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Chakra's



Summaries

Sagittarius Sun ☉ ↗ and ♄ ♎ Capricorn Moon man

([820] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Practical Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Determined, witty and generous;

Negatives: Detached, victimizing and gossipy;

Perfect partner: Someone who is appreciative of their quirkiness;

Advice: Remember to take time to relax.

Sun ☉ in VIII 8th House

([866] i.thehoroscope.co)

Permanent transformation - Summary:

Strengths: Intense, introverted and observant;

Challenges: Distant, cold and aloof;

Advice: They need to pay less attention to what others are saying.

Moon ☾ in IX 9th House

([880] i.thehoroscope.co)

Dreamy and true visionaries - Summary:

Strengths: Inquisitive, witty and adventurous;

Challenges: Mysterious and obsessive;

Advice: Not letting others take advantage of you.

Neutral: Not big fans of intimacies and emotions

Moon ☾ in 23th Nakshatra: Dhanishtha

Short Version [2]

Strength: aspires to high and dignified positions, insightful, perceptive, wealthy, charitable, performs well in foreign countries, lives on both spiritual and material levels, compassionate, good conversationalist, enjoys music and dance, good organizational abilities, sincere, focused on accomplishments and developing their careers, likes old and mystifying articles, skilled at research and astrology.

Weakness: aggressive, ruthless, inconsiderate, deceptive, can hurt others, makes up stories and lies, withholds information, doesn't like to be told what to do, argumentative, loquacious, short-tempered, careless, selects incompatible companion, lustful, sexual difficulties, problems with marriage, wants everything for themselves, covetous, self-absorbed, narcissistic.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in second pada

(26°40'-30°00' degrees Capricorn): Virgo navamsa. You are talkative and sociable. You easily adapt to different circumstances, and you are naturally detached, aloof, and carefree. However, you may hold grudges against those who you believe have wronged you in the past.

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

Mercury ☿ in ♏ Scorpio man

([898] i.thehoroscope.co)

A man often misunderstood - In a nutshell:

Positives: Curious and observant;

Negatives: Combative and shallow;

Soulmate: Someone who is inclined towards the spiritual;

Life lesson: Experiment more with his reactions and desires.

Mercury ☿ in VII 7th House

([914] i.thehoroscope.co)

Hard to impress - Summary:

Strengths: Witty, expansive and affectionate;

Challenges: Difficult, vain and indecisive;

Advice: They should try their hand at different activities and not hesitate.

Venus ♀ in ♎ Libra man

([933] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Elegant and straightforward;

Negatives: Superficial and flirty;

Soulmate: Someone who is sensual and charming;

Life lesson: His fulfilment shouldn't only come from relationships.

Venus ♀ in VI 6th House

([950] i.thehoroscope.co)

Very talented at anything visual - Summary:

Strengths: Affectionate, practical and dependable;

Challenges: Demanding and prone to worrying;

Advice: Sometimes, in life, you just need to give it time.

Neutral: Obsessed with perfection

Mars ♂ in ♑ Capricorn man

([975] i.thehoroscope.co)

Living in harmony with the surrounding - In a nutshell:

Positives: Competitive and reliable;

Negatives: Rigid and boastful;
Soulmate: Someone who has a healthy lifestyle;
Life lesson: Material success is not everything in life.
Neutral: A dominant lover

Mars ♂ in IX 9th House

([989] i.thehoroscope.co)

Curious and open-minded - Summary:

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♍ Virgo man

([998] i.thehoroscope.co)

Understanding them - In a nutshell:

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

Jupiter ♃ in 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 ♍ Virgo man

([1022] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Sensual and practical;
Top qualities: Observant, sociable and creative;
Challenges: Fussy, selfish and impatient;
Advice: Professionally, you might need to let go of some things.

Saturn ♄ in V 5th House

([1033] i.thehoroscope.co)

A wise and thoughtful personality - Summary:

Strengths: Easy-going, spontaneous and sociable;
Challenges: Careless, distracted and stubborn;
Advice: They should be careful about the risks they take.

Uranus ♅ in ♎ Sagittarius man

([1049] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

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

Uranus ♅ in VIII 8th House

([1060] i.thehoroscope.co)

An overindulgent personality - Summary:

Strengths: Fascinating, diplomatic and witty;
Challenges: Overindulgent and suspicious;
Advice: They need to be more careful with their finances.

Neptune ♆ in ♏ Pisces man

([1076] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Mystical and sacrificing;
Top qualities: Dependable, trustworthy and compassionate;
Challenges: Oversensitive; lazy and isolating;
Advice: Aid to others doesn't have to be material.

Neptune ♆ in XI 11th House

([1087] i.thehoroscope.co)

A tolerant personality - Summary:

Strengths: Intuitive, talented and sensual;
Challenges: Distracted, lazy and conceited;
Advice: They should take more time for their passions.

Pluto ♇ in ♉ Taurus man

([1090] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Great taste and patience;
Top qualities: Persistent, generous and resourceful;
Challenges: Materialistic and possessive;
Advice: Discover your secret talent.

Pluto ♇ in I 1st House

([1101] i.thehoroscope.co)

On a path towards freedom - Summary:

Strengths: Charming, warm-hearted and observant;

Challenges: Aloof, moody and suspicious;
Advice: They need to relax more and simply go with the flow.

North Node ♋ in ♉ Taurus

([1114] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Elegant, discerning, talented and appreciative;

Challenges: Indulgent, pretentious, moody and selfish

Choosing to find what's sacred everywhere, Their value can't be replaced by anything

South Node ♏ in ♏ Scorpio

([1132] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Ambitious, direct, talented and adventurous;

Challenges: Pessimistic and possessive;

Experiencing an array of emotions, Escaping the mystical realm

North Node ♋ in I 1st House (Aries)

([1113] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Sociable, instinctual, friendly and convincing;

Challenges: Distracted, procrastinating and irritable

They could charm the masses, Their soulful purpose

South Node ♏ in VII 7th House (Libra)

([1131] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Dependable, spiritual and introspective;

Challenges: Procrastinating and domineering;

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

(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in I 1st House

([1149] elsaelsa.com)

Dark Warrior

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ♀ Mercury - (0°14')** ♋10 | ♏7

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

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

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

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♁ Lilith - (1°25')** ♋8 | ♉1

([624] astromatrix.org:) Intensely Dedicated & focused

Opportunities: 1. Mastering relationships 2. Chasing your heart
Challenges: 1. Avoiding impulsive decisions 2. Accepting Criticism

► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♎ Lilith** - (0°56' S) ♎7 | ☿1

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

Opportunities: 1. Connecting with your higher self 2. Unleashing your true potentials
Challenges: 1. Accepting your shortcomings 2. Learning the art of accurate communication

► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (4°26' A) ♎4 | ♀6

([260] astromatrix.org;) The Harmoniser

Opportunities: 1. Forming Tight-Knit Bonds 2. Accepting Help
Challenges: 1. Exploring Your Artistic Inclinations 2. Taking Lessons from the Past

► **Moon ☾ Sextile ☿ Mercury** - (3°36' S) ♎9 | ♎7

([232] astromatrix.org;) The Charming Speaker

Opportunities: 1. Letting Your Curiosity Run Free 2. Embracing Your Intuitive Insights
Challenges: 1. Gaining Internal Balance 2. Making a Social Contribution

► **Venus ♀ Sextile ♂ Mars** - (4°51' S) ♀6 | ♎9

([253] astromatrix.org;) A Natural Born Lover

Opportunities: 1. Sublimating for Artistic Expression 2. Going all in with Relationships
Challenges: 1. Finding the Right Partner for You 2. Avoiding Infidelity

► **Midheaven MC Square ☿ Mercury** - (2°18' A) ♎4 | ♎7

([411] astromatrix.org;) The Restless Mind

Opportunities: 1. Going Deep into Your Interests 2. Finding an Intellectual Career
Challenges: 1. Choosing Some Interests over Others 2. Being Present when Speaking

► **Moon ☾ Square ♀ Venus** - (1°28' S) ♎9 | ♀6

([389] astromatrix.org;) The Overreactor

Opportunities: 1. Intimacy Without Fear 2. Committing to a Great Relationship
Challenges: 1. Developing Self-Knowledge 2. Accepting Love

► **Moon ☾ Trine ♎ Lilith** - (4°32' S) ♎9 | ☿1

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

Opportunities: 1. Deeper emotional insight 2. Experiencing deeper intimacy
Challenges: 1. Heightened sense of intuition 2. Overcoming superficial emotions

► **Jupiter ♃ Trine ♎ Lilith** - (3°08' S) ♎5 | ☿1

([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** - (5°13' S) ♀5 | ♀1

([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) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°55') 84 | 115
- 2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°22') 117 | 115
- 3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°58') 117 | 118
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Contra-Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°20') 118 | 11
- 5) ► **Mercury ☿ Contra-Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°41') 117 | 115
- 6) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel** ♁ **South-Node** - (1°35') 116 | 117
- 6) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°24') 119 | 118
- 7) ► **Uranus ♅ Contra-Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°11') 118 | 111
- 8) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct** ♅ **Uranus** - (7°36' A) 118 | 118
- 9) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct** ♁ **South-Node** - (7°56' S) 117 | 117
- 10) ► **Jupiter ♃ Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°05' S) 115 | 115
- 11) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°32' A) 117 | 11
- 12) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°59' A) 11 | 111
- 13) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (4°26' A) 84 | 116
- 14) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile** ☿ **Mercury** - (3°36' S) 119 | 117
- 15) ► **Mercury ☿ Sextile** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°12' A) 117 | 115
- 16) ► **Venus ♀ Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (4°51' S) 116 | 119
- 17) ► **Midheaven MC Square** ♇ **Pluto** - (6°50' A) 84 | 11
- 18) ► **Sun ☉ Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°13' S) 118 | 111
- 19) ► **Moon ☾ Square** ♀ **Venus** - (1°28' S) 119 | 116
- 20) ► **Mars ♂ Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°47' S) 119 | 115
- 21) ► **Mars ♂ Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°42' S) 119 | 115
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (5°23' S) 84 | 118
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°24' S) 119 | 115
- 24) ► **Moon ☾ Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°41' A) 119 | 115
- 25) ► **Moon ☾ Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°56' A) 119 | 11
- 26) ► **Jupiter ♃ Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°20' S) 115 | 11

- 27) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♄ **Pluto** - (0°15' A) ♄5 | ♃1
 28) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Quincunx** ☾ **Sun** - (0°46' A) ♃1 | ♄8
 29) ► **Sun** ☉ **Octile** ♀ **Venus** - (2°25' A) ♄8 | ♅6
 30) ► **Mars** ♂ **Tri-Octile** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°05' A) ♃9 | ♃1

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♐ Sagittarius 9° 43'

(Betty Lundsted)

Sagittarius is the last and most impersonal of the Fire signs. The idealism of Sagittarius is less personal than either Aries or Leo. Sagittarians are more involved in causes, politics; in formulating the law; and they have ideas about religion and / or philosophy. They too come from a home that is strongly influenced by the father. But often, Sagittarians are angry at the father. It seems he is quite fond of them when they are little but later forsakes them for some other interest as they grow older. The Sagittarian types are looking for approval and respect from the father, while at the same time they want to be independent from him. For some reason known only to Sagittarians, they think Daddy is a successful person; and like all the Fire signs, they feel that it is impossible to measure up to his greatness.

Most Sagittarians grow up in an atmosphere of enough food and shelter, but they seem to feel left out in the emotional department. They seem to radiate self-confidence and enthusiasm, but inside they often question their personal values. Again, here is the Fire sign dilemma - ideals can be so lofty that the Fire sign person can't possibly live up to them.

Sagittarians pursue ideals and ideas in an independent way. They are interested in all aspects of the concept of freedom. The political quest for freedom often involves the concept of revolution. However, when it comes down to the actual fighting, Sagittarians don't want to be involved - it's cold and uncomfortable on the battlefield, and suddenly philosophy seems to be the direction in which to travel! This type can be the great fireside revolutionary. Sagittarians who become interested in politics often have the same problems Leos have. As they become more involved in the political arena, they find that it's not as idealistic as it seemed at first. They don't care for the political compromises that take place - or graft, or dealings that are less than idealistic.

No idealist likes to be in situations that are not 'fair'. 'The world isn't fair; there ought to be a law', say the Fire signs. After a number of hurts over the years - hurts caused by the unfairness of life - one begins to notice that Mother Nature is not fair either! She does not support 'fairness' in the life structure of the universe. It's the Fire sign people who work to develop a sense of fairness and justice, for the universe does not make moral judgements. Westerners regard certain Eastern practices with abhorrence because they seem so unfair, so inhuman. But our ideals will not allow us to see that life is a constant stream of transformation and change. Life is a force much like that of symbolic water, for it keeps on 'a-keepin' on'. Perhaps some insight can be gained as to why Fire signs don't understand Water signs and vice versa if the difference in the symbols of the two is taken into consideration.

In the area of the Sagittarian's relationships, the father has a great deal of influence. He is a person who loves companionship and camaraderie. He likes typically male things - sports events, the hunt, the 'man-and-his-dog' stuff in life. The child is influenced by this, and the effect manifests differently in the male and the female as they each mature. And because Sagittarians are so involved with ethics and justice and the theory of what is going on in the universe, they often find personal relationships difficult.

The Sagittarian female comes into the universe with a strong dose of father influence. The influence of the masculine principle interferes with the development of her concept of her feminine self. Her mother's influence is very weak; and like her Aries and Leo sisters, the Sagittarian feels sympathy for her Mom.

She wants to be known for her mind; for her ability to be rational, to comprehend information in the same logical manner that a man is purported to. She is, however, a female; and lurking behind her sports events, her politics, and her career responsibilities, is that nagging fear that she may not be as feminine as she could be - or that men don't appreciate her femaleness. Her conscious mind doesn't think that she's worried, but her unconscious mind knows that she is biologically female. So an interesting battle takes place within her. She presents herself as an intellectual, with the body language of a sexpot. The men she talks with don't really understand what is expected of them, and she sometimes causes unpleasant and unwanted sexual advances to be made upon her. She doesn't want to be known as a sexual type; she really wants a relationship built on intellectual sharing. She wants companionship as Daddy had, and as she once had with her Dad. As long as she rejects her femaleness - the biological energy present in her life structure - she is the victim of animus projection. In relationships she will always be a bit disappointed because no man can live up to her projection of the knight in shining armor. Because of her sexual projection, and the reaction of men to it, she can develop a dislike for men because she thinks that all they want from a woman is sex. But the situation can be cured when she understands her own needs. The masculine principle is strong in her, and can be used profitably for career development. The feminine body can easily be incorporated with the masculine principle, for we are all a combination of both. Investigations into what a 'woman' is, or what a woman can be, can

be very helpful to her. We are all a combination of energies, and when this is understood we can then proceed through life without resentment of our biological gender, and interact with people with interest rather than defensiveness.

The Sagittarian male has a slightly different influence coming from the father image. He wants to be as successful as his father, but doesn't believe that he can ever be the man Daddy is, or the companion Daddy is. He has lofty ideals that he brings into his career - but Daddy was a casual man who didn't hurry or rush or take responsibility too seriously. Life just seemed to 'happen' to his father.

The Sagittarian child doesn't know how to follow through on activities, and doesn't think that one should work too hard since Daddy didn't. What he doesn't understand is that his father may have worked very hard to establish himself, but the Sagittarian kid didn't witness that period. So he doesn't work as hard as he can, and his lofty ideals and revolutionary ideas may never see fruition. He may wind up being supported by his wife, for life circumstances bring him into situations that cause those results.

As far as his concept of his maleness is concerned, he's learned the companionship attitudes that his father had, and he's coupled them with idealism. Fire sign men have such lofty ideals about love that it sometimes becomes difficult for them to have a love relationship on the physical plane since so much guilt is attached to the earthy aspects of sex. The Sagittarian male may be a bit shamefaced about his needs for sex and may, therefore, approach women with such tactlessness that he unconsciously makes sure he never 'scores'. He may love one woman and have sex with another. He may trade in a good emotional sexual relationship for good basic companionship. He may choose to relate to the fellows in the locker room, following all the sports events faithfully, rather than building a strong relationship with a female.

He comes from a father-dominated atmosphere - and this means Dads are important and Moms are not. So he may limit his relationships with women, feeling that they are cooks and domestics, and not companions. If most of his relationships are with men and he feels love in these friendships, he may wonder if he is really a 'man' because he knows that he's uncomfortable with the opposite sex.

Both Sagittarians will learn about honesty in their lifetime. They pride themselves on being idealists and on being honest as Daddy is. But often they are not honest with themselves. The female wants to be a masculine companion and avoid her feminine self. The male wants to be a companion to his mate but wonders about his masculine self. Both need to allow themselves to be emotional as well as intellectual. Learning how to give love is an important step for them.

Honesty expresses itself in other ways as well: Sagittarians pride themselves on being honest in situations where honesty becomes rather tactless. In the process of being brutally honest, they may shatter someone else's self-image, or cast aspersions on

another individual. Then they wonder why people withdraw. It has been said that Sagittarians have foot-in-mouth disease because they say things that hurt or shock other people. You ask 'How does my hair look?' and Sag says 'Gee, it looks nice today,' implying that you haven't been looking well lately! This tactlessness doesn't go over big in business either. Sagittarians learn as they grow older that some questions in life don't need to be answered - they learn how to listen. Learning to listen is one of the qualities of a judge - justice and truth and fairness are qualities that can be used in a positive Jupiterian way. And in order to judge fairly, one must listen to the whole story.

(Haydn Paul)

The Sagittarian personality usually is good-humoured, needs freedom and liberty to roam around, and does not respond well to the imposition of orders from others. Your temperament will be cheerful, optimistic and generous, being a consistent and reliable friend. You prefer to live as free as possible, and may need employment which offers considerable work variety and independence, so that you can organise your own endeavours while ensuring that the job is also completed. You may be attracted towards medicine, law and religion, and have skills to become an effective teacher, but you may need to avoid any authoritarian or patronising attitudes. You will be quite ambitious and usually quick to take advantage of opportunities; your attitude may be too optimistic at times, becoming overly enthusiastic about plans before you have had time to consider them fully.

You may need a clearer sense of direction and life purpose, which directs you towards suitable work, but once found should enable you to strive one-pointedly to achieve your goals. You can be a conscientious worker, especially to ensure an income which is sufficient to indulge your need to spend on your particular interests. You may prefer earning a living by working for large organisations, feeling financially safe and secure within them, and they also offer potential progress towards positions of responsibility. Although you love freedom, security is also important, allowing relaxation so that you can enjoy your freedom. Wealth and possessions also attract, as you greatly enjoy spending and luxury possessions.

There is an innate sense of fair play and justice; and your manner is open and frank, possibly too direct, blunt and abrupt at times for some; but your comments and observations are usually quite accurate. You tend to make mental intuitive leaps, bypassing rationality and logic steps; but sometimes you are too quick jumping to conclusions about things, and then resist changing your viewpoint - even when it is incorrect. You may have an inventive mind, perhaps quite original in content through verbal or literary expression, and this will often closely reflect your moral values and beliefs. You can be an entertaining talker; and although you may not be too knowledgeable about all themes, your mind has an ability to piece together information fragments so that you sound quite informed.

Haydn Paul) (contd.)

Home and family evoke sentimental reactions, and you can have an image of self-sacrifice for their benefit, although you want appreciation for your actions. You can express fixed and assertive opinions at home; and while you attempt to create a free, liberal atmosphere, this can lead to some conflicts, especially if your ideals or presentation of personal views tend to become a little extreme. You need mental stimulation and a variety of social company, and this can create a restless pattern of physical and mental activity. Your partner needs to understand your need for freedom, sharing your diverse interests and not attempting to limit or restrain you.

You may not always be fully honest with yourself, especially due to tendencies for emotional self-deception; self-enquiry may reveal two sides to your nature, one bright and amiable, the other broody and insecure. You can be an abstract thinker, idealist not realist, inclined towards stubborn, dogmatic and fixed ideas; in later years your interest can veer to philosophy and religious concerns. You have an 'interest in death', and often have intuitive feelings or prophetic insights which you note but may avoid trying to explain or understand, preferring to ignore them. The alternative approach is to pursue and explore your inner psychology and man's spiritual heritage to gain a deeper understanding.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Sun in Sagittarius individuals feel they have the right to be free; to be the intellectual authority; to be acknowledged and appreciated as noble and deserving.

Static

If your attention focuses on wanting others to acknowledge your intellectual superiority continually, your intellect may inadvertently become pompous and self-serving. When this occurs, your communication might become directed only toward proving your moral righteousness. Indulging in the Sagittarian need to be recognized for a broad mental perspective may bring a focus on one area of perception. Then you might demand to be at centre stage, whether you deserve it or not, 'spouting off' ideas in that area. Thus, you may unknowingly alienate others by insisting that they agree with you. As a consequence, the base you could effectively expand on is lost when you refuse to add their factual input into your calculations.

When others do not agree with your conclusions, your vitality diminishes, and you may lose contact with the Sagittarius ideals and sense of humanity. If you need others to acknowledge you as noble and deserving, you may inflate your words of action. This may distract you from putting energy into accomplishing the action itself.

Dynamic

When you focus on inspiring others, you can effectively listen for the areas in which they are asking questions. This enables you to share relevant insights that can be appreciated by the other person. You have the ability to use your intellect to help other people by demonstrating your capacity to see their lives from a broader, more optimistic viewpoint. When you share those beliefs that enhance other people's levels of self-trust, you can effectively expand their faith in themselves. This automatically brings about acknowledgement and appreciation of your intellect.

The awareness of yourself as part of a larger brotherhood can enable you to express your perceptions spontaneously in a loving way. This enhances the situation for everyone and increases your vitality and well-being. Consequently, you experience pride and a sense of responsibility as your reward when you use enthusiasm to recognize the significance of others and to bring out their importance.

(Sydney Omarr)

Sagittarius Females

The Sagittarius lady is an idealist; honesty and frankness are key words. She is loyal; her love is a very real thing and she doesn't want to make light of it. This is a noble lady; when she makes up her mind to do something, it gets done, despite often overwhelming odds. Her decisions are swift; sometimes impulsive actions cause her difficulty. If you want this lady, you must stress integrity. Respect comes first - then love grows, at least as far as she is concerned.

She must always have a goal in front of her; it could be an overseas journey, a book she is going to write or read, or any ambition; but the future must be there before her: she is not one to live on past memories or scrapbooks.

This woman is proud, refined; she is sensitive, often disturbed by comparatively minor matters. Don't attempt to pressure her: it is best to let her decide, to make up her own mind, to take the initiative. She is fiery in temperament; her outlook is universal, philosophical. At times she does go to extremes. But if you are able to win this lady, you will have attained a great deal. Her assets far outweigh her faults.

A Sagittarius woman is exciting, yet gives the impression of being shy. She presents a challenge. You want to know her, to have her express her true feelings. In other words, this woman is difficult to resist! One important hint is this: be honest - state your business, your intentions - don't attempt coverups, false promises, statements. Another hint is that this lady appreciates the outdoors and sports, and is drawn to men who are kind to animals.

She will bring out the best in you and will try to earn your respect. The Sagittarius

woman is something special. Study these hints and apply yourself. She's worth the trouble!

Sagittarius Males

If you are the kind of lady who wants only to stay indoors, then you had better forget the Sagittarius man. He is open in his nature and he likes to be out in the open. He wants to share things with you: his likes and dislikes, his hobbies, interests, hopes, aspirations. This is a man who will make you know you are a woman. And he'll make you live up to it!

This man dislikes petty persons; he will help you to grow and will expect you to be a big person. If you do not succeed, his initial attraction may turn to revulsion. The best hint is to follow your true feelings, even your intuition. By being honest, even impulsive, you can win this man's sympathy and understanding.

Basically, this man is trustworthy. he may not always do things in the way you expected, but he gets them done. He keeps his promises. You can feel secure with him. During a time of emergency, he acts. He thinks quickly; he is fiery in temperament and has a knack for seeing the situation as a whole. Often, he does not take the time to explain his actions. These are the times when you must have faith in his judgement. It would be a mistake, for example, to nag, to question, to doubt, to undermine his motives.

Sagittarius men do not pull their punches; you can trap them but, if so, they will withdraw to such an extent that you will be left more alone than if you actually were alone. Sagittarius men want to learn: by reading, experimenting, questioning, travelling, writing, examining, probing. If the kind of life you want is a 'sit still and be quiet' kind, then the Sagittarius man could only make you unhappy, and vice versa.

You catch him with color, charm, wit; you intrigue him by asking fantastic questions. You make him lose interest by being too conventional in your outlook, ambitions, aspirations.

This man wants companionship; he wants to share his experiences, adventures. By all means, stick to your views, your individuality. He may appear to be a rebel - but the one quality he admires in a woman, above all else, is independence.

(Skye Alexander)

People who have their Suns in Sagittarius are generally jovial, friendly, fun-loving souls who know how to have a good time and never take life too seriously. Optimistic and future-oriented, you don't let problems or disappointments get you down for long. You quickly put failures behind you and immediately start planning your next great adventure or million-dollar scheme. Never satisfied with just getting by, you want to do things on a grand scale; to make it bit and live life to the fullest.

Your glibness, self-confidence and positive attitude make you the quintessential salesperson, and you could sell running shoes to a cheetah. However, you lack the organization and perseverance to see projects through to completion, and are much better at starting things than completing them. You tend to overestimate yourself, and often promise more than you can deliver. Consequently, you might earn yourself a reputation for being unreliable. You rarely get anyplace or finish anything on time, and are usually over budget. Somehow, though, things work out in the end - Lady Luck seems to smile on you - and despite your irresponsibility and rather cavalier attitude, it's hard to stay mad at you for long.

Your quick wit and ready humor make you a much-loved companion, and you lift the spirits of everyone around you. You tie together the mundane and the cosmic in unexpected ways, and help us laugh at ourselves and the world around us. You have a vivid imagination, and may seek to enhance the monotony of daily life with fantasy. However, you sometimes try to avoid reality through escapism, and may be unwilling to assume responsibilities such as earning a living, paying your bills, committing to a relationship or taking care of your children.

(Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

A Sagittarian partner may use the home and the family in the same way that a racing driver uses a pit-stop, calling in for food, fuel, a change of clothes, a new cheque book, and then off again. It also seems to take a Sagittarian quite a while to work out whether he actually wants a relationship or not. When he decides that he does want one, he then has to work out which of the many candidates for his attention will actually claim him. Sagittarians vary quite a bit in their attitudes. Some are relaters who want nothing better than to be in the middle of a happy family unit, while others are really better off alone, travelling lightly across the world, floating backwards and forwards between their parents, friends, assorted loves, sometimes spouses and pets. These free-spirited folks need to be able to take off in a fishing boat for a few days at a time, to spend the evening drinking and gambling with friends, or to crash out on a beach somewhere. My daughter's Sagittarian friends send her cheerful, optimistic, jokey letters and postcards from all over the world. Many of those who do settle down with a partner choose one from some far-off, exotic location where the family background and lifestyle is very different. Many Sagittarians seem to spend their lives on the brink of travelling to their spiritual home, which is located, as far as I can ascertain, somewhere in the middle of Australia!

