school. He may avoid recitation or answering a teacher's questions. He may not be able to hear well; there may be some dysfunction, or he may be so tense that he 'can't hear' because of his apprehension. Under pressure, he may not be able to receive instruction or follow directions.

As an adult, words come with difficulty, and he may sound harsh while trying to get his point across. The harshness may be caused by a subconscious fear that any authority figure will reject what he says, so his conversations may be tactless and too much to the point. A great deal of resentment may take place before he feels strong enough to talk about his feelings.

Once the energy is understood, this aspect can be turned into a strongly constructive one, for it gives the ability to follow through on details, to work to the finish, and to seriously express the needs of the self.

(Charles Carter)

This important position runs the gamut from stupidity and inertia, in cases where Saturn overcomes and stifles, so to speak, the action of Mercury, to the careful, methodical type of mind, with, possibly, great powers of taking pains, sustained highly focused concentration, and profound perceptions.

Provided that the remainder of the nativity supplies initiative and energy, this position is good for any post that calls for trouble, prudence, and caution; but of itself it may incline to waste of time and lack of energy, particularly if it be in water, when mental self-confidence may be lacking.

Depression is not uncommon, and there is a propensity to solitary habits. Yet, rather strangely, this position sometimes produces great volubility and a fondness for 'holding forth'. It often makes a good teacher.

Afflictions between these planets are common in cases of suicide, wherein Mercury is also often in a sign of Saturn.

There are often checks in the career, and in some cases there is a failure to fulfil youthful promise. Development is frequently slow and should not be forced, unless, as is sometimes the case, there is a tendency to procrastination.

There is often a good deal of self-will and obstinacy, and something of the type that argues to justify itself at all costs and will never admit its mistakes - this is common if Aries is also heavily tenanted. On the other hand, this same tenacity, when directed reasonably, makes a very excellent fighter in adverse circumstances.

10) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♊ North-Node - (0°35')** ♃12 | ♎3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this aspect are able to express ideas acceptable to the culture in which they live at a time when they will receive recognition. (There is nothing so urgent as 'an idea whose time has come'.) Thus they are popular and are considered intellectual leaders. If other factors in the horoscope give a capacity for original thought, the native can be an effective force in bringing important new concepts into acceptance. On the negative side, there is a tendency for the natives to be swept along in the current of popularly held views and to do little original thinking. They are then merely mental children of their time, subject to all its limitations and errors.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The exchange of ideas, common or joint plans. The desire to exchange ideas and thoughts with other people. The tendency to form associations for the pursuit of joint interests.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect represents one who is bringing down to earth vast intellect from previous life, with the understanding and abilities to distribute it to the surroundings. They often have good communicative talents; and their energies seem to come from some unknown source. During their past life, the learning process has been at its minimum, along with considerable lack of communication that has instigated the needs and desires in this life to do what they can and have the philosophy to 'learn and let us communicate'. Assistance from brothers and sisters is highly significant in their life; and often it is a mutual exchange on a timely basis. Deeper understanding with them is needed, and will be established as the time goes on, depending upon the rest of the chart.

(Donna van Toen)

A need to share ideas or a motivation to learn leads to growth. Learning can be either active (through doing it yourself) or passive (through receiving information from others) depending on the signs involved. Angular nodes seem to incline more towards active development of growth potential regardless of the signs involved.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, the learning function is activated; and development is rapid. According to the placement in sign and house, the native is eager to learn, versatile, and curious, and glad to pursue further development. The powers of expression are above average; friendships are readily formed - and just as readily broken if they impede personal development.

Mercury conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This is a good aspect for an astrologer, especially the trined North Node. It gives good spirits and a cheerful nature. There is a preference for young people. It gives an ability to write or lecture. It is fortunate for expressing the thoughts, as there is a clarity of ideas, especially with the trine or sextile. All aspects to Mercury have psychic value.

11) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♀ **Saturn** - (0°16') ♃11 | ♄1

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Venus and Saturn indicates that you feel you must make concessions

to others to get what you want. You are always the one who is expected to adjust to the demands of others in order to have a satisfactory relationship. As a result, you are often dissatisfied with the contacts you make, either because they are not fulfilling enough, or because you feel you are being used. You may become resigned to making the best of a relationship in which you give more than the other person does. On the positive side, however, this shows that you take the relationship seriously. You are loyal and sincere in your affections, but tend to be inhibited in demonstrating them, because you are afraid that others will take advantage of you.

You have reasonably good judgement, which is reflected in your material affairs. You are self-disciplined in handling money, and prudent enough to always save something regardless of your income. Such prudence is a way to compensate for the disappointments you may have in personal relationships, and you consider it a reasonable substitute. Saving money also gives you security and allows you some material comforts.

You are temperamentally suited to occupations in which success depends on adhering to rules and regulations. Finance, banking, building trades, insurance, law, real estate, sales, and designing are some endeavors in which you can successfully apply yourself. Ideally, you should have a position that allows you to function independently. You are dutiful and responsible, and would accomplish more without a supervisor breathing down your neck. You are certainly able to work with others, but you prefer working in privacy.

Your romantic interests are stimulated by individuals who are serious, sincere, honest. You need a person you can respect and who will respect you too. A mature individual represents security to you, in addition to providing social status. Your lover must be tactful and polished, and have a strong and admirable character. You are repulsed by vulgarity and disturbed by disorder. Your objectives are well-defined, and you will expect your mate to co-operate in reaching mutual goals. Because of your deep concern for the integrity of the family, you will unhesitatingly withdraw from any external situation that threatens your family.

It is important that you look at the bright and positive side of life; negative attitudes can bring about negative effects. Problems in the throat glands may have a similar origin. You can improve your general well-being by adopting a more cheerful outlook, but the optimism must be genuine.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The need for warmth and love, for security and harmony, is a weak and sensitive spot in all Saturnian aspects to Venus (and most of all in the conjunction). We find it hard to let our warmth show and are often so prickly that we erect a wall around ourselves and seem very cool, impassive and formal. Nobody sees that inside we are crying out for a little friendliness and warmth to give us a sense of personal worth and that it is through

sheer inability to handle relationships that we are shutting them out. Therefore the Venus / Saturn aspects are regarded as fraught with problems, and classical astrology promises little joy in life and many emotional upsets to those who have them.

Nevertheless, with this aspect we can become very fond of a person and we have the potential to build up a lasting stable relationship; that is the other side of Saturn. There is more faithfulness with these aspects than there is with aspects between Venus and Jupiter. But before we give ourselves to another, we have to know that other through and through and completely trust this person, because Saturn will only bet on certainties. Of course, this can consume time and effort. In fact, we need to guard against letting the security factor predominate: we should resist the temptation to look for a fatherly or motherly partner, as they would not be close enough to be a true companion.

With all this uncertainty and vulnerability, suspicion can creep in. We are so anxious to keep our loved one that we hedge him or her in on all sides and make the relationship difficult or even impossible. At times, our attitude can be most subservient: we slave away to do everything to our partner's liking, but are still very constrained. If, as is quite likely, they seem to be ungrateful, then we must realize it is because the partner is put off by our air of taut worry.

Learning self-confidence and self-acceptance is a must if we are to settle down. Once we accept that we are not cut out to be one of the world's revellers, but are solid, reliable citizens in need of security, and once we bring ourselves to reveal our weak side, we can enjoy a strong, enduring marriage or friendship.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Venus and Saturn are conjunct, it indicates that the mother and father of this individual presented a united front that placed certain restrictions and limitations upon his psyche during his formative years. Venus indicates the effect of the mother's attitudes regarding her femininity, and these images will help form the concept of womanhood, the feminine function and the concept of love in later life. Saturn represents the area of restriction; it also shows how the father influenced the psyche. The combination of these planets indicates a strong tie to the mythic Mother and Father image - these archetypal images can easily be confused with the physical parents.

The aspects between the Sun and Moon indicate the parents in a physical sense; and how they responded to their lives when the personality of the individual was forming. The Saturn-Venus placement affects the concept of giving and crystallization in the psyche and is a more difficult concept to comprehend. The conjunction of Venus and Saturn implies that the individual was restricted or restrained from having what he wanted during the first three years of life. This may not mean that he was abused (although I would not entirely dismiss the thought), but that he may have lost his favorite toy or blanket; or he may have been fed according to some scientific theory rather than when

he was hungry. This person grew up to view affection as something that is coupled with loss. He may be a pessimist in love relationships and may be apprehensive of romance. He may marry out of common sense: in other words, he doesn't marry someone he loves, he marries someone who will logically make a 'good' partner. Or he falls in love with someone, and ends the relationship after the first argument because he feels the relationship is over. Or he withdraws into years of hurt feelings and never trusts the loved one again.

People with this aspect are extremely interested in guarantees - one must constantly prove to the Saturn-Venus types that one loves them. Ironically, they don't offer the same guarantees. They can be takers and have great trouble giving. They don't know how to give because they did not see their parents giving to each other; when children don't see this during their formative years, they have to make a conscious attempt to learn how to do it as adults. These people also think the grass is greener on the other side and often wonder whether they might do better in another relationship - so, sometimes, they can be seen as flirts.

When the individual becomes aware of this aspect, it's a good idea to start practising how to give - not how to buy someone, but to give. Learning how to give a part of the self is the hardest thing for this person to do. Because the parents' marriage was not a model of a healthy relationship, it is hard for this individual to learn how to have one. My suggestion would be that any activity in a relationship that is inspired by the memory of 'that's what Mom and Dad would have done' is probably not what needs to be done. Sometimes we learn what we want by beginning to understand what we don't want.

(Charles Carter)

This conjunction is extremely powerful, and partakes of the character of both good and evil contacts, the life, on its affectional side, being completely dominated by the sense of duty; duty and happiness become identified. Except for its great power, it is in no wise different from the inharmonious contact (the square or opposition, q.v.).

12) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Uranus** - (0°14') ☿7 | ♀9

(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).

13) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♀ **Pluto** - (0°20') ♋7 | ♏9

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect should give you considerable physical energy and vitality which you can apply to tasks requiring persistence, determination and endurance. You are able to direct a potent will towards realising your aims; and your innate vitality when rightly directed will be the means by which you steer your life course.

The energy can tend to amplify any self-centred tendencies in you, stimulating your desire nature and setting goals to achieve which would be primarily for your own personal benefit and satisfaction. You may like to create challenges for yourself, as a test for the efficacy of your 'powers'. If this tendency is allowed to dictate life choices, then you may become dominated by an insatiable desire compulsion, which is rarely fulfilled; this can reflect a certain naivety or innocence in your outlook which is essentially selfish and adolescent in quality; and the 'I want' syndrome may need more conscious moderation in order for you to regain control.

Often you will prefer to assert your individuality, sometimes even as a compulsive expression despite the reactions of others. You may not always think things through enough, or consider the possible implications of your actions and words prior to committing yourself. This can obviously create some difficulties for you; it is similar to the behaviour of an adolescent, which as most parents discover can lead to considerable family friction.

You will have a dislike of restrictions imposed upon you, always having a need for as much freedom as possible. If you feel that your energy is imprisoned, then you will be looking for the way out, feeling that before too long your energy will explode, and this can be quite uncomfortable. To minimise this, you should try to develop your life so that your choices of partner and work are reasonably compatible with your needs, if only to avoid unnecessary inner friction.

In your intimate relationships, you may be too forceful and aggressive. The Pluto energy will tend to make you too possessive and demanding of a partner; and you may attempt to dominate by your sexual expression. Sexual experiences will hold great meaning for you; and you will try to release much of your physical vigour on the physical level in an intense and potentially transforming manner. You may need to gain greater control over this aspect of yourself, to avoid it becoming obsessive or too extreme and violent in approach or tone.

As you mature more, you may discover an increasing interest in and awareness of social concerns; and this can be a fruitful channel through which to express your vitality and talents. You can be quite useful in encouraging others to apply their positions of power and influence to work for greater social benefit; and your ability to resolve difficult situations by strength of will can be creatively positive.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Mars and Pluto shows that you have a strong desire nature, with the persistence and determination to get what you want. You may often find, when you get it, that you didn't really want what you were pursuing after all; that it was merely an exercise to prove to yourself you could. Satisfaction is the only motive for many of your pursuits. You may easily mistake willfulness for desire in your motivations.

In a crisis, you can contain yourself until the right moment occurs to act. Then you will use all your energy to cope with and resolve the crisis. You have enormous compulsions to assert yourself, especially if you suspect that anyone is trying to restrict you in any way. You don't tolerate domination, although you do respect authority if it is fairly administered.

In your personal relationships, you tend to be the aggressor, which may make others apprehensive about getting too close to you. You are possessive in love and demanding even of your friends. Your desire nature precedes you, stimulating others either to anticipate your physical charms or to feel threatened and avoid you. Your physical needs are strong, and your ambitions could induce you to use sex as a device for achieving your goals. You often justify your methods as being the only way to gain your objectives.

You are aware of the social problems in your environment and can be extremely useful in urging others to make the necessary changes to solve these problems. However, you are able to persuade others, because your demands have a threatening quality. You have the courage to take on the most difficult tasks fearlessly, and are resourceful in gaining financial support for your enterprises. You need to find a way to express yourself through constructive activities.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When there is a conjunction between two planets that both have to do with the wish for self-expression, with the wish to prove oneself and to make one's mark, then there is an almost compulsive need to show off combined with enormous will-power. Pluto intensifies the executive force of Mars and puts us in possession of an almost inexhaustible supply of energy and incredible resilience. The craving for power (Pluto), on the other hand, is activated by Mars so that we really want to take the reins in our hands and are fired by boundless ambition.

We can usually look after ourselves; we do not brook the least opposition but ram opinions down people's throats and go our own way without fear or favor. The aspect has been termed destructive, but need not be so provided we have an outlet for our strong drive and ambition. A splendid way of using energy constructively is in competitive sport; politics is another option. We do not spare ourselves. Whatever we engage in - politics, science, sport, occultism, etc. - we throw ourselves into it heart and soul, outstripping many of our rivals and making a name for ourselves. Life's challenge attracts us, and we get a kick out of playing for high stakes.

The activity of Mars is enhanced by Pluto, and we are quick to push ourselves into precarious situations. In more placid times, we can eagerly mastermind a strategy for pulling off some coup or other. The person with a Mars / Pluto conjunction has a strong, extremely inflexible will, and is not to be balked. We will run our lives without reference to current rules and regulations. If we are thwarted, we can go to extremes; sometimes gradually cutting ourselves off from everybody.

(Betty Lundsted)

The 'I act' principle may be overwhelmed by the power of Pluto's energy. This may indicate an individual who takes 'controlled action'. Action may be manipulative of either self or others, or both. This individual may be unconsciously angered, for Pluto indicates unconscious motivation and Mars can symbolize anger. Action taken based on an unconscious motivation may not be responsible action, and it might be harmful to others. Action may be caused by anger or control needs. It may be that this individual is influenced by the symbols of the collective unconscious; that the images in the psyche interfere with any physical action taken. It indicates (because of the energy coming from the psyche) that action taken can be inspired by the mythic images of the collective unconscious. Action may be extremely creative. Before the creative potential can really be expressed, however, the anger must be worked out.

If this person has other aspects that indicate problems expressing sexuality, this conjunction may indicate a set-up for sexual violence. Sexual violence may range from having sex that hurts self or others, to possibly indicating the rapist, the masochist, or the person who may draw sexual violence to him.

An astrologer once told me that hard aspects between Mars-Pluto combinations implied a need to develop conscious responsibility for action taken. She recommended the study of metaphysics.

14) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ♌ **North-Node** - (0°59') ♄5 | ♏3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect gives the natives unusual ability to harmonize with prevailing social, cultural, and religious attitudes. Popularity and good fortune are likely to follow. At the same time, there is a tendency unquestioningly to accept traditional values without subjecting them to critical analysis. There is also the danger of fast and too easy expansion that creates the possibility of a future fall or collapse. That which is attained too easily is not always valued or properly used. These natives tend to take too much for granted.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Good relationships and connections, an agreeable or pleasant contact. Good fellowship, sociableness. Communities of people, common-interest groups.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, higher philosophies and excellent wisdom flow through these people. Whether they use philosophy for their own good or not is of no great significance. Often this acts as a medium or channel for the higher consciousness to descend upon the earthly matters. This aspect does provide good material possessions or often financial self-sufficiency. In general, the fate makes it very easy for these people to do whatever they are doing in this life... without too much side-tracking and anxiety for other things. Very quiet and optimistic nature is bestowed upon them, which is one of their strong points. Substantial good deeds in the recent past life have brought about this stage in this reincarnation. On a mundane level, they have a difficult time controlling their weight as this is quite an expansive conjunction.