The more settled types of Sagittarian are easy-going, pleasant and helpful. These subjects may not be strong personalities, but they are very loving and extremely kind. Sagittarians hate to see an injustice, and will try to intervene in family quarrels in order to put things right. However, they can be too ineffectual to do much to change things. These people need a strong and reliable partner who has a lively brain and a mind of his / her own. Sagittarians won't make many demands upon a partner, and will not grumble

too much if left at home while the other half travels or pursues a career. So long as there is give and take and trust in the relationship, these subjects can survive most things. Sagittarians can't always deal confidently and efficiently with severe problems, but they do their best to help, and they won't walk away just because the going gets tough. If they love someone, these generous people will give the partner everything they own and they will work hard to make the home a happy and comfortable place in which to live. However, if a Sagittarian finds himself in an increasingly difficult situation, he may be so powerless to change things that his only means of coping with it is to escape. One wonderful story which was told to me by a friend typifies the behaviour of this sign. Apparently my friend's mother had not had a pleasant marriage and, therefore, when the time came for the youngest child to start working, she arranged to go abroad and work as a contract nurse. The family came home to find a note on the kitchen table which announced 'Dinner in oven. Gone to Bermuda. Back in three years.'

Sagittarians can be very eccentric. Their values are spiritual rather than material, and they don't stop to worry about what the neighbours might think. I have known more than one Sagittarian who, when asked out to dinner, takes her own food and even her own saucepan and spoon! These people can be very disconcerting to those who are not used to their kind of behaviour. They follow a peculiar kind of logic, and try to go through life without putting other people to any kind of trouble. They can be too outspoken for many people's taste because they don't hide their feelings. However, their honest and direct approach ensures that they are never two-faced.

Sagittarius is a Fire sign, which means that these subjects are quite strongly sexed. They are also adventurous and experimental in all areas of life, and this carries over into their sex lives as well. Sagittarians are not afraid of sexual adventures, and they love to try anything new. They hate to think that they may miss out on anything, and they are prevented from feeling foolish or getting hurt by their ability to put everything down to experience. Sagittarians may be unfaithful when young, although this is not done in order to punish or humiliate their partners: it simply reflects the fact that they don't take material or bodily matters very seriously. The thing which counts most for them is friendship along with the experience of love and sex. Later on, some of these footloose people settle down and make quite reasonable partners. By then they will have experimented enough sexually to know what works best for them, and the whole business gets relegated to the background of their lives while they get on with other experiences which they find more interesting.

Even later in life, they can do without sex altogether, taking up something like archaeology, religion or growing rare orchids instead. One thing which is worth pointing out is their sense of amazed loss and their genuine grief when someone else makes use of them and subsequently moves on, leaving them behind.

Sagittarians can take or leave wider relationships. These subjects are friendly and goodnatured, and would far prefer to get on well with in-laws, aunties and a new

partner's children than live in an atmosphere of rancour. However, if it doesn't work, the Sagittarian doesn't blame himself; he simply writes this off as one of those things and steers clear of awkward relatives. Sagittarians are very broad-minded and absolutely nonracist, so relatives who are mixed in colour, race or religion are viewed as a blessing rather than a curse. The only ones they really can't stand are those who are stupid or gratuitously unpleasant.

As children, Sagittarians cause their parents very little trouble. They are out of the house almost as soon as they can walk, visiting friends or relatives, or getting involved with school activities. They escape most of their parents' wrath simply by not being there; and many Sagittarian children have what amounts to a second family somewhere else in the neighbourhood. Sagittarius children are not particularly clever or remarkable, but they may do well if they are allowed to look after animals. Quite a number of Sagittarian children show an early talent for entertaining others or for sports. They have very enquiring minds and will want to travel away from home as soon as they can.

As parents, Sagittarian subjects are kind, loving and interesting; they will do all they can to teach their children, and they will not leave questions unanswered. There is a danger that their children may have to take on the role of parents at a rather early stage in life, especially if there are severe difficulties to be coped with. Many Sagittarian parents can't cope with the reality of life with children and, therefore, do best if they can afford to send them off to school as weekly boarders or share the chore of bringing them up with other relatives.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Challenge is important in a fulfilling Sagittarian life. When an achievement is accomplished, Sagittarius soon begins work on the next one. The compulsion to set new targets and meet them is so strong that it can become all-engrossing, with present activities being skimmed because the eye is always on future plans. Sagittarian enthusiasm, optimism and zest for life are second to none, but must be controlled. The worst fault, restlessness, can be a severe problem, for Sagittarians don't always see projects through to the end.

Natural excitement and enthusiasm can feed the innate Sagittarian tendency to take risks, which can become real foolhardiness, especially when young. Developing their inherent intellectual powers will enable these people to avoid unnecessary risks. They should also cultivate a more philosophical outlook. If their natural exuberance isn't controlled, it will become boisterous. Their enjoyment of life and sense of humor are charming but can sometimes get out of hand - they should remember that practical jokes are rarely funny for their victims.

One of the dual signs of the zodiac, Sagittarius gives versatility, which may contribute to the Sagittarian tendency to move too quickly from one task to another, or to be involved

in too many things at once. Greater satisfaction will come from steadily working through one project towards the next, which, after all, they can ensure is as different as possible.

This sign confers breadth of vision and the ability to assimilate quickly what may be a complex situation. However, these people are not usually good at coping with detail, which bores them. In ignoring the minutiae, they can run into difficulties, so they should always read the small print.

No true Sagittarian can cope with claustrophobic conditions (they must have a room with a view, for instance), particularly within personal relationships. A possessive, suspicious or jealous partner will not last long: their independent spirits won't tolerate any restrictions on personal freedom.

Sex is greeted with customary Sagittarian enthusiasm and exuberance; when they are very young, a possible partner's sexual attractions can be irresistible. With experience they will look for other qualities: someone whose intelligence at least matches their own, and with whom they can be friends as well as lovers.

Enthusiasm is a wonderful element in any child, but in young Sagittarians it can be so generous that it needs to be channeled and not frittered away. Similarly, boisterousness may need to be calmed. The parents should discover as early as possible in the child's life where his or her true interests lie. There is tremendous potential here, but it must be properly led (without the child's knowledge). Achievement will feed enthusiasm, whether in class, on the sports field or during out-of-school hours. Sagittarian children find it difficult to obey school rules, but aren't blind to reason; and any sensible restrictions will be accepted. Their reading and language skills should be encouraged from an early age.

As parents, Sagittarians are admirable: they respond in a lively way to their children, encourage their interests, and help them build up good libraries. However, it is vital that a Sagittarian mother doesn't sacrifice her own interests entirely to those of her family but tries to set time aside for herself. No matter how much she loves her children, their limited conversation is not always sufficiently engrossing; restlessness is certain if she has no means of escape. Ideally, new projects should be started as soon after the birth of a child as possible.

In career, once again, challenge is essential; and boring, repetitive work must be avoided if at all possible. Environment is also important: small, stuffy offices or crowded workshops are equally intolerable. Acquiring money is not in itself very important; Sagittarians usually manage to find it when necessary. Hard-earned cash is more likely to be spent on study, books and travel than on impressive material possessions. A spirit of adventure (not always physical) is important; work which takes these people out of their own environment is good for them. Taking short cuts to success can lead them into serious errors, usually because they haven't attended to enough detail.

Sun ☉ in 8th House

(Haydn Paul)

One important tendency in the psyche is the deep impulse to move beyond existing boundaries, barriers, limitations and restrictions. It is an expansionary drive that seeks the experience of an intense union which dissolves the paramets and constraints of the separate self.

This impulse can be disconcerting and disruptive, agitating within your personality, manifesting as an undefined inner pressure striving for release, and often displaying its presence through compulsive fascinations, unconscious motivations and an ambivalent reaction to life; there can be a simultaneous desire to taste life as deeply as possible or to withdraw from external life involvement.

Underlying this is a need for reconnection, to touch a deeper centre of your nature that is magnetically attracting you. Your emotional and feeling nature is especially responsive, and due to inner conflict may become a battlefield that is opening you to experience greater life intensity. This may not be easy, as it is probably your relationships that become the source of contention; and as those inner pressures increase, they will strip away the veneers of control and self-image previously imposed upon these relationships. In the stark light of emotional anguish, you may become aware of unresolved areas of your nature, negative emotional patterns and unconscious tendencies that require cleansing, releasing and healing. Yet it is through such experiences that your lighted path can be discovered. By these unconscious patterns rising to the surface of your life and consciousness, you have the opportunity to use painful experiences in a positive and transformative manner, even though one result may be a phase of difficult relationships. If this has occurred, then the message is pointing you towards personal change, and such experiences are serving as catalysts for an expansion beyond your present limits.

You may become interested in deeper self-understanding, and through your need for this begin to search in the realms of psychology, religion and occultism and commence your spiritual quest to discover your holistic centre. This attraction to the mysteries of life is associated with the 8th house; and your solar path of development will lead towards such realms. Areas of social taboo can particularly fascinate; and you may become interested in techniques that require the application of a focused will, such as magic or creative visualisation.

The exploration of your sexuality may assume a high profile, as that is one way to gain experiences of emotional and physical intensity. Much will depend on your reactions to the issue of life intensity, whether you wholeheartedly embrace its potential or whether

you feel afraid of exalted and heightened feelings and senses. If fear dominates, through unease about moving beyond existing boundaries, then you may choose to resist deeper life intimacy and reject the potential transformation. However, if you persevere in daring to explore the scope of life, your inner experience can become enriched and those pressures dissolved through conscious self-expression. Relationships may then become less a battlefield and more a foundation for progressive growth and enjoyment of life, as you succeed in transforming your need for union into positive life enhancement, instead of passively allowing yourself to be dominated by the consequences of inner storms.

Another sphere within this 8th house dimension is related to investments, legacies, law and resources. Your path may be helped or hindered by family relationships, especially through the potential of legacies and personal partnerships. If the Sun has challenging aspects (square, opposition), then there may be more difficulties occurring, which can frustrate and restrict you, so care may be needed in respect of marital and legal disputes. If the Sun has harmonious aspects (conjunction, sextile, trine), then you may have better fortunes if involved in family legacies, business, partnerships, financial transactions and speculation; but be cautious if you feel the impulse for greater expansion, and ensure that you carefully investigate and evaluate your plans and options to assess their viability. Fortune may arise from utilising your personal contacts, and through the sharing of resources in joint endeavours. Ideally, you could use any financial success to increase your potential for greater life intensity and inner abundance, rather than allowing money or possessions to act as a substitute for a life meaning and purpose.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the Sun gives strength, independence, endurance, and great potential power, which can show forth in the outside world as success in business, politics, the arts, or in any arena. There is the ability to sense what will work and the courage to act on it. There is also an ability to manage others with skill, though that skill may sometimes appear somewhat Machiavellian.

Unfortunately, along with these powerful gifts this position also brings emotional isolation in some form. In youth, they were usually socially isolated in some way, the ego undergoing difficult tests of the loss of love, death of loved ones, undue restriction, social ostracism, possibly even institutionalization, or a combination of these, at an early age, and often alone, without loving counsel. Rather than destroy the ego, this usually works to crystallize it, strengthen it, forcing it to feed on ideas, fantasies, on religious truths, or plans for the future, giving it great potential for the adult years of power.

These people seem complete unto themselves, cool, self-reliant, and secure within their own abilities; but they will always be vulnerable, deeply craving affection and commitment, and more or less terrified that they will never find it. In their own isolation, it is hard for them to see the need and vulnerability of others; and they may be capable of

terrible coldness, and even cruelty, to those who need the, They may latch onto one person who they hope will give them all they crave in the way of emotional sustenance and commitment; but this can be neurotic in intensity and lead to an agonizing breakup. There may be a number of such relationships.

A woman with this position tends to choose a partner whose need is even greater than hers. Often, though, she will eventually come to resent her partner's dependency, not realizing that it was her own need to be needed that prompted her to form the relationship in the first place.

A man with this position will yearn for a partner who seems to be emotionally secure, often someone with more money or social position, one with a powerful or well-to-do father, or who is older and more successful in her career; or the well-kept mate or lover of a successful man, whom he will woo with all his power. These relationships usually have a hard time in reality. He may dedicate much time and effort to winning her (or him), then back out at the last minute out of fear of the emotional or financial demands of the relationship. Should the object of his dreams actually turn to him and begin to reveal an ordinary neediness of her own, he may even begin to hate her.

Death, imprisonment, and / or exile may mark the life; if not directly, possibly through someone else. In a group, they tend to stand apart in some way, isolated from the rest by fate or by choice. In their isolation, they are vulnerable to the intrigues or enmity of groups, and can be made into scapegoats or patsies, suffering condemnation, ostracism or worse for doing the same things that others do with impunity.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: An 8th house Sun indicates that the question of personal worth through partnership is central. The experience of being with someone - not just interacting with the person, but truly merging - is an experience so important that everything else pales in comparison. You plug into life-energy through trusting relationships. Faith in your partner parallels belief in yourself; choose the wrong partners and you short-circuit your growth. The 'right' partner will work with you to achieve a state of union. The surrender is not to each other, but to something mutual, and more profound than either ego. You'll know you're on the right track when togetherness is accompanied by the feeling that you are more and more your true self. The challenge is to be productively connected - not dependent, yet not separate; linked in trust while still honoring your own path.

Transformation: Approach transformation with your whole self. It's not a process you can flirt with, for when you undertake this path, the essence of your life-direction changes. It's like a solar eclipse. The lights of your universe temporarily go out - not something to be undertaken lightly. If you can't die well, you can't live well. You didn't come to the Earth to live one life; you came to live many, in sequence, each built from the ashes of the one preceding, and all within a single lifetime, within a single body. An

ordinary life is not for you, so don't try to create one - it can result only in the suffocation of being buried alive. You need to live in the flow of the extraordinary. Forget normalcy; go for the gusto.

Sexual merging: The psychological release of sexual union is central. Orgasm opens the door to the cosmos, especially that achieved by a steady increase in emotional and physical stimulation, one where you momentarily lose track of who is penetrating whom, where maleness and femaleness lose their distinctions, where lover and beloved merge together into a different sort of creature, something more than human. It's a release that may be fuelled by biology, but is consummated in spirit. Needless to say, this is most effective when your heart opens, when you are with a partner you truly love. During sex, focus on the center of your being, and flood yourself with warm, inner light.

Focused intuition: Intuition brings out your divinity. The tools exist innately within yourself; they merely need to be brought into play. You can see into anyone you're willing to focus on, for your radar is strong. The pitfall is your tendency to be overwhelmed by what you pick up. You may have difficulty distinguishing between your subtle perceptions of others and your own experience; and this can be confusing. The challenge is to act on what you sense, without concern for its origin. Check out your hunches. Push for full clarity. The benefits will be heartwarming.

Shared assets: One level of your life-purpose involves the management, responsibilities, and benefits of money, property and possessions. There is no clear way to tell from the Sun's placement alone what your monetary circumstances are, not what your characteristic reaction will be; the sign and interplanetary aspects must be considered for that. What we can know is that your circumstances and reactions directly influence essential fulfillment. You may have power you apparently didn't ask for, or you may lack power you desperately want; but in either case, the power of shared resources will eventually be yours. The pitfall is failing to see how many people you affect. The challenge is to own this power fully. Use it consciously, however you choose to 'spend' it.

(Robert Pelletier)

Fulfilling your destiny requires participating in public affairs and serving the needs of others, even though it means making sacrifices. If you turn your strong desire nature to providing dependable public services, you will be amply rewarded for your efforts. A career in medicine, psychology, research, crime detection, insurance or financial guidance might be suitable; and you can earn a comfortable living in these areas if you accept the responsibilities. Your parents will encourage and support you until you are established in your career. Examine your moral and ethical standards, for nothing erodes your gains so quickly as taking liberties with legal guidelines. Misrepresenting your ability to perform the services that your career requires will undermine your credibility. When you agree to provide a service for someone, you are in that person's debt until the service is rendered.

Your position is unique because you are so sensitive to people's failings and needs. You also understand that you have a need responsibility to others, because they tell you their problems, knowing that you can help them, and of course you can. Make certain that your profession allows room to grow and expand the services you give to those who need them. As you grow and develop, your earnings will increase and bring you financial independence.

Romantic affairs and self-indulgent activities may divert you from getting established in your career. On the other hand, your desire for pleasure and freedom to enjoy yourself with your loved one and children may be so intense that you will make the necessary sacrifices in your early years. Such a sacrifice would indicate that you are willing to accept the challenges of responsibility. Contact with well-to-do people may motivate you to rise to the highest degree of competence in your field. If you give the best service, you can charge accordingly. Your friends may provide opportunities during your training period; but they may demand favors when you reach your goal. Money is very important to you, but you enjoy knowing that you are making a worthwhile contribution to the people who depend on your services.

An effective salesperson, you easily convince people of the value of your services. They are impressed by your ability to carry out your promises; and they learn to depend on you. Be wary when you are asked to give away your talents, as often happens in a social gathering when people assume that it's all right to ask favors of you. You may have to steer the conversation elsewhere or suggest that they contact you in a different setting. In your desire to serve others, you sometimes do more than you should, which doesn't allow them to solve their own problems. You should serve in an advisory capacity and help people when they truly need you, but you should not take on their responsibilities. Be alert to the danger of becoming so greedy that you accept jobs for which you aren't qualified, simply because of the money you can make.

You demonstrate your best qualities when you stimulate people to capitalize on their own resources. This gives you an opportunity to repay any debts you feel you owe society for the benefits you've gained in serving the public. This applies to your partner, who values your talents and supports you in your endeavors. Your mate must share your desires. If you maintain high ethical standards, you can't lose.

Moon ☾ in ♊ Capricorn 28° 36'

(Jan Spiller & Karen McCoy)

Static

When you unconsciously need others' reassurance that you are the most important part of their interpersonal situations, you may unknowingly manipulate them emotionally to gain respect. This can lead to needless dramas of personal suffering that force them to acknowledge and admire your ability to survive. You may instinctively guard your image and try to appease others by becoming, for that moment, what they respect.

In sacrificing your 'self' for the respect of another, you may lose your own identity. Indulging in the Capricorn tendency to control the relationship can rob others of their authority and ability to give you the admiration you want. Simultaneously, in order to feel loved you may need constant reassurance. This tendency gives your power to others and may leave you insecure and bewildered.

Dynamic

When you recognize the Capricorn need for establishing control in relationships, you notice that past methods of having others validate your identity have not led to self-respect. The truth is that others cannot give respect when you are so busy cloaking yourself with their personalities. This process leaves you with no identity available to receive recognition!

The lesson is to relinquish control over others in order to see to whom you are relating. This is achieved by acknowledging the uniqueness of the person with whom you are dealing. As a result, this action can give you insight into your own unique being and appreciation of yourself as different from others.

When you give others confidence in developing their ability to take charge of their lives, you become aware of your power. Your sensitivity can nurture others and reflect back to them your assurance of their ability to succeed and get on top of their emotions. Then you find that their self-esteem enables them to rise to the occasion. This technique of support allows you to experience your ability to organize others to reach a goal.

When you encourage authority and leadership abilities in others, you recognize those qualities in yourself. In respecting the needs of others to establish their identity, you can honor your wants. This gives you a sense of self. As you pursue the personal needs of your identity, you can choose independent action. When you make a commitment and follow through on it, you gain confidence in your authority, as well as the respect of others.

General

You feel that you must have absolute control in order to be emotionally secure. You expect to receive respect, deference and automatic co-operation from those around you. When this isn't forthcoming in the present incarnation, you feel that something is missing, and you experience insecurity in your relationships. You seek to 'plug the hole'

in order to feel that the foundation is firm, and so you can enter into relationships with the confidence of knowing you can handle any situation.

Unconscious tendencies to close down emotionally and be invulnerable by virtue of noninvolvement will not bring the emotional satisfaction you want. You are seeking emotional control; but the first step in gaining control is to be open to experiencing and expressing your feelings in the moment. Even though you don't have all the pieces under control at the onset, you must be willing to walk through the process of experiencing and integrating the male and female parts of yourself (emotions and control). You must be willing to 'walk the path' to obtain the desired result of emotional involvement in relationships balanced with a calm sense of self-authority.

As you learn not to judge or invalidate your feelings, you can simply express them to others in the spirit of sharing self-identity. This allows the other person to share his or her feelings, leading to a positive, alchemical change in the relationship. Then you can identify your desires and the desires of the other person, which gives you a sense of clarity and allows you to view the relationship from an entirely new perspective.

Once you gain this new perspective, you can see a vision of yourself in the future - a new sense of self that is emerging through the relationship. This is the important thing for you to work on. Through expressing your feelings, you come into a new sense of balance and adjustment between yourself and your circumstances. You also gain the confidence of knowing that, no matter what comes to you, you will know where each particle belongs in the overall scheme of things. From this, you will derive a solid sense of your own authority in relating to the world.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Moon in Capricorn need the security of organization and structure, and the satisfaction of maintaining commitments and achieving our aims. We take pride in our work, and want recognition for our accomplishments. Capricorn is the position of the Moon's detriment, and is therefore a particularly difficult position for experiencing emotional nourishment and developing self-nurturing behaviors. When feelings and needs emerge, we may not even allow them fully to enter our consciousness. We may be too afraid of our vulnerability or weakness, and too judgemental of our inner child. Repression of the deeper facets of ourselves may lead us to wallow in depression, negativity or self-criticism, to work incessantly, or to isolate ourselves from fulfilling connections with other people. We may continually give ourselves 'be tough' messages which support our self-sufficiency but prevent the real contact with ourselves which makes close relationships possible.

It is most likely that a parental figure helped us to learn to control our emotions, take responsibility for ourselves and make adult rather than childish decisions; and also provided the consistency and safety we needed in order to feel secure. However, having

a Capricorn Moon suggests that we were never allowed to give free rein to our feelings, and that we probably did not receive much tender nurturance. Our parent may have been cold and rejecting; he or she may have neglected us or imparted to us that our feelings and needs had little value. Perhaps he or she was also a perfectionist we could not satisfy, and whose acceptance was conditional upon a high degree of achievement and success. As a result, we may feel a sense of worth only for what we accomplish, but not for who we are.

We who have Moon in Capricorn need to create our own standards for ourselves apart from our parents' standards, and to give up compensatory striving which actually does not meet our real needs. Our task involves developing our internal source of security and giving ourselves the validation and recognition we may have originally sought from others. We may only experience the fulfillment we seek when, by accepting our feelings and needs and allowing ourselves to be vulnerable, we discover strength and self-sufficiency which embraces rather than denies the sensitivity of our inner child.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Capricorn, the Moon indicates one who is earthy, and who tends to be materialistic, ambitious, and very sensitive about his standing in the community. The native takes responsibilities seriously but is much too aware of what others think about his efforts. He needs to devote more attention to his loved ones; he must learn that impressing others is secondary - the important thing is to have self-respect.

He can handle authority, and expects others to do as he says, not as he does. He thinks of himself as tough, practical, stubborn, and determined. He is embarrassed by displays of emotion.

The astrologer needs to instill confidence in him - the confidence to attain his goals. Otherwise, the Moon in Capricorn becomes depressed, frustrated, resentful. This is a fascinating lunar position because the native inwardly feels he is chosen for the role of leadership. If he doesn't attain it, he chooses one of two courses. The first is that of putting forth greater effort. The second is that of throwing his hands up in the air in a futile gesture. The astrologer, naturally, must encourage the first course.

The native serves the public and is served; demands and receives prestige. This takes time, but this individual has time on his side - if only he can be made to realize it. He is often accused of being cold or materialistic. Members of the opposite sex are forever trying to reform or change him. The more the effort is made, the more he resists, despite outward appearances or promises.

There are indications of a difference in age or social position of the marriage partner; some difficulties are experienced in this area. The native may marry for money and then miss love. His parents experience difficulty - there may be separation, or early death of

one parent.

Obstacles must be regarded as challenges; the native thrives on controversy, being true to himself, and is attracted to those who have overcome odds to achieve their goals. He feels, inwardly, that he must fulfill his destiny.

He comes to the attention of the public. Some people swear by him - others at him. He is attracted to power for the sake of power, not necessarily money. He wants prestige as some people want money, and needs recognition as some require alcohol. He must be himself and not attempt to play someone else's role. This is a 'tough' lunar position because the native is demanding and must meet numerous demands.

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon is in detriment in Capricorn; and the emphasis of your inner need is toward gaining others' approval and establishing a position of social status and recognition. This may be through achieving financial or community influence and power. Much of your self-esteem and confidence will be derived from this social relationship. As you have an innate insecurity and doubts regarding your personal value, you need the respect, recognition, and approbation of colleagues and family to help you to begin loving yourself and accepting your nature as it is.

The source of these inner doubts may lie in a childhood perspective of feeling unloved; a perspective that may have been real or colored by an unconscious tendency to amplify times when you felt a lack of loving contact with your parents. There may have been insufficient affection and loving care displayed, the feeling exchange of the relationship may have been unsatisfying, or perhaps the display of emotions was controlled and inhibited. The result is a lack of emotional ease, as suggested by the Moon-Capricorn placing, which indicates tendencies to relegate or repress emotions.

You may lack trust and faith in life and exhibit a reserved, cautious attitude which sees life through a serious perspective, adopting a more materialistic philosophy emphasizing success in the external world. You may try to buttress feelings of personal insecurity or inadequacy by gaining social power, strengthening your ego through positions of authority, prestige, and influence over the lives of others. You will be ambitious to succeed, both for the status and financial security that can be achieved, and for the self-validation and justification that you seek.

You will be a hard worker, perhaps believing that you are moving toward a personal destiny. If this is so, it will concentrate your efforts even more, by dedicating you to fulfill that 'mission', even if it has a distinct personal bias. Work is important, and receiving appreciation and recognition is necessary for you to feel fulfilled. Following your path may lead to friction with others, especially if you become too egocentric about your purposes or begin to abuse positions of responsibility. You may lack awareness of

others' feelings and behave with insufficient sensitivity, tact, and diplomacy. Excessive manipulation and tactical calculation may not always work to your advantage either. You are sensitive to the comments and opinions of others, but fail to apply this same sensitivity to those close to you.

Underlying these tendencies is a need to feel wanted, yet you may express this in a distorted manner. Feelings are often denied and ignored, reminding you of parts that are not under control, areas which are unknown realms and which you fear are threatening. You can feel weak and vulnerable, afraid of emotional rejection. You prefer to deal with the material world rather than with the shifting flux of emotions, and try to focus attention on building a solid and secure organizational structure around you as a foundation for achieving those compensatory aims.

You need to acknowledge those needs and develop ways to nurture your self through allowing deeper emotional exchanges. You need to release feeling instead of repressive control which may create symptoms of depression, meaninglessness, negativity, and self-criticism. You need to risk opening to the world as you strive to contact a deeper sense of self-validation and esteem. Security is to be rediscovered within rather than misidentified in external status or possessions. People will not love you just because you may have achieved something; you will be loved for what you are. Apply yourself to awakening your potential, integrating your totality, and developing a unique path which includes the vitality and warmth of genuine human relationship.

(Skye Alexander)

Expressing your emotions is difficult for you, and others may view you as cold, rigid or unfeeling. It's also hard for you to relax and let go. All work and no play, you can seem terribly serious and even depressing at times. You fear you will be rejected if you show someone how you really feel about him / her, and thus are cautious and defensive, keeping your emotions carefully under wraps. Underlying your practical, 'in-control'-persona is an insecure, sensitive and very shy side.

In relationships with others, you are loyal, devoted and dependable. However, you aren't very demonstrative. If you tell your partner you love him / her on your wedding day, you don't feel you need to say it again until your Golden Wedding Anniversary. You show your caring for someone else by doing practical, physical things for him / her, by coming home dutifully every night, or by providing financial support.

Hard-working, practical and conscious of your responsibilities to others, you build carefully for the future and make certain that whatever you build - a house, a relationship, a business or a country - has a solid foundation.

However, you often do things for others out of a sense of duty rather than because it's what you truly want to do, and this can leave you feeling put upon or resentful. For

example, if your marriage is not working out you may 'stick it out' anyway because you feel you've made a commitment or because you have responsibilities to the children. You don't expect life to be easy or happy, and accept hardship as a necessary evil. Unwilling to make many change in your life once you've settled into a routine, you are more likely than most people to endure an unsatisfactory job, home life or relationship long after you should have ended it. And, because you are both secretive and self-reliant, you aren't the type to seek outside help from a therapist or marriage counselor.

At an early age, you found it necessary to become independent and take care of yourself. Mature beyond your years, as a child you seemed to be a miniature adult. Probably you couldn't wait to grow up, and may have assumed adult responsibilities when you were still quite young. Perhaps your family was poor and you had to go to work to help put food on the table. or, if you were the oldest in a large family, you become a substitute parent to your younger siblings. Possibly your mother (or the nurturing parent) died when you were still a child or was absent for some reason, and you took on her role and duties.

In some way, your early home life was hard or barren. Even if your physical environment wasn't bleak, your emotional one certainly was. It is quite likely that your mother (or the nurturing parent) was unavailable to you when you needed her. Either she was physically absent because she was working, dead, or ill, or because your parents were separated; or she was simply an unexpressive, restrained, serious person. You may describe your mother as severe, unloving, distant or very strict. But she also was dependable, conscious of her responsibilities to you, hard-working and efficient at managing the household. Perhaps she was the family breadwinner and also the disciplinarian. if she was a professional person, you might be proud of her career successes even if you feel you suffered emotional deprivation as a result.

With your own children, you are likely to be strict and demanding. You want them to grow up to be self-sufficient, responsible adults, and don't believe that being lenient would be doing them any favors. Though you may love them deeply, it's hard for you to show your feelings for them, to be affectionate, tender, playful or even openly encouraging. You might long to be more expressive and emotional, but are rather cut off from your feeling side and don't know where to begin.

Security and stability are very important to you. You might try to achieve this by making lots of money, establishing yourself as a pillar of your community, or marrying someone who will take care of you. Your physical home also is a symbol of security; but even if it is expensive, prestigious or historically significant, it probably isn't very comfortable or inviting. Your tastes tend toward the traditional, and you might choose to live in an older house or furnish it with antique pieces. It's also possible that due to Capricorn's conservative, practical nature, you may live in relative austerity, eschewing all 'luxuries' and making do with only the bare essentials.

Both men and women with this Moon placement hold rather conventional, traditionally-oriented attitudes about male / female roles and are inclined to glorify the past. Men often seek partners who will stay at home and manage their domestic / family lives. Women may marry men who have sound portfolios, stable jobs and good reputations, and who will take care of them physically and financially - even though these women are more than capable of taking care of themselves!

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You want to be recognized as an important and powerful person. Emotionally, you are supersensitive, and at the same time you are critical of others; however, you are untiring and considerate when you are interested or involved.

The Moon is in its detriment in Capricorn, in opposition to warm, nurturing Cancer. This lunar position emphasizes reserve and coldness. You are shy and insecure about your own worth; you have many subconscious fears, and you can be oversensitive to real or fancied slights. You seek to justify yourself by acting with personal dignity and by your great ambition to succeed. Thus, you are neither truly sympathetic nor very emotional.

Your mind reacts quickly to sense impressions, but often with anger or antagonism. This position has produced people with fanatic or obsessive ideas or causes.

The combination of Saturn (the ruler of Capricorn) and the Moon can show a morbid and melancholy tendency to brooding, but you can also achieve popularity or even notoriety.

This position of the Moon, more than any other, will react to the rest of the chart. The down-to-earth feeling of the Moon in Capricorn will pick up the best of a chart with easy aspects, or the worst if there are too many challenges. When well-aspected, it gives leadership and administrative ability. Difficult aspects often result in a lack of creative energy, although your ambition is strong. If you do not learn to handle this position, you may incline to alcoholism, a surrender to the appetites or a calculated need to achieve power at any cost without concern for anyone else. You make enemies easily, whether they are earned or not, and this can cause trouble with your reputation.

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

The Moon in Capricorn indicates a strong parental influence. Your mother was quite traditional and conservative in raising you. She was practical and efficient, though social, and encouraged you to succeed in all your endeavors.

You are cautious in money matters, and you have common sense and practical ability. These traits can become extreme, leaning toward over-caution, gloominess and austerity. You need to cultivate warmth and tenderness, and you must learn that giving freely, without expecting anything in return, can be more fulfilling than selfseeking

demands made on others. At work, you show application; you can take responsibility and earn a high position through your persistent effort.

Women with the Moon in Capricorn tend to get the blues and feel 'No-one in the world likes me'. The man with this lunar position seeks a mate who can help further his social ambitions, run a comfortable home, and balance the family checkbook.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is said to be in its detriment in Capricorn because the sign is opposite the sign of Cancer, the Moon's natural home. This means that the emotional side of your life could be a little suppressed.

Whatever you appear to be on the outside, inwardly you are sensitive, vulnerable and shy, especially where your personal feelings are concerned. The earthiness of Capricorn makes you practical and sensible; therefore, if you find that an idea works for you, you will use it, otherwise you will reject it. Even if you have an extroverted sign on your Ascendant, you will be shy when you are young; but later in life you will cover this up with a layer of polish. Nevertheless, inwardly you are rather deep and unfathomable. You resist serious illness and have, in addition to bodily strength, considerable strength of character. These strengths enable you to survive almost anything, plus give you the kind of tenacity and determination which allows you to finish whatever you start. You rarely take time off from work, even when you are ill.

Many of you go into business for yourselves, thereby giving yourself the opportunity to create something of your own which will stand the test of time. You learn selfdiscipline early in life, and feel inwardly that life is a serious business. You have the feeling that you should work to build up your finances while you are young, so that you can relax and enjoy the result later on. As you will probably live to a ripe old age, you are right to think like this. Another reason for self-employment is the fact that you enjoy being in a position of responsibility, and you carry authority well without throwing your weight around.

You need security. Your idea of hell would be to be dependent upon others, because you hate to be a burden or to suffer the embarrassment of having to ask for help. You are resourceful and hard-working, but could be a little scheming and just a dash dishonest when chasing a goal. Your serious nature is relieved by a delightfully dry and witty sense of humour. You don't make hurtful jokes about others, but just see the world in an off-beat way which those who enjoy your sense of humour will find very funny. You enjoy the company of humorous people, too.

You learn well, and may be academic, but practical subjects really suit you best. You can think and plan on a large scale and in a structured manner. Rules and methods come easily to you, whether they be mathematical, engineering, or the pattern made by a series of dance steps. You prefer not to gamble on life, but to plan your course,

moving forward and then consolidating your position for a while.

Although your values are material rather than spiritual, the most important aspect of your life is probably your relationship with your family. You are very caring, and you take your responsibilities towards them very seriously. You are dependable and faithful in marriage, and will try to make almost any kind of situation work. Your work may occasionally come between you and your family; but if they are ill, they get all of your attention immediately. Oddly enough, you really enjoy hearing all the local gossip, and not just family gossip either. You can really get your teeth into a nice, juicy piece of scandal, but you yourself would hate to be in the middle of any scandal.

Lunar Capricorns can find it difficult to form relationships due to shyness, but the intensity of this problem would depend on the type of Ascendant and Sun sign which you have; nevertheless, you are easily hurt and embarrassed. Being cautious, you take care to find yourself the right type of partner. As a parent, you are gentle and caring, and although you would be unlikely to join in rough games with your children, you will do your best to teach them about the world in which we live, and to open their eyes to the possibilities which life has to offer. You may be a little old-fashioned in your approach when they reach their teens, but you will try to see things from their point of view. At least you would always be aware of your children's need to be treated with dignity.

You exert considerable control over your own inner nature, sometimes too much so, in order to prevent your feelings from getting the better of you. Your somewhat formal manner protects your vulnerability. It would be impossible to imagine you getting drunk and making an ass of yourself. Like the other Earth signs, it takes a lot to make you lose your temper, but when you do it is over-poweringly destructive. Making friends is a slow process with you, and you keep for years the few friends whom you do have. You adapt better to new places than to new people, and can fit in almost anywhere. Your pet hate is to be embarrassed and humiliated. A spell in a hospital which is staffed by insensitive people would be dreadful for you. Another pet hate is coarseness or vulgarity of any kind. You are kindly and helpful towards other people, especially in a work situation; and you would make a good financial adviser or a good teacher on a small group basis. You need a strong and independent partner who can, to some extent, protect you. Your hidden sensitivity can give you nervous ailments such as skin problems, asthma, rheumatism or a tendency to have colds. You listen to any advice which is offered to you, but in the end you prefer to make up your own mind.

You have a love of beauty and grace in all things, and a hatred of any kind of ugliness, from an ugly appearance to ugly behaviour. Being reserved, you don't readily reach out to touch people, but you love to be held and touched by your partner and your children. Earth signs are sensuous, and this could show up in your case as a love of flowers, music or the seasons of the year. If you are insulted or pushed aside in a queue, you would, as one lunar Capricorn friend told me, 'fume inwardly'; but you are too polite to say much.

Where sex is concerned, you improve with age, and also with the overcoming of your shyness and inhibitions. You are fastidious and very particular both in your choice of partner and in your behaviour. One night stands are definitely not for you. The feeling of closeness while making love is as important to you as the act itself. You may choose to marry someone who is older than yourself; but whoever you choose, and whatever his / her age or appearance, you will feel protective and caring to him / her. You even like to work together so that you can share the same problems.

Most lunar Capricornians are great holiday-makers. You need to get away from work from time to time, and you really enjoy a break. You are not too experimental with foods, as you are a sparing eater, but you enjoy good surroundings with well-cooked and presented foods. Comfort is a necessity for you when travelling, and you are not likely to be found on a camping site.

You begin by being very close to your mother, and then losing your idealized picture of her. There may even be tragic circumstances involving death of a family member or a spell in a home due to illness or divorce in the family. As you grow up, you may realize that your mother is a loving woman who did her best under the circumstances. Peter explained the situation to me: 'My parents were very caring towards me, but there was just too much for them to cope with. My father never got over being shot up in the war, and mother had to work hard during those years. The love was there, but they were elderly and up against it. I felt it would be wrong to make too much noise or to bring other noisier youngsters into the house. I doubt whether they would have stopped me, but I would have felt bad about it, that's all.'

There could have been some conflict and aggression between you and your father which accounts for your slight air of watchfulness when around new people. This Moon position suggests difficulties during childhood through poverty, too many other children in the family or a loss of some kind. Oddly enough, this may jump back one generation and be not your experience of childhood but your mother's experience. Your parents loved you and were kind-hearted, but they could have been slightly insensitive and critical of your school work. A conflict could have arisen if they wanted you to work in the same line as themselves and were disappointed when you chose not to. They, possibly due to their upbringing, taught you to be careful with money and highly realistic in your dreams. You would have learned to value (possibly over-value) material security and possessions.

Being a quiet and obedient child, you did well at school and gave the teachers no problems, but you would have found sports difficult, possibly due to poor health and short-sightedness. Many of you go on to further education, especially of a practical nature.

Lunar Capricorns prefer to do something-useful career-wise; this could be anything from structural engineering to making medical supplies. You could be drawn to accountancy,

the law, or politics (especially if there are any other political indications, such as the sign of Cancer of Libra somewhere on your birthchart). Being interested in business, you might find that the world of insurance appeals to you, or some kind of work in a government department. You prefer being in a position of management.

Travel and transport, or a chain of shops, are possibilities too. Being slow, thorough and efficient in all that you do, you become annoyed by petty inefficiencies in others - for instance, buses being late or paperwork which has not been properly done. I have noticed that most people with the Sun, Moon or Ascendant in an Earth sign are early risers. You are highly ambitious and will climb slowly towards the top of your career.

Your weak spots for health are supposed to be the bones, especially the knees; therefore, you could have rheumatism later in life. Hearing problems are a possibility, especially tinnitus. You may have skin problems, even alopecia, and could be short-sighted. Generally speaking you should live a long and healthy, if rather hard-working, life.

For you, the most important aspect of sexual expression is sincerity, not great heights of physical prowess or technical achievement. Forced attempts at sexual variety may simply get in the way of meaningful personal communication.

You have a significant ability to sublimate sexuality into other realms of affection. You may find much emotional satisfaction in caring for your partner in ways that are not physically sexual: gifts, favors, meals and financial support, for example.

However you express it, your affection is basically unswerving. The best relationship for you is one that is long-lasting, so that you have ample opportunities to express your love over a long period of time.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Feelings are disciplined and restrained

Symbol: An elegantly attired older woman studies her family genealogy.

At best, the Moon in Capricorn translates responsiveness into a sense of responsibility. At worst, it is coldly indifferent to human sentiments. Since the Moon is in detriment in Saturn's sign, this placement may diminish the capacity for feeling and response. Unswervingly ambitious, these people are often wedded to their work. Since they have a tendency to rely on authority and to cling to precedent as a guide, the early years are especially important in structuring the pattern of their personalities. Frequently, they encounter troubles in childhood owing to the inadequacy of one or both parents, although their problems generally relate to the mother.

Whatever the source of their malaise, lunar Capricornians are often haunted by the

feeling that their lives are predestined to be austere and difficult. This sense of being a pawn of fate can lend them an air of solitary remoteness. Outwardly, they may be poised and charming, but inwardly they are beset by fears, melancholy moods, and shyness.

The Moon is so sensitive and Capricorn so weighty that the unconscious mind can be indelibly imprinted with whatever complex - usually involving power or work - Saturn determines to stamp upon it. A rigorous adherence to duty may stem from a sense of being 'chosen' which is so compelling that there seems to be no choice except to take the hard way out and tackle an awesome job head-on. Thus, although this is considered a difficult placement, it can lead to remarkable accomplishment.

Less competent people with the Moon in Capricorn can easily become frustrated, depressed, or resentful of the burdens thrust upon their shoulders. Sometimes their troubles stem from a hidden pride which imparts a strong desire to gain status and to be noticed by others. When this drive is thwarted, it can be distorted into cringing and servility, a martyr complex, or even political fanaticism.

This placement is decidedly more difficult for women than for men. The Moon should be motherly, soft, and yielding, but Capricorn's ruling planet Saturn is hard and authoritarian. The effect may be to force the mother to abandon her biological role and become the family disciplinarian and breadwinner. A Moon-Saturn combination can promote the interests of a dedicated career woman, but she will have to make a special effort to retain her feminine charm.

Men of this type are apt to marry older women. Frequently, they do not find much emotional fulfillment in marriage, although it may advance their careers. They are likely to succeed in public affairs, business, or any enterprise in which they can take command. These individuals may have considerable scientific ability, but this will usually be directed toward the physical rather than the theoretical sciences. There is a cautious ambition which seldom neglects the security of the family and prefers not to take unnecessary changes.

Lunar Capricornians should examine their deeper motives in order to make sure they know why they want what they want. They need to guard against acting out of blind compulsion or in compensation for emotional lacks. They have the ability to materialize their plans and ideas. Therefore, they must take the utmost care to use their powers for worthwhile purposes.

(Arlene Robertson)

As many astrologers have pointed out, the Moon in Capricorn is as far away from its home base as it can get. Because of the distance and the opposition involved, one may presume the ingrained, loving warmth of Cancer has all but disappeared, and in its place is a subliminal Saturnian coldness. Thus, the struggle churns within you as these

two contradictory forces wrestle for the control of your emotional makeup.

The Moon in Capricorn generally manifests in the personality as ambitious, disciplined, calculating, cautious, and persistent in the pursuit of its goals. Instead of caring primarily about your home and family, you, with the Moon in Capricorn, are constantly concerned with your image in the world, and the impression you make in that all-important world. Most of your desires and demands, your sense of emotional stability, are contained in this urge to be number one in whatever field you have chosen. In order to achieve success, you require steady reassurance about your ability and performance, while your unspoken yearning for financial security runs swiftly and silently underneath your controlled exterior. You hunger to be told that you are indeed a worthy person and one to be admired for your achievements. Otherwise, how do you know who you are and what you have accomplished unless the world tells you so? It is not enough for your loved ones to encourage you and be proud of your success. You want to hear it echoing from the mountaintops.

The hard-working Capricorn Moon propels you forward to absorb knowledge and to sharpen your skills for additional security. For if your knowledge and training are extensive and your abilities saleable in the executive suite, you are assured of earning your way and becoming financially stable. But no matter what you have, you always want more, and no matter how much praise is lavished on you, it is never quite enough.

Your deep-rooted insecurity may stem from the Saturn influence in childhood which may have manifested in the attitude of a parent. An overly-strict mother may have disciplined you so much and set such high standards for you that you were left with a feeling of futility in trying to live up to her rules. Your father may have disappeared from the scene giving you the impression that you weren't worth the bother of bringing up. This vulnerability marked your early years; and by the time you matured and got a hard look at the universe and how the banks operate, you were determined to succeed just to show them all that you were a person of worth. Perhaps the emotional trap is set here in the constant need for feedback from others in order for you to relax and feel secure.

If you fail to receive these verbal rewards, you may become cold and unsympathetic toward others. You turn away from listening to their problems or from helping to heal their emotional scars. You are afraid of being hurt or possibly sidetracked from your goals, so your defence against an unpredictable world lies in controlling emotions. You can be calculating at times, showing your feelings only when you know it will get you something you want. For one of the worst disasters that can befall you is to expose your naked emotions to a ruthless and disinterested world.

If you are a female, in your role as mother you are concerned mainly with giving your children the advantages of a solid family background, a fine education and an understanding of the social amenities. They must be prepared for the future. You patiently show them where the ladder of success is placed, guide their feet to the bottom

rung, then point out the prizes that await them at the top. You would like a career for yourself, of course, as soon as you have fulfilled your maternal duties and can then concentrate your Capricorn persistence in the direction which brings recognition and financial rewards. You understand quite well where your assets and talents lie; and during periods of your life you may have been quietly waiting and honing your skills for the day when the timing is right.

If you are a male, you are possibly the number one achiever in the zodiacal circle. You have all the attributes necessary to become a smashing success - controlled emotions, caution, persistence, and an eye on the main chance. With Saturn on your shoulder, you are well aware of timing your moves for the best result. In marriage you will look for a woman who will reflect your finer qualities, understand your goals and feel comfortable in the public eye - as your helpmate, of course.

In your daily life, you react with caution in almost every situation. By proceeding carefully, you are not apt to make mistakes. Everyone knows that costly errors can ruin a person's chances. So you approach each new circumstance slowly, with a degree of suspicion, doling out your emotional response meagerly, until you thoroughly understand the situation and have decided in which direction to move. If others try to rush you or plunge you into some activity before you are ready, you become acutely uncomfortable and, in defence, wrap around yourself the forbidding Moon-in-Capricorn mantle. You must guard against reacting out of hidden pride and cold compulsion in order to compensate for any emotional starvation.

On the positive side of this placement, the Cancer flow of intuition can mingle productively with the Capricorn practicality and drive, providing you with a daily existence that runs smoothly along the track.

(Isabel Hickey)

Poor place for Moon, and especially so for a female. Works against itself. Conservative. Strong ambitions. Power complex. Security of subconscious lies in authority. Contest is bread of life. Wants to win recognition as an important and powerful person. Needs to watch tendency to harden ego complex in a shell of self-centered ambition. Not a happy person as a rule. Rigid and crystalline feelings. Not a truly sympathetic and emotional person. Parental influence very strong. Subconscious fears need to be brought to the surface and dissolved through understanding. In a male chart, attracts a serious and quiet type of partner.

Moon ☾ in 9th House

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

not for long.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

Mercury ♀ in ♏ Scorpio 25° 0'

(Grant Lewi)

You see, hear and experience with the legalistic attitude of a judge. Anything that stands before the bar of your senses isn't likely to get off easily, for you interpret critically what passes before your eyes, and not always kindly. As a result, when you give expression to your judgement, you may earn the reputation for having a sharp tongue. Your powers of observation are acute; you have the eye of an eagle, and a kind of permanent awareness of what is going on around you makes it impossible for anyone to put anything over on you. You have eyes in the back of your head; and a sixth sense tells you things that the other five miss. Criticism is part of your process of taking in the world; and you never take in much of it without passing judgement in the process. You observe accurately but not always charitable; the nerve channels through which impressions reach the brain are apparently filled with acid, which eats away the

superficialities that impress others, and leaves only the stark realities to be recorded on your cerebellum. You are therefore a first-class critic and debunker, seeing through phoniness, sham and pretension and, since your eyes and ears rarely deceive you, pretty generally getting to the truth of what goes on.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Scorpio, Mercury indicates one who is sensuous, able to perceive hidden meanings, shrewd and curious; he tends to be suspicious, but his suspicions usually have foundation in fact. He is capable of understanding high finance; fascinated with the stock market, he draws charts in an effort to understand various trends. This native knows how to appeal to the opposite sex - and would gain much by selling specific items such as clothing to either sex. He sees through false claims and people who make them.

The astrologer must teach the native to overcome his fear that greater security is constantly required. Often, no matter how good his financial position might be, he worries, and can make himself miserable over little things while neglecting important projects.

(Skye Alexander)

You are not satisfied with superficial understandings, and seek to know the ultimate truths of existence. What goes on behind the scenes, what makes something work, what hidden forces are responsible for exterior conditions - these are the things you want to know. You enjoy probing beneath the surface to uncover the secrets within, whether those secrets are in the human mind, the body, business, government, the Earth or the Universe. As a result, you might be interested in psychology, science, medicine, espionage, geology or the occult.

You have an insightful and penetrating mind, and are able to focus your attention deeply, for long periods of time. Infinitely curious, you leave no stone unturned and don't give up until you've found answers to your questions. You ferret out information, analyze it until you understand its essence, then use it for your own purposes. Thus, you could be good at almost any type of research. Your love of intrigue may also manifest as a passion for mystery stories and detective novels.

Often your ideas run counter to the conventions and beliefs of your time. This is because you refuse to accept something until you've proved it for yourself. And, as you examine traditional beliefs, you frequently discover flaws or shortcomings, which leads you to formulate your own theories. Such theories may be revolutionary and have a transformative effect on those they touch.

In order to stand up against strong opposition, one must be firm and determined in one's convictions. Certainly this is true of you. Once you've decided upon something, nothing

can make you give it up. You can be incredibly stubborn and emotionally attached to your ideas. And because you've come to your understandings through unique, personal and often unorthodox ways, no-one can change your mind with a logical argument. Highly intuitive, you often 'know' you're right, even if you can't back up your beliefs with facts.

You express your viewpoints vehemently and convincingly, and enjoy a good argument with a worthy opponent. There is a certain amount of charisma in your verbal delivery; and when you speak you project power, authority and intelligence. You intuitively know what others want to hear, and are clever at manipulating their emotions as well as the information, so that you can hold an audience in the palm of your hand and win them over to your way of thinking.

You also tend to be direct, blunt, even biting sarcasm in your speech. You get straight to the point and don't mince words - and if you step on some toes or offend some sensibilities in the process, so be it. But you also exhibit keen insight and knowledge, especially regarding the nature of the human condition. You truly understand the inner workings of the psyche and the dark side of life, and are fascinated with it. Not only do you have unusual powers of observation, but also you are very intuitive, even psychic, and can see to the core of people and situations. Not much gets by you, and you are not easily fooled. This intimate knowledge of the hidden recesses of the human mind makes you sceptical, suspicious and pessimistic; you often expect the worst from people.

Venus and / or Jupiter aspects to your Mercury will make you more tactful, optimistic, and willing to engage in social amenities.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Scorpio gives an intuitive mind capable of profound insights. The natives' perceptiveness can lead to critical examination of human motivations; they see things accurately, but not necessarily charitably. They may use sharp language, since they refuse to mince words in order to spare the feelings of others. They prefer to say exactly what they feel, or else remain silent. They carry on many plans and endeavors in secret, and communicate only where communication serves a definite purpose in terms of what they are trying to accomplish. However, since they can be swayed themselves by strong emotional factors, they are more objective when not personally involved.

These people have determined minds and great resourcefulness, which enables them to surmount obstacles that many would find impossible to deal with. If Mercury is afflicted in Scorpio, there can be scheming, plotting, and ulterior motives.

People with Mercury in this sign make good detectives, investigators, and researchers. In highly developed types, there is scientific ability arising from their curiosity about the inner workings of the energy responsible for objective manifestation. This leads to insight

into the fundamental processes of change.

If Mercury is afflicted in this sign, the mind can be preoccupied with sex. There also can be a mistrust of others.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Scorpionic intuition and intensity combine with Mercurial logic and a rational approach. Determination is a strong point, and the individual will have a sleuth-like mind, leaving no stone unturned to discover the truth of a situation and root out every aspect of it. Here is someone who perhaps could become a psychotherapist, psychiatrist, or detective. While the placing usually works well, there can be obsessional tendencies, especially if Mercury makes a negative aspect to Pluto. Mercury is not very communicative in Scorpio because the necessary outgoing qualities are not sympathetic to that sign. The subject will be more inward-looking, going in for a great deal of self-analysis, perhaps tending to hug psychological problems, and finding it very hard to open up. This must be countered, especially during stressful periods. There is much intellectual and imaginative potential, and sometimes a fascination with the occult, crime and mystery.