(Donna van Toen)

good companionship is conducive to growth. Often growth is linked to teaching, community work or some kind of adventuring.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the conjunction, the sensory awareness of Jupiter lends an increased perceptiveness to the personal ascent. The natives have a 'good nose' for favorable opportunities, find themselves in the right place at the right time, and make good use of it. They keep meeting people who are helpful to their development. Jupiter also imparts an optimistic

outlook on life, and an inclination to see the good in people and to believe that the formative forces of evolution are at work in all. Making upward progress is relatively easy. It was not without reason that the Ascending Node was called the 'Point of Jupiter' in the classical literature of the subject.

Jupiter conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect indicates wholehearted pursuit of the nodal position's growth, and aids that growth in an effective way. It gives luck and good fortune in balancing the nodal axis. Few other aspects contain such potential as this one. There is enthusiastic endeavor, and one cannot beat this. This is also the philosopher, the lawyer, or the world traveller (adventurer). This can also be the leader in a religious group.

15) ► **Uranus** ⚡ **Parallel** ♌ **Pluto** - (0°06') ♍9 | ♍9

(Haydn Paul)

The aspects of Uranus to Pluto tend to be socially and generationally orientated; and the qualities, tendencies and attitudes associated with them are those which give a distinct conditioning tone to society during the period of the aspect.

The conjunction is quite rare, being made the last time around 1848, a time of social revolution in Europe and a time of great civil unrest and social change in Europe and America, and occurring again in the period of 1963-68.

The influence of these potent transpersonal planets is likely to be radical and far-reaching, setting a trend for the following century to develop and integrate, one which requires a long period of time for society to assimilate. In that sense, the influence is world-wide, and the period in which the close conjunction is made should be carefully analysed to perceive the essential thrust of this directive energy and the emergent trends for social development over the next hundred years.

With the cosmic periodic releasing of such powerful energies, the human reaction to them is varied and often polarised in response. These reveal the interface between the individual life and the collective life of a society. It is as though from a multiplicity of sources a new alluring voice is rising, which is revealing a new approach to life for society to absorb. Certain individuals respond enthusiastically to this new siren call, embracing 'the new way', and begin to group together as an influential minority within their own society. They then reflect the new ideas, impregnate society with them and act as transmitters of change. Broader social reaction to 'the new way' is often slow, apart

from the inevitable reaction against the new trend; and often society attempts to use the power of its established structures to resist what appears to be a threatening impulse.

The influence of the conjunction is to initiate a new phase of social change; and during the 1963-68 aspect, it is that of a revolutionary new spirit in the air, extolling the virtues of individual rights and freedom, stimulating the need for the transformation of the existing social establishment and the breakdown of outdated and limiting social and national attitudes and engrained patterns of thinking.

For those who were (and still are) attuned and receptive to this visionary energy, there is a personal feeling of involvement in a vast process of evolutionary development occurring on earth, a feeling that their individual life is intimately linked with a vast plan slowly unfolding into manifestation, and that their lives are guided by some greater consciousness, participants in a planetary drama. AS a world-wide group held together by shared response, they collectively form a conduit for the new social approach to be mediated into human life and consciousness. Some reflect this in a more conscious manner, by seeking to manifest the overshadowing energy via deliberate meditation or occult rituals, etc..

What is of importance to this group is the respect and value of life in all of its forms, ranging from human life to animals, plants, all of the many appearances of Nature, and the abundant creativity of Earth. Life is viewed as essentially 'holy', to be cherished, respected, enjoyed and protected. It is a basic attitude to life that wants the highest quality of life for everyone, founded upon a balanced and careful relationship with the environment and the natural world, whereby human society moves from being a dangerous exploiter of nature's gifts to living in a more natural harmony. Individually, there is the need to develop as a unique person, free to live and express oneself within a peaceful, co-operative co-existence, to learn how to unfold innate potentiality without it infringing on the rights of others.

Some twenty years after the close conjunction, the attitudes released into the world at this time were still serving as a necessary social direction; and many pressure groups had been formed to further the progress of such causes. The succeeding century needs to see more development for the benefit of mankind.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Pluto shows that if necessary you will go to extremes to preserve your freedom. Being free mean many things to you. It means freedom from pollution, disease, unemployment, and economic control by the industrial establishment. You want the right to 'do your thing', especially the right to make some important contribution to mankind along with others who are similarly motivated. You support local and national programs to improve the quality of life and may even become actively involved in seeing that this work is carried out. You realize that hard work by everyone

concerned is the only way to reverse the continual plunder of natural resources, which leaves only a blighted landscape. You have a deep respect for all living things, including people, animals, and plants. When you observe how the earth is so freely desecrated by private interests, with little regard for those who will inherit it, you feel the need to dedicate yourself to preserving those elements.

This conjunction occurred from 1963 to 1968. Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring' was a grim reminder of how seriously we were upsetting the balance in nature. The United States Government report on Smoking and Health pointed to the much higher incidence of cancer and heart disease among smokers than non-smokers. Along with the disturbing reports of these publications, there was an increasing use of mind-altering drugs such as the hallucinogenic LSD, marijuana, and 'hard' drugs such as heroin and cocaine. The use of the drug thalidomide by pregnant women in Europe produced deformed children, until the side-effects of this medication were understood.

You are offered two alternatives: either to turn your back on the decaying quality of life or to make some effort to restore order to the chaos that man's insensitivity has produced.

(Betty Lundsted)

The keyword for Uranus is 'I behave', and the keyword for Pluto is 'I am unconsciously motivated'. The combination doesn't occur too often; it last happened in the 1960s. Here, the process of individuation can be either confused or overwhelmed by some unconscious force or energy. The behavior may be controlling or strangely eccentric.

Pluto rules the underworld in mythology; it has something to do with the archetypal energies of the unconscious depths. In the 1960s, people became interested in hallucinogenic drugs. Some of them experienced an inner exploration of the self induced by chemicals. Literature has been written comparing the drug experience to that of the mystical path of Oriental philosophies. People also became involved in supporting 'people' rights, and the peace marches began - the march on Washington occurred, as well as marches supporting young people's rights to refuse to fight in the Vietnamese war.

People born during these years will be highly individualistic and unorthodox. Whether this energy will express creatively or destructively will be apparent in years to come.

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes

individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is

attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

16) ► **Ascendant ASC Conjunct ♄ Saturn** - (5°38' A) ♀1 | ♀1

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn conjunct to the Ascendant indicates that you are conservative and self-disciplined in your behavior. You tend to be shy about asserting yourself, so people may assume you are indifferent to them. You have strong doubts about your worth, which makes you cautious when meeting competition. This lack of self-confidence will eventually be replaced by self-assurance as you learn through experience to understand yourself. You do not have the kind of aggressive drive that impresses people on first meeting, but you show reliability, and they learn to depend on you. Others see your good qualities long before you realize them. Self-effacing by nature, you prefer the sidelines rather than the spotlight.

You are efficient in mobilizing your resources and are sure to realize your goals, but you underestimate your abilities. You are a 'slow starter' who needs the reassurance of some successful endeavors before you define your objectives and make careful plans to achieve them. You are prepared to grow one step at a time in achieving the excellence you are capable of. When a decision is required, you tend to hesitate because you want to be sure first. You sometimes miss opportunities for fear you will be ridiculed if you make the wrong decision. Responsible to a fault, you will never let down anyone who depends on you. Learn to love yourself more, so you can feel you deserve the good things in life that you work for so diligently. You can be victimized by people who take advantage of your unwillingness to fight for your rights, but you never forget such incidents. Although not a vindictive person, you bide your time until the moment comes when they need your assistance; then you repay them with cool indifference.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When Saturn colors the way of presenting ourselves to the outside world, we give the impression of being sober, reserved, secretive and serious. Probably we are afraid to let go, and view people and things pessimistically behind a rather cold front.

Saturn is not a planet that leads us to be swayed by enthusiasm. We test the water carefully before we take the plunge. Safety first is our motto. The sense of responsibility that weighs us down is sometimes expressed physically in a stoop, as if we were literally

bent beneath a burden - a burden we have taken on ourselves.

We seldom reveal what is going on inside, and people have difficulty in getting to know us. Defensiveness is responsible for the fact that we can be plagued by feelings of loneliness. Yet Saturn can allow us to lose these feelings in the company of a special individual, a person with whom we feel safe. We would go through fire and water for someone like this; even so, it is hard for us to show emotions.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents what we approach with caution, and our feelings of insecurity. The Ascendant indicates how we start new ventures, as well as the persona we project. Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant indicates individuals who are often insecure about their abilities when they are young, for a self-worth facet in the personality needs development. In early childhood there was a rejection by the father in some way; these people didn't feel accepted or encouraged by him. As young adults they feel apprehensive about being approved of by those in authority; they may deem it necessary to work too hard in order to attain whatever life experience they seek.

The self-worth dilemma will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs. If Saturn is in the first house, then as these people mature and earn a concept of worthiness, a personal strength will emerge, for Saturn in the first house can indicate the ability to persevere.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Saturn rising person will usually approach the world with a certain amount of caution, as if on some level feeling that it is not a very safe place - certainly not safe enough to venture out without wearing at least a little armour-plating. Typically, the individual feels that he or she must be ready to defend him- / herself against possible disaster. I once looked after a boy aged about 11, with Saturn rising. Whenever we went out, he used first to go around the house, checking that the windows and doors were tightly bolted and that the plugs were all pulled out of the electric sockets. Thus his persona was a serious one. The immediate impression he made was of someone older than his years and very responsible. At the same time, being so well defended, it was not easy to see the vulnerable little boy underneath. The oldest in the family, he took on what he saw as the role of father when his parents divorced, and this is quite typical of a 1st house Saturn.

Margaret Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', has Saturn rising in Scorpio. She seems to have a very controlled persona, to have her guard up at all times. She doesn't seem very spontaneous. Satirists often portray her as being something of a heavy schoolteacher type, ready to discipline and control irksome cabinet ministers.

Because people with Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant do not see the world as a particularly safe place, they often take steps to control the environment and those within it. They want to leave nothing to chance, and they want to be seen as being a person who 'never puts a foot wrong'. In fact, this insistence on never putting a foot wrong is a common Saturnian one, whatever the configuration.

The controlled responsible exterior may not necessarily be indicative of a particularly responsible or serious person, but merely indicates that is the impression that the individual initially makes.

Saturn rising is often associated with a difficult or delayed birth, as if the baby is reluctant to come out and enter into the world. Perhaps this infant is controlling the situation from the word 'go', or on some level feels he / she needs to. In any event, the caution about and fear of greeting the world naked and exposed seems to persist throughout much of life.

The Saturn rising person often goes out into the world ready to be a patriarchal figure, a disciplinarian perhaps, someone older than his or her years, and a responsible, dutiful type.

17) ► **Midheaven MC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (2°49' S) ♃12 | ♎11

(Robert Hand)

At its best, this placement means that you are full of love and affection for others, but at the same time you can follow your own path and attract only those who are able to go along with you. You will be liked because you can be yourself without feeling that you must live up to other people's ideas of what you should be.

This aspect may also mean that you have considerable artistic ability, although there should be other indications in the chart to confirm that. Certainly you enjoy and appreciate beauty, and you are able to bring beauty into your everyday life.

You enjoy peace and harmony, and you get along very well with others. Wherever you go, you create a peaceful atmosphere. Your relationship with your parents, as well as with other authorities, such as teachers and employers, should be excellent. The key element in your ability to get along is that you are true to yourself as well as fair to others.

This placement may indicate a career involving either beauty and art or human relations - that is, getting people to work easily together. Or your career might be in entertainment of some field in which you make people feel good and lighthearted. In any career, your ability to get along easily with people will be an important part of your success.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

A need for secure relationships and for beauty and harmony plays an important part in our striving for social position. Consequently, we can do outstandingly well in Venusian occupations involving art, clothing, cosmetics, beauty culture, fashion, etc.. With Venus at the top of the chart, we make a friendly, sociable impression; also, we shrink from quarreling and prefer to settle disputes diplomatically. Other things being equal, we can make fine abritrators or ambassadors.

Nevertheless, with rather easy-going Venus at this place, we need to avoid the trap of taking things too easily where social position is concerned or of relying too much on our backers. Lasiness and passivity can spoil the promise of easy success.

(Sue Tompkins)

Venus conjunct the MC might be indicative of a Venusian career; a vocation in art, beauty, diplomacy or somewhere where there is a requirement for taste, comparison or harmony. Certainly, whatever the actual work, the individual will be able to bring diplomatic skills to it. Usually people with this placement know how to charm and get on easily with those in authority. Venus conjunct MC might also be expected to confer public popularity, or at least an urge towards trying to create it. Some with this configuration may become well-known because of their romantic life or the relationships they form. Still others might wish, beyond all else, to be known as a loving parent.

Venus on either end of the MC-IC axis may be descriptive of the experience of their own parent(s) as being very loving or popular. For others it may be more descriptive of a parent's vocational activities or their wishes for the career of the child.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect favors people in artistic professions, public relations work, and diplomacy. Females are often able to promote their careers by charming their bosses or those in authority.

Natives are often prone to social ambition. Their status can be improved through marriage, and marriage is sometimes contracted in order to achieve this, especially if Venus is in Taurus or Capricorn. They also have the ability to attract money through social prominence or by forming partnerships with those in positions of power.

18) ► ***Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct ♃ Neptune*** - (10°19' A) ♎6 | ♎6

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates great sensitivity, but for this energy to work positively, your earliest

childhood must be reasonably peaceful and serene. You are very sensitive to the hidden energies in your home and between your parents or other members of your family; and any kind of ongoing negative feelings can cause you to become insecure and lacking in self-confidence. Later on, you may feel that you cannot easily cope with life's challenges, because inside you cannot depend upon your emotions and your spontaneous actions to make everything come out right.

Your relationship with one of your parents may be rather difficult. Often this aspect signifies that one of your parents is too weak psychologically to play his or her role in your life. This might lead you later to seek out someone who can be a guide and a loving parent figure for you. The problem is that such a relationship would displace your search for normal adult relationships.

However, even if both parents are strong, you may go to the other extreme and idealize the more influential one. In that case you would compare everyone you meet to that parent, instead of dealing with each person as an individual. This is not so bad as the first alternative, because at least you have strong ideals that you can believe in. Later in life this may turn into a strong belief in God. Because you are so sensitive, you may eventually develop a strong psychic and intuitive ability.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Neptune on the IC tend to be wistful about their more recent past but unclear as to their early beginnings. Sometimes there are secrets or confusion with respect to the family that they came from. Such secrets will usually be to do with the house which has Pisces on the cusp. There may be a tendency to idealise the early home life or to delude oneself about one's upbringings or even ancestry. Sometimes there is a feeling of 'shaky foundations' with this placement, but this can be psychological, emotional or physical. For example, living on a houseboat could be descriptive of shaky physical foundations whilst a mentally ill parent might describe psychological instability. And I have known people with this placement who were raised in a pub. The early home environment was 'open' to anyone, and some would have been addicted to frequenting it, all of which might have a variety of repercussions.

Those with Neptune on the IC often yearn for an 'ideal home' and may put great effort into making this dream into some kind of reality; sometimes the real need is to escape from one's roots. The dream may be for a home which will be a sanctuary, a retreat, an escape route from something or a place where it's possible to transcend some of the imperfections of living in the outer, workaday world.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the Nadir) partakes of the same qualities as Neptune exalted in Cancer. It helps to bring spirituality into the home life. Often it signifies a mystical

attachment to Mother Earth and the forces of nature.

If Neptune is afflicted, the home environment can be affected by peculiar conditions. The house may seem to be haunted, for example, or give the native an uneasy feeling. Whether this is the product of the native's own imagination does not matter as far as its effect upon him is concerned. The native may shut himself up in his home, or use it as a place for séances or psychic activities of some kind. In any event, the home is likely to have something unusual connected with it, even if not the proverbial skeleton in the closet.

Natives tend to live near the ocean or other large body of water. Those with afflicted horoscopes may live in institutions or spend the end of their lives in nursing homes or hospitals.

Neptune square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Neptune and the Midheaven make us insecure, and we have considerable trouble forming an identity. For not only are we very sensitive to what the world says of us; we are inclined to misinterpret what it says. To make matters worse, the world has a false impression of us anyway. But however that may be, with these aspects we are liable to run round in circles for a long time, worried by the difference between thoughts and impulses that are generated by ourselves, on the one hand, and our thoughts and impulses that have slipped unobserved from outside into the unconscious mind - from where they rise to influence us - on the other hand.

Hence we are extremely suggestible and easily misled; especially when, as often happens, we have not yet found our bearings. By drawing an inaccurate picture of self and society, we can become deluded and create confusion. On account of the pretence we know how to make, people can impute to us things for which we are not responsible. The other side of the coin is that we can go on to do extremely well in areas where pretence and illusion are raised to a fine art: the world of film for example. We need to be on guard against various forms of addiction; addiction to drink or drugs say, which may seem to offer a refuge from hard reality but, being impersonal, impedes personal development. The addiction can also be to unworkable religious and idealistic concepts that equally help us to avoid confrontations with everyday problems and push personality into the background. In addition to idealism, we are full of both empathy and sympathy. If we find ourselves in a stimulating environment where no unfair advantage is taken of our sensitiveness, pliability and insecurity, we gradually shed uncertainty and (provided we engage in Neptunian occupations with the active support of others) can do much to further our ideals.

19) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Conjunct** ♀ **Pluto** - (6°23' S) ♀9 | ♀9

(Haydn Paul)

The aspects of Uranus to Pluto tend to be socially and generationally orientated; and the qualities, tendencies and attitudes associated with them are those which give a distinct conditioning tone to society during the period of the aspect.

The conjunction is quite rare, being made the last time around 1848, a time of social revolution in Europe and a time of great civil unrest and social change in Europe and America, and occurring again in the period of 1963-68.

The influence of these potent transpersonal planets is likely to be radical and far-reaching, setting a trend for the following century to develop and integrate, one which requires a long period of time for society to assimilate. In that sense, the influence is world-wide, and the period in which the close conjunction is made should be carefully analysed to perceive the essential thrust of this directive energy and the emergent trends for social development over the next hundred years.

With the cosmic periodic releasing of such powerful energies, the human reaction to them is varied and often polarised in response. These reveal the interface between the individual life and the collective life of a society. It is as though from a multiplicity of sources a new alluring voice is rising, which is revealing a new approach to life for society to absorb. Certain individuals respond enthusiastically to this new siren call, embracing 'the new way', and begin to group together as an influential minority within their own society. They then reflect the new ideas, impregnate society with them and act as transmitters of change. Broader social reaction to 'the new way' is often slow, apart from the inevitable reaction against the new trend; and often society attempts to use the power of its established structures to resist what appears to be a threatening impulse.

The influence of the conjunction is to initiate a new phase of social change; and during the 1963-68 aspect, it is that of a revolutionary new spirit in the air, extolling the virtues of individual rights and freedom, stimulating the need for the transformation of the existing social establishment and the breakdown of outdated and limiting social and national attitudes and engrained patterns of thinking.

For those who were (and still are) attuned and receptive to this visionary energy, there is a personal feeling of involvement in a vast process of evolutionary development occurring on earth, a feeling that their individual life is intimately linked with a vast plan slowly unfolding into manifestation, and that their lives are guided by some greater consciousness, participants in a planetary drama. AS a world-wide group held together by shared response, they collectively form a conduit for the new social approach to be mediated into human life and consciousness. Some reflect this in a more conscious

manner, by seeking to manifest the overshadowing energy via deliberate meditation or occult rituals, etc..

What is of importance to this group is the respect and value of life in all of its forms, ranging from human life to animals, plants, all of the many appearances of Nature, and the abundant creativity of Earth. Life is viewed as essentially 'holy', to be cherished, respected, enjoyed and protected. It is a basic attitude to life that wants the highest quality of life for everyone, founded upon a balanced and careful relationship with the environment and the natural world, whereby human society moves from being a dangerous exploiter of nature's gifts to living in a more natural harmony. Individually, there is the need to develop as a unique person, free to live and express oneself within a peaceful, co-operative co-existence, to learn how to unfold innate potentiality without it infringing on the rights of others.

Some twenty years after the close conjunction, the attitudes released into the world at this time were still serving as a necessary social direction; and many pressure groups had been formed to further the progress of such causes. The succeeding century needs to see more development for the benefit of mankind.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Uranus and Pluto shows that if necessary you will go to extremes to preserve your freedom. Being free mean many things to you. It means freedom from pollution, disease, unemployment, and economic control by the industrial establishment. You want the right to 'do your thing', especially the right to make some important contribution to mankind along with others who are similarly motivated. You support local and national programs to improve the quality of life and may even become actively involved in seeing that this work is carried out. You realize that hard work by everyone concerned is the only way to reverse the continual plunder of natural resources, which leaves only a blighted landscape. You have a deep respect for all living things, including people, animals, and plants. When you observe how the earth is so freely desecrated by private interests, with little regard for those who will inherit it, you feel the need to dedicate yourself to preserving those elements.

This conjunction occurred from 1963 to 1968. Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring' was a grim reminder of how seriously we were upsetting the balance in nature. The United States Government report on Smoking and Health pointed to the much higher incidence of cancer and heart disease among smokers than non-smokers. Along with the disturbing reports of these publications, there was an increasing use of mind-altering drugs such as the hallucinogenic LSD, marijuana, and 'hard' drugs such as heroin and cocaine. The use of the drug thalidomide by pregnant women in Europe produced deformed children, until the side-effects of this medication were understood.

You are offered two alternatives: either to turn your back on the decaying quality of life or

to make some effort to restore order to the chaos that man's insensitivity has produced.

(Betty Lundsted)

The keyword for Uranus is 'I behave', and the keyword for Pluto is 'I am unconsciously motivated'. The combination doesn't occur too often; it last happened in the 1960s. Here, the process of individuation can be either confused or overwhelmed by some unconscious force or energy. The behavior may be controlling or strangely eccentric.

Pluto rules the underworld in mythology; it has something to do with the archetypal energies of the unconscious depths. In the 1960s, people became interested in hallucinogenic drugs. Some of them experienced an inner exploration of the self induced by chemicals. Literature has been written comparing the drug experience to that of the mystical path of Oriental philosophies. People also became involved in supporting 'people' rights, and the peace marches began - the march on Washington occurred, as well as marches supporting young people's rights to refuse to fight in the Vietnamese war.

People born during these years will be highly individualistic and unorthodox. Whether this energy will express creatively or destructively will be apparent in years to come.

Uranus in any aspect to Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two extremely powerful factors are brought together here. Uranus emphasizes individuality and also produces sudden breakthroughs and explosions; Pluto concentrates forcefully on internal and external power struggles, and endeavors to effect transformations by bringing everything to the surface. People born when there is a hard aspect between the two planets are typical of times in which hidden tensions are building up in readiness for all kinds of revolution. And when personal planets in the charts are implicated, these people feel a need to express their revolutionary fervor personally. In 1965, for example, Uranus and Pluto were conjunct. Quite a few children of that generation became filled with an uncontrollable spirit that was taboo-breaking (Pluto) and provocative (Uranus) in the extreme: as these children reached puberty, many of them in different countries became punks.

If Pluto and Uranus strengthen each other by aspect, they are not easy to hold back but tend to push things to the limit. Pluto, representing force and transformation, aided and abetted by Uranus, can create sudden explosive acts of violence, or intense tensions affecting us deeply or welling up from the depths of the collective psyche. Fresh ideas in psychology and psychoanalysis are important instances of the renovating influence of

Uranus on the repression and depth of Pluto. A prime example is the publication in 1912 of Freud's 'Totem and Taboo', a work in which he cut through the conventions of his era and charted new territory in medicine. He reaped a whirlwind of indignation for daring to slaughter so many sacred cows. The book came out during an inconjunct between Uranus and Pluto, a naturally disruptive influence and not, one may add, conducive to success. In the same period, Adler and Jung left Freud to strike out on their own. Also in 1912, Jung's first major work, 'Wandlungen und Symbole der Libido', appeared. This also was highly original and broke many of the current taboos but, at first, was more successful than Freud's offering. In fact it was one of the many causes of the rupture between Freud and Jung.

Anyway, when Pluto and Uranus are in aspect, break-throughs occur in things to do with the hidden and suppressed, with the masses (since they also are ruled by Pluto), with power and power-struggles, and with the fierce untamed forces in matter (atomic energy, atomic fusion, atomic research, etc.). Strain and stress are inevitable with the aspects, because Pluto, which intensifies everything it touches, is activating the restlessness, tension and impulsiveness of Uranus.

Therefore, if we have these aspects linked to personal factors in our charts, we ought to take care not to be too uncompromising, and not to try and demolish everything (risking the destruction of more than we can restore). Impulsiveness and intensity may need curbing. On the other hand, we could have enormous potential for detective and research work, and make unusual discoveries in our chosen field.

There is always a certain amount of tension in the character when personal planets are involved; and this shows itself in restless searching, in delving into matters that have little to do with the everyday world, and in a refusal to bow to the dictates of superiors. For Pluto makes us want to deal with them in our own way. Therefore, if there is attempted interference, we refuse to tolerate it (in the tense aspects or the conjunction) or else manipulate it so as to change its direction (in the more harmonious aspects). Battles for power or authority, and sometimes savage bad manners, are possible, with, at the same time, a grim determination to build our own lives and develop our own individuality. When these aspects are linked with personal factors in the chart, we demand the right to make mistakes; in fact, we need to make mistakes in order to grow up how we want, regardless of sound parental advice.

20) ► **Pluto** ♅ **Conjunct** ☾ **South-Node** - (4°38' S) ♏9 | ♏9

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) creates a condition in which the native's will is out of harmony with prevailing social trends. The tendency to initiate things at the wrong time and place generates resentment and misunderstanding. The natives are forced to regenerate their lives without the help of others. Very often, large social events which

are beyond their personal control endanger or destroy their work and personal security. On the positive side, this conjunction fosters self-reliance, resourcefulness, and the ability to survive under hardships. According to some astrological philosophers, this conjunction indicates a past life condition in which the natives initiated large-scale changes without regard to their effect on others' lives. Now they must learn how it feels to be the victim of circumstances beyond their control.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect brings about a generation which is anti-establishment. Keeping the peace and harmony will be their motto. They will not hesitate to use destruction for the sake of construction, but only as a last resort. Basically, their ideality is to put a curb on destruction or regeneration in order to elevate the individual soul. Some of their significant work consists of redistribution of Karma by taking the esoteric law in their hands.

(Donna van Toen)

This person is often affected by violence, which hinders growth. Mass destiny, upheavals, destructive or self-destructive behavior can be stumbling blocks. Separation of some sort, violence, and, less frequently, escapism may impede growth. Circumstances beyond control or perhaps karma could make it necessary to constantly fight against stagnation.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

With Pluto at the point of Saturn, the native can insist on old rights, and can lay arrogant and aggressive claims to authority. Vandalism and acts of violence perpetrated with a show of legality are other manifestations.

Pluto square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The state of feeling one's association with other people as a burden, the feeling of being cramped in one's style through the influence of others, with subsequent suffering from this. A common and tragic destiny shared with other persons.

21) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♅ **Neptune** - (5°21' S) ♊12 | ♎6

(Haydn Paul)

Similar to the square aspect, there are indications of an inability to distinguish clearly between the real and the unreal, and of a blockage to the creative and imaginative faculty. The key to resolving these issues appears to lie in your relationships with others, and especially in those projections from your own psyche that you are overlaying onto the world and thus distorting your own perception and insight.

It is often your own sensitivity and impressionability to environmental influences that causes inner insecurity and fears of over-stretching yourself. There may be an unconscious telepathic ability which transmits to you others' thoughts and motivations, and this can lead to confusion in your relationships, such as at times when they may be saying one thing and you are 'receiving' an entirely contradictory set of impressions on a more subtle level, which you register as a feeling of unease, disquiet and a lack of trust in them. In that context, you find it hard to believe the evidence of your own senses, and this has a direct impact on how you communicate to others. When reality becomes confused and distorted, some respond by imagining

conspiracies and enter a paranoid state, and this is a reaction to such intangible senses being operated and distorted by an unintegrated Neptunian imagination.

You are often socially 'touchy', strongly reacting against real or imagined social slights, and this acts as a weak spot in your personality, especially as you lack a strengthening inner confidence. Competition is not your style, although that does not make you immune to the influences of other competitive spirits in your environment, such as those at work who can easily ride roughshod over you in their scramble to reach the top. Sometimes you act as a victim, drawing out such tendencies from others, and then begin to bemoan your fate as they succeed and leave you only with disappointments. Linking your rising star to working closely in employment dog fights may not be advisable. Your own gifts may flower more effectively once you have withdrawn from the employment rat race. Perhaps exploiting latent creative talents may be the key, or entering some form of employment where co-operation is the underlying dynamic may offer you more satisfaction; but as human nature intrudes even there, the only answer may be a detached and sensible selfemployment.

Cleansing yourself of deceptive influences is essential, not just those outer influences affecting you, but also that pattern of creating them in your own perception and evaluation. Unrealistic daydreams which are unachievable or never manifested are symptomatic of deception. For example, you create imaginatively high aspirations which because of their 'perfect nature' soar beyond everyone's grasp, yet glitter in their pristine purity. Ultimately there is no real value in self-deception. It is a waste of valuable time and never leads to satisfaction. Perhaps it helps to avoid facing an empty, aching inner void, but that can more profitably be filled by something real, achievable and personally meaningful. Effort is needed. Anyone can dream, millions do, but trying to achieve those dreams at least offers a direction to focus along. False naivety needs to be dropped, as do the fictitious aspects of your life and your approach to self-evaluation. A more

straightforward type of communication, inner and outer, will reap benefits and break the stranglehold of illusory deceptions, leading to a greater understanding of your own and others' natures, so that in your own life you move from illusion to reality and increase the quantity of light in the world. Personal 'redemption' is always positive within a larger social context.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury opposition Neptune, you are imaginative and creative, and have high aspirations. However, you are easily distracted by people who challenge your efforts to express yourself. In competition, you may even begin to doubt your own abilities. You are naive in many instances and fall victim to the subversive tactics of competitors. Your dreams are unrealistic, and you are unable to accept the abrasions of your experiences with dignity. Defeat may cause you to become paranoid, imagining conspiracies against you. Let others justify themselves to you, and learn to distinguish fact from fiction.

Your professional interests should be accomplished through self-employment. It is too risky for you to work or compete professionally with others. As a creative individual, you can find gainful employment in writing, art, music, or dancing, which do not necessarily involve working with others. Medical research is particularly appropriate for your talents. Also it would give you isolation from the destructive qualities you bring out in others.

With your appreciation of the finer things in life, you need to be free of artificiality in your way of life. You sometimes recoil from challenges because they would disturb the serenity you desire and find so difficult to achieve. You are easily threatened, and your self-confidence is undermined.

Your personal relationships are sure to be unusual because of the variety of individuals who interest you. A constant disbeliever, you are suspicious when anyone claims to love you. You alienate many possible romantic associations because you fear someone may be trying to take advantage of your weaknesses. You could deprive yourself of much happiness if you interpret innocent and sincere gestures as attempts to exploit you.

Make an honest effort to understand human nature, and be willing to make a sincere contribution in serving others.

22) ► **Mars** ♂ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (8°38' S) ♅7 | ♃1

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition between Mars and Saturn indicates some conflict between your desires and your sense of responsibility. You alternate between moments of intense activity and periods when you cannot seem to gather the energy to accomplish anything. Your temperament is either aggressive or completely apathetic. You find it difficult to maintain

a moderate position that would allow you to achieve your goals without 'highs' and 'lows'. You are the only obstacle in your path to achievement. You need to become self-disciplined in using your energy constructively, and you must establish goals within your reach. Resolve firmly that you will not let feelings of futility keep you from reaching them.

You tend to be awed by the accomplishments of your associates or competitors, probably because you give them greater credit than they deserve. You desperately need competition so you can evaluate your own worth; ignorance of your capabilities is your greatest liability. The chances are that others will always have a higher opinion of your potential than you, and you will need to be reassured that your talents are genuine.

Once you get over the idea of your unworthiness, you can go far. You must like yourself enough to feel that you deserve the success you can achieve, but you will have to assert yourself. You could find some expression in law enforcement, industrial engineering, military service, conservation, or physical therapy. Initially, you would probably work best alone, until you can convince yourself that you could make a significant contribution in your field. Later, you could work satisfactorily with others without feeling threatened by their competence. You tend to establish goals somewhat out of reach, which makes you unhappy with your accomplishments. It would be better for you to grow into higher levels of responsibility by taking one step at a time. In that way, your current security is never jeopardized.

Your personal and romantic relationships never measure up to your expectations. Your desires always seem to be frustrated or to encounter great difficulties. The phrase 'After you get what you want, you don't want it' is descriptive of your feelings in these relationships. In any case, it is doubtful that your desires will be fulfilled to your satisfaction, and some denial is to be expected.

Moderation is necessary in all your affairs, or physical depletion can result. Rest is very important in order to maintain physical well-being. Accidents resulting in fractures are common with this planetary combination, as are problems affecting the joints, such as arthritis and bursitis. Moderate exercise is helpful if you get sufficient rest.

(Betty Lundsted)

This tie between sexuality and responsibility is one that is difficult, for it involves a compromise regarding either sexual expression or action taken, or both. Mars symbolizes the 'I act' principle and Saturn indicates the restriction is caused by the image of the father in the psyche. Mars is 'I sex' and Saturn is the restricting influence from the father because of views he had about sex when this individual was young.

It can seem that Father Time, or the Wise Old Man, is universally against any action attempted, for every action is tested for merit. The individual who lives with this energy may become resentful and feel that too much is asked of him. He may rebel against

society, authority or his father. If this energy is used constructively, the rebellion against the father can establish a personal ethic that causes the individual to become involved in changing cultural conditions that need it. If not, it can indicate an individual who may be harsh, who wishes to become a law unto himself.