If the Sun sign is Libra, Mercury in Scorpio adds considerable determination and purpose; Libran indecisiveness will not be such a problem. The individual may seem indecisive, but will intuitively know what line of action to take, even if he or she procrastinates over actually making a move! Natural Neptune charm will be expressed, but there can be a minor or major tendency to plot and scheme. However, if determination and a sense of purpose can be directed positively towards the attainment of objectives and a more rewarding lifestyle, this is a good combination.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, the thinking processes of Mercury will be as powerfully intense and intuitive as they can be, with formidable determination and sense of purpose. The intellectual powers are usually excellent, but the individual could become obsessive - perhaps over attaining an objective or a compelling interest. There will be a fascination with mysteries, which will be relentlessly pursued and researched. It is important for there to be a compelling objective of this kind; otherwise, these powerful qualities can go sour and turn into Scorpio jealousy or resentfulness.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this Mercury placement acts as a good counter to the Sagittarian dislike of detail. It reduces the hastiness of Sagittarius and endows natural enthusiasm with a little caution. Any tendency to over-optimism is also controlled, and Mercury in this position generally adds depth to someone who is basically more concerned with the overall breadth of problems and situations. Sagittarius is a fiery, emotional sign; and Mercury's placing gives some dampening emotion to the intellect, making for an individual who is a force to be reckoned with and has a sense of humor.

(Isabel Hickey)

Quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword. Intensely secretive. Hate to commit themselves to any positive statement, so don't try to pin them down. Extremely perceptive, and know the other person's weakness so well they know where to strike. Fierce acuteness of mind. Farsighted and clear-sighted, but are often overcritical. 'I' of the ego and sixth sense strongly developed. Must watch tendency to pass judgement. Can be the judge, the jury and God help you! Excellent in secret service or in police work. Have to regenerate the mind stuff where the creative functions are concerned. Too much emphasis on sex if the total chart does not show evolvment.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you indulge in Scorpio fears of losing power over others by exposing your motives and desires, your communication can become defensive, secretive, and vindictive. Constant inner turmoil may result if you withhold expressing your thoughts, fearing that hidden emotions will be exposed and you might become vulnerable. As a consequence, either anger, impatience and intimidation can be brought forth, or all communication may be withheld, thus alienating other and isolating yourself.

Dynamic

When you focus on manifesting what is valuable to you, your keen perception can penetrate and reveal to others the deeper meaning of their communication. You are able to unveil those powerful secrets that can transform all concerned. By your sharing the Scorpio incisive ability to perceive the heart behind the words, hidden motivations are exposed within their communications. This awareness can make a positive contribution to others and actually increase your insight and sense of selfpossession.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a penetrating, though potentially paranoid, mind.

You see life in terms of underlying emotional truths and realities rather than merely how things appear on the surface. And so you are able to penetrate Other's real or hidden motivations and consequently clarify them and resolve problems issuing from them. You also champion confidentiality, which inspires Other with trust and respect for your insights.

You tend not to see that Other is more straightforward and not so convoluted in his / her thinking. Consequently, you make problems with Other which only exist in your suspicious, anguished and obsessed mind. You also tend not to see that making secrets of things creates the very difficulties they were supposed to avoid.

(John Townley)

You are probably very intrigued with the physical basis of sexual expression - the relationships between the different parts of the body in lovemaking; the advantages and disadvantages of various sizes and shapes in any sexual situation. There is much artistry in this, which you should develop. This area is often ignored but it can be a great help in getting the most out of sex.

The dark and powerful aspects of sexuality have great appeal for you, and you really enjoy sex most when it is rather secret and mysterious. Too much bright light on the workings of a relationship tends to take away the excitement, making it too mundane. Thus, a clandestine affair has a special appeal for you, and you may act secretive about an affair even if there is no reason to be so, except for the excitement it provides.

Don't let dated social taboos prevent you from trying every kind of physical sexual expression that appeals to you, even if it's labelled perverse or bizarre by the sexually fearful. Repressing such desires will only frustrate you; and expressing them with a willing partner will greatly enhance your sexual experience and understanding.

But you should avoid using sex or sexual attraction as a tool to gain power or influence over others. Sexuality can flourish only when it is free of other motivations.

(Robert Hand)

You like to get to the bottom of every problem, and are fascinated by mysteries and unanswered questions. To you, searching for answers is almost more interesting than the answers themselves. A born investigator, you may be interested in solving crimes and in detective work. Or you might want to study the secrets of nature through science. You are interested in what goes on in people's minds. You like to find out about everyone's secrets, but you can keep a secret if you want to.

When you are emotionally upset, your thinking gets confused by your feelings, so try not to make decisions at those times. When you're angry, you can speak very forcefully, but if you are not careful, your words may hurt someone's feelings. At least you are forthright and say what you mean.

Your sense of humor is rather sharp. When you see someone pretending to be more than he or she is, you are likely to make sarcastic and biting remarks. You may only say them quietly, but others will know what you mean.

You must learn to be more open with people. Something about you may make others uneasy, giving them a feeling that you have some deep, dark secret, which makes them fearful. You enjoy giving this impression, but it does hurt your relations with others. To

prevent this, you should try to build up a reputation for honesty with adults and friends.

(Freda Edis)

The placement of Mercury in Scorpio can give incisive thinking and a penetrating mind capable of deep insights into the motives which underlie human behaviour. Often mistrustful of their own and others' feelings, people with this combination can, if aroused or hurt, inflict severe wounds on others with their sharp and sarcastic tongues. Much of their thinking is conducted in secret, and, like Hades, they have the mental resourcefulness to lay careful plans before they act. They perhaps need to be aware of a tendency to scheme and plot destructively when their ideas and thoughts, to which they are emotionally and often subjectively attached, are challenged. Often acutely perceptive and thoughtful in a silent way of others' unexpressed needs, these people can be profoundly charitable as long as they are not emotionally threatened themselves. Gentleness and consideration are two characteristics they may need to acquire to offset the negative inclinations of the placement.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The mind penetrates to the essence of matters.

Symbol: A cryptographer endeavors to crack a code.

Mercury in Scorpio gives a talent for research and the ability to solve mysteries. This person may be shrewdly perceptive, or he may merely be critical and suspicious, but in any event it is best to deal with him straightforwardly. Like all true Scorpions, he can spot a phony immediately; and while he may not be able to give an adequate explanation for his feat of detection, he is usually right. Often all he can say is that he 'just knows'. His reasoning mind is connected with his combative instincts in such a way that he relishes the challenge of solving puzzles and discovering secrets. Frequently, the Mercury-Scorpio individual is justified in his skepticism. His X-ray intellect easily penetrates smooth surfaces of expressed or implied promises to reveal the hidden motives, personal inadequacies, and unconscious prevarications which lurk below. Anyone obliged to do business with this type of person should bear in mind that flattery will be of no use whatsoever, but that simple honesty will suffice. Otherwise, they may find themselves the target of 'the sharpest tongue in the zodiac'.

People with Mercury in Scorpio are invaluable in financial concerns where they keep an eagle eye on accounting procedures. In insurance companies, they have an uncanny faculty for unmasking false claims and fraudulent tactics. In show business, they can quickly discern genuine talent. They make dogged investigators in any field, and do not flinch from facing facts or exposing corrupt practices. They also have the manual dexterity to handle machinery and keep it running efficiently.

If the Sun is in Libra with Mercury in Scorpio, the temperament is basically moderate and

conciliatory, but with a certain disputatious streak or contrariness. Individuals with this combination have been able to make diplomatic use of their gifts of satire and repartee. The Libran Sun may give so much suavity that people fail to realize how acute the intellect really is.

If the Sun and Mercury are both in Scorpio, the mind is imbued with courage and fortitude.

If the Sun is in Sagittarius and Mercury is in Scorpio, a visionary disposition may turn the mind to philosophical pursuits. Mercury then serves as a restraining influence which prunes away the excesses of the Sagittarian tendency toward verbosity.

The unevolved Mercurial Scorpion can be the most vindictive of enemies.

Higher types of Mercurial Scorpions have a profound interest in the mysteries of life, and can express obscure ideas succinctly. They also know when to remain silent. Part of the fascination they exert is due to their taciturnity, which conveys the feeling that they know more than they care to divulge, and which makes them the epitome of the proverb 'Still waters run deep'.

(Bernice Grebner)

If the Sun sign is Libra:

Mercury in Scorpio gives an x-ray intellect. The Sun in Libra manner is diplomatic and has a certain amount of social charm. These people can appear to be very suave, but underneath this Libra manner is a mind that is as sharp as a razor. When all is said and done, they can't be easily taken in. This is the type of person who should be in a business where they unmask fraud. In any given situation with others, they come on with charm and sometimes flattery (which they themselves can't stand when others play it on them), but behind their charm is an unmasking talent for sensing the truth in another's statements.

This combination is Air and Water. This means they tune in on both the intellectual and the emotional wave lengths. With Mercury in this Water sign of Scorpio, it gives depth to the mind and the ability to understand deep feelings about things. The Scorpio mind can be fixed, determined, stubborn and very demanding. It will not let go of an idea or an emotion until the natives themselves are satisfied. However, the Libra ego wants to harmonize, wants to adjust to others; but the thinking process will not always go along with the Libra instinct to adjust to others.

They can express very controversial ideas, rebellious tendencies with tact and diplomacy, so that others will not know what hit them. Their Scorpio minds are stubborn, penetrating, and their ego instinct is harmonious. These qualities can either work against

them or make them the greatest detectives, the greatest social reformers of the whole zodiac.

There is not end of belief in the persons they are in love with; but once hurt by a loved one, they can become very vindictive. It is not as outwardly vindictive as Sun Scorpio, Mercury Scorpio, but is even more destructive when they want to be because others are pulled off-guard so as to give these natives considerable headway.

When it comes to Scorpio Mercury's thinking, nothing is impossible, and this becomes the root matter of all things in their lives. They may have exterior charm, and others may think they have convinced them or won, but do not expect them to ever forget or to ever fully give up, because they won't. There is a constant undercurrent with this combination. Libra charm, Libra diplomacy, Libra harmony; but underneath those, their thoughts are very fixed, determined, and never accepting defeat. These natives will win in the end: watch and see. Water is sometimes hard on Air, for it makes the Air heavy and immovable. However, Air in this case can cause so much commotion that it can create heavy emotional storms within their communication with others.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio:

These people are very courageous. When we speak of Scorpio, we are speaking of a force that knows no defeat, a force that does not know what the word 'impossible' means. These people always figure out a way to get whatever it is they want. The mind is deep and penetrating, and can always figure out a way to get out of any difficulty. With this combination, the door is wide open for the Scorpio purpose in life. This influence gives psychological talent, as a natural born psychologist. It gives an easy, natural concept with the healing arts. The other side of this picture represents a consciousness and an ego that is all or nothing, saint or devil. These people will try anything or die in the attempt. Unless other influences in the chart dilute, this gives those possessing it heroic tendencies, capable of the most unusual and out-of-theordinary feats.

This is double Water, but Water that has power, Water that has pressure and strength. This represents a fixed sign, so there is no giving up on anything. It causes them to take something to the limit of its potential. It forces; it sometimes pressures, and either will be so dedicated with a purpose, or an idea, that will make a big dent in their world, leading to success, or will practically destroy itself in the attempt. In many ways, this says 'succeed or die'. You will never fool these people, for they can immediately see the very bottom of a situation or problem. They may not be very talkative, so where they are concerned you must learn to read gestures, facial expressions, and mannerisms. Theirs is a nature best suited for some type of research, whether in healing research, occult research, detective work, or any of the human mysteries of our existence.

These natives have a way of popping back to full life when you think they are the most defeated. Their minds will always find one spark that can cause them to rejuvenate their

thinking and build anew, creating a continuous productive effort. It will be comparatively easy for them to get rid of anything in their lives that is not productive. However, this same talent can cause a very destructive streak, annihilating all in its path depending upon other aspects to this same Sun / Mercury in Scorpio. There can be a devious side to their natures, even with the best of them. It is just a question of degree, as to how much of a devious nature they possess. Even when it looks like they have forgotten, they have not forgotten, for at a later time the subject or project will come up again in a new form, but still the same old subject underneath. The will with this influence is to succeed above and beyond average, despite the form they have to use to succeed. They should get into some very productive field from the very beginning, and direct this great force to some special purpose for the general mass good, achieving something not only for themselves but also for humanity in general. If that is accomplished, it loses some of its selfishness.

This is POWER; direct it. This influence gives power for the unspoken art of communication. Without any communication from you, they still know. They project an atmosphere when they enter a room, an atmosphere that is immediately felt by all in the room though no words are spoken. The silence is almost as successful as actual words. It is telepathic communication.

This combination creates an abundance of famous people. The Sun and Mercury here does not accept the word 'impossible'. [The most difficult combination to find for famous people is when the Mercury is in the sign ahead of the Sun.]

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius:

Mercury is the open door. It guards a person's conscious thoughts. It is our sense reactions. When the doorway is in a Water sign, the Fire ego has to come through this Water sheath. If this Sagittarian Sun has enough drive, enough enthusiasm for a given ego satisfaction, it will come through this Scorpio doorway with much more depth, much more fixed determination. This combination forces the Sagittarian into a more singular determined direction. The Mercury in Scorpio mind will limit Sagittarian excesses, forcing a more stable pattern, and will give the tendency for the Sagittarius to get to the bottom of a pursuit.

The Sagittarian will still be variable, curious about all manner of things; but the Mercury in Scorpio will give it longer staying power on a given interest and be more inclined to penetrate into the full meaning of things. This is a Mercury that may not be as expressive as other Mercury positions. however, they will be very expressive when they make a full evaluation, and not until then. In other words, they eliminate all that they believe to be unnecessary in communication. They may not have as much obvious outward charm, but they have a kind of magnetism that is hard to resist. This Sagittarian shows how they feel or what they think by facial expressions, mannerisms and an enthusiastic sparkle to their eyes. The ego trend of the Sun needs the Mercury sign to express. When a Fire

sign comes through a Water Mercury, not all the enthusiasm and excitement will show. [When the opposite takes place, a Fire Mercury and a Water ego, much more enthusiasm than is actually the case may show.]

Mercury in Scorpio can easily recognize a phony, but the average Scorpio doesn't always understand why he / she thinks something or someone is phony. When this Scorpio is coupled with the Sagittarian Sun, it gives easy understanding, with the ability to explain why this or that is phony. Others would be very honest with this type of Sagittarian, for honesty and the direct approach are the best. If you want someone who can easily spot phony insurance claims or any other fraudulent financial schemes, these are the people to do it. If you are dealing with these people, and you think you can get by with something or that you are more shrewd than they are, think again, for in the end these people will expose you and run rings around you.

Scorpio is known for certain secretive qualities; and Sagittarius is known for being outspoken and exceptionally honest. The coupling of these two signs indicates people who will know when to speak and when not to speak. Sagittarius all by itself does not know when and when not to speak; they just blurt it out. However, with this influence to the Scorpio mind it makes all the difference. These people also have the talent of hypnotizing you into something they want you to do against your total acceptance. Those who would do this are the more unevolved Sun Sagittarius / Mercury Scorpio.

The Sagittarian egos will have an abundance of knowledge at their disposal, but the Scorpio Mercury will not express it all. The other person will always get the idea that these Sagittarians know more than they are saying. The secret ace in the hole for them is their sense of timing. Be patient; just wait, and in the end you will hear from these Sagittarians, perhaps not what you want to hear, but the truth. This is the arrow that goes straight to the target and right through it.

Mercury ♀ in 7th House

(Freda Edis)

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

Contracts, commitments: Commitments are formed only after exhaustive analysis. You look at every possibility, examining the relationship from every angle before making a

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

You are a fascinating conversationalist; and people are generally attentive when you speak. Your sparkling presentation arouses interest in the subject at hand. You also

listen willingly to people with problems, and are equally attentive to their ideas. They appreciate your efforts to help them derive lasting benefits from their ideas. You can usually count on them to help you gladly when you need help, for they remember how instrumental you were in helping them plan their future goals.

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

Mercury in the 7th shops around for a partner who is intellectually stimulating. Of course, they may find so many people who are interesting in different ways that it is difficult to settle on just one. Then again, there may be no-one ever interesting enough. Nor is

Mercury in the 7th immune to the pitfalls of projection: some may try to import another person to do their thinking, talking and decision-making for them. Or they may attract someone who is non-committal, unreliable, or tricky to pin down. As hurtful as this might be, there is the secondary gain of having escaped being pinned down themselves.

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

Venus ♀ in ♎ Libra 27° 8'

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Libra is all about balance; and the Venus in Libra person may have to struggle to find the right balance between a desire to be too accommodating to others and a conscious effort to counteract this by being over-assertive. This can make these people surprisingly awkward and self-conscious at times.

Generally polite and charming but rather cool, Venus in Libra people are usually socially skilled, although they may be so locked into being nice that it is hard to get to know them. They tend to feel very uncomfortable with people they don't like; and there is a tendency to overcompensate for the guilt of not liking them by being especially friendly towards them. This can often lead to misunderstandings and difficult situations which cause them even more discomfort. They cannot bear to say anything unpleasant to anyone, so they often go along with situations rather than being honest.

There is a great need for peace and harmony in relationships, and a dislike of crudeness and aggression. Those with Venus in Libra will feel unloved if people are not pleasant to them and considerate of their needs. Libra is attracted to people who have a certain refinement and grace and a rather quiet good taste - they dislike anything outrageous.

As a lover, the Venus in Libra person is considerate and fair, with a strong concern for the etiquette and conventions of relationships. However, these people can at times be over-solicitous, trying too hard to please, which can be irritating to their partners and make their relationships rather hollow and lacking in substance. However, they are gently romantic and genuinely caring lover who are very attentive and really enjoy pleasing their partners.

With Venus in Libra, there is a very deep need for someone to share life with, and it is

sharing everything with that special other that brings them happiness.

(Skye Alexander)

You enjoy art and beauty in all their myriad forms, and want to fill your life with lovely things. Creative and sensitive to color, harmony and balance, you probably have artistic ability. Whether or not you are an artist yourself, you have an innate sense of aesthetics and are able to appreciate fine art, music, theatre, literature, etc.; and you might be a collector or patron of the arts.

Relationships of all kinds are central in your life. Friendly, gracious and good-natured, you have many friends and acquaintances, and love to socialize. Your manners are impeccable, and you are known for your diplomacy and tact. Able to get along with just about anyone, you are the perfect guest at social gatherings, the ideal co-worker, and a good friend to all.

You don't like being alone, and function best - personally and professionally - in partnerships. It is especially important to you to be involved in a love relationship at all times. For you, love make the world go 'round, and you aren't complete without a lover. However, you don't usually pursue a prospective partner actively; your way is to make yourself attractive, then sit back and wait for him / her to come to you. Your idea of love is moonlit nights, soft music, wine and roses, where everyone lives happily ever after. There's nothing sordid or tempestuous in your romantic fantasies.

Because love is vital to your happiness, you tend to place more emphasis on the relationship and your partner than on yourself. You are always ready to compromise to maintain the partnership, and to put your loved one's wellbeing in front of your own. Perhaps you don't even know what you really want, since your happiness is dependent upon your partner's; if she / he is satisfied, then so are you. You eagerly adopt your lover's interests, friends, beliefs, lifestyle, etc., and can be something of a chameleon.

You want everything about your relationships to be nice all the time, and can't stand arguments or anger. The consummate peacemaker, your motto might be 'don't make waves'. Thus, you rarely speak your mind or stand up for yourself in a relationship, for fear of causing friction or opposition. You'd rather go along to get along. Once involved in a relationship, you are faithful and loyal to your partner. Even if you aren't satisfied in the partnership, you are loathe to end it because you can't stand to make a scene or have anyone mad at you. You'd rather slip out through the back door when your mate isn't looking, or write a 'Dear John' letter, than confront the situation openly.

Women with this planetary position are extremely feminine in a conventional sense. You enjoy wearing beautiful clothing, cosmetics, perfume and jewellery; and your appearance is very important to you. You devote much time and energy to making yourself look your best, and you tend to be terribly vain. You might place so much

importance on your looks that you fail to develop other qualities, and are more devastated than other women when old age takes away your trump card. You also pride yourself on your pleasant disposition and refinement. Easily offended by coarseness, you equate femininity with grace, good manners and physical beauty. You can't bear to get your hands dirty, you dislike sports of all kinds (unless your Sun is in Sagittarius), and you wouldn't be caught dead without your mascara.

Men with Venus in Libra are attracted to traditionally beautiful women. Your female ideal is the 'perfect lady', delicate, sweet-tempered, refined, intelligent. She never changes diapers, pumps her own gasoline, perspires or swears. You are turned off by strongminded, independent women or those who are highly competitive - in business or private life. You are looking for a woman who will complement you, not one who is fully-formed in herself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Libra indicates a type of person to whom marriage and harmonious social relationships are of extreme importance. Venus, the planet ruling Libra, is powerful and well-placed here. Since Venus usually bestows well-proportioned features and general physical beauty, people with this position are attractive to the opposite sex and have many opportunities for marriage.

These people have an innate ability to understand the feelings of others. Enjoying companionship, they seek relationships in which a harmonious and close personal bond is possible. Along with their consideration for others, they have a desire to please, which results in their being well-liked. Their sense of justice and fair play in romance and social relations is well-developed. Because they dislike coarseness and uncouth behavior, they have high standards for social conduct and manners. They are romantic and affectionate; but as Libra is an intellectual sign they seek intellectual stimulation and companionship from close personal relationships; sensuality by itself will not suffice. In this respect Venus in Libra is different from Venus in Taurus, as it is not concerned with money per se; however, natives like to be surrounded by beauty, and thus usually require money. Unlike natives with Venus in Taurus, these people seek status more through their personal relationships than through possessions; but as a rule they are endowed with both, because they try to establish meaningful relationships with mature individuals who have acquired wealth. Moreover, they are able to make money by their pleasing manners and aptitude in dealing with the public, which can be applied to business.

The aesthetic perceptions are highly developed with Venus in Libra. The natives often have an aptitude for some form of art, especially music. Because Libra is an Air sign and sound waves travel through the medium of air, they generally have a good sense of hearing, which is the basis of their musical ability. Venus in Taurus, by contrast, is more likely to relate to painting, sculpture, and other tactile arts.

People with this Venus placement dislike disagreements and discord. If they are exposed to them too frequently, they become nervous, upset, and often ill. Consequently they avoid situations of conflict. If Venus is afflicted, they may go along with others merely to avoid argument and unpleasantness, thus appearing to lack integrity. An afflicted Venus in Libra can lead to superficial emotional and social values and produce a conformist attitude and a lack of well-defined personal values.

Women with this Venus position want to be cared for deeply; however, in public places, social propriety and a suave approach on the part of the men with whom they are seen are important to them. There is ability in giving public performances; and these natives take the limelight gracefully. Much public acclaim and popularity can accrue to those in the performing arts.

(Isabel Hickey)

In this sign, Venus is at home and at her best. Released from the earthly bondage she knows in Taurus, and because of the airy, intellectual quality of Libra, an Air sign, she is more refined, aesthetic, and artistic. Expresses on the mental and spiritual levels rather than the physical plane. Direct and clear emotions; the young-at-heart. Easily hurt but do not hold a grudge unless Venus is afflicted. Gives keen sense of color. Makes a good hostess, for Venus in Libra relates to others easily. Sincerity and yet impersonality too. Cannot function in a discordant atmosphere without the health being affected.

(Grant Lewi)

Your emotions are simple, direct, crystal clear. You are one of the young and pure in heart. The difficulties of life don't destroy your faith in the beauty of love; and since this is the sort of faith that vindicates itself, you are likely to find more genuine happiness in life than most. You are easily hurt, but you aren't touchy about it; you can't hold a grudge, or even condemn those who hurt you. You have a knack for thinking the best of people who repay you by thinking the best of you. The directness of your response to social relations; the genuineness of your affections, which you express with a combination of sincerity and impersonality - these endear you to many, making you a sought-after companion and guest, and a charming host or hostess. You can safely allow emotional experience to be the breath of your life, because when it is filtered through your clarifying responses it is a pure, sweet and exhilarating air.

(Donna van Toen)

Libra being the sign of balance as well as one of Venus's signs, you should be able to express either your masculine side or your feminine side easily, depending on what's being called for. You need marriage - or at the very least stable companionship - to be at your best. You also have a strong need for peace and harmony. Though you can 'make

do' with virtually anybody who's reasonably easy to get along with, in the long run you need someone who's doing something worthwhile with his / her life, someone whose experiences are worth sharing and meaningful in your eyes. This is because, with Saturn exalted in Libra, you can't love someone you don't also respect.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Libra is the second sign ruled by Venus, the influence of which is increased when placed in this sign. The attitude to love is romantic, affectionate and idealistic. The subject may even fall in love with love; but here is someone with such a strong need for a loving relationship that his or her potential may not be fully developed when he / she is alone. There is much kindness, sympathy and understanding, with time spent listening to the problems of others and lending moral support. Tact and diplomacy is usual, as is a great love of beauty and a comfortable (sometimes luxurious) lifestyle. Rich food eaten in congenial surroundings can make life worthwhile for someone with this placing. Negatively, there may be resentment, indecision and sybaritism (if laziness is shown elsewhere in the chart). Money will be spent openly and freely, but may be used to buy affection.

If the Sun sign is Leo, this Venus placing will tend to make the subject rather laid-back. Leonine generosity is increased; and there will be a tendency to put the loved one on a pedestal, increasing the possibility of hurt should the partner fail to measure up to the exacting standards required. The pleasures of the good life will be important and enjoyed; and creative flair may be shown in design or music. As a friend, he or she will make quite sure that every event is an occasion. A great deal of money must be earned, so that it can be spent!

If the Sun sign is Virgo, this Venus placing often helps the shy, not-so-self-confident Virgoan to relax and enjoy love relationships and other luxuries. It will also ease the harsher, more critical side of Virgo. There is often flair for creative handiwork such as woodcarving or dressmaking; and all such potential must be fully developed. Here is a helpful, sympathetic friend who will enjoy doing good turns for others. The subject will want to work hard for every penny earned; but will not be averse to enjoying the pleasures that extra money can bring.

If the Sun sign is Libra, the influence of Venus is very strong in this placing, adding all the qualities and negative traits mentioned in the general interpretation of Venus in Libra above. All the attributes of Libra will be considerably strengthened by this Venus placing, especially if the Sun and Venus are in conjunction. Money will be extravagantly spent.

If the Sun sign is Scorpio, this Venus placing adds a colorful, romantic side to the intense passion of Scorpio, increasing sympathy and understanding of partners, and encouraging the warm expression of feeling. The liking for comfort and luxury is enhanced; but the resentfulness of this placing can combine with Scorpio jealousy and

must be controlled. Here is a good friend, but one who can become suspicious. Generosity and financial flair will be present.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this Venus placing gives a sense of romance to the exuberant, enthusiastic Sagittarian, who will enjoy the relationship as much as the chase (which is not always the case for people with this Sun sign!) The power of Venus will help to quell Sagittarian restlessness and encourage a philosophical outlook. Financial security is of above-average importance, since creature comforts are sought more than is usual for most Sagittarians.

(Syndey Omarr)

In Libra, Venus tells of a native who is idealistic, whose emotions are direct, and who has a love of beauty - one who is sensitive and easily hurt, but who nevertheless continues to see the romance surrounding him. He usually gives others the benefit of any doubt - he seeks justice and truth, and responds to the finer instincts. He needs, at times, to be brought back down to earth and to face realities. He has a strong desire for peace, order and harmony; he yearns for knowledge, is philosophical, and is attracted to art and creative endeavors. This native is able to attract people to his special charity, cause or interest - and is fascinated by the law (man-made) and by the laws of nature. He can be highly spiritual, and thrives on affection.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a charming, though potentially superficial, lover. Love for you has to be evidently civil, beautiful and harmonious - a classical love that graces your life and the society you live in like a piece of music or a work of art. You draw this sense of love from deep levels of your soul, but paradoxically it can distance you from actually feeling love on a personal level, making it hard for you to utterly commit, and causing you to seduce with and be seduced by mere fancy.

You attract with a gentle, sophisticated and aesthetic charm that can make Other feel treated how he / she has always wanted to be treated; with a social style and contacts, and the improved life-style these promise or bring; and by being true to some definite standard of relating and social behaviour.

You repel with an inability to resist the temptation of using and enjoying your natural appeal through flirting, thus appearing insincere to Other; with a blind adherence to social etiquette and norms so as to mask emotional ineptitude; and with an intolerance of honest displays of emotion, such being seen as bad manners.

You are attracted to beauty, be it looks or personality; to an Other who is your equal, in terms of complementing you, rather than of social standing; and to harmony and tastefulness, be it in the living room, the kitchen or the bedroom.

You are repelled by Others who do not appeal to your refined sense of values and appearance; by an Other who lacks the social graces or at least refuses to learn any (from you?); by any kind of aesthetic, moral or cultural wasteland; and by coarseness.

When you are alone or dissatisfied, it is because no-one measures up to your impossible standards. More to the point, however pleasing and graceful these standards may be, they do not fulfil Other's emotional needs - or your own for that matter. It is equally possible that you have applied these high social and aesthetic standards to your own personality and found it wanting and unfit for relationship. The barrier you have to get through is a superficial idea of love and relating. This does not mean that you are shallow and incapable of loving, but that you use surface values like looks and behaviour as your criteria because you are not sure of your own inner worth and lovability. Libra, the Scales, can 'tip' things the other way and find you rejecting social and aesthetic values to some degree; but this would be you simply rebelling against them in an attempt to find your own emotional truth. But carried too far, this could find you more alone than ever. Truth is beauty.

(John Townley)

You may be attracted to somewhat unsettled relationships, which is natural with this position. A quiet, uneventful life is boring to you, for it is continual change and growth that keep you interested and creative in a love relationship.

You insist that you and your lover be equal, not in a static equilibrium, but rather in continuing readjustment that keeps both partners on an even basis. Reversing sex-typed roles from time to time can be very helpful by giving each of you a view from the other side. This tends to break down ingrained and often subconscious sex barriers that can get in the way of a creative, flowing relationship.

You particularly admire physical beauty in a lover; but do not let a person's appearance blind you to the beauty, or lack of it, in his or her soul. Let your judgement of beautiful form be more than skin-deep.

In the long run, you will be most satisfied with an all-round lover whose accomplishments and qualities are not just physical but extend in many directions. This partner's experience in love can be the foundation for a very broad-based love relationship. Thus, although youth and beauty may appeal to you most at first, you are more likely to be fulfilled by an experienced and mature partner your age or older.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you value harmony in social situations, regardless of the cost, you may withhold your opinions and sense of justice. You may gain a false sense of harmony with others when in effect you are constantly at the mercy of their approval.

When you withhold the Libra qualities for creating harmony and instead seek to appease others by telling them what you think they want to hear (according to their sense of fair play), your manipulations may inadvertently create chaos. Inevitably, such chaos leads to feelings of self-doubt and worthlessness.

In situations of conflict, if you fear that the solution you envision may not be followed or accepted, then you may withhold an honest sharing of yourself for the sake of harmony. This can lead to confusion and helplessness in your relationships.

Dynamic

When you are willing to risk losing your role of Mr. or Ms. Nice Person in social situations, you can choose to share the injustices that you feel as well as the fair solution that you see. In so doing, your courage can pave the way for a higher, fairer order to take place. By asserting integrity and openly sharing your insights, you can come to appreciate and value yourself in your relationships.

When you state your independent value system, your sense of balance and harmony is acknowledged. This can give you a feeling of self-worth. Declaring your innate perception of fair play to others (and risking the threat of possible disharmony in order to reach a greater harmony) results in experiencing inner satisfaction from sharing your fine Libra gifts of social organization.

By taking the initiative to create harmony that is in alignment with the integrity of your inner sense of justice and fair play, you can experience a firm, consistent sense of selfworth.

Venus ♀ in 6th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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

With Venus in the sixth house (which corresponds to the mutable Earth sign of Virgo), enormous value is placed on being of service and approaching work with a meticulous and analytical eye. Not particularly gifted with leadership abilities (the domain of the fifth sign / house), individuals with a well-aspected Venus in the sixth house bring to their personal and professional relationships a sense of loyalty, attention to detail, and a flair

for sustained productivity from which they garner self-validation. Due to the time and energy they expend working and / or volunteering their services, the classic description of Venus in the xith house - 'falling in love (Venus) with a co-worker (sixth house)' - is likely to apply.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Martin Schulman)

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

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

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

Many with this placement can find themselves excessively involved in doing favors for

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

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

Frivolity aside, Venus in the 6th people take pleasure in developing and fine-tuning their talents, skills and abilities. It's not good enough to just do a job; it must be done beautifully. I have done quite a few charts for people with Venus in the 6th who have careers in the field of health, beauty and fitness, and many others who put their artistic talent to practical use as designers and draughtsmen. One in particular was concerned with designing kitchen products which were both functional and beautiful. More generally, there is the desire for a harmonious work atmosphere and the capacity to bring good feelings into this area.

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

While Venus in the 6th enjoys the more mundane and everyday tasks of life, some may become obsessive about things. They are usually able to apply themselves to work involving precision and detail. The image of the beloved (Venus) might be projected onto servants, co-workers, milkmen, telephone repairmen, dental hygienists, and even pets. (I

did a chart for a woman with Venus in the 6th who took her poodle to the hairdresser every third Friday.)

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

Duty and service: Loving and healing are almost identical, which is to say the urge to create personal love is very similar to the urge to help others have more harmonious lives. So strong is this merging of 'love' and 'therapy' that you may focus all your romantic energy on damaged individuals. This pitfall could be given many names: Stray Dog Syndrome, Wounded Bird Theory, Florence Nightingale Effect. Whatever we choose to call it, you must be certain of two things: first, that your receptivity is not directed toward individuals who cannot return love in at least relatively healthy ways, and second, that you are not making your beloved sick in order to validate your healing powers. The challenge is to heal yourself through the conscious gift to others of grace, harmony, and pleasure. Remember: for love to flower, you need good seeds and good soil.

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

analyze them.

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

You continue to have a good relationship with your parents, who gave you the selfconfidence to make your own way without depending on their support. You were impressed by the domestic harmony you enjoyed while growing up, and hope to raise your own family in a similarly fine environment. You need to be appreciated by those you serve, including your partner, who may take you for granted. You will attract as a mate someone who has certain deficiencies for which you must compensate. As long as you are assured that your partner is grateful for your unselfish devotion, you are happy.

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

With your conciliatory manner and your desire for good relations with everyone, you give people the impression that they can take advantage of you. This is especially true with fellow workers, who may abuse you with excessive demands. But they can't do this

unless you allow it. While it is admirable to help others, you must think about your own future needs as well.

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

Mars in Capricorn 1° 59'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high practical energies, adequate physical and mental energies, and adequate-to-low emotional energies. Your energy is predominantly practical, attainment-oriented, and sustained. It is often channeled into planning, overcoming feelings of being unloved, and organizing. Your strengths include your tendencies to be respectful, ambitious and responsible. You lack friendliness, a sense of humor, and humility.

You probably started planning your career while still in your teens - or even before - because you have a tremendous amount of ambition. You like to be in charge, too. Although you have quite a bit of magnetism, you're not a particularly warm person, and can be quite aloof for a long time while you're seeing if others measure up to your standards. And when you are angry, your coldness is enough to freeze everything in your path. You're well-co-ordinated as a rule, and not averse to physical activity and hard work.

You have a strong - but often well-hidden - sex drive, and can be an excellent lover once you finally trust your partner and yourself. You tend to have very specific sexual wants, and sometimes aren't terribly comfortable with these. You're also very demanding of yourself in terms of putting your partner's satisfaction before your own. One of the lessons Mars in Capricorn men seem to be forced to learn at their parents' knees is how to be a good sport or a good loser. Carried into the sexual arena, this means they will generally yield quite politely and agreeably to a woman's demands. However, if this doesn't give satisfaction for them, they may start to be resentful, and, instead of speaking up (real men are ALWAYS satisfied if they satisfy the woman), they may start seeking out women they can use for sex and sex only, which usually only serves to compound the problem by making them feel guilty, and this in turn makes them try even harder to please their significant other at the expense of their own needs. Women with Mars in Capricorn tend to be logical about sex. They see it as a need that can be attained. They don't generally confuse sex with love, and they tend to be 'good shoppers'

who know their rights - all of which sounds terribly cold and unromantic; unromantic, maybe, but these women, once committed, tend to be both very warm and very wise.

You want advancement and recognition. You're inclined to make quite specific demands on your mate or lover, these demands having to do with the sort of support you need to advance in life and gain the recognition you want. But you're not all take and no give - you almost certainly demand a great deal of yourself when it comes to playing romantic roles. You tend to want the sort of love life described in novels, complete with the early phase of fireworks alternating with excruciatingly painful doubts, the eventual vows of eternal love, and a happy-ever-after ending. But this doesn't always happen; and even if it comes close, there'll undoubtedly be some humdrum or even turned-off periods. Expect these - and don't take them too hard; they happen to everybody. You'd do best with someone who has Venus in an Earth sign, Venus in the 10th house, or a Venus / Saturn conjunction. (Note: Contrary to popular belief, Venus conjunct Saturn doesn't automatically imply frigidity. In fact, I find it more often gives romantic intensity. While people with this aspect may be a bit slow to warm up, when they do there's generally plenty of romantic ardor!)

You're a hard worker having both integrity and perseverance. You're probably very ambitious and a good organizer too. So your ability to run or supervise a business is no doubt very good. Best career areas for you are: office work where there's scope for advancement, mining, government work, politics, mathematics, or osteopathy.

You're highly motivated to be successful in the career area. Social and recreational interests, therefore, tend to take a back seat to work. You might unconsciously say 'no' to lucky breaks if they come in these two areas, because if you've got work planned you're reluctant to reschedule it. You must remember that it is possible to mix work and pleasure successfully. Opportunities can be linked to friendships as well as to your work.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You have a tendency to alienate others by competitively pitting the Capricorn need for maintaining a social image against the well-being of others. When you regard social prestige as a means of self-justification, you can treat yourself and others as objects to be used in fulfilling your ambitions. In adopting austerity to achieve your aims, you may lose energy by cutting off your feelings and emotions.

Dynamic

You can assert leadership by sharing a sense of organization and social protocol. By encouraging others to accomplish their ambitions, you can relieve the tension brought on by the need to justify yourself. When you share the natural Capricorn ability for

organizational leadership, you can experience the more personal rewards of career accomplishment. Your energy can be increased by your establishing social prestige for an organization that is bigger than yourself.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Someone with Mars in Capricorn is likely to have an air of authority, and an innate dignity and bearing. These people give an impression of self-mastery, and conduct themselves with decorum. They may seem quietly distinguished. All the Earth signs exercise self-control, caution and reserve, but these traits are most in evidence in someone with Mars in Capricorn. This could be because their dignity is at stake, which is arguably something that matters a great deal to them. They may restrict their lives in order to maintain their dignity.

When initiating sexual relationships, someone with Mars in Capricorn will take considerable care not to make inappropriate moves. A rejection would be a loss of dignity. Yet these people will have a strong sex drive and strong needs for physical contact, so when sexually involved and certain of their partner they can be very bit as ardent as Mars in Taurus. People with Mars in Capricorn may be painstakingly slow in establishing contact, but once they have, they want the rewards for their efforts. They will take a sexual relationship seriously, and expect it to last.

Like Mars in Virgo, people with Mars in Capricorn can go through long periods when, if not in a relationship, they remain celibate. For Mars in Capricorn, these may be rather austere times, when they bury themselves in their work or productive activity and switch off their sexual needs. This is their way of surviving. When they do have a partner, they will let go of some of their control and have a powerful sensuality.

People with Mars in Capricorn will be ambitious, and might choose a sexual partner who helps them get on in life or who enhances their status in some way. They may choose someone who opens doors that might otherwise remain closed, or who has money. This is not as calculated as it sounds, for a Mars in Capricorn person may literally get turned on by money or authority. Alternatively, a Mars in Capricorn person may start up in business with his / her lover. The dividing line between business partnerships and sexual relationships can easily blur. This is in many ways an ideal placement for a working sexual relationship.

(Syke Alexander)

Ambitious, hard-working and determined, you channel much of your energy into your career, and have a tendency to become a workaholic. You believe in making it on your own, through your efforts. Able to focus and direct your energies productively, you don't waste effort, and therefore accomplish more than most people. You pursue your desires with cautious, steady, well-planned steps, and won't attempt something unless it seems

to be a sure thing. No flash-in-the-pan schemes for you. Patient and persevering, you are willing to wait for what you want. Not only do you want your achievements to last, but also you have a strong sense of responsibility and commitment to your company and / or community, and aren't likely to bail out if the going gets tough.

Quite probably, you have managerial ability and are good at organizing others and delegating responsibility. Your common sense and practicality could be advantageously applied in almost any area of business. However, your tendency to be overly cautious and sceptical can cause you to miss out on opportunities at times; and your fear of the unknown might lead you to look to the past for answers. Taking risks is difficult for you, and you have trouble breaking out of old habit patterns and traditions in order to try new ideas.

Somewhat pessimistic, you are inclined to look for trouble, often expecting the worst. Perhaps you lack self-confidence because you are all too aware of your limitations. Other people may see you as somber, withdrawn and rigid. Certainly you take your responsibilities seriously and are anything but frivolous; however, you may need to 'lighten up' a bit.

Although your natural vitality is not great, you have tremendous endurance and strength of will that enable you to overcome illnesses. As a child, you might have been rather sickly or limited in some way, but your energy and health usually improve as you mature. Your self-reliance, stubbornness and tendency to dig in your heels in the face of adversity could result in a long, independent life.

Your sex drive is strong, and you have plenty of appreciation of all physical and sensual pleasures. However, you probably conceal your desires behind a carefully controlled and dignified exterior. In public you appear cool, refined, even uptight, but in private you are not shy about expressing your lustfulness. Perhaps you might attempt to repress your powerful sexuality since it is important to you always to be in control of yourself, and you wouldn't want your libido to get out of hand. You might even be a bit insecure about your sexual ability; and men in particular may suffer from performance anxiety or fear they are not desirable. However, you are likely to retain your sexual appetite until late in life and amaze younger partners with your vitality.

Men with Mars in Capricorn might have had difficulty being children. You couldn't wait to grow up, and always seemed more mature and serious than other boys. Not until you were nearly forty did you start to become comfortable with yourself. You pride yourself on your common sense, practicality and stability, and look askance at men who behave like overgrown adolescents or shirk their responsibilities. To you, a 'real man' is one who heads a prosperous company and is a respected member of his community.

Women with this planetary combination often seek a substitute father in their partners. You want a man who is the strong, silent type, who takes charge of problems and

manages them efficiently. Serious, mature, dependable and dignified men appeal to you most, and you are put off by boisterous, childish or carefree types who show no signs of achieving material success. Your ideal man is tall, dark and handsome, a protector and provider on whom you can lean and who will always take care of you.

Mars in 9th House

(Donna van Toen)

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

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

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

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

people, customs, and philosophy. Doing one or all of these things may be instrumental in working out your karma.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

People with Mars in the ninth need a tremendous amount of space and freedom, and will

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

The search for truth: Getting to the truth is no problem. If there's a wall, you knock it down. Never one for subtlety, you ignore the convolutions, exceptions, and paradoxes, searching for basic truth. You like seeing the mind in simple terms of truth and lies. This is fine as long as the situation is clear-cut. But human interaction does not always reflect such stereotypes, and you need to understand that your truth may indeed coexist with that of others. So before you batter your opponents into the ground, a serious pitfall, remember to ask yourself if there is a larger truth than you knew. Look before you leap,

and don't shoot before you see the whites of their eyes - they may be friends rather than foes. The real challenge is to eradicate the hidden darkness within yourself. Fight for truth, but remember that warfare is not a philosophy, only an extreme means of establishing peace. Truth is a sword and a shield.

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

It wasn't easy to gain the independence to do what you wanted. Family

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

There is often a strong urge to travel; and sometimes they may just 'pick up and go' at the spur of the moment. A woman with Mars in this house might develop a powerful attraction to a foreign man, or someone who offers to broaden her horizons in some way. In like manner, there may be a passion for one particular culture. Mars in the 9th

will also influence the sphere of higher education. Expansive knowledge on one or two subjects gives them a sense of power and authority. The Mars may be projected onto an institution of higher learning or one particular professor with whom they do battle.

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Mars in 9th or 10th House

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

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

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

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

clearly the rights of others.

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

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

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

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Jupiter ♃ in ♍ Virgo 27° 12'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you fear never being 'perfect enough' to serve, you may postpone and thus lose the opportunity to serve others. This can result in a general lack of self-trust in your abilities.

Using analytical talents to find fault with your service may leave you lacking confidence and afraid to contribute. Withholding actual assistance and instead substituting righteous beliefs about service may submerge you in unnecessary behavioral details. An exaggerated self-critical attitude can lead to feelings of insufficiency, necessitating constant preparation that is never complete enough to contribute.

Dynamic

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

(Marilyn Waram)

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

If she remains caught in the pull, she may vacillate back and forth between precision and carelessness, often doing each at exactly the wrong time. It can be a frustrating combination, because the cavalier attitude represented by Jupiter may undermine all the careful attention to detail symbolized by Virgo. The Jupiter side will live frustrated and feel impatient, tied down, and held back, while the Virgo side will live dismayed and distressed that all those important details have been overlooked yet again, and the mistakes seem legion. Her ability to discriminate between what should be treated with care and what does not need much attention often seems to be entirely backward, and she can treat an inconsequential matter with intense caution and meticulousness. She can also feel very critical of her periodic tendency to break free and overlook minutiae. She may judge these lapses of attention as laziness or a deficient part of her character, and be very harsh with herself over them.

She may also find herself in a chronic battle with enthusiasm - taking on more than she

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

Through helping others, you expand your knowledge and awareness of yourself and the world in which you live. You achieve personal growth by providing others with some sort of service, and you might excel in fields such as medicine, nutrition and animal welfare, or through assisting the underprivileged or the handicapped. Menial work that others may find unpleasant offers you a sense of satisfaction, and you enjoy knowing that what you do benefits humanity. Perhaps you will even achieve recognition for your efforts, even though fame and fortune are not what you seek.

When exaggerated, however, your concern for the health and well-being of all turns into excessive worrying, even paranoia. You spend a good deal of time and energy fretting over your diet and trying to defend yourself against germs. Perhaps you are a fanatic

about cleanliness, immunization or health foods; and the 'god' you worship might be medicine.

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

If Jupiter is well-aspected in this sign, honesty and integrity characterize work and business, making for congenial relationships with co-workers, employers, and

employees. These people usually enjoy pleasant working conditions, and are appreciated and well paid for the services they perform.

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

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

Considerable literary skill often accompanies this placing. Here is the patience and dedication of a meticulous writer with the intelligence to develop the technique necessary if he is to put down on paper precisely and directly just what is in his mind. This placing also contributes technical and scientific ability, along with tremendous practical flair for working with machinery. Healthy scepticism and critical acumen are also present.

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Stephen Arroyo)

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

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

There is usually a technical attunement, if not intellectual; and craftsmanship is usually evident in whatever field they pursue, sometimes with a remarkable attention to minute detail. Self-confidence is rarely excessive (unless perhaps the person's Jupiter is

conjunct the Sun in Virgo), and these people gain self-esteem over time through their work and practical accomplishment. Self-improvement is a lifelong mission for those with Jupiter in Virgo.

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

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

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

(Syndey Omarr)

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

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

When you are alone, it is most likely to be because you really need or actually want to be. Virgo is the sign of the Hermit; so, with the planet of growth here, it is during times of being on your own that you can get to do what you want or have to do. Everyday or incidental patches of being alone with yourself for relatively short periods of time should be cherished and made good use of. Actually being alone, in the sense of being without a mate or companion, could mean that you are being forced to get down to that project or task you have been putting off. or possibly to consider in solitude the meaning for your existence, especially in terms of the work you do or are supposed to be doing, and what kind of relationship you would wish to be in. Fate is utterly intelligent; it does not leave you all on your own just for the hell of it. A darker reason for your being alone, which we have to consider, is that you are simply a misanthrope, that you dislike people generally.

If so, you are alone to see the error of your ways - for you too are a person, one of the people.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

On the other hand, you can be very helpful to others, and you feel best when you have something important to do. You respect work, even if you do not enjoy it; and when you neglect to do something you are supposed to you feel guilty. In fact, you often tend to feel guilty about indulging yourself. You have to justify your activities by knowing that they are important on a larger scale, apart from yourself. You cannot justify doing something simply because you want to. But this may lead you to become very good at rationalizing, believing that some activity is socially useful, when you are really doing it only because you want to. It is better to recognize that you do want it yourself and not

blame your actions on some 'higher purpose'.

Jupiter ♃ in 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 ♍ Virgo 29° 17'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might try to fit spontaneous expression into structures that block it, fearing imperfection in expression yourself or in your ability to be of service. This form of perfectionism leads to the painful self-imposed restriction of failing to live up to your own standards.

Your power to perform may be undermined by feeling the painful, abrasive Virgo selfcriticism, and might result in health or work imbalances. Feeling unable to use your strong sense of duty can lead to withdrawal from participation on almost every level of life.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility to manifest your talents for creating order in the world. By acknowledging yourself as the creator of any debilitating, Virgoan thoughts used against yourself or others, you can cease to take yourself so seriously. This gives you more security in actualizing yourself in ways that serve other people. You can then offer your precise analytical talents to give aid to the community; by seeing its imperfections, you can use your power of discrimination to bring about order where there is chaos.

When you are able to see yourself as the servant of life, a form of nonjudgemental perfectionism can enter into your affairs. Then you can offer in a balanced, sharing, spontaneous way your vision of helping others. You experience the confidence to be of practical service to other people by creating appropriate outlets for your strong sense of duty.

General

You are learning to be responsible for an effective integration between your body and mind. When any aspect within becomes too extreme or out of balance, the result is a breakdown in the areas of health or work. You are learning to allow health to be a barometer of the degree of balance in your life. In this incarnation, you want to work on yourself, to perfect yourself, so that you can manifest your spirituality and visionary ideals in a practical, tangible way.

Your ego has been attached to a sense of perfection about how you do your job and carry through your duties. You want to relinquish a sense of superiority about being perfect, above the rest of society, and allow your vision to manifest in a flowing way through your work. You are learning to release the tension of preplanning and to focus on the abstract vision you want to manifest. By handling the details of your life

spontaneously as they arise, you do your part and fulfill your role as a disciple of life.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Virgo is a natural trine which usually indicates competence in handling the physical world. One possible danger is an excessive focus on one's work which can leave other parts of life short-changed. But major conflict aspects to Saturn may show problems in either the career or personal health. Virgo points to our capacity to function effectively in both areas. Health problems can be caused by frustrations in a job which fails to satisfy the ambition of Saturn to reach the top and to be in control of the work, or simply to feel a sense of real accomplishment in it. If we are frustrated enough, the subconscious can produce an accident or illness which lets us leave the job without feeling guilty. Illness is a painful way to get out of a job. If we really can't find more satisfying work, we need to find something good about the job and look to a hobby or avocation to fulfill the need to do something worth doing and to do it well.

Sometimes the Saturn lesson can involve learning to be realistic about the needs of a physical body for proper nutrition, exercise, rest, etc.. Painful consequences resulting from lack of 'common sense' do get our attention. If the chart is 'weak' in Earth, the individual may be learning to work, to develop discipline and willingly deal with the dull details of an ordinary job. Saturn careers can be in any field where details and organization are important and which produce tangible results.

With Saturn in Virgo, the father may be a worlaholic and rarely home for the failly. He may be very critical or he may just be very competent, or he might be struggling to find satisfaction in his work. He might be very interested in health matters such as nutrition, or he might have personal health problems. As always, the horoscope shows the life issues, but the details can range from one extreme to the other.

(Syke Alexander)

You are likely to experience difficulties in connection with work and service to others; but it is here, too, that you will elarn your most important life lessons. Your tests in life may be related to your attitudes about providing service to others, what and who you serve, and how you treat those who serve you. Perhaps it will be necessary for you to learn humility, or to work to imprpove conditions for those who are less fortunate than you by helping them to help themselves. In serving others, you may be required to make some sort of personal sacrifice. You might have to give up opportunities for wealth, status and power, or be obliged to work hard and perform unglamorous tasks thanklessly. However, great personal growth can result from your modesty and compassion.

The workplace itself might be a testing ground for you, and you may have to work long and hard without needing much help from others. Whatever you accomplish will be through your own efforts, rather than because you know the right people or got a lucky

break. Neatness and organization are extremely important to you; the expression 'a place for everything and everything in its place' certainly applies to you. At your best, you make things run smoothly by taking care of all the details; at worst, you can become so rigidly attached to order and routines that the ritual means more than the result. Conscientious, hard-working and perfection-oriented, you are willing to work at low-paying, low-prestige jobs so long as you feel that what you are doing is worthwhile. However, you often have trouble standing up for yourself at work and might sell yourself short, allowing employees or more ambitious people to take advantage of you. Unless other factors in your birthchart offset this inclination, you may lack ambition and assertiveness, and prefer to stay in the background assisting others and letting them take the credit.

Highly critical of yourself, you might lack a sense of self-worth, and probably undervalue your abilities. You feel inadequate and are afraid of being incompetent at your job; therefore, you can be rather sensitive and defensive about work-related issues. You believe you must be perfect; and your perfectionism can result in ulcers, digestive problems, skin irritations and other stress-related illnesses.

One of the tests associated with this Saturn placement is understanding the connection between mind and body - how each affects the other - and learning to integrate their functions. You probably have an interest in nutrition, medicine and other issues that involve health. You might even work in one of the health-related fields. In this way, you can combine your concern for people in need, your desire to serve in some practical way, and your fascination with the body and how it function. Whether or not you pursue healing professionally, you probably are fond of 'doctoring' yourself and your family members. You might be an avid vitamin and / or pill popper, a fussy eater or constant dieter, and perhaps are a bit neurotic about germs.