In the sexual sense, it may be that the Saturn opposition controls the sex life, that there are losses connected with sexual expression; it may be difficult to establish long-lasting relationships. It may be difficult to find an enjoyable sexual partner. In this case, check out Venus and Moon aspects as well, for that may tell the story more completely.

As far as career is concerned, the Mars-Saturn opposition can cause restrictions on any action taken; so movement may be stagnated, or the individual worries too much about what he does. The aspect may indicate a person who doesn't handle crises well, for any crisis demands immediate decisions and immediate action. He may be restricted because of ideas and concepts learned from the father. As this energy is worked with, it can develop a slow and careful decision-maker, a steady worker, one who is precise and deliberate.

Mars square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the hard aspects between Mars and Saturn, the incompatibility of the planets comes more to the fore. Usually, we are ill-at-ease as a result of inferiority feelings which, as in the conjunction, can make us very reserved and even passive on the one hand, and full of (overcompensating) ambition on the other; consequently, we strive hard to reach goals, and are not to be deterred by any obstacles in the path. These aspects are often associated with intermittent bursts of energy; either we are taking things easy or we are being intensely active - there is no thought in our minds of a happy medium.

Because we feel so vulnerable, bearing is poised and stiff, and the impression we make on others is of someone hard and even forbidding. People can find us intimidating, and so a vicious spiral is set up. They in turn behave coolly toward us, or refrain from responding to us at all, and so our inward hurt increases and we become even more withdrawn. Although aloofness may look like egotism, it is really a form of shyness and sensitivity.

Perseverance comes hard to us; aims (Saturn) and actions (Mars) are always in conflict. Sometimes we attract circumstances in which we are unable to get enough of our own work done; as if, here again, aim and action are out of balance. Generally, our own attitude is to blame, but we can correct this as we grow older. For, even with the active tense aspects, we can set our sights on responsible long-term goals.

(Charles Carter)

These are frequently stated in text books to be of a violent character, indicating brutality, cruelty, and blood-lust. It may at once be said that this is by no means invariably the case; in fact, the writer has at least two friends with this combination (the square) who are conspicuously kind and gentle, there being of course other indications of this nature in their charts.

It may be said that it may incline to a certain hardness or sternness, but if the rest of the horoscope is good this may be necessary to the native by reason of his occupation and the tempers of those with whom he has to deal. Again, the severity may be turned inward and there may be an inner austerity and self-discipline.

Its chief effect on character appears to be of a quite different kind. The Saturnian influence acts as a brake on the Martian energies, and I have certainly often noticed a sort of erraticity in these people, so that their enthusiasms are sudden and violent, but short-lasting, with alternations of 'blowing hot' and 'blowing cold'. Sometimes there are spells of laziness, due to the inhibition of the Mars action; sometimes there is a restless energy without good directing common sense when Mars overcomes Saturn. Definite purpose often seems lacking, as if the native regarded life as something of a child's game, passing from one interest to another lightly and inconsequentially. However much in earnest such people are (and they often seem very much so), I have noticed that they commonly forget their pursuits as soon as they cease to amuse them. True depth is generally deficient. In one case there was great love of starting fresh enterprises and considerable ability in this way; but the natives soon lost interest in them when the initial difficulties had been surmounted, and left them to another; here Mars was also square Uranus.

There is usually a certain amount of selfishness or egoism. Thus, even when there is real kindness of heart, the native likes to go his own way, and will not readily turn aside from what interests him personally in order to minister to others. There is an inclination to impatience with those who do not readily agree.

Exteriorly, Mars-Saturn tends to a life of hardship and suffering, as well as to the undergoing of physical violence. The former may occur in the way of health. There is a danger of strain and excess; and this may be followed by the need for prolonged rest, rigid attention to dietetic and other restrictions, and otherwise 'paying the price'. The aspects seem to have a distinct affinity with enteric fever. There is also a liability to burns and scaldings.

The square is not uncommon in the victims of murdering. But in all such cases other potent factors will occur in addition, for the bad aspect of two planets (as apart from Sun, Moon and Angles) cannot, however serious, destroy the life prematurely or violently.

General Charles Gordon had the two planets in trine, but Mars was debilitated by sign. The same occurs in the case of Alexander II of Russia (killed by a bomb).

These aspects do not by any means forbid success, though this will come late and after severe struggles.

23) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♄ **Neptune** - (4°55' S) ♀4 | ♀6

(Haydn Paul)

The sextile aspect poses less ambiguous problems than the conjunction, and you should find that this aspect is more comfortable and allows the releasing of your potential more easily. There will be the qualities of imagination, psychic and empathic sensitivity which are present in Moon-Neptune contacts, but these are clearer with the sextile and less liable to distortion through personal and outer perceptions.

You will be very responsive to the dimension of social relationships, obligations and service, and this could form the key foundation in your life, both in providing a sphere of employment and as one which allows your intrinsic talents and qualities to emerge. You have a heart response to negative social conditions, whether in terms of individuals, alienated minority groupings or global undifferentiated sympathies. This may attract you towards employment which involves you in dealing with social problem areas, or at least towards associating with pressure groups concerned with areas of social deprivation and negativity. You can become quite passionate in denouncing man's lack of humanity and care for others, and feel concerned enough to add your support to more positive and beneficial causes.

You tend to be externally focused rather than inwardly preoccupied, and this can lead you to become a spokesperson for your social objections, attempting to wake the public up to those dangers or lack of care that so offend you as causing people to suffer unnecessarily.. This search to promote social remedies can help you to express your creative spirit through evocative writing, through the dissemination of relevant information such as an educational aid; some may feel drawn to crusading journalism designed to awaken the sleeping social conscience. Having high social ideals implies that one important role that you could perform is as a mediator and enunciator of proposed social progress and development. Working with the burdens of social welfare in some respect would give deep satisfaction, as through your heart response you create alternative suggestions for improvement transmitted via your inspired intellect.

You are less prone to illusions and pedestal building in your intimate relationships, as you should have a more realistic appraisal of the fallibility of human nature, and your tolerance and understanding should lead you to less disappointment in this area. Provided that you create the right channels for external activity, then both your domestic and social life should fulfil. Try not to forget that the Moon will anchor you in deep family

ties, both to your parents and to any current family, and that these are probably more important to you than you may realise, especially if you become extremely involved in social action.

As you will be liable to be sensitive to the subtle psychic influences around people and environments, you may need to periodically retreat into isolation and quiet in order to inwardly cleanse and renew your energies. Your inner life and imagination can often indicate suitable directions for you to travel in, or even themes for social action, and probably many of your decisions are taken by acting on your more unconscious impulses. If such actions are taken and result in failures, then you may need to investigate your own attitudes and motivations more so that unredeemed unconscious tendencies are brought into the light, thus diminishing their power to lead you into cul-de-sacs and self-created failure.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon sextile Neptune indicates that you have a vivid imagination. You are psychically sensitive and have the intellectual skill for expressing yourself creatively. Your deep feelings urge you to respond to your social obligations in some way. Decayed or otherwise unacceptable social conditions arouse sympathetic anxieties within you. You are reasonably explicit in voicing your objections, and you can stimulate public anger to remedy conditions among the socially or economically disadvantaged.

Your involvement with the outside world provides you with several excellent career outlets. Writing is particularly recommended as a profession, as well as any other work associated with the gathering of facts and dissemination of truth. The essential factor is for you to serve as intermediary for the public welfare. Another possibility would be to work on a newspaper 'task force' investigating the activities of public officials who are alleged to be serving themselves rather than the public. You have a capacity for alleviating people's burdens. As a doctor you could skillfully diagnose complaints; as an artist you could easily convey any message or sentiment; as a nutritionist you could serve the masses by advocating better eating habits.

You are sensible about personal relationships and are rarely upset when people demonstrate their failings. Your understanding and tolerance enable you to fully experience all levels of human expression. Be careful, however, not to overcompensate for those who may deliberately exploit your natural desire to be helpful.

You should enjoy a rich and rewarding life. You are able to fulfill all your domestic obligations in addition to serving your community when required. Save some precious solitary moments for yourself in order to regain physical energy and recharge your psychic batteries.

(Betty Lundsted)

The child with this aspect is born into a family that presents a constructive emotional environment. The mother is symbolized by the Moon placement in the chart, and the Neptune energy is handled in a positive way with this aspect. She teaches her child, through her own example, to respond to a creative atmosphere: she works well with her search for spirituality, she moves in a direction that involves her personal spiritual development. The child may not grow up to understand his mother's spiritual interests, but because she had them the child will be free to develop his own as he matures and discovers his direction.

Moon trine or sextile Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even when the Moon and Neptune are in harmony, they still give sensitivity, great fantasy, and introversion. For the effect of Neptune is to make it hard to see where anything begins or ends. The sole difference between the easy aspects and the conjunction is that with the former there seems to be more stability, self-expression is easier, and the native is more readily understood by others.

Not seldom, he manages (quite unintentionally) to make use of his sensitivity to undercurrents in the environment and in society. Deep down, he will detect that 'something is going on' even if he is not overtly aware of it. What he decides and does will be modified accordingly: he will go where he gets plenty of co-operation and will instinctively follow the latest trends. Therefore, although in principle Neptune has little to do with the material world, the aspects can be advantageous and can promote social and business success. Yet when he is enjoying prosperity the native is unable to say how it has come about.

Spiritual and religious interests are commonly present in the harmonious aspects, too, and the open-endedness of Neptune can give an insatiable hunger for these things. The person can be extremely idealistic and religious, but is in danger of overenthusiasm and failure to preserve a sense of proportion.

As with the other Moon / Neptune aspects, the native can do a great deal of creative work, or can develop a fine insight into the creations of others. He senses references and atmospheres, and has a greater appreciation of the emotional world enshrined in, say, a painting than would be gained by analyzing each brush stroke.

As I have already said, the harmonious Moon / Neptune aspects impart a great need for a personal dream world. Now, because the person with these aspects finds little to distract him externally, he must be careful to avoid absorption by this inner world.

The moon sign indicates how the child will respond emotionally; the Neptune sign indicates the child's creative bent. The house placements of the sextile will indicate the area of creative response.

(Charles Carter)

The contacts of these two bodies are not easy to interpret, for they operate in many seemingly diverse ways. Both the Moon and Neptune affect the emotional nature, and the action of the latter is greatly to sensitise it and as it were enlarge its scope. Perhaps the dominant feature is the desire to do something great and unusual. In the more ordinary types we find chiefly a desire to do comparatively usual things in an unusual manner or on a grandiose scale. In more exceptional horoscopes, the desire takes all sorts of strange forms.

The contacts are undoubtedly beneficial in a worldly sense, tending to bestow wealth and ease, and very often there are more of the good things of life than the native seems to merit; he may benefit considerably by others' brains and toil, and may be a conscious or unconscious parasite.

It is specially good for the numerous Neptunian features of modern business, such as hire-purchase.

In some cases there is much spiritual ambition, inclining, if the rest of the chart shows afflictions, to great unbalance. The aspects have a mediumistic and spiritist side, for Neptune has particularly intimate relations with the so-called 'astral plane'; but this tendency has been exaggerated, and is more commonly found under other aspects to Neptune.

It is a rather unsatisfying configuration, for there is no boundary to the aspirations of Neptune, and we often find an overweening desire to push further and further ahead, without due acceptance of the limitations which mundane conditions necessarily impose upon all of us. (This difficulty of adjusting spiritual longings to earthly conditions is at the root of most, and perhaps of all, Neptunian ordinations.)

24) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♂ **Uranus** - (3°30' A) ♃11 | ♎9

(Haydn Paul)

The Venus-Uranus sextile and trine are easier aspects to deal with than the conjunction, and both are more socially adaptable. This is because the contacts between these planets are more diffused, which appears to diminish the more dominating Uranian influence, so that the Venus characteristics emerge more prominently and are capable of absorbing the erratic Uranian energy. They harmonise more easily; and the Uranus

impact becomes a vitalising enrichment of new horizons to explore.

You will have a social awareness, which will enable you to have satisfying social relationships with others, which have both a creative and a beneficial effect upon the participants. You will be tolerant in attitude; and your ability to be sympathetically understanding will often attract people to confide in you, perhaps using you for personal counselling. Often your innate attitude of acceptance can be a healing factor in such relationships; and your grasp of life challenges can reveal potential ways for others to resolve their hidden conflicts. Diplomacy will also come easily to you. This is not a manipulative diplomacy, but an approach that reflects your natural honesty and sincerity with others, and can be used to resolve disputes.

Your intention is to improve the quality of life; and your social concerns will reflect the futurist impulse of Uranus. Even if you can only achieve harmony within your own immediate environment, then that is a success, and satisfies the impulses of Venus-Uranus, because you know that every oasis of harmony helps to build a better world for all. You are not resistant to compromise with others, because you recognise that it is a positive step bringing people together, and is not a denial of individuality that other Venus-Uranus aspects tend to project within the person. The spirit of compromise is allied to the development of Aquarian group consciousness, which uses the energy of goodwill, and if rightly applied releases individual potential and does not restrict its emergence.

In your intimate relationships, you will have a preference for emotional freedom, but, because of your other positive qualities, will be less inclined to reach a crisis-point dissolving the relationship in order to secure this freedom. You will tend to work within the partnership to develop mutual trust and interdependence, with the aim of achieving freedom and personal creativity for both, thus turning it into a growth process. Your relationships will have an unconventional dimension; and generally your lifestyle will stand at that point of interface between mainstream traditional society and that of the more iconoclastic, artistic and futuristic groupings. Janus-like, you will perceive both ways, the intermeshing (in harmony and conflict) of the old and the new. Some have to bridge this divide; and you are attracted towards volunteering for this task.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Venus and Uranus indicates that you are clever in social dealings, reasonably competent in facing challenges, and charming in your romantic affairs. You are sufficiently aware of others to compromise in deference to their desires. In this way, you enjoy exciting and satisfying contacts with others. You project sympathy and understanding by becoming familiar with people's hopes and wishes, their goals and problems.

You have strong hopes for yourself also, but in achieving them you refuse to deprive

others of their desires. You have the intellectual ability to communicate your genuine concern to others, and people regard you as basically honest and sincere. You don't threaten people or put them on the defensive. You enjoy being free, but you value freedom for others, too. Of course, you have a wide circle of friends, most of whom will remain close to you for a long time.

You are highly creative and may find expression either in socially oriented activities or in artistic pursuits. Occupations involving children and teaching would be especially beneficial, both to them and to you. Your sense of drama infuses learning with excitement.

You can relate to large groups as well as to individuals. You are detached enough to be objective and at the same time emotional enough to be sensitive. Because of these qualities, you could succeed in politics. You would strive to merit the trust others have given you.

You should enjoy warm, meaningful romantic ties with your beloved. You are generally willing to make a substantial contribution to ensure that the relationship will always be exciting.

You are not overly preoccupied with money for its own sake, but consider it merely a means to satisfy your most sincere goals and objectives.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here, the mother affects the individual's psyche in a constructive manner. Venus represents the intellectual concept of love, the ability to appreciate love, and Uranus represents the behavior pattern that affects one's generation. The sextile indicates that the mother is able to give this person a far-reaching or modern concept of love and can teach him how to appreciate being loved. Since Uranus rules the sign of Aquarius, it encompasses development on a humanitarian level as well as new concepts in scientific research. The energy is exciting, for it uplifts or lifts the desire nature to heights that Venus probably would not reach all by itself. The aspect represents talent; and as this individual matures the influence from his mother will benefit the consideration of new ideas and new possibilities - and that's a healthy pattern for creative expression.

Venus trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The option of remaining free to lead one's own life, and of developing within a relationship as one thinks best, is a must for those who have harmonious aspects

between Uranus and Venus. As soon as friends or the partner start tying this person down, Uranus incites him or her to kick over the traces. He or she is attracted by anything unusual or capricious in others and is quite likely to copy this behavior. A woman with one of these aspects is often very independent and has a mind of her own. A man with one of these aspects usually looks for a strong-willed woman who knows how to get what she wants.

People with these aspects are fully alive to the individuality of themselves and others, and, with their taste for the unusual, they keep an open mind on everything, no matter how strange. Nothing much disturbs them; instead, the unusual may even be found stimulating. Sometimes, they even go looking for change (at work, for example). The chance that the emotional life will be fairly unstable is therefore present even in the harmonious aspects.

(Charles Carter)

This is a combination which usually signifies unusual taste and some degree of artistic ability. There may be talent for music, literature, or the drama; it is often witty, fascinating, humorous, or charming. With a prominent Mars, there may be ability for work in metals.

It tends somewhat to eccentricity, sentiment, and romance, the passions being very sensitive. In many cases, it seems to be rather a dumb note, and goes no further than a mild liking for music.

So far as externals are concerned, it favours popularity, easy circumstances, and enjoyable, though not always steadfast, relations with the other sex. Very much depends upon the ability of the native to find an adequate outlet for the emotional nature, for there is a proclivity towards adventures in love, and the romantic part of the nature may lead to looseness of conduct unless it can be 'sublimated' in some harmless way. For example, Petrarch expressed his romantic nature by writing sonnets to Laura, while living a perfectly comfortable and respectable life with a wife and several children, being plump and well-fed at a time when, according to his writings, love denied him food, sleep, and most other necessities. Or, again, romance may be sought in stranger directions, as in the case of William Blake, who was most happily married, but allowed the eccentricity of Uranus to find vent for itself in such peculiar habits as insisting on receiving and entertaining his guests in a completely unclothed condition, by way of demonstrating beyond all argument the fact of his having regained man's pristine 'innocence of childhood pure'. Another eccentric, but (so far as I know) perfectly moral Venus-Uranus man was Joseph Smith, the Mormon, who 'rationalised' the inner cravings of the aspect by producing a polygamous religion, miraculously revealed.

25) ► **Mars** ♂ **Sextile** ♄ **Uranus** - (0°13' A) ♄7 | ♀9

(Haydn Paul)

With the sextile and trine aspects, the more positive use of the Mars-Uranus energy is displayed through activities designed to be of social benefit. Whilst you will intellectually challenge the established patterns of social thought and behaviour which you believe inhibit individual freedom, your intent is to provoke new thinking which can offer the potential of new horizons to explore. All new directions and spheres of progress that humanity has taken have emerged from someone questioning the current static state of affairs and then seeing new alternatives.

Mentally, you will have a restless, curious nature, which can find an effective outlet through applied research and study in whichever areas of enquiry attract you. You are not an intellectual dilettante, and prefer to delve deeply enough to gain a real comprehension of any subject; this can also free that ability for more original independent thinking, and it is possible that you will receive insights that enable you to make a significant contribution to that subject. You will prefer a futuristic dimension to your enquiries, thus satisfying the Uranian impulse and providing an opportunity to benefit others too.

Even though you have this ability for specific focusing, you will also expand into exploring a wide variety of interests and topics. At times you may move rapidly between disparate spheres of knowledge, but you will eventually settle down to focus upon one area in particular. You may find some difficulty in perseverance and applying your energy consistently to achieve your aims. Sometimes a sudden diminution of your interest and energy may occur, which brings to a halt any progress you are making. When the energy flows again, you may be interested in something new; this is the erratic Uranian influence.

Communication is important to you. There may be an attraction to teaching in some way, both for the satisfaction you can receive in sharing knowledge with people, and in the platform offered for you to express your opinions. These are likely to be radical and unorthodox, but you have enough intellectual confidence in your knowledge to feel quite prepared to stand by your arguments against any opponents. Discussions of ideas can fascinate you; and you enjoy such encounters, seeing them as intellectual combat, where your more aggressive Mars energy can be used. Your approach is often based on strategy and skill; and even in friendly discussions you dislike being intellectually defeated. You enjoy stirring dissent, and proposing disturbing concepts and ideas to attack the power of the status quo, both in society and in individuals.

In relationships, you need a strong intellectual and physical bond. An area of weakness can lie in a disregard and lack of sympathetic understanding of the emotions. These are often relegated in your sense of priorities; and the more subtle dimensions of them are ignored in favour of the more basic emotional / physical passions and the interests of the mind. Restrictions are rejected in intimate relationships; and a self-preoccupation can

dominate and cause later problems. However, you tend to commit yourself to seeing through those decisions that you do take, so a marriage commitment can help to modify these tendencies, provided that your partner is strong enough to encourage you to modify any selfish behaviour in the interests of mutual harmony.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Mars and Uranus shows that you have a restless, impatient nature and are constantly seeking outlets for your energy. Your curiosity is insatiable. You have strong opinions, which you are never afraid to state. Once you have determined what you will do, you act immediately. You cannot stand dawdlers and people who can't make up their minds. You are a strategist, and your plans are successful, but you always feel that a job you do can be improved on later. Although you have enormous energy, you must be careful that you don't bring on nervous strain by driving yourself impatiently to achieve your objectives.

You can work best in occupations requiring originality, intellectual skills, and alertness. Because you are aware of the present, yet compelled by the future, you are especially suited for work in research and development. Your excitement is knowing you've made a positive contribution to a better future for everyone's benefit. All levels of teaching would give you the satisfaction of making a significant personal contribution to others.

Your interests are varied, and you try to take part in as many as possible. You are likely to succeed in any activity you take up, because you invest a great deal of energy to increase the odds of success. You don't accept defeat. With your particular skill in argument and persuasive delivery, you can easily shatter any opponent's position.

An intellectual rebel, you are quick to challenge old ideas and doctrines that have outlived their usefulness. You demonstrate your concern for society by actively taking part in socially beneficial programs or by stirring up dissent to provoke necessary changes.

In your personal relationships, the one you love must have similar attitudes and mutual interest in order to avoid frustration when your partner tries to restrict you.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus indicates the behavior of the generation we are born into, as well as the part of use that expresses as self-will before it evolves consciously.

The sextile indicates that the action patterns formed by this individual in childhood were well received by the parents. The early environment demonstrated the ability to act (or sex) in a manner that expressed the will, allowing the child room for being 'different' so

that he could form his own particular value system. The value system can be diagnosed from the signs and houses.

Mars trine or sextile Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The restlessness, impatience, overactivity and self-will of the conjunction are also seen here. Mars and Uranus stimulate one another whenever they are mutually in aspect, so here, too, we have a need to live our own life, to interest ourselves in new things, and, above all, to look for excitement. The harmonious aspects offer the advantage that circumstances are more likely to swing our way. Originality and reforming zeal give us the opportunity to become the independent, pioneering leader of a group.

We are quick to seize fresh opportunities, and expect others to do the same. On the other hand, we lack patience, and have only a limited capacity for co-operation; but where we have to make a solo effort we can do outstandingly well - because it fits in better with our deep-rooted love of liberty. The changeability and fickleness of Uranus make an impact on energy and executive ability; therefore we find it hard to remain long at the same task - we do need varied activities, not to mention a certain amount of challenge and adventure. With the harmonious aspects, we usually know how to create or find situations in which we obtain what we seek. The abruptness of a Mars / Uranus combination always makes itself felt and even with the harmonious aspects we have to be guarded in our actions, which can sometimes be disruptive.

Uranian tension is not far to seek in the harmonious aspects, and from time to time we may suffer from nervous diseases and overstrain. With this combination, we seldom rest; for although the harmonious aspects tend to be rather passive, two such active planets in combination will put this passivity to flight. Provided life is full of action and variety, and provided we get the opportunity to show what we can do, we can be extremely creative and innovative - quite often in technical / mechanical fields.

(Charles Carter)

The contacts between these planets are of an important character, producing some of the most marked results of any aspects. They are valuable, and yet, unless the planets are well placed by sign and have no other aspects of a discordant kind, they may be somewhat critical, even when they are technically of a benefic nature.

They greatly add to the energy, vigour, decision, and will-power of the native, who is very rarely of a milk-and-water or nondescript character. He will as a rule know his own mind excellently well, and much will depend on the rest of the chart, for, unless this

shows sense and judgement, the strength of Mars-Uranus may lead to disaster because of its very strength and courage.

It tends to give physical robustness, the ability to stand hard conditions, and the capacity for hard work; but even thus, cross aspects from other bodies may result in high nervous tension and an overwrought condition, the will, as it were, tearing the body asunder. In one case known to me there is a trine between Mars (Taurus) and Uranus (Virgo) with a cross aspect to the latter from the Sun (Sagittarius). Here the heart has suffered, as the outcome of nervous strain, and the native is almost an invalid. In another case, with the same trine from the same signs, but with Sun and Saturn in square to Uranus from Gemini, there is indomitable courage, but it is spent in an uphill fight with poverty and sickness. It may be said that any ill aspect to the harmonious Mars-Uranus combination will occasion a greater or less degree of nerve-tension.

This tension seems to externalise itself frequently in the form of accidents or assault. Even among those who possessed good aspects between these planets this is sometimes exemplified. For instance, Queen Victoria and King Edward VII both had them, but in each case there were attempts on the life, which may in part be ascribed to these positions. Wallenstein was a great leader, with that personal fascination that goes with good aspects of Uranus, but he was assassinated. Sometimes the attack takes the form of slander.

But as a rule grave danger need not be anticipated from the good aspects, and on the other hand they bestow excellent qualities, particularly for those who are called on to deal with difficult, arduous, or perilous conditions. Only if the rest of the chart is weak or violent does the Mars-Uranus trine or sextile seem to be involved in the general crisis.

26) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♎ **North-Node** - (2°29' S) ♄5 | ♏3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration is favorable for all expansive endeavors requiring the co-operation and approval of prevailing social attitudes and institutions. The natives are often closely involved in religious activities which tend to be along conventional lines. There is generally a good sense of timing in business and promotional matters.

(Donna van Toen)

Adaptability comes more easily than growth. A need for material growth or progress may override the need for inner growth. Moodiness or maladjustment may cause opportunities for growth to be overlooked or ignored.

Jupiter trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A harmonious relationship to other persons, adaptability, meeting other people half-way, a sense of tact. Entering into advantageous associations, getting engaged or married, the gaining of advantages in business together with other people, the good luck to find a good partner.

Jupiter conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect indicates wholehearted pursuit of the nodal position's growth, and aids that growth in an effective way. It gives luck and good fortune in balancing the nodal axis. Few other aspects contain such potential as this one. There is enthusiastic endeavor, and one cannot beat this. This is also the philosopher, the lawyer, or the world traveller (adventurer). This can also be the leader in a religious group.

27) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♊ **North-Node** - (2°10' S) ♀1 | ♋3

(Donna van Toen)

Upbringing seems to play a major role in the interpretation of this aspect. If the person has been left in a comfortable position by parents or other benefactors, opportunities for growth may be rejected. Even when birth conditions don't leave opportunities to rest on the family laurels, growth may be considered only within the narrow limits of what's acceptable by family or parental standards. Growth potential may be damaged or repressed as a result of guilt feelings or arguments.

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.

28) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ☾ Sun** - (4°11' A) ♀1 | ☾10

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun square the Ascendant indicates that when you express yourself you unknowingly cause others to react negatively. You tend to get off on the wrong foot because you have trouble convincing people that you are sincere and honest. You come on a bit strong, which just doesn't set quite right with people, and they resent you for it. All the endearments you use never quite offset your suspected lack of sincerity. You should ask your closest friend about this, because the chances are that you will resent and reject what is said here.

You will compromise only when there is no other alternative. You have an incredible inability to face the facts about yourself, although they are painfully obvious to everyone else. You want to win everyone's approval, and you can do so by asserting yourself more modestly, so people don't feel that you are forcing yourself on them. The same holds true for associates with whom you are in close contact for extended periods of time. People will appreciate you more if you let them make willing gestures to you. In that way, they can feel that they are the aggressors. It is better to attract them to you than to demand their submission.

In spite of the foregoing, you are accustomed to resistance when you try to do something. Knowing that nothing worthwhile comes easily, you are ready to endure frustration at times because the experience is valuable in building character. You had to overcome difficulties with superiors in your formative years, and as a result you may have grown up with a chip on your shoulder. You also know that you will have to rely on your own resources if you want to succeed. The difficulty comes in dealing with people in authority who expect you to recognize your inferior position. If you realize that it's not your creative abilities but your attitude that offends people, you will succeed in winning complete approval for your competence.

Sun square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Things are not quite so easy in tense aspects between the Sun and Ascendant. These people's influence still makes a direct impact on those around them, and they do have a desire to manifest in their environment; the trouble is that they are very uncertain how to do so. Therefore external behavior is erratic: at one moment they sound brimful of confidence but the next day they clam up as if they were unsure of themselves. This makes them hard to understand and complicates relationships with people. They shrink from criticism since it feeds insecurity. Sometimes they withdraw into a shell or hide behind others.

With the tense aspects, the ego is out of step with expectations, and these people have difficulty in seeing how they ought to behave. The world does not always respond to them as they think it should - at least, not until they learn to adjust.

(Betty Lundsted)

When the Sun squares or opposes the Ascendant, there is more difficulty in expressing the qualities of the Sun in daily activities. Constructive action may not be easily taken until these individuals become conscious of the sign dilemma. When the Sun in the 7th house opposes the Ascendant, a compromise between selfinitiation and relationships. This may indicate individuals who feel they must give up a great deal of freedom and personal decision-making in order to marry and have a partnership.

29) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Square** ☾ **Moon** - (6°02' A) ♀1 | ♀4

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square the Ascendant shows that you are emotionally biased in your reaction to events and experiences with people. An impressionable person, you have difficulty in realistically evaluating the conditions you react to. Perhaps you are aware of this tendency and are annoyed with yourself for not being more objective. You are a victim of habits that have become so deeply ingrained that they are difficult to change. Emotionally vulnerable to strong character types who try to mould you to their liking, you are often powerless to do anything but submit. Your difficulty in facing reality increases your problems in relationships, because people are never sure how you will react to them. You are a sentimentalist with strong ties to family and home. It is not easy to transfer those ties to other people with whom you can associate in a personal, emotional relationship. But it is important for you to break away from the past and the limits it

imposes on your freedom. You will then be able to develop on your own without feeling that you must get someone else's approval.

The abrasive conditions of open competition will always be painful unless you can insulate yourself by learning to cope with people and circumstances intellectually. You will thus learn that everyone has certain feelings of apprehension about meeting challenges and that you are not alone with this problem. If you talk with your friends about this, you will see that they too have similar anxieties. Knowing this might comfort you. Don't take on more burdens than you need to, especially in your career. Get an education, if you don't already have one, for it will help you succeed in

meeting competition. Be wary of associates who may try to get you to compensate for their lack of ability and then leave you holding the bag if things don't turn out as expected.

Above all, keep your personal affairs to yourself. Don't give adversaries the opportunity to learn your weaknesses. And stop feeling sorry for yourself.

Moon square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The effect of the hard aspects between the Moon and Ascendant is much more uncomfortable and disturbing. We experience the world and everything with which we are not totally familiar as a worrying threat to our safety, and so we do not always react with poise or find it easy to make contacts.

The Moon, as the principle of changeability, can make us moody for reasons not immediately apparent to the outside world, and this can produce a vicious spiral in which we feel hurt, retire into ourselves, get no sympathy, feel hurt, withdraw, etc., etc.. Yet that is the last thing we require, since the Moon / Ascendant aspect gives us a need for emotional interaction with our environment.

Sometimes we are at a loss for how to behave in emotional situations, or in situations where we have to care for and cherish others (for example, as a mother or father). Then we may be inclined to seek the help and advice of someone we trust to solve the problem in some other way. The activity associated with hard aspects often encourages us to explore various avenues.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the aspects between the Moon and Ascendant are difficult, these people see life as a

difficult emotional experience. Each new beginning in childhood may have been an emotional trauma - they were afraid to start school, they had difficulty moving to another school during the early years, or perhaps they resisted the various phases of growing up.

If the Moon squares the Ascendant, it indicates that the emotional needs of these individuals are not easily expressed by the 'persona'. The career drive may suppress the emotional nature, or the masquerade that is presented to the public may in fact mask a tender emotional structure. This causes inner tension, for the emotional needs have to find expression.

In the case of the opposition, in some way the mother (Moon) compromised the child's actions - every time the Ascendant reached out to do something, mother stood in the way. The individual will respond to life much as the mother did as far as the emotions are concerned, so the same apprehensions that Mom projected when the person was a child will be projected by the person as an adult. Each new job will bring inordinate trauma; each new beginning will contain trauma.

30) ► **Moon** ☽ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°24' S) ♏4 | ♐1

(Haydn Paul)

Limitations and restrictions may occur on opportunities and experiences, often created by unresolved emotional patterns. The source of these may be sentimental attachments to the past, to memories, to experiences, and to earlier relationships. You find it difficult to break free from the past; and previous experiences will influence present choices and attitudes.

You may have grown up with a negative self-image, one which lessens self-confidence and also shapes restrictive worldviews. This may come from unsettling and disturbing childhood experiences. Perhaps you put up protective barriers to defend vulnerable feelings from damage; you may have believed you were not loved by your parents, or you were left with just one parent through separation, divorce, or death. Issues of emotional dependency may have grown, and a mother- or father-complex formed, making it difficult to cut the parental umbilical cord when you became an adult. Taking time and investigating any childhood roots of your inhibitions may shed considerable light on your adult psyche.

You tend toward pessimistic attitudes, linked to a reduced physical vitality, emotional moodiness, melancholic dissatisfaction, and depression. Lacking self-confidence and perhaps seeing the world as a harsh, loveless place, you may feel bitter and cynical, preferring isolation from relationship intimacy. A 'barrier' may be felt between you and others, making contact and communication difficult to achieve.