Your overly-critical nature can cause you to focus more on what's wrong than what's right. You are inclined toward negativity, irritability and excessive complaining; and one of your tests in life might be to learn to see things in perspective, be less pessimistic, and 'lighten up'.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Virgo indicates people who are practical, exacting, and hardworking. They are concerned with detail, accuracy, precision, and efficiency, especially in work.

If Saturn is afflicted in Virgo, perfectionism may be manifested in relations with coworkers, employers, and employees. Since these natives are punctilious about rules and regulations, it is difficult for others to overwork, while ignoring major issues through their excessive concern for detail.

They often work in such fields as medicine, health research, and science, or in

recordkeeping activities - bookkeeping or library work. They exercise patience and precision in scientific experimentation and analysis of experimental results.

This position often makes people austere, gloomy, and depressed because of the excessive weight of work and detailed responsibility. They need to take a break once in a while, and to develop a sense of humor. Worry and overwork can lead them to ill-health; and they can have problems with nervousness and digestion.

(Grant Lewi)

This position in its best form finds justification in work or service, is a bear for detail, and a tough drillmaster but no executive. You're a stickler for rules and methods, and can fail to see the forest for the trees. This is a narrowing position and should not be taken as the hub of the life, though your tendency is to feel pretty well pleased with yourself if you are doing efficiently and accurately what is expected of you. You will work overtime to do what you have to do thoroughly, or to do added work that is in the direct line of duty. But you probably won't work overtime on something that could broaden your scope unless some other indication in the chart is very impelling and very broad in effect. In its worst form, you complain about work, and may refuse to work at all; this occurs if your whole personality is shown to be passive or resentful, when Saturn in Virgo seems to make all the burdens of the world land on your shoulder for you to complain about. To do what's expected of you carefully and gracefully, without allowing duty and detail to limit your viewpoint, is the way to justify yourself without hampering progress.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Virgo, Saturn indicates the native is discreet, perhaps overcautious, and tends to blame a lack of vitality for his difficulties. Even if he is in perfect health, he is apt to 'invent' illnesses and discomfort if all doesn't go according to plan. Thus, he may have some disorder (stutter, bodily twitch, etc.) which could be aided by self-understanding and psychiatric and psychological means including hypnosis. The native is intelligent and able to see his own quirks - with encouragement from an astrologer, he may be capable of doing something to overcome them.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Adherence to routine and practical activity are present with this placing. A sense of duty is common; and the individual will not shirk from this, since it is natural for most of those with this Saturn sign to work hard and methodically. As is the case with most Virgoan emphases, there is careful attention to detail; and, because Saturn encourages caution, an element of patience, with the individual not being fond of short cuts. There is also considerable prudence and modesty.

The self-confidence is usually undermined and, especially in young people, causes

shyness. Even in an otherwise exuberant and positive chart, the individual with this placing can lapse into shyness from time to time. If he or she can realize that this placing provides an anchorage, its more inhibitive elements can be countered and the practical caution it endows will be used in positive ways.

If the individual holds a position of authority over others, you may have to warn him that being too strict and demanding could alienate employees. Adherence to discipline, a powerful critical sense and a liking for perfection will set in him high standards, and he will expect the same from others. Excellent! - but unless he is kind and sensitive, with a good sense of humor, he may seem distant, cool, rather sarcastic and sometimes prone to carping. All of which is, indeed, a way to describe the inner authoritative voice, which may criticize the self at every opportunity, thereby eroding self-confidence. If this is so, you could ask the subject whether his parents were very critical of him when he was little. He should also realize that obsessive tendencies may build up, especially in times of stress, but that such habits must be broken if possible.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a helpful rock, though may potentially suffer a critical block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to be discriminating - but without becoming neurotically perfectionistic; the time taken / allowed to implement necessary improvements - thus avoiding depression / ill-health; and the building of relationships that are mutually helpful - yet do not degenerate into constant carping.

You can get stuck with relationships where you find yourself in a subordinate position, or at least one where you have less control than you'd like; with relationships that become so oppressive that you have to hide yourself away somewhere, possibly into (over)work; and with Others who deny you what you want.

You are learning to be of service to Other, purely because there is something that needs to be done and which only you can do so well; to make a time and a place for yourself that does not simply become a retreat from looking at your emotional shortcomings; and to enjoy yourself (physically) without guilt.

You commit to an Other who has a definite sense of purity but is also quite sensual, touching the border between 'right' and 'wrong'; to an Other who respects your work and your physical space; and to a relationship where you know exactly what is and what is not expected of you, and Other knows the same of him / her.

You are or should be wary of Others who are morally offensive to you, be they too tight or too loose - but then again you may be there to teach them; of Others who attempt to take over your life; and of vague, messy or hoping-against-hope types of relationship - that is, unless you are prepared to make it work at any cost.

When you are alone, it is because you are more or less allergic to being in close proximity to anyone for that long. But what lies behind this seemingly impossible dilemma is the fact that there is something about you that just has to be left untouched. The trouble is that you are not usually aware of this until an Other starts to invade that space in some way. You then experience this as total invasion, and you are driven to totally retreat - or, by way or projection, Other becomes unavailable - that is, Other retreats because you don't. Then when such retreat becomes unbearable, you indiscriminately throw yourself back into the emotional fray, only to eventually retreat again, ad nauseam. So now that you are alone again, ascertain exactly that part of you that you wish to keep to yourself and why, rather than finding out the usual, hard way. You will find that this 'virgin territory' of yours is a part that is in need of healing, so see to it. Metaphorically, this is like a boil that gets periodically bashed and more and more sore while you're dancing with someone. So lance it.

(John Townley)

The details of a relationship often seem unduly important to you. Therefore you will be happiest with a lover who bestows affection on you in the areas where you appreciate it most. Although you need this kind of attention, do not make too many demands of your partner or condemn him or her when all your expectations are not fulfilled.

You probably have the ability to make sure that every aspect of a relationship is carried out perfectly. You never miss an opportunity to please yourself and your partner. This is an admirable trait, but it could eventually drive you and your lover crazy. Too much attention to detail can obscure the overall direction of the relationship.

You enjoy sexual variety, particularly if suggested by your lover so that you don't have to provide all the inspiration in that area. However, you want to retain control over the sexual direction of your relationship so that you are not thrust suddenly into an unexpected scenario.

At times you will be jealous of your lover, particularly concerning physical loyalty. You are, however, better off with a partner who wanders occasionally than with one who is not loyal where it counts - in the heart.

(Robert Hand)

This placement is strong only if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition to your Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. You will quickly develop a fondness for everything that is clear, precise, practical and definite. You demand orderliness, which you should be surrounded by if you are to develop properly. At the same time, you should not be encouraged to think that order is the only worthwhile aspect of life. Like everyone else, you must learn more human values, for otherwise you could be quite unfeeling toward other people's weaknesses.

You should be given opportunities to perform useful tasks and do good work. You have great respect for such activity, and later in life your self-esteem will come from knowing that you are a very useful person who can perform functions that others can't or won't. In this, you are a very practical person. You do not like spending your energies unless you know exactly how the effort will pay off in practical results. But you should try to avoid a totally practical outlook on life, because ideals are important, too.

Very early in life, you will develop a strong critical sense, but you must be careful not to turn it against yourself. Persons with a strong Virgo are likely to be very self-deprecating; and with Saturn in Virgo you are particularly likely to condemn yourself for mediocre work or performance. Probably your standards are very high, which is fine; but also let yourself and others fail now and then without condemnation.

Saturn ♄ in 5th House

(Liz Greene)

Under the general umbrella of the fifth house are usually included pleasures and amusements, love affairs, children, creativity and self-expression, and speculation and investments. This is a rather large mouthful for one mundane house. As this house is the reflection of the Sun, the symbol for the conscious ego, it might be easier to approach it as the expression of the individual's 'selfness', those areas where he can be uniquely and wholly himself, where he can permeate his feelings, desires, ideas, and activities with his own essence, and where he is completely unimpeded and uncoloured by the necessity for compromise. This is the house of the individual identity; and through the affairs of the fifth house one begins to apprehend, through creative self-expression, the meaning of his own identity. Leo and the fifth house have a great deal to do with the recognition of the self both by others and by the individual himself. We interpret it also as the house of love, but it might more aptly be called the house of romance because this also is an area where the individual may express - or project - his own identity without interference; and through the experience of love of this kind he may get a glimpse of his own inner centre. Love in all its meanings is perhaps as much an archetype as is the archetype of the Self; and neither one is discernible on the birth chart; only the ways in which they are likely to be approached and expressed are evident, and they are both connected with the fifth house.

This house, like the first and the ninth, is also connected with the faculty of the intuition and with the individual's intuitive perception of the purpose and completeness of his total psyche. Expressing through the first, the individual intuitively perceives his purpose through his interaction with the environment; expressing through the fifth, he intuitively perceives his wholeness through reflecting upon himself as he appears in his own creations. This kind of reflection can

lead, in the end, to the experience of the 'I' as a complete and unique idea; but this experience is not approached through the intellect. Otherwise it becomes a meaningless set of concepts which only serve to throw up more barriers between the individual and his experience of himself. Through an act of creative expression, he may intuitively catch himself being himself; and the importance of this psychological experience should not be underestimated. It is one of the motives behind creativity.

It is usual to find the Leonian personality described as egotistical and self-centred. But it might be more correct to say that rather than being self-centred, he is seeking the self at the centre, and in consequence everything that he does is of dramatic importance to him because somewhere in all of it he sense the possibility of the direct encounter, the direct experience. rather than criticising him for his tendency to exaggerate his own importance, it is perhaps more helpful to realise that no individual can be of any value to himself or to others until he first discovers who and what that self is. Through the fifth house, the individual begins to glimpse himself through those expressions which contain within them a piece of his own unique identity. This is not necessarily limited to creativity in the artistic sense, although this is perhaps a more direct form of self-expression. Every individual has some area of life where he is seeking to understand his own significance through completely unimpeded self-expression, whether this is an artistic field, an intellectual one, an emotional one, or the creation of a living child.

From this, it may be inferred that the conventional attitude toward the bearing of children is empty in need of some further reflection. Often the first half of the creative process is accomplished - the child is born - but the second half, the half in which the education and self-recognition of the creator begins - is frequently neglected because this act requires humility of a kind which is usually absent from the parent-child relationship. Children are, in our society, very much a means of living out vicariously those qualities and expressions which are unconscious or have not been permitted to unfold in the life of the parent. Rather than helping to provide a means of self-realisation, they are seen as empty vessels which can be moulded, shaped, and filled with any content we choose. An act of creativity can always lead to greater self-awareness when we consider who it is that is doing the creating; but it always involves a gamble because of the possibility of pride distorting the perception. In any painting or piece of music, there is a fragment of the consciousness of the creator; and in the end it is for the greater consciousness of his psyche that he creates, not for his audience, although his audiences may be a part of the alchemical transformation by which he achieves divinity. This may seem abstruse, but we are fond of tossing about concepts such as God's love for his children and the artist's quest for immortality without having the vaguest idea what we are talking about. It is worth some meditation upon the idea of the creative act, and its psychic significance, in order to get fuller understanding of the meaning of Saturn in the fifth house.

When Saturn is in the fifth house, there is a temporary barrier between the person and his self-realisation, composed primarily of those shadowy attributes which he will not permit into consciousness. The creative flow is often blocked; or, if it is not blocked, then

the experience of self-realisation which is the natural result may be blocked. The perfect circle of outpouring and inner transformation is interrupted, and the man often pours his energy out and thinks that he receives nothing back because his own sense of inadequacy prevents him from realising that it has nothing to do with the audience. This applies not only to creative expression but to romantic love as well. Usually the person with a fifth house saturn cannot easily find himself among his creations because he has had a minimum of recognition from anyone else. This is the classic indication of the unloved child, the child who may be ignored or treated as merely an extension of his parents, where his own identity and significance has somehow been swallowed up in the trappings of what passes for parent-child love. Children with Saturn in the fifth house are often loved in the sense that their parents love the idea of the child, but they are rarely loved for the unique quality of 'selfness' which is at the base of the individuality. later in life, because these children have never experienced the recognition of self by anybody else, they are hard-pressed to recognise it themselves and often find it difficult to make contact with their own inner significance. The child with Saturn in the fifth house must often pay the later price of intense feelings of inadequacy and insignificance no matter how many gifts or abilities he may possess.

This placement of Saturn often concurs with a reluctance or inability to have children; or the children may bring burdens, responsibilities, or pain. This is the traditional interpretation of a fifth house Saturn. He may deny himself love in the sense that, not loving himself or being able to understand his own value, he is afraid that no-one else will find him lovable either. Caught in his own feelings of inferiority, he may be jealous and resentful of others, ensuring the fact of his rejection by them. There is often a stiffness and lack of spontaneity about Saturn in the fifth house; one has the feeling that the individual is always watching himself watching himself and is rarely able to relax. He strains and pushes in the hope, unconsciously, of getting some glimpse of what he truly is mirrored in the loving eyes of others; but he generally consistently fails when he attempts it in this way. Because he pushes so hard, he often alienates those who otherwise might have helped him. His disappointments may come through many channels; but behind the heartbreak which is often associated with this position lies the individual's inability to love himself, to recognise his own significance, and to find an inner centre which can give his life stability and meaning.

Saturn in the fifth house has a reputation for being cold and heartless; but this kind of face is characteristic of Saturn and should not be taken literally. The heart of stone is apparent in many people who are concerned with protecting their own vulnerability with a veneer of callousness. Usually behind this veneer is a small child who cannot understand his own importance. There is often an intense selfishness exhibited by Saturn in the fifth house, and a desperate need to feel important, admired, envied, and popular. Envy is most typical of this position, for the individual who cannot find his own centre is often deeply resentful of what he thinks are the meaningful lives of others. To the individual with a fifth house Saturn, everyone else's grass often seems greener. Usually he is most envious of those who seem to attract love, friendship, and affection

without having to make the strenuous effort at skill, superiority, and dazzle which is typical of the fifth house Saturn. No-one seeks popularity as assiduously as he does, whether this is conscious or not; and no-one is so crushed and heartbroken when he is not accepted. Saturn is awkward in the Sun's sign; and the challenge offered to the person with this placement is a difficult one, for he needs to find his inner centre and identify with that rather than the trappings with which he usually surrounds himself. Without these trappings, the person usually feels naked and vulnerable. The opportunity offered, however, is an important one, for if he succeeds in finding this centre and manages to shift the focus of his personality from the ego to this more meaningful self, he can begin to recapture the naive joy which is apparent only in a child, the joy which comes from an innate trust in life and in the existence of love in the universe. Having once found the secret of his own identity, he can never lose it again; and that natural integrity and brightness which is one of the most endearing of Leonian qualities becomes his permanent expression. He is no longer dependent on whether others recognise him or not, for he has at last recognised himself. This experience of contacting the self always seems to evoke the same response in those people who have experienced it: they seem to recapture some of the spontaneous joy, vitality, and innate honesty of the heroes of folklore and fairytale, regardless of the inhibiting qualities of their outer lives. This joy is not unconscious, however, for the process is a conscious one and is not a regression. Somehow the duality of conscious sophistication, or fine discrimination, and unconscious integrity, or the sense of trust, is fused within the personality. This is a great challenge and an important opportunity, and, if taken, certainly balances the pain and loneliness which are usually the initial gifts of Saturn in the fifth house.

There is often an interesting blend of inflation and an intense and often crippling shyness apparent with Saturn in the fifth house. The individual both overrates and underrates himself, but rarely perceives himself clearly; consequently, he cannot see others clearly because he is always projecting his own evaluations onto them and usually does badly in affairs of the heart because of this. He often cannot express overt affection easily, yet at the same time cannot bear to be ignored. Loyalty and honour may become of exaggerated importance to him, for he often tries to crystallise and solidify the love of others through emphasis on the forms and codes of behaviour which love sometimes takes as its outer expression. It is not so much love in the affectional sense as recognition that he seeks; and it is easy to see why this placement is often associated with those in the entertainment professions. The fifth house itself does not need this feedback from others; he simply is, and that is enough. Saturn in the fifth cannot see the 'I', and must seek it in the applause of the crowd.

With this placement of Saturn, the psyche seems to be directed toward a realisation of itself, toward a process of individuation as Jung calls it, and will often not permit the conscious personality to find any solace in the usual activities which supply an identity for most people. Thus children, who often provide a sense of purpose and significance to their parents, are a disappointment, or there is no possibility of having them. Romantic

love rarely turns out to be the ideal which is expected, because the eyes of the lover somehow never reflect that missing flash which will convince the person of his own value. Creative expression never quite seems fulfilling, and usually misses the mark. The individual usually is driven, in the end, to seek himself within himself, because no other means are left available to him. It is he himself who has set it up in this way; but to recognise the underlying purpose behind these disappointments is the beginning of wisdom and the final taking of the opportunity.

There may be as much overcompensation here as with any other Saturnian placement. many people with Saturn in the fifth house work very hard at never taking life seriously, although no-one is more sensitive, touchy, and serious in matters of affection than the fifth house Saturn. His fears of rejection and insignificance usually lead him to lace the idea of love heavily with concepts such as loyalty, duty, fidelity, and responsibility, although these may be unconscious lacings. He needs structures so that he may be guaranteed a sufficient amount of enduring love. Unfortunately, no matter how many structures he erects, he usually still cannot trust, and the disguise of frivolity rarely deceives anyone after a while although he may continue to deceive himself. The heaviness and needfulness of this placement usually shows through, and because of this the person is often deeply hurt.

If the person does not work with his fifth house Saturn, this is a rather unhappy position; any coupling of Saturn and the Sun carries weight with it, whether this coupling occurs by sign, aspect, or house interchange. All these contacts are connected with the discovery of the self; and this is painful because it involves the tearing away of the veil. We are taught in early childhood that we are many things - our feelings, or beliefs, or bank accounts, or children, or talents, or loved ones - anything and everything except ourselves. The person with Saturn in the fifth house often demands so much from others that he is left lonely and heartbroken. He is capable of much love and devotion, but does not dare to express it without asking for a guarantee back; only when he recognises this unconscious process of a barter can he begin to free himself of it.

What is often not recognised is that the ordinary man who has Saturn in the fifth house, who has no aspirations to conquer the world, may nevertheless have a small share of this desperate need for importance and recognition, coupled with an acute shyness which leads him to wait in the wings when what he wants most is to be at the centre of the stage with all eyes focused, adoring, upon him. Failing this, he may become a petty tyrant in the home, a hypochondriac, a domestic dictator.

The person with Saturn in the fifth house is sometimes not easy to love because he is like a jug with no bottom and absorbs affection and attention endlessly without being satisfied; however, if he begins to understand that his path is inward toward the self, he may begin to see what kind of opportunity is offered to him.

Uranus ♃ in ↻ Sagittarius 17° 19'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

(Joan Negus)

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

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

The late 19th and early 20th centuries also coincided with the time of the robber barons of industry. These men were expanding (a Sagittarian keyword) their corporations and forming monopolies, in defiance of the Sherman Anti-trust Law. They considered themselves above the law. By February 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt was waging war on the monopolies in order that the government might exercise more control over them. His first step was to bring suit against the Northern Securities Company. This case was not settled until two years later - the year in which Uranus moved into Capricorn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The theoretical side of freedom and justice may seem more obvious than tangible results

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

Around the turn of the century, when Uranus was previously in Sagittarius, unconventional religions whose belief systems diverged from the prevailing Judeo-Christian attitudes of the Western world became popular, and many people explored mysticism, ancient religions and secret spiritual societies. During Uranus's most recent passage through Sagittarius, huge numbers of people once again were rejecting orthodox religions and turning to other belief systems - Eastern philosophy, astrology, witchcraft, Native American teachings, ancient religions - and literature that reveals formerly hidden knowledge became widely available.

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

Uranus in Sagittarius also signifies major changes and breakthroughs in travel. In 1903, for example, the Wright brothers made their famous flight at Kitty Hawk and introduced the world to air travel. The automobile had its real beginning at this time, too, with the founding of the Ford Motor Company in 1903. During the more recent Uranus-in-Sagittarius period, the Voyager space probe journeyed to the outer planets for the first time, increasing our understanding of the solar system. Those of you who have this

planetary placement in your charts may be interested in or responsible for new developments in the travel field. Perhaps the first people to journey to other planets will be members of this Uranus group.

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

Generally speaking, the splendid influence of this placing alone will make these children intellectually and physically adventurous. They will be humanitarian and be able to contribute fully to the greening of the Earth, for they will be entirely aware of world ecological problems yet have a very different approach from those of the previous generation of Uranus in Scorpio. Parents of children with this placing should try to always increase their awareness of the beauty of the world. These traits will be particularly pronounced if Sagittarius is prominent or Uranus is personalized.

(John Townley)

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

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

older or much younger.

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

(Robert Hand)

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

Uranus ♅ in 8th House

(Joan Negus)

The natural assumption with Uranus in the eighth house as it pertains to sex is that the native would want total freedom in sexual experiences or would have unusual standards in regards to the sexual theory or practice. And if you have Uranus posited in this house, you may be totally uninhibited in sexual matters. But I have discovered in discussions with clients who have this placement that there is another possibility which is just as common. You do not want to be controlled in that area. You may enjoy sex, but you want it when, where and with whom you desire it.

One tends to think of passion and lust connected with uninhibited sex. But if you have Uranus in the eighth house, you can become cool and detached if you feel that your sexual partner considers you a sex object or tries to control you through sex. You may then make yourself inaccessible even if you do have deep inner passion. On the other hand, if you are respected and feel free in expressing your sexuality, your sex life can be very gratifying.

Since the eighth house is also other people's money and joint resources, you could find that unearned money comes in sporadically or other people's resources help to make you feel independent. More often, however, it seems that those with Uranus in the eighth house want to be financially unencumbered. You probably are uncomfortable with

debt. You may not even want to be responsible for managing funds which are not your own. However, it might not always be practical to accomplish what you want all by yourself.

For example, I have a client with this placement who felt very strongly about owing money. He had always paid cash for whatever he purchased. The one credit card he had, he used only as a monthly charge, so that he would not be in debt to even the credit card company. Then came a time when he wanted to buy a house and the situation was very difficult for him. The house was too expensive for him to pay for out of current earnings. He needed to borrow money from his family for the down payment, and he had to take out a mortgage from the bank as well. I suggested that he view the matter from a different perspective. Instead of looking at his borrowing money as a terrible burden, he should think that each payment he made would make him freer. He borrowed the money. He still has an uncomfortable feeling about the debt, but he is trying to develop the right attitude. He is working hard to pay off his loans and his mortgage, and tries to make double payments whenever possible. He told me that this makes him feel twice as free!

Since the eighth house represents joint resources as well as the resources of others, you might also find it difficult to share money or talents with others. If you are married, you could prefer that your partner handle joint money so that you can be free of such burdens. Or perhaps you would rather you each handle your own resources and not pool your assets.

In regard to sharing assets, you might be concerned that too much togetherness could interfere with your creativity. However, if you have the right attitude, you may be able to stimulate the creative process. Brainstorming can be exciting and productive as long as you are not wasting your time dwelling on the possibility of being controlled or thwarted. Always consider this form of sharing temporary, knowing that if the other party seems to be taking charge, you can extricate yourself from the interaction. Thus you may be able to allow ideas to flow more freely. The eighth house is also connected with psychological probing and transformation. So with Uranus there, you might find that you do not always have the patience to get to the bottom of issues. You can deal with this potential problem by analysing for a short period of time, taking a break, and returning to it. A number of sessions may be necessary, but insights concerning deep, psychological complexes can occur. The insights will probably come suddenly, and may lead to personal transformation. Total transformation is possible, but it will be most likely to come as a result of several insights, each of which may occur suddenly.

(Haydn Paul)

There are several ways in which the influence of the natal Uranus can work through an 8th house position. These can range from a focus on material possessions and money, through to an interest in the worlds hidden behind the material appearance.

This can also involve a crisis of the relationship between self and others; a new understanding and expression is probably required in order for a new light to reveal new potentialities. It is a deeper process of social relating that can be explored, where there is a wider scope for the insights to be displayed and communicated.

Underlying this are the themes of transiency, of death and rebirth. Changes can be triggered in your life which are reflective of these themes. There may be sudden legacies, perhaps due to a family bereavement, which in the pain of loss can also offer opportunities to another. Business ventures or marriages may collapse, reminding you that nothing in life is for ever. The realisation of change, that life and loved ones can slip through one's grasp like grains of sand, can radically disturb any sense of inner security, especially one which is founded on material principles.

It is certain that you will lose something or someone of importance in your life, and that will be the catalyst for the process of searching to begin. It is a questioning to discover if there is any solid foundation in life, or how to deal with this transiency which when experienced in a negative form can strip the life of all colour and vitality. What is needed then is a rebirth, through which, with wiser attitudes, you are more ready to face the facts of life. This rebirth can occur through an investigation into the hidden inner realities beyond the superficial appearances. This can be through scientific or occult investigations, where the sense of probing new dimensions can stimulate and excite the mind. Yet it is often a maturation of your emotional level that is required, so that you are able to commence deeper relationships with others too. This rebirth is not just a personal need, it is tied in with the nature of your social relationships, where personal development should also have beneficial social repercussions. In finding a new self, you should also realise a new form of social relating, expressing your place and function within the webbing of the collective network.

Sexuality can also be an aspect of your nature that Uranus seeks to work changes through. The importance of sexual activity may be quite strong in your life, possibly determining certain choices for you as a result of its demanding voice. Uranus will stimulate an unconventional approach to this fact of adult life, and your scope in this sphere could be considerable and varied. This will be especially so if aspects are made to natal Moon, Venus and Mars. Your sexuality can add to the forming and dissolution of partnerships; and depending on their impact in your life, Uranus may take this route to confront you with its necessary lessons. This could even include moving beyond a certain emotional detachment and distancing, towards more embracing, intense, emotional experiences in relationships. Achieving this could result in a rebirth for you in an important sphere of your life.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetype that the 8th House correlates to in human consciousness is one

in which we experience our limitations: who we are, who we are not, and who we cannot be. This awareness creates a sense of power and powerlessness - power in the sense of who we are in a total sense, and powerlessness in the sense of who and what we are not: we have an awareness of other people's power and of sources and forms of power that are somehow not part of our subjective reality. The awareness of subjective power is based upon an intense inner focus that promotes a psychoanalytical knowledge of what motivates and defines the total nature of our subjective reality. This subjective awareness is galvanised through the interaction or interfaces with other people's subjective reality, with what motivates and defines other people's total natures, and through the awareness that there are forms or sources of power that are beyond our subjective ability to control: the 'mysterious' laws that regulate the totality of life itself, laws that we, as subjective entities, apparently cannot control. Death is an example of this.

The awareness of what we cannot control induces into human consciousness the instinct of feeling threatened. This feeling can be projected onto anyone or anything; this feeling and its projection are reactions to the survival instinct: the 2nd house polarity to the 8th house. It is this reaction that becomes the basis of resisting necessary growth dynamics, i.e., someone else trying to point out something about us; our merging with another person or with sources of power that are stronger or more potent than we are; as well as our trying to manipulate and control that which we can in order to not feel threatened, to feel powerful in the face of powerlessness.