Family ties bind you. This could suggest that you are older than most when you leave home to become independent; or you could have the onerous duty of caring for an elderly parent. Your family life may turn into an imprisoning environment in some way, perhaps through children, economic hardship, or social isolation. You are very sensitive to the complexities of family relationships, and, despite your emotional difficulties, will hate to cause anyone else emotional distress. Yet these ties limit your life, and will continue to tighten until you take responsibility to create a more satisfying life.

You may feel uneasy with intimacy, and try to avoid involvement, afraid of not coping, or imagining that your 'inadequacies' would be exposed; feeling unloved, how could anyone feel love for you? Such an attitude turns into a vicious, self-defeating circle; and you may become socially awkward and excessively shy. Dissolving such inner barriers and protective emotional mechanisms is essential, both to liberate yourself from negative conditioning patterns and to free repressed emotional energies to revitalize a hidden emotional wasteland that you have created.

You maintain tensions and frustrations by refusing to release behaviour patterns formed during childhood and within your parental relationship. It is your choice, if you wish, to continue limiting your life, but it is not inevitable; limitations are only imaginary parameters which we draw around ourselves as a barrier; they can be erased or expanded. Your creativity is blocked by emotional repression. If you dissolve the barrier and redirect the energies toward positive and constructive channels, then much could be achieved. Finding additional interests and stimulation would be beneficial, showing that the world has much to offer if you open to its riches. Becoming involved with children could reveal new ways to see things; their enthusiasms and sense of wonder could be transmitted to you. With contemporary self-help techniques, visualization, meditation, affirmation, and the availability of numerous ways to release blocked energies, you can transform your life to face the future with positivity and optimism. Once freed from past restrictions, you can uncover your latent potential.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square between your Moon and Saturn indicates that you find it difficult to let go of the past and anyone associated with it. Because of your early conditioning, you are overwhelmed with guilt when you express disloyalty toward someone you have known for a long time. Family matters are therefore very important to you, and you forget few birthdays or other commemorative events. These tendencies show that you are emotionally trapped; it is difficult for you to establish your independence outside the confining circumstances of the home and family.

Your parents were especially responsible for your feeling of dependence and your inability to stand alone. Unfortunately, parents sometimes don't realize how damaging it is for their children to be dependent on them. Your creative expression will be deeply limited by your emotional restrictions.

The most likely fields of work for you are those that serve the needs of the elderly. Such fields as nursing, physical therapy, housing, geriatrics, food, and public assistance programs are some possible avenues of expression. These areas of endeavor emphasize domestic circumstances or identification with individuals who bring to mind your parents. You could perform excellent work and be amply rewarded for your efforts, and at the same time know that you are filling an important need.

Your own romantic satisfaction may not occur until you have fully realized how meagre is the scope of your own life. Only when you become aware that time is passing, and that fewer partners are available to you, will you scramble to find a mate.

Try to become interested in some avocational activity. Your normal inclination to melancholy and depression will be reduced as you become involved in creative functions. Children could also be a source of great joy to you and relieve the lonely hours by their frivolity and endless curiosity. You might join an organization that helps youngsters who need a big brother or sister or someone who can substitute for their parents.

Eat wholesome food and avoid eating on the run in the fast food service places that today's hasty social structure offers. Try not to eat cold food, and, if you can, make it a point to eat with others.

Moon square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects draw attention more strongly to vulnerable aspects of a personality. When people have the hard aspects, each time they look for comfort and safety (Moon), they are inevitably confronted with their weaknesses, fears, and uncertainties (Saturn). Emotional inhibitions and difficulties with emotional expression are quite common under these aspects. These people struggle with a sense of loneliness and often with an inferiority complex as well.

Anxiety and possibly mistrust will affect behavior. They take a rather gloomy view of everything, preferring to expect the worst because then the unexpected will always be an improvement; and, in fact, are particularly prone to do so where the emotional world (Moon) and the need for security are concerned.

For women, these are difficult aspects. Their femininity is not easy for them to handle. Even though many can create the impression of being superwomen, they lack inner composure. Another mode of expression is very mannish behavior. Saturn's hard aspects can lead to extremes.

Self-control is considerable with these aspects, also the capacity for hard work, selfdiscipline and level-headedness. People with conflicts between the Moon and Saturn can be very creative in fashioning things. Their inferiority feelings, and their fears that what they make will never be perfect, are likely to haunt them to some extent; but they can produce first-class work once they set their minds to it. Although these are active aspects (which the tense aspects always are), Saturn can be so inhibitive that either the natives' activities are paralysed at the very beginning or they avoid spreading their interests. Given their sensitivity, they cannot afford to risk making too many mistakes. Shyness is common in these aspects, while the persistent search for some ideal form in which to express themselves makes them initially impractical and inefficient: owing to uncertainty they try their hand at all sorts of things when they are young, being unable to settle down anywhere. Dread of the unknown can keep them static and clinging to pet ideas; therefore they strike others as hard and unbending.

However, once these people have made the effort to break out of their hard shells they will be all the tougher for the experience, well equipped to patiently withstand the adversities life may bring, and they will work successfully under the most trying circumstances. For durability and staying power are Saturn's good side, which falls within their reach once we have come to terms with it.

(Charles Carter)

The inner side of these contacts is usually inefficiency, the native being a bad leader and organiser, without set purpose or policy, often not intelligent and confused in his methods, giving himself and others unnecessary trouble. He is careless and imprudent, weak and obstinate, cunning and silly; astute in details, but blind in main issues. Sometimes it causes laziness; sometimes energy without persistence. Depression and discontent are common. Shyness is common also.

With depression there is often a lack of real self-reliance, and the native may be a prey to fear and foreboding, and a feeling of general inadequacy in respect of his obligations and duties. He is apt sometimes to rely on the material supports of life rather than on character.

The entire feminine side of the nature is limited by this contact, and unless other aspects come to the assistance of the Moon, much unhappiness and emotional inhibition may occur. Even the good aspects of the Moon and Saturn sometimes tend to dourness and rigidity, and a dislike of, or inability to partake in, pleasures, particularly if Venus be weak.

On the circumstantial side, which will be the more evident in many cases, there is a dislike of hardship, particularly in early and in late life. The native may easily be misunderstood, and have to endure harshness, severity, and lack of emotional satisfaction.

The relations with the mother are rarely happy; she may be unfortunate, or may die young, be unhealthy, or be a burden to the native; or she may be dominating and stern in her attitude. The home is seldom imbued with a genial atmosphere such as a child needs.

In marriage these aspects tend to unions between persons of diverse ages; sometimes there are social differences and the parents either prevent marriage or urge unsatisfactory alliances based on Saturnian considerations of duty, advantage, and so forth. There are rarely many children.

A correspondent writes from personal experience: 'The main effect is frustration, or victory without pleasure, or unrewarded efforts, probably to teach the native selfless application to duty. The good side of this aspect seems to lie in helping to build inner strength, an ability to sense adversity before it comes, and patience to endure it when it arrives.'

The native may come into contact with violence and ill-health. The opposition seems very potent in this respect. Sometimes there is unpopularity, especially with women and with the masses; sometimes there is a rather senseless popularity that does not last.

31) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♄ **Pluto** - (1°38' A) ♃12 | ♎9

(Haydn Paul)

The square can give you a harshness of temperament and expression, where your direct, blunt style can often create conflict and confrontation between yourself and others. Even though you prefer to reflect yourself as one capable of handling the 'real situation', you tend to lack sensitivity towards possible reactions to your potentially penetrating insights. You rarely 'wrap' them up in socially acceptable packages for consumption, but offer them raw.

Your approach to life has a tendency to be extreme, a little suspicious of others' motives and intentions, secretive about your own, and basically pessimistic in tone. Your behaviour can often be unpredictable and erratic, making it difficult for others to take you for granted, and encouraging them to keep a certain distance away from you. You are a little uneasy with close contact in relationships, taking considerable time to develop a feeling of trust and relative relaxation with partner. There is a tendency to try to manipulate and mould any partner so that he or she conforms to your point of view; and often your views become intolerant and fixed, allowing little space for flexibility or change to occur naturally.

Sometimes, in an effort to achieve your own will, you rely upon your strong willpower to dominate others. Sometimes this can succeed, but you are equally liable to apply it

incorrectly through a lack of proportion and through insensitivity, creating more damage to your aims and others than you intended. Similarly, whilst your choice of expressive style is straight and direct, you often devote much time towards scheming and plotting, which, again, often works to your disadvantage.

In many ways, you project your own shadow qualities onto others, finding it hard to trust them, yet laying plots yourself; it is unlikely that you have any special ability to motivate others or to become a spokesperson for any group, as you are more of a loner. Towards authority you are ambivalent, making use of any power and authority that you may possess at home or work, yet being quite anti-authoritarian if you hold a low opinion of those responsible positions, particularly disliking a role under any domination by others.

Mentally, you require more self-discipline and understanding to make more positive use of your abilities of penetrative insight; in particular, the way in which you present yourself to others may need to be moderated. More control regarding your thoughts and words can help to avoid any controversy and unnecessary conflict with others, and help a redirection of your powers of insight inward, so that you can observe how you are projecting those negative shadow qualities out onto others in the world when these qualities should be being internally transformed and the energies released for positive applications. Potentially, you have the sort of mind to absorb a variety of positive views and arrive at a new synthesis of the essential values hidden within each of them, and then to express a unifying point or common ground from which dialogue can arise to resolve the apparent divisions. Such a talent could be extremely effective and important if the necessary inner changes are undergone and a redirection of your life results; a temporary phase which you may experience is the adoption of whichever view / belief system is currently in the forefront of your attention, but that at least can reveal flexibility and potential attitude change in you. Dissolving fixed barriers is possible; and the potential for change in your lifestyle and relationships sit the main challenge with which Pluto is facing you.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Mercury to Pluto indicates that you must learn to concentrate and apply self-discipline in mental pursuits. You find prolonged study painful and demanding, so you may resent anyone who forces you to persist. This was probably more apparent in your early years when schoolwork seemed so laborious. In spite of this, you have the self-determination to accept responsibility, although not under the watchful eye of someone else.

Your manner of speech is penetrating, and you express yourself so harshly that you seem almost insensitive. This arouses bitterness in others. You are undeniably bright and keenly perceptive, but you rarely feel obligated to other people. You are inclined to pessimism. Your behavior is extreme; at one moment you will criticize others with brutal frankness, and the next moment you will show amazing skill in maintaining your poise

under pressure. It is truly difficult for people to know how you will react, so some may avoid getting close to you.

Though you are fearless by nature, you demonstrate an incredible lack of common sense in dangerous situations. You take unnecessary risks just to prove to others how courageous you really are. Because of this, you may seek occupations that involve hazards. You are prone to accidents from equipment that uses or contains pressure, such as heating systems and boilers. Observe all safety precautions in handling them.

Before you decide on any profession, you must develop self-control and responsibility. You are more inclined to make errors in judgement than the average person, especially in handling large sums of money. Avoid getting into debt unless it is absolutely necessary.

You might be interested in such fields as crime detection, research and development, chemistry, pathology or medicine, but you must be prepared to yield to the authority of your teachers. It is essential that you pay attention to detail and work hard to gain the expertise required. Although you prefer to avoid reality, you must live with it. When you realize this, you will begin to grow and develop.

In your immediate environment, you can make enormous contributions to the socially disadvantaged. You are not afraid to speak up and challenge authorities when you learn they have abused their positions of trust. Just be certain you have all the necessary supporting evidence in order to avoid being ridiculed. This would bring out the worst in you and could result in violence.

Although you certainly know better, you sometimes have an obsession to shape other people's lives. You use cunning schemes to gain their submission. Because of your intolerant attitude, you should study human nature and learn how to effectively motivate others.

32) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Square** ♀ **North-Node** - (3°00' S) ☿12 | ♀13

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square creates a situation in which the prevailing attitudes of the society conflict with the natives' mental expression and communication. They cannot project their ideas as they would like, and therefore tend to be misunderstood. Often they meet with social disapproval because they speak out at the wrong time or place. They may be in disagreement with surrounding social patterns.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, general intellect and communicativeness is often controlled by a remote

switch. They need to communicate in order to feel good; but they are frequently unable to do so for no specific reason. Hidden tensions with brothers / sisters are often seen. These tensions create a psychological problem since early childhood. Their mental brightness is very fluctuating. Depending upon the position of Mercury in the house and sign, one may be brilliant or dumb. Intellectual balance will be achieved in this life by way of controlling the learning intensity. Thus, if the soul has come from a stronger intellectuality from the previous life, this life will slow him down to the normal pace and he will be able to go at a common rate of intellectual growth. On the other hand, if the previous life has been an intellectual chaos, then this will provide substantial self-confidence in the learning and communicative processes and their internalization to that soul.

(Donna van Toen)

Nodal imbalance can contribute to craftiness or a tendency to use people. Often there's a tendency to chatter away about trivia to distract from the nodal imbalance. In other cases, the square operates much like the Mercury conjunct South Node.

Mercury square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

An unsociable disposition, the calculated use of contact and relationship with other people for one's own personal benefit, the inclination to chatter or to gossip. The tendency to make oneself disliked by other people, the disturbance of relationships.

(Bernice Grebner)

This may make the person suspicious, outspoken, and somewhat tyrannical. It may make the person seem aloof. Basically though, it gives shyness. This may be a clue to serious nervous problems if not handled properly. It is meant to increase the mental energies toward the balancing of the Nodes. There is a tendency to find fault and to exaggerate. Judgement can be poor, so the person may not be good at giving advice. This gives a fluctuation-type mind. When carried to its fullest and best, this exaggerated imagination can give success in the literary field.

33) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ☐ **North-Node** - (2°21' A) ♀ 6 | ♂ 3

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a situation in which the mystical tendencies of the natives conflict with the more prosaic, down-to-earth customs and social institutions of their culture.

Society is likely to regard them as impractical dreamers or even as subversive influences who undermine traditional religious and social concepts. They are likely to feel alone in a crowd and misunderstood by their peers. Sometimes their preoccupation with visionary pursuits keeps them out of touch with the flow of events around them, so that they react ineptly and confusedly.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, psychic sensitivity or receptivity is often blocked by circumstances. Thus, one gets fairly close to an intuitive answer, and then all of a sudden, everything is washed out and they start all over again. Hidden problems with drugs, medicine or alcohol are noticed in these people. Some of these problems are often carried through the family tradition, or through past incarnation. This family history of similar difficulties is one of their challenges in life; and the circumstances will help them to even up only after they show the initiative to overcome them. Major changes in life from being too idealistic or too practical are often noticed in these people.

(Donna van Toen)

Similar to Neptune conjunct the South Node. The tension produced by the nodal imbalance may trigger a tendency to exploit others. 'Bad luck' or disappointment involving Neptune's sign and / or house position are frequently mentioned.

Neptune square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of social or communal sense and feeling; the inclination to exploit, deceive and cheat other people. A lack of judgement leading to wrong ideas about other people or about an association. The misfortune of being disappointed or the tendency to deceive other people.

(Bernice Grebner)

This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over-stimulation of the imagination from overly idealistic thoughts. This power should be used for acting, singing, poetry, and understanding compassion. Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. It gives a desire for seclusion and for impractical endeavors. As with all aspects, we must consider other aspects that can lessen or emphasize. Many times this aspect indicates two sides to the nature - a pull of undue idealism and being overly sensitive against power-hungry, selfish gratification. Badly aspected to Mercury, it can give mental imbalance in one degree or another. This position, when touched by

transits and / or progressions, could bring confinement or hospitalization - forced confinement with the square; self-imposed isolation from the other aspects. The karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position, and the nature of the aspects.

34) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (5°57' A) ♀1 | ♄5

(Robert Pelletier)

Jupiter trine the Ascendant means that you always expect to succeed. You find it possible to make grandiose plans for the future, because you know how to capitalize on your creative abilities as tools with which to seek your goals in life. Knowing how is not the same as actually doing something, however, and your success may be delayed by the delusion that you can succeed without a lot of hard work. You like the good life and all its comforts, which can be yours if you are willing to make an enormous investment of personal effort.

Although you have high expectations, you secretly fear you won't succeed in winning over your competitors. You overestimate other people's skills and underestimate your own, which can lead you to have a defeatist attitude. Concentrate your efforts on gaining excellence in what you do, so that you can dismiss these anxieties.

The people you work for regard you more highly than you think. Hoping to gain their respect, you attempt to do more than your share in the tasks assigned to you. You admire those who achieve distinction and realize that you must be fully informed if you hope to win similar honors. However, you tend to dawdle when you should discipline yourself in working toward your goals. By indulging in personal pleasures to excess, you waste energy and time that could be used more constructively. Because you are careless about managing your financial affairs, you sometimes can't avail yourself of opportunities when they arise.

Your talents are needed in many fields, but unless you learn to establish your priorities, you will waste your gifts in non-productive enterprises. You are too generous in sharing your ideas with others when you should develop them for your own benefit. Avoid borrowing money if you can; because of your self-indulgent nature, it may be painful to repay unless you learn to have greater self-control.