The interface between subjective, self-enclosed entities not only defines the parameters of personal limitation but also allows for a metamorphosis of those limitations by merging together. Through merging or uniting with another source of power, a person, a body of knowledge, or any symbol or phenomenon that promotes or can be used to create a metamorphosis of existing limitations, an osmosis takes place. Through osmosis the subjective, self-enclosed entities become that which they have formed a relationship to, or merged with. In so doing, a metamorphosis of limitations occurs because the merging entities have not only become one through each other but have become more than they were prior to merging. Examples of this archetype can be seen in the phenomena of committing ourselves to another in relationship, in which we necessarily confront our limitations yet merge to become larger than we were as single entities; sex, in which we merge with a partner and through osmosis produce children and exchange karma (a form of which is sexual diseases); merging with symbols or forms of power like astrology, tarot, magic, and occult sciences of all types, in which we become more than we were prior to the merging; joining resources with another to form all kinds of partnerships; and, nowadays, the intense acceleration of corporations buying up other corporations. Additionally, instead of resisting that which we feel threatened by, we can confront whatever it is that induces this instinctual feeling. By confronting it we can come to know the basis of the fear(s). By knowing it we merge with it, and merging with the basis of the fear(s), we grow beyond that by which we feel threatened.

Uranus in the 8th House correlates to individuals who have an intense need to psychoanalyse themselves in order to understand the nature of their personalities and the inner dynamics that motivate and define the nature of that which they do, and of that which they desire. Because of the inherent objectiveness and detachment of Uranus, these individuals are silently, yet continuously, observing and monitoring their own inner workings. This silent observation promotes an ongoing selfknowledge and deep inner self-awareness as to the nature of their own psychology. Cyclically, content from the person's own unconscious will erupt into his or her conscious awareness. This content will reflect either that which has been repressed for whatever reasons or seed thoughts that suddenly appear that portend a potential future to come. In either case, these cyclic eruptions will always be preceded by a time of withdrawal or detachment from the immediacy of whatever constitutes the individual's existing reality. This withdrawal reflects the need to inwardly attune to that which is about to erupt from the unconscious. The erupting contents lead to ever deeper levels of self-awareness and the necessity to cyclically refine, redefine, or eliminate whatever dynamics of existing reality thwart the necessary growth that is reflected in this type of metamorphosis. It is as if these people cyclically rebel against their own status-quo reality; this rebellion reflects their inability or intolerance to accept existing limitations for too long a time.

This type of inner Uranian reality will project itself upon the environment in the sense of psychoanalysing or penetrating to the core of anyone or anything in which the individual finds him- or herself engaged. The intense inner magnetism produced within the individual's inner environment, a magnetism that is based on a deep, soulsearching-type consciousness, can attract and repel many people to the individual. These individuals can create an instinctual defence response in others because of the deep inner gaze that is projected through another(s) person. Others can feel exposed, thus threatened, when they do not desire to be exposed. Uranus in the 8th House rebels against superficialness, thus looks below the surface. For those who are seeking to understand themselves, to look at themselves more deeply, to understand how and why they work the way that they work, an intense draw or attraction can be projected upon individuals with Uranus in the 8th House because of their ability to look deeply into the human condition. The deep inner gaze that is projected upon others by these individuals is their way of determining with whom to be engaged: whom to commit to by way of friendship, whom to commit to by way of intimacy (the search for a soul mate), and what types of experiences to commit to that will allow for essential growth and metamorphosis of inner or outer limitations. Unless there is an essential like-mindedness between the individual and another(s), the individual will have almost nothing to do with him or her.

(Jeff Green) (contd.)

This deep inner need to grow beyond limitations, to metamorphose cyclically, will promote not only the implementation of personal rituals that allow for this but also a natural kind of curiosity to experiment with, or at least intellectually consider, 'different'

kinds of experiences of all sorts. If the individual senses that something may be gained from such experiences, then nothing will be able to stop him or her from implementing the desire for whatever the experience may be. The key here is for the individual to determine that the contemplated experience is necessary or essential for expanding his or her self-psychoanalytic knowledge, for deepening the awareness of the 'mysterious' laws governing life (including his or her own), or confronting an existing limitation that is preventing an evolutionary leap in growth.

Liberation occurs as the person detaches, rebels, and throws off all the external conditioning patterns that have defined his or her psychology and personality, and manifests a willingness to examine the nature of his or her motivations and intentions (and the desires that determine them) and by examining the cause and basis of any fear, compulsion, complex, or emotional dynamic that is the basis of manipulation or resistance patterns. Liberation occurs through acceptance of what the individual is at any moment, yet can become with respect to full potential, and what the person is not and cannot become. Liberation occurs by accepting what others are at any moment and by encouraging them to become all of what their potential suggests, to not feel threatened by it or block whatever experiences allow for the development of it. Freedom from the known occurs as people allow themselves to metamorphose as required, without blocking themselves by reaching a certain level of self-knowledge or circumstantial life conditions that feel comfortable and secure and resisting future growth requirements.

A natural stress can occur in the pancreas, liver, colon, small and large intestines, reproductive organs and glands, a stress that impacts on the role, function, and behaviour of the enzymes within the entire organism and on the RNA and DNA structures reflected through the genetic coding within the organism. (When Uranus transits through Scorpio an acceleration occurs in the production of bacteria and viruses by way of mutation: creation, death, and rebirth. New strains and forms are the result. These in turn accelerate the alchemical structural metamorphosis of the RNA and DNA genetic coding for the species: thus the acceleration of mutation based on the need for the species to adapt to rapidly changing conditions. The AIDS virus is the latest example. In our times Uranus in Scorpio also produced the science of genetic splicing, genetic experimentation in general, and new forms of laboratory-created life. New forms of reproductive technology have been invented so that otherwise infertile couples can have children.)

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Very independent, those with this Uranus position think everything out for themselves and accept nothing at face value. Circumstances in childhood act to set them apart in some way from their peers, causing them to feel different or isolated; and this isolation remains with them to some extent throughout their lives. Once they have arrived at a conclusion about something, they stick with it and can be extremely dogmatic. They do not like to be told what to do, and will resist authority - usually not openly, but simply by

not responding. They can seem very cold, disinterested, or even conceited in companionship, though this is due to shyness or their sense of isolation, as they are usually deeply caring, especially on a one-to-one basis.

Though they can dedicate themselves to a cause and work with groups to achieve it, they rarely become members of a group and will part company with it as soon as it no longer serves what they believe to be its purpose. They hate to compromise. They want to stand at the centre of whatever situation is primary in their lives and, if they cannot, prefer to go it alone. If they are able to control a situation it will be by a sort of remote control, by personal example and charisma, rather than by direct or overt efforts to influence.

They frequently present a serious or stern appearance. They could never be characterised as silly or hilarious, though they may try on such behaviour, fearing they won't be included because of being thought 'too serious'. They have an heroic streak that will surface at moments of crisis, an ability to step outside themselves and be self-sacrificing and noble. They can also break out of their customary shell every so often and do something really wild.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 8th house, the natural domain of Scorpio, engenders those kinds of emotions and feelings so often awakened by the agony and the ecstasy of love - passions like lust, jealousy, rage, envy, possessiveness and vindictiveness. Uranus seeks to approach this sphere somehow differently from the way most people go about it. Often those with Uranus in the 8th have a compelling urge to free themselves from the restrictions of the basic instinctual nature, and to overcome being ruled by such emotions. They may continually expose themselves to situations which challenge them to rise above and develop detachment from these primal instincts in order to forge a broader and more tolerant understanding than such messy feelings allow - for instance, the concept of a communal marriage or even husband and wife swapping. In some cases they may try this sort of liberality and fail miserably.

Similarly, they may seek to express the instinctual nature in other ways than merely for the purpose of mating and procreation. Hence, the reputation of this placement for some degree of sexual curiosity and experimentation. Others might look for techniques and systems which enable them to transcend the realm of libidinal desire through re-directing the sex drive into other outlets.

In cases I have seen, Uranus in the 8th alternates between the extremes of excessive passion and inhumane coldness. For instance, believing fervently in a certain issue, they may not think twice about planting a bomb in a department store if this would promote their mission.

Those with Uranus in the 8th often have a desire to probe beneath the surface level of existence to discover the more subtle laws of nature operating in life. Astrology, psychology, alchemy, the occult, magic, sub-atomic physics or modern chemistry might interest them. Uranus in the 8th may be fascinated by what death is all about, and attempt to understand it in a less conventional framework. Psychic and telepathic experiences are not uncommon for people with Uranus in this house, although some may not have too much control over them when they occur.

On a more mundane level, sudden reversals of fortune could come through marriage, inheritance and business partnerships. Also, phases of the life may end suddenly and irreversibly: seemingly overnight, one chapter finishes and another begins, or an unforeseen event drastically alters the direction in which the person is heading.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your parents allowed you to express yourself in your own way, so you assume that everyone will allow you that privilege. You will probably continue to enjoy a favorable relationship with your parents. However, you may sometimes have difficulty with people who resent your lack of inhibition. Once you understand that not everyone feels as liberated as you do, you can learn to cope with people who have to accept their frustrations. People are impressed with your ability to assert yourself; and they admire the way you defy any of society's rules that interfere with your desires. You can do a great deal to help people become more free of their inhibitions and hangups; you can teach them how to create a future of their own choosing, rather than be confined by the past, which only restricts them.

You probably know more about the people you deal with than they do. You know their most guarded secrets, and you can show them how to accept themselves. The work you do should allow you to become involved with the public; and your efforts should help improve their general well-being. At times people are embarrassed by your habit of focusing on their most sensitive psychological inhibitions, for there are few secrets that anyone can keep from you for long. You would do well to choose a career of service to the public. You would attract substantial patronage for your efforts to help people help themselves. Being self-employed would allow you self-determination to adapt as needed as your influence becomes more extensive.

It is important to develop your personal values with the same ardour you exhibit in pursuing a life without restraints. Self-discipline and a sense of financial responsibility will assure you of greater freedom to indulge in those matters that attract your attention most strongly. Doing favours for people all the time suggests that you have some doubts about your worth. Try to resolve this situation as early as possible, so you can get on with making your most significant contribution to society through your understanding and ability to help people with their problems. You tend to overextend yourself in making purchases, which will further delay the time when you can improve the circumstances of

those who are directly affected by you.

You must get training and education to help you achieve a high degree of proficiency in understanding people's problems. This is one of your most significant abilities, and it is your responsibility to use it where it will produce the best results. Whether you apply this talent for yourself or for others, you cannot fail to benefit from it. Because you have an obligation to serve others, you may rebel at the thought of limiting your self-indulgence because someone else depends on you. With your help, others can enjoy greater freedom.

Although you think 'free', you too have some limitations; and the key to them is the public's need for your services. Your destiny requires that you extend yourself on behalf of people who do not know how to fulfil themselves. Adhere to a sound code of ethics as you become more involved with people and their affairs. In dealing with the public, even the slightest departure from moral responsibility can have disastrous results. You cannot afford to have your dreams so easily jeopardized, because your dreams for the future are very important to you.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: Intimate sharing is a peak experience. Much time is spent observing union rather than participating in it, staunchly maintaining detachment. In this state, your personal worth is not open to alteration through interaction with others. Then, suddenly, a spark of sharing explodes you like a rocket off the launch pad, blasting toward the heavens of union. The pitfall involves mutual exclusivity, the tendency when operating from either frame of mind to deny the possibility of the other. The challenge is to respond to intimacy whenever your life hardens into stagnant habits, knowing full well that such revolutionary unions are not likely to be permanent, but honouring them just the same.

Transformation: One moment you're the person you know, and the next moment you're a stranger to yourself, an alien from another world. These changes are rarely permanent. Rather, they represent the experience of a self still in-the-becoming, a preview of who you will eventually become. What characterises both states is the willingness to stand alone, unaffected by the pulls of ordinary human relating. The challenge involves clarity in seeing what is ultimately real, shucking illusions like shedding old skins. Remember these special phases, and use them as a compass to guide yourself toward maturity.

Sexual merging: Why do you explode into sexual ecstasy one moment, yet remain coolly aloof another? Most of the time you don't know why. But the issues revolve around your individuality and the use of your will. When you operate from ordinary will, you may staunchly refuse to be sexually involved. It's only when you become receptive to a purer consciousness within yourself that you receive the full benefits of your tantric power. However rare it may be, sexual union is a sudden awakening of your sensitivity. In

release, you gain a renewed sense of the power that surrounds us in the universe. Your challenge is to accept this power when you connect with it, to honour yourself, your partner, and the universe itself for the gift of sexual magic.

Focused intuition: You are alternately fascinated and bored by intuitive realities. At times, you are the real item; a bona fide magician. At other times, you're a cipher, denying that you could ever perform feats of occult magic. You don't wish to be a trained seal, going into your act on command; and this includes even your own command. Intuition happens on its own, shocking you and others with its unpredictable urgency. You are so humanitarian in your psychic focus that you more often receive insight about strangers than about those closest to you. Somehow, distance increases sensitivity. One pitfall lies in your not gaining personal advantage from the occasional flashes of intuitive brilliance. The challenge is to give whatever you get, to allow your intuition to go where it wants to go, rather than trying to develop or force it into any disciplined application.

Shared assets: There is unpredictability around money and possessions, especially as they pertain to your relationships. You can win and lose fortunes, often overnight, so expect the unexpected. It's best if you make your money in non-standard ways, for it is outside the ordinary that your talents will lie. Lowered attachment to money and possessions liberates you from fear. The pitfall is excessive wilfulness - bending under pressure is not one of your strong suits; and you can be incredibly stubborn when pushed, although you are also graciously flexible when you feel free to be so. Finally, you tend to play the game of money by your own rules; and though this can be an asset, it can get you into trouble. The challenge is to understand what is gained or lost.

Neptune ♆ in ♓ Pisces 9° 30'

No interpretation.

Neptune ♆ in 11th House

No interpretation.

Pluto ♇ in ♉ Taurus 29° 32'

No interpretation.

Pluto ♅ in 1st House

(Ginger Chalford)

As small children, the people with this placement were very vulnerable. Yet they had an easy sense of power, a feeling that they were the centre of their universe, their reality. However, the realisation that parents held the power came early; and since children don't have the ability to make money and earn their own way, this strong self-centered experience was sacrificed. Even though these children realise that they are powerful, it doesn't seem to manifest externally. One way to keep the illusion of power is to try to appear invulnerable, strong, aloof, capable, etc.; and Pluto first house children do this despite the knowledge that the parents and other authority figures have control over their lifestyles. This emotional adjustment will manifest as secretiveness and an unwillingness to share feelings or desires that could possibly be used manipulatively to gain control over the native. This can also create the illusion of shyness in a child with this placement - it's better not to say anything at all than to have one's words misconstrued to another's benefit! Coming with this essential loss of power in childhood is the feeling that she / he is very wrong somehow, and must become stronger, more perfect, etc., in order to really deserve the importance and impact which the inner soul feels it is due. This sets up a tendency for the child to be extremely critical of its own expression - analysing it, probing the self looking for flaws. When an imperfection is found, then a struggle ensues to bring that area up to par, to perfect the self. When that doesn't work (and generally, attempts at perfection don't!), the child becomes very unforgiving towards himself or herself. In short, the child will try to appear perfect and all-knowing, not needing anyone else's help. Yet behind that façade, intense self-analysis is going on, and possibly there is self-punishment for not truly being the ideal person that is projected on the outside. Embarrassment and humiliation are terrible threats which could expose the Pluto person's failures.

This produces negative personality patterns. The initial (and unfortunately for some, the long-term) response is to work the body so as to appear powerful and strong. This can include developing largeness in size or weight, or weight lifting and other muscle building activities. There can be personal aggrandizement to increase the sense of power and importance through significant or 'heavy' language, impressing the listener that the Pluto first house person knows inner secrets of the universe or unknown factors about the listener which the listener has no way of denying, disproving, or even finding out! This can be an attempt to set up the self as a guru, demanding respect from others and keeping the self somehow separate from and above them. A follower does not question the guru, and so a sense of security can be felt by the Pluto 'teacher'. Even when this individual does have a special, unique key to the universe, he or she is often unwilling or even unable to relay that information clearly to another. There is the fear, too, that another person could steal the information and use it, thereby getting all the

credit for thinking of it. Unfortunately, this can mean that the powerful information a Pluto person knows may never reach others, and the person may end up feeling that others don't understand. Coupled with this, there is frequently a difficulty in getting backing or funding, since investors not only have little idea about what they are financing, but have virtually no piece of the action either! The Pluto first house person is intensely self-critical and, much like a harping parent, continuously tries to redo himself or herself. Inner responses to selfcriticism create crises and personal overhauls in the personality, as well as in the surrounding events and environment of the person. This individual finds it hard to know when to stop pickling on himself or herself. Ultimately, after trying to avoid the continuous hassle and pain of the overhaul brought on by himself or herself, the Pluto person self-destructs through self-punishment. The lifestyle will seem to become a landslide, pulling this native down to the pits, to the bottom. This creates situations that don't seem to stop, but only help to continue the devastating momentum. In some cases, the individuals lose their sources of income, their homes, their lifestyles, everything; and have to struggle in order to start over something else. Others will avoid these people, fearing that the landslide could be 'catching' - that it might affect them.

Pluto people are considered to be too egotistical, and there is seldom any pity felt for them. Others will say "Well, he (or she) deserves it, since he (or she) brought it on himself (or herself)". Unfortunately, Pluto first house people are not aware of what they did to bring things on themselves. They will close the door to the frustrating past, and grudgingly go on. Friendships and connections are severed entirely, with little chance of reviving. Labelled either a 'loser' or an egomaniac, this person can simply disappear from the scene. Indeed, the Pluto native is often hard to find anyway - but under times of stress he or she can simply vanish, leaving no forwarding address or any clues to his or her whereabouts.

Of course, not every first house Pluto native has this particular problem of unrelenting crises, etc.. But she / he will generally still be a very private person. Few people, if any, will get to know this person intimately. Yet, there is often an aura of excitement around the Pluto native, which suggests that here is someone who lives life very richly and excitingly. Being around such a person can lend an aura of glamour to one's life; and others feel that they are somehow more exciting people because of this connection with power.

The Pluto first house person is a magician, and that's what magnetically attracts others. Somehow, others simply know that the power of this person can bring into his or her life anything she / he wants - anything! The focus of awareness is deep, and the sense of dynamic, powerful inner motivations can tap into the resources of the universe. By being clear with desire, the essential nature of Scorpio and Aries (the two signs most frequently associated with Pluto) creates that into reality. The native can experience life intensely in the moment, and is extraordinarily perceptive. Like a hawk or an eagle, people with first house Pluto are aware of their environment, and of how that environment reflects their own nature. They can live life with excitement, involved in

unravelling the mystery of reality, and exploring their own magical resources - of which there are many! When this individual can positively use Pluto, she / he will not feel destroyed if others think him or her silly or ridiculous. Seriousness is replaced with purpose; and there is a sense of cosmic humour with his placement, an understanding of how funny the universe can be. He or she can be vulnerable, and in that vulnerability can have the capacity to respond openly and in depth to feelings and stimuli. This is truly powerful. This person is selective in the choice of who or what to respond to, and doesn't necessarily feel obligated to be or act with your usual social politeness. Yet, she / he can be very tender, warm and understanding, when she / he chooses to be.

This individual has the power to act on his or her own decisions, and feel good about it, trusting the inner self. Even though others may think this person rude at times, the Plutonian knows what is true communication and what is really verbal manipulation, and responds accordingly. Without the paranoia of the negative Pluto person, the positive individual can truly feel the difference, and will not be manipulated. He or she, however, will be open and expressive, and supportive of anyone about whom she / he cares greatly. This gives incredible depth to a relationship, and a deep and secure bond between the parties involved. Life with a Pluto first house individual is never routine! If you are one, or are fortunate enough to know one, you'll be aware of the magic of life, when Pluto is used positively.

The Pluto individual will always be able to achieve his or her heart's desire, for she / he has the qualities of courage, self-forgiveness, and personal security through selfknowledge. With a grand perspective, this powerful personality creates tailor-made a unique and exciting reality for himself or herself. With the deep kundalini force within the self expanding outwards, the Pluto person lets his or her own magical genius complete that greater destiny she / he knows is waiting for him or her. Probably outcomes of the pattern mentioned before include the development of a powerful will, many upheavals throughout life, high levels of endurance, nonconformity, resistance, intensity, and weight on the body (particularly about the hips). Others will notice this person's intense gaze, which hints at fire and power smouldering under the surface. This person can be overtly aggressive, or seemingly painfully shy. The face may have deep-set eyes, and a strong chin. Sometimes, despite the power of the jaw, the distance from chin to nose can be small in proportion to the space from eyebrows to hairline.

Physical manifestations in the reality of the Pluto first house person include several uprootings throughout life, such as moves to other and perhaps distant locations. There can be danger of accidents, particularly during a Pluto transit of the first house. Most often, however, there is simply a withdrawal from outer social events, a tendency to seclusion or reclusiveness. Physical problems can absorb a great deal of time in treatment; and the native is often not averse to using any new technological or occult methods, making his or her body a testing laboratory, so to speak. There can be extremes of involvement with the health, or total denial of the body, which can occur particularly in a religious or spiritual context.

The Pluto native is talented in new technological developments that enable him or her to get access to more and more information, which can be used to substantiate inner knowledge about the world. This placement can often denote a scientific skill, an inherent understanding of the laws of physics. Willing to be a non-conformist, Pluto first house types are possibly good candidates for making great breakthroughs in style or knowledge. Unfortunately, this can also lead to egotism, as mentioned earlier, antagonising others and thereby denying the benefits that could come to someone less difficult to know and work with.

During Pluto's transit of this house, the individual will often change life directions, which will be reflected in changes of hairstyle, clothing, cars - even spouses. Those who care for the Pluto first house native or transit individual will have to bear with and understand this person's need for long hours alone, or time for concentration. Resistance on the part of friends and lovers at this time could endanger the relationship. The peak of transit intensity occurs within a degree or two above the Ascendant, and during the following three years as Pluto goes through the first degrees of the first house. Only the Pluto person will suspect what is actually going on. On superficial inspection, nothing will really seem different in the manner of speech, attitudes, etc.. But know that great changes are taking place, the results of which will surely appear evident in time.

If you have Pluto in your first house, or by transit, there are ways in which you can change ongoing negative energies into positive ones. First of all, and most significantly, Pluto tends to hold onto the past with such power that you'll need to clear some of that out before you can use positive Pluto power in the present and the future. The best way of beginning the letting-go process is to forgive yourself for having held on to the emotional junk and negative attitudes which you have held for as long as you have. If you have difficulty doing this, imagine yourself a few years back, or even into childhood, in a situation that you managed quite poorly - one for which you criticised yourself later. Let the current, present tense you forgive the past you for that stupidity or failure. You can go all the way back into childhood and clear out events that were difficult in your growth by forgiving the past self to whom those events happened. When you do this technique, remember to separate yourself emotionally from that earlier self, so you won't have to feel the pain and anger all over again. Hug that child, adolescent or younger adult, and let him or her know that you are standing by to support him / her. When you have difficulty forgiving yourself and others, it may help to visualise a bubble of white or purple light being thrown by you over the party you're forgiving. If you loved or hated someone in the past and don't want to let go of that feeling, imagine this person in a beautiful garden where she / he can rest, and where you can visit whenever you like. This can give the rest of your daily life some peace.

If you have difficulty remembering powerful or emotionally intense incidents in your past, sit down and write on a sheet of paper the names of all the people you have ever been angry at. If your first house Pluto is by transit only, this may not be that long a list.

However long the list is, routinely go down your list and check off people's names as you forgive them. Most of those from the distant past will be relatively easy. You may need to spend more time with the people who are currently frustrating you, until you feel a change in your heart, a freedom, a space of opening up. This happens as you let go of your attachment to being angry over time. Then relax. Relax completely. Get a visualisation tape or some meditation music at your local occult bookstore, and lie down on your bed and listen to it. Let go, deeply let go. Relax methodically every muscle in your body. Breathe fully, deeply. Don't hold your breath at any time. Simply pull the air in deeply, and then let it out. Don't strain, just let your breathing calm you.

Next, when the music or tape is over - that is, if you're not asleep - imagine yourself in the future, say three years from now. What do you look like? Are you happy then? Where do you live, and with whom? Use your imagination - you have plenty of it. If you find struggle and difficulties in your image, then you know there will be more of the same old negative Pluto trips ahead. Instead, at this time, consciously choose to have a positive future image of yourself, with magic, fun, excitement; and without struggle, poverty, being overweight, etc.. When you can truly get into the new picture of yourself being powerful and happy, note the feeling in your heart. Is it open? Does this image feel good to you? Remember this feeling. You will at any time be able to recreate this body sensation of relaxation and pleasure at will, especially whenever you feel bogged down with the trivialities of life. Use this future image to help you get out of negative mental attitudes and images. As your ability to see the new image grows, add its power to your current reality, bit by bit. Focus your desires into positive interests, and watch your strength and Pluto power grow for you.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people are always intensely themselves, possessing little or no power of compromise with community, family or society. Generally, they are attractive, often emanating a strong but somewhat disturbing kind of sexual charisma. They must be careful of attracting dangerous types.

Pluto rising can bring strong sexual attractions that contain a destructive element; sexual partnerships may bring them grief in one form or another. This position is also a partial testimony to homosexuality or peculiar sex experiences.

Pluto rising people are inclined to take dangerous risks, sometimes to the point of being self-destructive. With hard Mars or Uranus aspects (or Mars or Uranus in Fire signs), they can have a volatile temper that explodes periodically into rage. They are highly demanding of partners, and not given to compromise themselves. They are inclined to marry someone very different from themselves and, because they resist change themselves, their marriages often don't last.

They act independent, as though they can and will do as they please no matter what, yet

often they are really extremely dependent emotionally and financially on family, mate, or friends. This is something they can't change as long as they will not acknowledge it and continue to insist on their own independence in the face of all evidence to the contrary. This may be doubly hard to take because they do not refrain from making wise remarks; they generally allow their sarcasm to run rampant.

Their pig-headedness brings on difficult situations, which can force them to think, and ultimately to grow from bitter experience. They are extremely tough, as difficult to destroy as to change. They have tremendous powers of survival in spite of the crushing weight of difficulties they bring down on themselves (and on friends and family), though sometimes they manage to get themselves done in, usually in some horribly dramatic fashion.

They are fascinated by human limits, curious about others and the forces that lie beneath the surface, but not particularly interested in lending any support. They will work for causes, but usually alone and in their own way, and often by some form of destructive sabotage or non-compliance. Unless there are other strong planets involved, Pluto rising people often find it hard to act, hard to make necessary moves, hard to be on time. They see things very differently from most people, and this makes them silent, or witty and sarcastic, but rarely up-front with their true attitudes.