Jupiter trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The harmonious aspects between Jupiter and the Ascendant have much the same

effects as the conjunction. We radiate cheerfulness, optimism and cordiality, and cultivate a wide circle of acquaintances. When Jupiter, with its gift for improving and remedying, is in easy relationship with the Ascendant, we like to be helpful to others - not in a subservient way, but out of simple kindness. 'People are entitled to be themselves' is our motto. Love of freedom and the need to be able to develop freely are two of our prominent characteristics.

Although, even with the easy aspects, we have a tendency to lecture and moralize, we generally manage to do it in a manner that others can accept without being offended. We enjoy propagating ideals and a vision of the future, and like talking about the things that enthuse us - particularly those that widen our horizons, either literally by travel, or metaphorically by immersion in philosophical or general human concerns.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with the sextile or trine relate to others by using a similar energy to that of the Ascendant. They tend to open up (Jupiter) in a manner complementary to the persona they have put forth.

35) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ♅ Pluto** - (8°06' A) ♀1 | ♀9

(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.

36) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (6°32' A) ♃12 | ♋7

(Robert Hand)

You have a strong sense of self - that is, you know who you are and what your rights are with regard to other people. You have considerable self-confidence and will fight for what you believe to be yours. On the other hand, you are less likely to dominate people than those with other Mars-Midheaven combinations. You do have a great deal of physical energy, however, especially in activities that you want to be involved in. As you get older, you will pour out energy in your work and career, and you will be known as a very hard worker. But you may not feel that you are working hard, because the energy comes so spontaneously that you do not regard it as work. For this reason, you should look for a task or purpose that your life can revolve around, that you can identify closely with. While you are young, this may simply be a hobby, but later on it will be your career or life work. Fortunately, with this aspect you won't have much trouble finding a purpose in life.

You are not especially competitive, but you are independent. You do not like to be dependent on other people; nor do you like anyone to interfere with the schedule you have set for yourself. Consequently, you may find it easier to work and play alone than with others.

When you have to make a choice, you are usually able to do so quickly and easily, because you know pretty much what you want, and you go after it. If you don't know which of two choices to take, you may make an arbitrary decision, feeling that making some choice is better than going nowhere.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration strengthens the natives' ambitions and determination to rise to prominence in their careers. They are energetic and hard-working in their chosen fields. Thus by gaining the confidence of those in authority they win the means to provide a good domestic environment for themselves and their families.

37) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°18' A) ☾10 | ♎6

(Haydn Paul)

With the trine, there is the potential for a successful reconciliation and resolution of the Neptune-Sun energies, leading to a powerful positive blending of the individual Sun centre and the transpersonal outer planet.

Potential is present, but there may be question marks against your incentive, motivation and application in exploiting latent talents. This is the hurdle that can face you, especially when confronted with the nature of choice and decision over your lifedirection. You may be multi-talented in a variety of artistic and creative ways - music, art, literature, dance, drama - yet find it hard to be focused and sufficiently disciplined to become a master and not a jack of all trades. Ideas spring forth easily and naturally, followed by an enthusiastic grasping of them, only for them to be quickly put aside, replaced by the next set of shooting-star ideas. Commitment and perseverance may be lacking, and the directed energy is fragmented by turning towards too many directions at the same time.

Associated with a perceptive mind, which is capable of good assimilation and understanding, should be an intuitive quality too, which you can use as a source of insight and knowledge. This intuitive or psychic faculty will mainly operate through the emotional nature as empathic identification, in distinction to the Uranian intuition which is more mental and impersonal in nature. This intuition often gives you insights into the nature and motivation of others around you, and environmental atmospheres can influence your state of mind and well-being.

There can be an ambivalency towards social involvement and responsibility. Much depends on the nature of your expression; if it is within creative and artistic spheres, then your focus of attention and energy is absorbed within the creative vision. You are not unresponsive to social concerns, but you feel that being a creative channel is your contribution to society. Or you may respond to the Neptunian vibration by opening your heart wider, feeling a channel for 'universal love' supporting and uplifting others. This path is one of service to the community of human beings, and medicine can be a favourite expression, or similar forms of physical, emotional and mental therapy and healing.

Becoming clear as to direction is the challenge; once determined, you should be able to pour your energies and talents into achieving those aims, and in so doing walk your solar path of purpose. You have the capabilities to achieve your objectives, once definition and focus is made. There may be a need to be more practical, perhaps modified by evoking a strong Saturn or Mercury influence to ensure that material results occur, or you could waste those talents and end as a negative dreamer, chasing your flights of imagination but never containing them within objective form. In relationships, emotional freedom and trust are highly valued as components of an ideal romantic love. You tend to be emotionally faithful, and give priority to the virtues of a close and loving family environment. Your empathic and sympathetic nature adds to those feelings of

closeness with family and friends.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from the Sun to Neptune means that you have enormous talent to express, but you may never find the right way to exploit it. You take up ideas with enthusiasm, then drop them right away. Your mind has a precocious quality, in that you learn quickly and with deep comprehension. You respond to what you learn both emotionally and intellectually. In reality, you are extremely psychic, and much of your knowledge has been acquired through this faculty. This may have been the reason you were bored, as a child, by teachers who were giving you information that you already knew intuitively. Because you learned easily and didn't have to overcome the usual obstacles, now you don't readily take on duties unless you want to very strongly. You may avoid involvement in the affairs of the community, for it is almost impossible for anyone to provoke you to respond to your social responsibilities.

You can write your own ticket to your professional ambitions. Probably you will never encounter a challenge that you can't successfully meet. You are extremely creative and will be able to perform almost any task assigned to you. Your greatest problem is dawdling when time is urgent or schedules must be met. Consequently, it is better for you to be self-employed, so you can work at your own pace, and others don't have to depend on you. Art, drama, education, writing, and medical research would all provide you with a field for creative expression. Even though your ambitions may not be defined, others will benefit from your efforts.

Your personal relationships are characterized by permissiveness between you and your mate, a freedom based on mutual trust. You and your beloved enjoy a blissful, romantic love and can indulge in escapes to Shangri-la. You can be devoted to your mate and know that indiscretion will never come into your life. Your family will be warm and tender toward you, and your children will be a source of endless joy to you as they grow into maturity.

38) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♀ **Mercury** - (0°26' A) ♀4 | ♀12

(Haydn Paul)

The trine indicates an opportunity to reconcile the Moon's instinctive, emotional energies with the mental and communicative energies of Mercury.

You should experience few direct conflicts between emotional messages and mental messages. A channel exists between the conscious and unconscious personality; yet these do not often pull you in different directions or amplify stress and psychological conflicts.

In order to determine your reactions to experiences, you will need to evaluate emotions and feelings; and this underpins your Mercurial intellect. You approach life with a relatively open heart and mind, and see all experience as contributing to selfdevelopment. Even though your Moon may resist life's sometimes harsh lessons, you can see the positive value that can emerge from difficult times. Through this attitude and heightened sensitivity, you can acquire insight in addition to knowledge, particularly when perceiving the interconnectedness of information and new ways of using it. This provides a new foundation for ongoing creative expression.

You can be inspired by a desire to utilize natural talents and abilities for social benefit; and your 'common sense' reflects a progressive, optimistic attitude, yet one which is not overly idealistic or blind to life's realities. You recognize that all is not either light or darkness, but that much of life exists in the shadow or gray area between. Instead of dwelling on the negative, you prefer to look toward more positive future possibilities, hoping to ensure that hard-won lessons from previous experience are applied when dealing with present situations. Experiences from the past can serve as stepping-stones taking you progressively onward.

In social and intimate family relationships, you will be appreciated for your sympathetic understanding. You have genuine concern and compassion for others, and a love of fairness and equality of opportunity. You help others less fortunate than yourself, and those who are passing through traumatic times of life disruption. While privately acknowledging your problems and weaknesses, you tend to keep them private, dealing with them by trying to resolve emotional unease through selfobjectivity and rationality. Emotional anxieties are usually kept hidden, although, in your sharing and helping others, your previous experiences and lessons may be deliberately mentioned if they serve to support or illuminate problems. You are not the type, however, to unload any current difficulties onto the shoulders of others.

Reason and logic are strong personality components, although these are colored by your instinctive emotional valuations of people, situations, and circumstances, forming a uniquely personal viewpoint. With a good memory and ability to apply knowledge positively and constructively, there may be business talents present and waiting to be exploited, talents which could be effectively released through modern communication media, perhaps involving your fluency of speech, literary skills, and communication abilities.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine of the Moon to Mercury indicates that you are willing to accept all your experiences as ways to enrich your consciousness. You evaluate your reactions to people, events and situations quickly. Since you derive more significance from your response to stimuli than most people do, you accumulate a vast storehouse of information. This forms the basis for your creative development and expression. Your

emotions are well integrated with your intellect. You are warmly sympathetic toward everyone and show a high degree of comprehension in your dealings with people. You have an amazingly retentive memory, and your ability to recall past incidents is remarkable. However, you don't allow the past to distort your reactions to current events; instead, you make good use of the lessons you have learned from the past. You show great eagerness to make your life useful and expressive. You search for new ways to exploit your talents and usually find them.

Your circle of friends is large because you are flexible enough to make allowances for people's undesirable traits. You earn the affection of everyone you deal with because you are fair and never too busy to offer assistance when they need it. Young people are especially attracted to you, and you make them feel quite comfortable with you. Because you don't expect more from them than they can do, they don't feel threatened. You are never so preoccupied with your personal affairs that you can't spend time with them.

You can succeed in your professional interests because you know how to apply your knowledge to get the best results. You look at problems objectively and are willing to ask for help if you cannot solve them. Realizing that you don't know everything, you are not afraid to admit it.

You may have some emotional anxieties, but you are completely aware of them. You don't generally reveal your personal problems to anyone except your most intimate and trusted friends. You don't dwell on negative thoughts; and, with your compassion and sincere concern, you can often help those who do.

Your life should be happy and filled with close friends, pleasant social activities, and comfortable domestic conditions. You will probably realize the goals you only dreamed of yesterday. You may have periods of difficulty, but you have the ability to cope with them, so they will not be long-lasting.

(Betty Lundsted)

This trine indicates a mother who easily communicates her feelings and is interested in dealing with her child. This forms the individual who has the trine into an adult who enjoys relating, who enjoys the social graces and sharing both thoughts and feelings. It bestows an intuitive creativity, an interest in expressing the emotional self.

However, this aspect can be outweighed by afflictions from stronger planets to the Moon. For example, if Mercury trines the Moon but Saturn squares it, the Saturn aspect will be the stronger one, especially in the early years. This type of combination will indicate that the child had a good talking relationship with the mother, but not with the father.

Moon trine or sextile Mercury

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Despite the harmonious nature of this link between the Moon and Mercury, the restlessness inherent in each easily shows itself. This can make it hard to concentrate on something until the individual becomes emotionally involved in it. When this happens, thinking is both animated and intense.

With harmonious Moon / Mercury aspects, the individual often has the ability to express fluently; he or she gets meaning across well and very quickly grasps what others mean; and this can make for rapier-like sharpness in debates. The individual is very quick at picking up facts and figures, and at putting two and two together. And with the harmonious aspects between Mercury and the formative principle (Moon) descriptions are clear and explicit. The individual has an innate gift for the spoken or written word, so this is a fine aspect for writers and journalists.

The Moon and Mercury are both very mobile. When combined harmoniously, they impart great flexibility of mind and body. But because they both tend to lack a sense of direction even their harmonious aspects may cause one to blow with the wind. Memory and assimilation are very often outstanding with these aspects. The Moon, which has so much to do with the past, with the tried and trusted, and with the way in which one is conditioned by upbringing, naturally builds up a store of impressions, a store that is constantly being enriched through the inquisitiveness of Mercury. Therefore this individual is well suited to work involving data processing and the general handling of information.

(Charles Carter)

These configurations indicate a happy relationship between brain and common-sense, two things by no means always found in unison. There is usually a shrewd, careful, understanding mind, with a good deal of sense and a kindly disposition, the benevolence of the Moon tempering the Mercurial matter-of-fact tendencies.

Often there is nothing strikingly brilliant in the mentality, but it is sound, logical, and judicious. Usually it is honest and straight-dealing. The contacts are excellent for all mental matters and for affairs of the 3rd house, such as writing, lecturing, and all ways and means of communicating ideas, news, and information.

Further, the 4th house benefits through the lunar influence; the mind is fitted to deal with all domestic things; with land, house-property, furniture, and so forth. It is good for an architect, builder, brick-maker, carpenter, plumber, or dealer in furnishings of any sort.

The speech and literary style are usually plain, direct, and matter-of-fact. In monarchs, officials, and governors it seems to make for popularity and a good press. The configuration also benefits health, gives healthful habits, prudence in care of the body, and sound nerves.

To a man the marriage is usually beneficial, unless other factors, such as the 7th house, contradict this. The wife is often clever, entertaining, astute, and helpful in business matters.

39) ► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°43' A) ♃11 | ♃7

(Donna van Toen)

Affectionate, pleasure-loving, and passionate, you have an intense approach to life that lasts well into middle age and sometimes longer. You have a great deal of warmth, which attracts others to you.

You have an enthusiasm for romance and sex that other people find attractive. You like to be with the opposite sex and show it. They, in turn, like you for being yourself and not playing games with them.

Your relationships should be good. Your sex life should also be good. Not that this aspect is a guarantee of romantic success - there can still be an unhappy love affair or two - but it's certainly a plus, and can help offset other stressful romantic aspects you might have.

One thing with this aspect that could need watching is the fact that you tend to be susceptible to flattery. While you don't play games with other people's affections yourself, you're a bit vulnerable to being caught up in other people's games, simply because you mean what you say and therefore assume others also mean what they say. If there are problems in your love life, it could be a sign that a little more discrimination is needed.

If you have Venus trine Mars by sign but not by aspect, the foregoing would apply to you to a lesser degree. You might not be quite as averse to playing games as those with the trine aspect, though.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Venus to Mars shows that you are warm, affectionate, and congenial. You have a happy disposition and look for the better qualities in the people you relate to. You eagerly project yourself toward others and generally get the response you hope for. The demands you make on others are no greater than you would be willing to have them make. You have sex appeal, but you are not preoccupied with sex to the exclusion of

other kinds of human contact. Your willingness to compromise encourages people to make concessions to you when it seems the right thing to do.

You are creative in entertaining friends at home, and people seek you out for their own social activities. Your creative talents could also be developed in the arts, drama, music, and appreciation for the dance. Any of these could prove rewarding to you either as a primary interest or as an avocation. You express yourself easily and could succeed in occupations that require you to appear before the public in some capacity. Public relations would seem particularly appropriate. With your congenial disposition, you can handle the most inflexible individual you might meet in carrying out your duties. You might also achieve success if you were self-employed.

Children find you a delightful companion, and you stimulate them to achieve because you believe in their individual capabilities. You also know how to win people over to your point of view by dramatizing your own position and not casting aspersions on theirs. You don't generally arouse criticism from those you deal with because you don't appear threatening to them. You tend to bring out the best in people.

You probably had a fairly happy home life that conditioned you to maintain happiness. Your own children will benefit from this too. Your belief in yourself allows you to give others the benefit of the doubt in your relations with them. You have a deep understanding of human nature and usually try to be helpful when people need help. But you don't assume that you have the right to interfere unless asked.

A fun-loving person at heart, you enjoy a good time. You may run into problems with romantic partners, who will assume by your nature that you won't care if they take liberties with you; for the most part, they would be mistaken.

(Betty Lundsted)

The mother of this individual is a healthy influence during the childhood from a psychological point. What a person wants, desires, appreciates in life, what a person expects from a love relationship, is shown by the Venus position and sign. It is complemented by the Mars energy, for Mars enables one to act in a manner that helps the goal manifest. When the trine takes place, the personality reflects a great capacity for love and giving. If there are other relating problems indicated in the chart, this aspect can help give confidence to the 'worthwhileness' of working through them.

Mars represents action and Venus symbolizes what we appreciate, what we want from a love relationship, what we want to surround ourselves with in life. This interaction can be a beneficial one if used for accomplishment on the career level. However, any trine should be examined in context with the signs, for trines can indicate a different dilemma. For example, a Fire sign trine here might be too idealistic, and the idealism may cause an overly sensitive reaction to the normal day-to-day relating problems.

Venus trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With harmonious Mars / Venus aspects, we are in a position to combine activity and passivity, industry and harmony, and therefore usually make a good impression. Affection means a lot to us, and, as a rule, we experience little difficulty in displaying affection to others. These aspects can make contacts pleasant; for although we often play an active role (Mars), we do know how to rein ourselves in when this will help things to run more smoothly (Venus).

As in all the Mars / Venus aspects, sexuality is important; so indeed is every form of sensuous enjoyment. Dancing, theatre-going and the like can be some favorite diversions.

We may well be very creative. Venus always gives a feeling for form, proportion and color; and this, combined with Martian drive, is what we need for producing original work. Nevertheless, the Martian energy may not be strong enough in these harmonious aspects for creativity to manifest itself.

In love we can be very passionate. The partner means everything and we are prepared to devote ourselves to the loved one. On the other hand, we expect the partner to be devoted to us. The easy aspects are traditionally said to be favorable for love: the need to unite with someone (Venus) is in harmony with a desire to go and prove ourselves (Mars). Also a measure of independence is expected within the relationship so that the partners do not take each other over completely.

(Charles Carter)

These tend to make the feelings warm and cordial; they indicate what we should generally call an affectionate, warm-hearted person, even though other configurations may deny expression. On the other hand, in an emotional chart there may be expression of an unrestrained kind, or gush; or, again, there may be a highly strung condition due to a lack of adequate expression.

The contacts are invigorating to the sexual nature, but better in this respect for males than for women, since they often appear in the charts of spinsters. This fact is probably due to the feelings of independence which they give and the love of freedom of thought or action; sometimes these traits even verge on the masterful.

These good aspects also tend to affectionate relations with the children and benefit from

them.

They are very favourable for the family-life, provided that the planets are well-placed - all depends on this. The affections are rich and generous, and like will beget like in the shape of many kindnesses received. Mars, representing the rough side of life, is, as it were, blunted and mitigated by the Venus influence. It is decidedly good for men in their relations with women; they are likely to be helped in every respect, and often acquire both beauty and affection in marriage, and, by no means rarely, money as well.

40) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°19' A) ♄5 | ♃1

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Jupiter trine Saturn, you integrate the lessons you have learned through past experiences with your designs for the future. Your goals are within the guidelines you've set for yourself. Success is not a surprise; you expect it because your proposals for yourself are responsible and within your capabilities. People may think you are inspired because things always come up roses for you, but you know differently. You have access to useful information and are skilled in evaluating the details on which you base your actions. The outcome of this planning is generally a sure thing even before you become involved; you don't really take chances on anything.

Having great faith in yourself, you project a wholesome expectation of success in all your endeavors. You don't waste precious time and effort on trivia, but you are thoughtful in applying yourself to the matters that you feel are important. You might succeed in law, finance, physical therapy, counselling of young people, education, or the ministry. You are creatively inspired in using your talents for working with people, especially in religious endeavors. In making any public presentation, you dramatize yourself effectively. You are fairly easy-going with co-workers, and don't challenge them if they are less competent than you.

You could become apathetic and indifferent to success, since this planetary combination gives you the luxury of such a choice. But it would be a loss to society if you elected to detach yourself in this way. If you choose, you can be the catalyst for the development of other people's talents. People without dreams of their own can achieve with your prodding. Their destinies would be immeasurably benefited by contact with you.

You may decide to avoid the hostile world of professional endeavors. If so, you might devote your talents to such areas as recreation, physical development, or training young people in need of a strong adult who believes in them. Participating in programs for their achievements would be a useful way to offer your expertise to those desiring it. You would be of great value and would be enriched by the results of your efforts.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates an individual born into a family with a generally healthy perspective on life. As this person reaches out to relate, to bring in new life experience, his parents are supportive. The father image is healthy and it gives this individual a sound psychological basis from which to work as he approaches new situations in his life. Authority figures are not frightening; there is an innate sense of responsibility for actions taken; and the chances are that any commitment will be thought out carefully. Relationships will be regarded seriously, and any attempt at developing them will be considered from a responsible point.

As this person matures, as he passes through the various cycles relating to the maturation process, he will discover that he opens up and expands his conscious awareness at a similar rate to his letting go of Saturnian cautions and fears. This aspect indicates a steady growth and steady maturity; and therefore the growing process may be more difficult to discern. The person with the Saturn-Jupiter afflictions will grow with leaps, bounds and fallow periods. The trine will move from one level of awareness to another from a more circumspect point.

The trine between Jupiter and Saturn will not outweigh aspects indicating personal conflict. It can be used to indicate the available inner strength needed when working through other, difficult aspects in the chart. An individual may have developed such an intense dislike of the father during the early childhood years (the dislike being based on other aspects in the chart) that he may be unable to see any constructive father effect in his life. Understanding the Jupiter-Saturn trine may give him new insight into the early experience with the father.

Jupiter trine or sextile Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The way in which we seek expansion, improvement and increase harmonizes here with perseverance and the way in which we discipline ourselves and define our egos. A balance between the two planets gives us the possibility of being level-headed visionaries looking for a solidly-built future. A structured career pattern is another possibility and is quite likely to bring success.

We are often filled with a justifiable optimism, a sort of well-balanced enthusiasm, and this enables us to promote joint efforts in a thoroughly relaxed way.

We are good organizers, and know how to combine a look ahead with a sense of current realities; responsibilities seldom over-burden us, and we have little dread of the future. Nevertheless, the promising and stimulating side of these aspects will never turn our

heads. We are and remain serious, and will retain the necessary self-discipline to achieve our ends. For in these aspects Jupiter strengthens the ambition and the diligence of Saturn so that we never rest until we have attained our goal.

(Charles Carter)

This combination is commonly regarded as singularly fortunate, particularly, of course, if the signs and houses occupied are of a congenial nature. It is the token of constructive power, the progessive energy of Jupiter taking form and permanency through Saturn. Hence it is a common aspect in the charts of materially successful people.

The type of character engendered may be described as one of serious purposivity, the native being as a rule much in earnest, and yet cheerful and optimistic.

The constructivity lends to many forms of expression such as politics, municipal and administrative work, art, and commerce: sextiles between the two planets, especially from Libra to Sagittarius, or from Sagittarius to Aquarius, or from Aquarius to Aries, seem very favourable to art.

It must be recollected that the best of any aspects between heavy planets such as these can only appear if the lighter planets are also well placed; in a sense, the heavy planets depend for expression on the lighter. Therefore, too much must not be expected from this combination alone. But few contacts possess greater potentialities.

The native will have the ability to take long views, and he will work steadily towards one end in life, year after year, with the utmost patience, learning from the past and adapting its lessons for the future. He is usually generous, but is judicious in bestowing help.

There will probably be a distinctly Jovian streak in the character or pursuits of the father, who may be a religious teacher, a sailor, a lawyer, or may show the less happy aspects of the planet and be feckless and irresponsible, if Jupiter is not strong.

It inclines to mould the native in Jovian ways also, as, for example, to make him travel, or to follow law or some other Jovian activity; and sometimes family influences are the determining factors in this matter.

41) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°09' S) ♄5 | ♁9

(Haydn Paul)

As with the sextile aspect, the trine indicates the potential of releasing a powerful creative energy emerging from a humanistic and spiritual perspective, which will be of positive use to yourself and the world.

Your innate optimism and belief in the essential goodness of life will turn your inner faith into an effective ability to manifest your creative vision, especially as you are able to channel your will into constructive forms of expression.

Your contribution to society may well be in working closely with people; and you have the gift of being able to inspire others to discover how to experience life more intensely and creatively and to release their own latent talents. This can involve you in the expression of a sort of life philosophy which can be adopted by others on their path to self-understanding. Obviously, any such influence must be carefully handled by you, both in how your own self-perception is changed and in what you offer to others or share with them. There is a great responsibility to be assumed when presenting yourself in a way that can have considerable influence on others' lives; and awareness must be shown and applied to ensure integrity is maintained, that the 'teaching' is as honest and valid as possible, that there is freedom for disagreement or new thinking to occur, and that it is understood that 'your way' is not the only or most appropriate way for everyone. In fact, even direct opposition from another may be the right way for them to unfold themselves or to discover new insights, and could be right for you as a stimulus to re-evaluate your own path and attitudes.

Primarily, you seem to function in a role of 'educator', and you are likely to develop into an effective speaker, clearly expounding your beliefs, ideas and attitudes, and being quite persuasive in that way. You tend to need personal freedom, and dislike being tied down into predictable patterns of behaviour, as you may feel that you need to be relatively free in order to be able to respond to what you consider to be insights and intuitions. You support social transformation, and will reflect the unified vision as the direction for the future, offering a meaning and inspiring purpose for people to aim towards. You may find that a personal transformation is required of you prior to you fulfilling your potential role and function. Initially, this could involve considerable challenges facing you which require overcoming, or elements in your personal life that lead to periodic crises which lead eventually to wisdom and insight as a result of personal suffering.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Jupiter to Pluto indicates your interest in stimulating individuals and groups to creatively exploit their own potentials. Your optimistic response to social change inspires others to view the future with greater expectation and hope. You can awaken those around you to an acceptable philosophy for pursuing their destinies. You arouse them to establish constructive motivations that will sustain them through the bitter and the sweet, the highs and the lows, the successes and the failures in their lives. You are able to grasp the essential meaning behind any of life's mysteries and to dramatize it effectively enough to convince the most determined sceptic. Your words, often seemingly inspired, carry such an impact that they are seldom questioned. Because you are geared to become intimately involved in the affairs of others, you should choose a

profession that will serve the public interest. Education would give you a broad yet intimate scope to demonstrate truths as you understand them and to shatter the illusions that restrict expansion of consciousness. It may be that you are a free soul, whose destiny is to serve others.

Your personal relationships must allow you mobility and creative expression. You have the power to move from a life of apathy and indolence to one in which you offer your insight for the benefit of society. You instinctively know right from wrong, and can assist others to recognize the difference. The young are especially responsive to you, for you understand the drama of their lives. Even elderly and mature people gain inspiration from your fresh and invigorating life-force. You can stimulate lives that could have become stagnant and without purpose.

You can restore your own life-force by contemplating your experiences and by meditating on the universal energy sources that grant you vision to know the truth. These precious moments will give you guidelines for applying the knowledge you gain.

(Betty Lundsted)

Jupiter indicates the relating principle, and Pluto symbolizes the unconscious motivation within an individual. When these two planets are in trine aspect, it indicates a person who enjoys relating to the masses, who enjoys the generation into which he is born, and who enjoys reaching out to others in a co-operative venture. When the trine is in effect, the more unhealthy qualities of Pluto (like control or manipulation) don't manifest.

These individuals are more apt to become involved in traditional relationships, and tend to marry, raise a family, and participate in the more accepted cycles of adult behavior. They may be victims of the 'fad' of their day, subscribing to the faddy kinds of behavior that are popular from moment to moment. They may over-relate to the value system of their generation. For example, when it became fashionable to have a swimming pool and a color television set, these people could relate to those values, and may not understand that there is more to a relationship than having what the Joneses have.

Because the symbolism of Jupiter involves a changing perspective, and because Pluto symbolizes the needs of the collective unconscious, these individuals need to analyze their relationships more thoroughly than they want to when they are younger. Age and maturity help their drives, for they have the capability of combining archetypal images and patterns into their relationships, if they so desire.

Jupiter trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the harmonious aspects between Jupiter and Pluto, there are power plays in many areas; the need to be important can make itself felt both on the physical and on the mental plane. Willpower is unusually strong, and we stand by our points of view. We hammer opinions home, and are not easily dissuaded. When linked with the personal planets, these aspects give great powers of persuasion. The obstinacy typical of the conjunction is typical of these aspects, too; but, because they are easy, it shows itself in a different way and causes less offence.

Expansive and improving Jupiter, in combination with taboo-breaking Pluto, sometimes gives social reformers who try to dethrone current moralities in order to replace them by others that seem more tolerant. Certainly freedom is promoted by Jupiter, but Pluto does not readily release its grip and will encourage the setting up of fresh power-structures which deny freedom in other areas. Although these are harmonious aspects, the Jupiter / Pluto combination is intrinsically so powerful that these people, though well-meaning, seldom give others a fair chance.

The desire to explore and investigate is well-developed in this combination. In professional life, this is excellent for scientific pursuits; in domestic life, it signals the housewife who is not taken in by sales patter but checks carefully before she buys.

We are inclined to moralize because we have a strong sense of right and wrong, which also encourages us to work actively in support of progress - whether material, social or religious. We can do things on a large scale and are good organizers, but we must be careful not to attempt too much at one time.

42) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°28' A) ♄1 | ♇9

(Haydn Paul)

As with the sextile aspect, this indicates that you will have a good organising ability, using your concentrated will-power to make the maximum use of your talents and resources, provided that you have clearly defined your purposes in the light of your real potential.

The concept of a manipulator of energies - or magician - is evident; and you will naturally use subtle energies to help achieve your will; this may be applied either consciously with deliberation, or as an unconscious psychological projection or emanation from you. This ability can be developed through forms of self-training; and you are likely to be attracted to occultism, astrology, magic, yoga and science, appropriate areas in which to investigate subtle energies through personal experience. You may have a sense of underlying purpose in your life, perceived as a fated path which is unfolding naturally from within you, yet is a path that you feel you have to follow towards an unknown destination.

It can be that this meaningful path of purpose threading through your life has the effect of stimulating essential change and transformation in the lives of yourself and others, and is a 'calling' from the transpersonal dimension as reflected by Pluto.

You are capable of handling wisely any leadership or managerial responsibilities that you achieve; and you should be able to obtain the co-operation of others by your sensitivity to their feelings and openness to their ideas. Basically, you value people and have respect for others; and you use your powers of persuasion not to abuse the trust of others or take personal advantage, but to develop constructive harmony.

You accept the inevitability of change in life, especially in social spheres; and you may apply your talents to social transformation. You are less accepting of change in your intimate relationships, however, as you prefer things to remain in the same pattern once it has been satisfactorily established. You may feel inclined to use your 'subtle forces' to protect and restrict such a relationship; and whilst it may be quite protective in effect, you do have to remember the necessity for personal growth and development, and that an atmosphere of mutual freedom is preferable. If you choose your partner wisely, there is the potential for a relatively stable partnership to develop, where both can unfold their unique potentialities over many years.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Saturn to Pluto gives you the power of concentration. Instinctively you know how to manage your affairs for the most benefit. Your thinking is organized, your purposes are realistic, and your attention to duty guarantees success. You recognize that social changes are inevitable. You accept your responsibilities, knowing you can make an effective contribution and can participate in making productive changes in society.

You have the determination and persistence to succeed in any field in which management skills are essential. Because you consider carefully other people's values and feelings, you are better able to make decisions based on all the available facts. You can effectively manipulate individuals to achieve broad social changes, but you are impatient with those who without trying say they 'can't do this' or 'can't do that'. You are especially capable of handling the resources of a large industrial or social enterprise. In promoting and establishing programs for the benefit of everyone, you try to use public resources. You can stimulate government agencies to assist people in financial difficulties or those who are unable to help themselves.

You may seek a government position to better serve those who rely on your talents and persuasive abilities. Your efficiency may even stir your colleagues to assist you in reducing governmental waste. Because you are aware of what is useful and what is not, you might also serve the public by reducing expenditures and thus lowering taxes.

You have the power to transform the apathy of youth to excited participation in the affairs of their environment. You can dramatize to adults how their lethargy and indolence has resulted in depletion of public resources. You have much to offer, and you should make it available, for you know what's right and what's wrong with society.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father influenced this person's psyche in a constructive manner, teaching him how to co-operate with peers. The fears and cautions in life can be faced and handled; they will be similar to the father's and described by the sign and house placement. The father's role can be reviewed with little problem.

The aspect indicates a natural concern for the needs of the times, the needs of the masses, and the need for communications as it affects groups. It indicates individuals who fit in comfortably with the status quo.

Saturn trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Like the conjunction, harmonious aspects between Saturn and Pluto indicate tremendous perseverance, a hefty power drive, and forceful behavior. We can become completely immersed in the things that fascinate us, and may toil long to achieve personal goals. With this combination, we cannot be provoked with impunity; but, like a skilled strategist, wait patiently for the chance to repay with interest whomever has offended us. We can work in a very disciplined manner, and have an unmistakable hunger for power, but handle it well: generally speaking, the harmonious aspects arouse little opposition.

Also, with the harmonious Saturn / Pluto aspects, we could be capable of very hard work, both physical and mental. Energy and tenacity are so great that we are able to push ourselves to the limit. Neither Saturn nor Pluto is propitious, even when the aspect they make with one another is propitious: they often cause difficulties - but leave us more than equal to them. We are always trying to prove ourselves both to ourselves and to others, and function well in trying circumstances or under (great) pressure; in fact it seems that it is only then that the full potential of these aspects is realized.

Because perseverance is so great and because we experience little resistance from outside (at least directly), we are liable - with the harmonious aspects - to dig our feet in on every issue, making no concessions to others. Using tight self-control, we express ideas in a disciplined, impassive, yet very decided way; and this can make us seem hard

and unapproachable. Incidentally, there is a clue here as to why a Saturn / Pluto combination, much as it favors in-depth research of all kinds, does not encourage us to probe ourselves too deeply - even when the aspect is an easy one. Saturn, as we have seen, has a somewhat inhibiting effect on spiritual growth and transformation.

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