Pluto is a deeply internal influence. Even on the angles, only intimates are usually aware of its full effect. The effects of Pluto rising may not be apparent to anyone but those who are closest to them or who have to work with them.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-expression: With Pluto in the 1st, there is a deep intensity of self-expression. It's as if the power of the unconscious exists for all to see right at the surface of self, and that power has great impact. People tend to immediately like or dislike you, sometimes in spite of themselves. In some instances, others both like and dislike you simultaneously, experiencing attraction and repulsion together. This is because your natural radiance demands psychological confrontation between yourself and others, even though that demand is largely unintentional. Your projected energy is mysterious, promising more than is shown, with a hint of danger. Curiously, you are often blind to the compelling nature of your own personality, and you wonder why others respond to you as they do. **Natural persona:** Your natural face is difficult to read, but impossible to ignore. Something dark and brooding is present, indefinable, unseen, but strongly felt. Your name-tag says, "I am not what I seem; I am more and less than you realise".

Self-awareness: Quiet intensity of expression and powerful release of subconscious energies furthers inner self-awareness. You have deep emotions waiting under the surface; and when they are released, you become more conscious of your existence. While they are 'cooking', however, you tend to be a blank page in your inner awareness,

just being, without knowing anything about your current state. When these intense feelings come out of the oven to erupt through your external personality, they create a sense of self so heightened that the awareness stays with you long after the eruption has subsided. You then operate on the memory of self until the next eruption. It's like drilling for oil. You'll strike a geyser only rarely; but when you do, it will fuel all your efforts to come through the many dry wells you may drill before hitting the next strike.

Boundaries: The magnetism of powerful and purposeful emotions provide contact between your inner reality and the outer world. Superficiality, blockage, or 'frozen' expression destroys the lens; but all forms of subterranean manipulation - such as emotional dominance - bind the two worlds together in chaotic compulsivity and the experience of silent terror. The challenge is to hunt for a way to fuse your inner and outer environments together without obliterating either in the process.

Vitality: You have truly remarkable powers of recuperation, although psychological disorders are more crucial than physical ones. You are subject to all manner of intense and compulsive habits, but the will to live is symbolised more strongly here than with any other planet. You absolutely must learn to temper the tendency to burn out your body through love of intense excess. If you must 'rev' on something, let yourself rev on your own positive vitality. Feedback techniques are immensely powerful here, so remind yourself often that Life wants to come through you. Should negativity still exist, then exorcise it in a cleansing purge. 'If thine eye offends thee, pluck it out.' Remember, however, that such extreme techniques are to be used only when all other avenues have been exhausted.

(Robert Pelletier)

You can choose how to achieve your ambitions. Although you go to extremes in asserting your will, you have a strong sense of purpose, and you will reshape your environment in order to achieve your goals. Perhaps the frustration of your early years made you decide to let nothing stand in your way again. Your destiny may require you to make an important contribution to society, for you are concerned about political conditions at all levels. You aren't afraid to speak out when elected officials fail to carry out their promises. You respect education because you know the public must be informed in order to be effective. You know how to gain public support in protesting the misuse of power by elected officials. In your personal and business affairs, you insist on fair play. You sincerely hope that your children will also stand up for their rights. You want them to take advantage of the opportunities you provide to take their place in the world. You want to know that society can use your resources to improve human conditions.

You can turn to powerful friends for support. You know how to scheme when necessary to achieve your objectives, and you don't tolerate anyone who violates your trust. Most of your friends respect you for this, but few genuinely like you. You know what you want out

of life, and you know you can do more with your ideas than others can with theirs. Having an objective helps you focus your ideas effectively. Your current situation may not be challenging, but it may be the catalyst you need to get started. It is important to be involved in some significant social activity that requires your talent. Otherwise you will never feel that your life has been meaningful.

You must learn to modify your extremism and take advantage of opportunities. Rather than try to control your competitors, wouldn't it be more profitable to gain their support? Why not assume that they would welcome you? You can convert fear into dedication if you present a worthwhile purpose that will benefit others as well as yourself. Don't worry about being undermined; you can 'smell' deception when it first appears. You are in control of most situations, so you have nothing to lose and everything to gain through co-operative effort. You may have to break with the past before you can make a commitment to your goals. Your personal relationships will be enhanced if you are free to indulge in them with no strings attached. Your success in marriage will indicate how well you've handled the frustrations of your childhood.

After much soul-searching, you may decide to do what you can to justify people's trust in you. If you are willing to serve the interests of others, you may earn gratitude and sincere appreciation for your efforts. In this way you can also motivate others to follow your example. Make sure that you aren't motivated solely by desire for personal gain, or the process may disintegrate and fail.

You may undo all your accomplishments if you assume that you can get away with anything. Try to be more moderate and compromise when it seems appropriate. You can undermine your position by being too self-indulgent, neglecting other people's needs. If you are responsive to your social obligations, you will gain many benefits. After all, much of your success comes from the public sector.

(Steven Forrest)

In this tradition, the first house is often called the 'House of the Personality'. What's actually at stake here can be expressed more precisely: the first house represents that part of the Self which we make obvious to the world through our habitual styles of action, behaviour, and self-presentation. Think of it as the interface between two parts of your humanness: all the complexities and ambiguities of your deep psyche, and the fundamental requirement of material life that we make visible, behavioural choices.

Someone offends you. Inwardly, you experience dozens of emotions and reactions. Anger. Hurt. Understanding. Contempt. Shame. Transcendent Indifference. Fear. They're all real. Which inner state will you express? Or more precisely, which state will you express first, as a reflex? The answer is reflected in the natures of any planets in your first house, as well as with the cusp of that house, which we call the Ascendant.

Pluto in the First? Let's have a look....Your high destiny: You've probably had the misfortune of serving on committees in which the healthy principles of democracy and consensus exhibited their shadowy sides: endless inaction, lengthy obsession with trivial concerns, deadlock. This downward trajectory is often characterised in its early stages by mutual displays of courtesy, respect, and attentiveness. By the end of the process, we typically observe backbiting, scapegoating, and childish vindictiveness reminiscent of a medieval court. And still nothing is accomplished. At such a time, one often longs for real leadership to appear, the sort of leadership that can quickly cut through layers of verbiage and get to the heart of the matter.

Your high destiny involves providing that kind of incisive direction. Such leadership doesn't need to be cruel or autocratic, but it is not typically much concerned with being liked. Human society needs its truth-sayers; and if they do well in popularity contests it's generally posthumously. In times of crisis, society needs men and women of action, self-confidence, and steady nerves... people, such as yourself, who can make painful decisions in ambivalent circumstances quickly and without looking back. Such sharpness of impact is not simply about galvanising groups into focused action: it can just as easily be about punching the energising, challenging truth through to the individuals: telling people what they don't want to hear, in order words. And it does not need to function in face-to-face mode; it can operate less directly, if the rest of the chart favours such an approach. Examples of that latter possibility might exist in journalism, for one possibility.

Your distorting wound: The first house is a very sensitive area. A planet there is said to be strong in the birth chart. While we all have Pluto in our charts, it would be fair to single you out as a markedly 'Plutonian' person, even from very early in life. Now, a Plutonian person will tend to see the world through Pluto-coloured glasses, and that means that you have always been good at seeing the sorts of realities that make people uncomfortable. We live in a world that's full of threatening realities, some serious, some more trivial, but all taboo. I can imagine you as a young child at a family reunion. You've overheard some hushed conversations at home, learned some things that no-one intended you to know. "Uncle Jack", I hear you exclaiming before the assembled relatives. "What's a bimbo and why are you in love with one?" Your taboo-sensitive Plutonian radar picked up a certain mishmash of tension and fascination in your parents' voices as they discussed Jack's romantic proclivities. You were not out to hurt anybody. You had no idea that you had stepped into dangerous territory. But, with Pluto in the first house, your natural instinct for action lay in the direction of exploring emotionally charged realities.

Nobody is born knowing what's taboo; we have to learn it. As a Plutonian person, you had a natural hunger to get at that deeper, less comfortable layer of life. But inevitably you were naive. How does Uncle Jack respond to your query? Unless he himself was a Plutonian type, there's an excellent chance that he punished you for your question. That punishment may have been a sharp, angry word. More likely it was simply a very awkward moment: a pained, clueless look on Uncle Jack's face, then mom or dad to the

rescue somehow... looking at least as pained as Jack. You never intended it, but you hurt everyone in that tableau. And that itself was your punishment.

You began to learn that there was something about your nature that people found upsetting, unsettling, or plain reprehensible. You were too young to grasp that certain truths are kind only in certain seasons, and sometimes never. You began to carry your Wound: a secretiveness, an inward intensity not to be shared, a caution about expressing yourself spontaneously.

Carrying the Wound angered you. Sometimes that anger leaked out halfintentionally... you knew how to hurt people, and sometimes you'd do it just to release some venom. Perhaps you stayed on that hurtful road; it is more likely, if you're the sort of person who'd be reading this book in the first place, that you overcame that kind of compulsive angry self-presentation. You just held all that fiery truth inside. But it's still a Wound: a dark, bitter self-contained edge in your character. Maybe you show it, maybe not. To some extent, that depends on the 'politeness quotient' in the rest of your cahrt. But it's there. In a nutshell: the idea that truth-carrying and truth-embodying should be a source of shame does not occur to a child. You walked into that trap, and were scarred by it.

There's more. Anything in the first house tends to radiate visibly and obviously from the personality. With you sending out such Plutonian vibrations, people around you often let you symbolise that part of life for them. And when they are not at ease with Plutonian realities - a fair bet most of the time - they'll have a tendency to project their discomfort onto you, naming you the 'bad' one: you're 'too intense', 'too psychological', 'too sexual', 'too morbid', whatever. This scapegoating pattern is likely to have made itself felt at some point in your life, and it too is part of the Wound you carry. Your navigational error: Like the beer can sitting by the compass in our earlier parable, your truth-carrier's scar or your scapegoat's wound can distort your course through life. Essentially, you can hold back too much, or express yourself vigorously and passionately but in pointless ways that have little to do with who you really are and what you really feel.

Until the necessary inner work is done, you are vulnerable to finding yourself in situations where you 'know too much' but feel incapable of acting on that knowledge. You may, for example, find yourself working for a company that's cutting corners in terms of environmental regulations. Depending on other aspects of your character, you may deal with that reality by becoming cynical, or by rationalising, or by justifying your choice to work there and keep silence as a prerequisite to feeding your kids or paying your bills... as though no other jobs existed. In all those dark expressions, we see the basic mark of Pluto: in each, you are bound to the truthsuppressing self-containment that is characteristic of the unprocessed first-house Pluto Wound. Further, those accumulated inner toxins would then add an unpleasant edge to your off-the-job character. The natural, healthy urge to express the truth thus becomes vulnerable to being charged with anger and then misexpressing itself. A classic misexpression of such energy lies in appointing oneself psychologist to 'safe' people in one's life. Without

intending it, you might act in ways that are too pushy, especially in terms of other people's sensitive zones. Illustration: you might tell your best friend that the reason she's having trouble losing weight is that her excess pounds are really just armour against facing her discomforts around sexuality. And that might very well be the truth. But is she ready to hear it? And will it help her? And why are you really saying it? If your nature is less psychologically-oriented, we might see inappropriate assumptions of practical authority over others - the 'too much advice' syndrome. We can also observe manipulative behaviour - and such behaviour is usually successful because of your instinctual knowledge of other people's woundedness and hence of where their vulnerabilities lie.

Underlying it all, there would arise a dark, brooding 'existentialist' mood - the inevitable mark of low Plutonian energy. Let's add that the first house has much to do with our ability to act and to make choices. When you are in balance in that department, you naturally choose to function in Plutonian ways - as someone who is inclined to delve, to penetrate, to ferret out truth... and often to lead or inspire others in that regard. But if the Navigational Error dominates, then you become directionless, and slip into a kind of existential attitude of coping reactively with a meaningless universe.

We must emphasize repeatedly that, when talking about Wounds and Navigational Errors, we are never speaking of immutable character defects; we are looking at psychological twists that can be untwisted, thereby freeing energy for vastly more helpful and interesting behaviours.

The Healing Method: Going beyond first house Plutonian traps is not polite business. To succeed, you have to take two steps: you must face the dark and you must express what you learn to at least one other human being. Facing the dark can take many forms. Sometimes - but not only sometimes - that means doing deep psychological work on oneself. Anyone who has been through the process of real psychotherapy, including its bleak terrains, has done it. Other possibilities exist. I am imagining a person volunteering to work in a hospice. Perhaps she approaches the work with idealism but some naiveté, expecting lots of 'cosmic' experiences around death. If she sticks with it, she'll have some of those high experiences too - but she'll also see a lot of petty, frightened, dispiriting behaviours on the parts of people who are dying exactly the way they lived. What will come up in our volunteer as she faces these people? All the dimensions of her Plutonian Wound. She'll face some taboo truths in the hospice to be sure; death is the ultimate taboo subject. But she'll also face cynicism, coldness, and anger in herself, and those are the marks of her own wound: the burden of her own silence.

A young man might undertake a Vision Quest in the Native American style. He goes alone into the wilderness, perhaps armed with crystals, shamanistic fantasies, and naiveté. By the second day of his fast, he is terribly hungry, frightened, empty and vulnerable. He feels his death close by, and it's not very inspiring. His Wound rises up - but perhaps something else rises up in him as well. Perhaps he finds something in

himself that is strong enough to face all his primal fears, to name them, and to integrate them. The point is that, with Pluto in the first house, you were born with a capacity to function decisively in the presence of fierce truths. Since even acknowledging those truths is not common practice, you were shamed and punished for having that capacity. The healing process for you lies in placing yourself in situations where that ability to look darkness in the eye and act consciously anyway is necessary and useful. The hospice image illustrates the idea of undertaking the healing process in a public context; therapy or Vision Quest illustrate its more private face. Either method works. But both methods only begin the process. We must recognise that the first house is quite social. That is, it pertains to our social presentation of ourselves. To complete the healing process, a first house Pluto person must integrate the experience of the dark with his or her outward, social self - and that's where expressing what we learn to another human being comes into the picture. In the hospice there's an old man dying of cancer. He's pretending he'll be fine. He's cursing his doctors, his nurses, his family. Nothing is good enough. He's obsessed with money, fears he's being robbed. How do you really feel about him? Well, sadness and maybe even compassion for him might figure in your answer. But anyone who sits with such a curmudgeon on a daily basis is going to have saltier emotions to express as well. The first house Pluto person must find somewhere to express all those thoughts and attitudes, and thereby to integrate that earthy, darkfacing energy into the Self.

The energising vision: Human culture needs its beads read sometimes. We need people such as yourself who are born with the rare ability to face their own radical fury and their own bleak desolation. We need them, after that personal 'descent into Hell', to emerge and help us face the dark in our own lives. You can do it, and you were born for it. You will thrive in an environment where people are up against their most basic issues and fears, willing to face them, but perhaps uncertain of how to do so. When people are ready for the truth, you can step in. You'll help them, of course, but that's only part of the point. The rest of it is that you'll feel alive and energised there. Something extraordinary happens in you when real human drama unfolds, when people are stripped of their pretences and posturings and stand naked. Then, they are like dynamite waiting for a match - and the match is a sense of what to do, where to aim all that fire and willingness. The match could be called leadership, and you can provide it. That leadership can unfold in obvious collective ways, such as in a business or a civic group you might influence; or it can be expressed in private, a mind-triggering word uttered to one individual. It might put you in the public eye as a kind of role model, or it might develop more quietly. Those kinds of distinctions can be made astrologically, but only through knowledge of your entire birth chart. Either way, you are at your best in situations of naked honesty, immediacy, and directness. And conversely, you are least comfortable in circumstances where truths are being avoided, hidden behind theatrical veils of form and propriety.

(Jeff Green)

Pluto in any angular house or sign shows that a new evolutionary cycle is beginning.

This means that a whole evolutionary cycle has come to a close. Pluto in the First House will thus correlate to an individual who will feel that he or she has a special destiny to fulfil. These people will feel this sense of special destiny on a very instinctual basis. This sense is based on the fact that there is a new evolutionary cycle beginning for them. The first tentative steps to develop and actualise this new cycle have begun in the most recent prior lives for these individuals.

Since these people have begun a new evolutionary cycle in the very recent past, they will need, and gravitate to, independence and freedom in this life. These individuals will be likely to be self-centered and somewhat narcissistic in early life. Primary allegiance and identity is with themselves. They have and will desire, freedom and independence to initiate and fulfil any desire or experience they deem necessary, because experience is the vehicle through which they discover or become who and what they are. This emphasised need for freedom and independence is compulsive, because the new evolutionary cycle that they have embarked upon is so instinctual. There is an intense sense of personal self-discovery that is felt at every moment. In other words, something new could be discovered or realised at any time. Because this sense of self-discovery is not conceptually formulated, self-discovery is linked to that which is to come. Thus, the sense of a special destiny that is waiting to be discovered demands essential independence and freedom. These individuals must be free enough to pursue whatever experience comes their way in order to realise or discover something about themselves that they did not know before. It is the instinctual attraction to the immediacy of a potential experience that serves as the vehicle through which this sense of special destiny can be realised.

The evolutionary intent has been, and often is, to find out something new and unique about oneself. This evolutionary pressure sets in motion a process of continual becoming that is highly magnified or intensified. The First House, by its very nature, demands unchecked expression, action and application. Yet Pluto, by its very nature, seeks security through familiarity. Pluto needs perspective and wants to know 'why' prior to the initiation of an action or desire. When these two processes are linked, a natural conflict occurs. On the one hand, these individuals naturally gravitate to independence and freedom. They claim the right to be free to do what they must do. On the other hand, they can resist the instinctual impulses to evolve beyond what they are at any moment in time. The result, on a cyclic basis, is an identity crisis experienced in varying degrees of magnitude. Loss of perspective can occur whenever these individuals cyclically implode upon themselves. Implosions result when the evolutionary desire and pressure to forever move forward through one experience after another meets the intrinsic resistance of Pluto to secure and maintain that which one already is - familiarity and the known. The identity crisis that occurs is thus based on the simultaneous sense of stagnation, limitation and restriction in terms of what the individual already is, and the need to eliminate these restrictions by initiating new experiences or actions.

The need for new experiences will have the effect of creating insecurity with respect to

what the individual already is and how he or she has structured his or her life. Again, these instinctual evolutionary desires to grow, evolve and move forward do not manifest in well-formulated thoughts, concepts, or ideas about what to do. They simply manifest as an intense instinctual impulse to do something, anything, that will create the necessary movement that allows for a continuation of self-discovery. The natural resistance of Pluto when linked to the instinctual impulses to change can result in feelings of inner frustration and anger that can be very intense. Often this anger is projected upon others who are seen as the source of the restriction, stagnation, or problem. In extreme cases, the potential for physical violence exists. The polarity point of Pluto is the Seventh House. The evolutionary desire or intent of this sign or house is ignited as the cycles of identity crisis continue and deepen. It is ignited as the loss of perspective creates cycles of inner torment and anger. The evolutionary desire will progressively lead these individuals into relationships with others. The process of self-discovery and the actualisation of a special destiny cannot occur by maintaining a primary allegiance to just themselves. The prior-life instinctual impulse to maintain freedom and independence promotes a 'natural loner' coming into this life. The vacuum of individual isolation from others that has maintained this prior evolutionary need and impulse will promote the identity crisis because the person has reached an evolutionary limitation that is rooted in him- / herself. The loss of perspective experienced during the identity crisis will manifest as a desire to initiate relationships with others who can help the individual answer the questions: "Who am I?", and "What am I?". By experiencing a personal limitation wherein these questions cannot be answered completely within him- / herself, the individual must learn how to open up to other people. "Who am I?", "What am I?" will be the stated or unstated cries leading to interaction with others. These individuals will subconsciously attract other people who can have a rather shocking effect upon them. This shock effect can occur through the information, advice, or perspectives given to them by others. The vibrational resonance emanating from their Souls attracts those who will help the individual answer these questions.

As a result of this natural process, those with Pluto in the First House will be instinctively attracted or repelled by many other people. Often the attractions are linked to a sexual or a physical magnetism. Such attractions may or may not be acted upon, depending upon the contributing factors in the person's total nature: Mars may be in Capricorn for example. In all cases, the basis of an attraction to another will be what I call hypnotic attractions that occur on a very instinctual basis: the individual does not consciously know what the basis for the attraction is - it just is. And, of course, others can be attracted to the individual in the same way. The basis of the hypnotic effect, either way, is a natural vibrational resonance emanating from the Soul that creates in each person a feeling that he / she would learn something about him- / herself because of the relationship formed to the other. These First House Pluto people naturally draw others who can help them fulfil their evolutionary requirements; and others are drawn to them for the same reasons.

This process works very instinctively, and can be quite fleeting in effect. The time

duration of this type of relationship does not matter. That which occurs through the encounter does. Some relationships will be longer-lasting than others. Some will be sexualised; others will not.

When these individuals feel the instinctual attraction to another, there is a natural desire to find out what the basis of the attraction is. Frustration can result if existing circumstances of life do not allow them to follow through upon the attraction. These circumstances could involve many things including involvement with someone else.

When these individuals feel instinctively repelled by others, they may almost totally deny that person's existence. Sometimes this attraction / repulsion dynamic works in such a way that they feel repelled by the very people they feel attracted to, because the attraction may directly affect the existing nature of their reality.

Relative to the three basic reactions to the evolutionary and karmic requirements for life, these individuals can react in three possible ways to the attractions they feel toward others, and the information coming to them from others:

1. Total rejection of the information or attraction if the individual felt threatened or attacked by someone else, or if he or she felt another's intentions were suspect.
2. To take in the information or follow the attraction wholeheartedly if he or she felt the intentions or motivations of another were sincere, pure and worthy.
3. To reject some attractions or information and, at other times, take in some information and / or follow an attraction.

As the life unfolds, First House Pluto individuals also come to realise (desire) that they want and need to be in an intimate relationship on a sustained basis, not just brief and intense encounters. From the standpoint of evolution, these individuals are literally learning how to be in relationships on an equal basis. They are learning how to give rather than take, listen rather than dominate a conversation; learning that they are equals with others and that they are just as important or unimportant as anyone else.

By learning how to give to others first, they will learn that their own needs are answered as a result. By learning how to listen, they will know what to give. By listening and giving, they will learn the evolutionary lesson of equality and relativity.

Commonly, most of these people will experience difficulties in relationships that revolve around confrontations of an emotional, intellectual, or physical nature in the early part of life. Often they must experience the sense of being attacked, or attacking, of being misunderstood or misunderstanding another. These experiences occur to trigger the realisation of where they and others are coming from - the motivations, intentions, and the basis of an attraction or repulsion. In other cases, intense confrontations may occur

through which these individuals experience the sense of not having their needs met by another, or of another confronting them because their needs are not met by the First House Pluto individual. The reasons for these types of confrontations are the same: to promote lessons of equality, of giving, of listening; to fulfil another's needs before one's own; to promote the awareness of one's intentions and motivations, and the awareness of changing needs.

Those with a First House Pluto will react in one of three basic ways to the evolutionary intent implied in the above experiences. At different times in life, an individual may experience each one of these reactions:

1. To seek out relationships in which they are the dominant force, which leads to an unequal situation. They subconsciously attract this situation because it will ultimately guarantee a separation from that relationship. This type of situation maintains the need to freedom but does not meet the individual's evolutionary needs. The desire for freedom, thus separation, dictates or creates such a relationship. For the very same reason, these individuals may reject or repel relationships altogether. In this case, they fear becoming overly embroiled in another's demands and needs. If they become overly involved in another's needs, they would consider such situations as potential 'detours' that interfere with their own desire to actualise their 'special destiny'. Some individuals, in this reaction, will pop in and out of relationships as the desire or need dictates. The identity crisis is now whether or not to be in relationships, as cycles of personal limitation and stagnation occur.

2. To seek out relationships in which they are being dominated, which also leads to an unequal situation. This is an extreme reaction to the desire to return to the Source, and is usually caused by an old karmic pattern that has led to subconscious guilt. The guilt is usually based on the subliminal knowledge of being overly egocentric and very manipulative in other lives. Thus, there is a need to 'atone' for the guilt. This is accomplished by drawing the type of partner who is totally dominating by nature. They dominate by compulsively confronting and pointing out the individual's weakest areas. This type of partner presents him- or herself as the individual who will reconstruct or reformulate the First House Pluto person according to his or her idea of how these individuals should be.

3. To seek out relationships that contain the potential for equality, with each partner giving and receiving in equal ways, each partner helping the other to understand him- / herself in open and non-defensive ways, and each partner allowing for independence in the other. Each would value commitment to the other and the relationship. Each partner would desire to define the relationship in 'new ways', and be open enough to let the relationship evolve and change forms as necessary. The evolutionary prescription demands that these individuals learn how to balance their need for freedom and independence with their need for relationships. Rather than falling into an either / or situation, the evolutionary need is to realise that both needs and desires are relevant

and necessary.

Such individuals must learn that the optimal relationships for them are with others who encourage and allow for their freedom and independence. They must learn to recognise that this rhythmic need to be alone or to be with someone is not predictable, nor is it known to the individual prior to its instinctual manifestation. The challenge is to follow these opposing rhythms as they present themselves. If this is not done, then loss of perspective, emotional distortion, misidentifying the cause of a problem, and an identity crisis will occur. If these rhythms are followed, then these reactions will be minimised.

Because the First House Pluto person is in a new evolutionary cycle, the individualising impulses manifest on a very instinctual basis. These people will not know the reason of these desires, nor how to explain them or account for them in a conceptual sense. As a result, they feel less competent than others at explaining themselves, their actions, their needs and who they are. Negatively, this dilemma can create a situation in which the individual adopts someone else's values and beliefs. This inevitably leads to an extreme reaction in which the individual rejects those beliefs at some point. In this reaction, the individual retreats into isolation in order to recover or discover who he / she is as an individual, independent of what he / she has allowed him- / herself to adopt. Yet, because the evolutionary pressure is to be in a relationship, the person ultimately reacts against this isolation and seeks out relationships. This process will keep repeating until the person realises that comparing him- or herself to others in this way is not productive. Then the person will seek out relationships with others who listen to and encourage his or her individual self-discovery as it occurs, rather than forming relationships to others who try and dictate who and what he / she is, or try to make him or her into something that he or she cannot be.

Positively, these First House Pluto people manifest the courage and will to be different, to strike out on their own in a leadership capacity and to serve as examples to others that they too can assert their right of individuality in the ways they deem necessary. Their lives can serve to motivate others to do what they must do in order to realise their own special destinies.

Once the evolutionary lessons have been learned by First House Pluto people, then their ability to balance their own legitimate needs with the needs of those around them is unsurpassed. Their evolved ability to listen to another will allow them to give to another exactly what he / she needs. In so doing they will attract to themselves others who will have the capacity to give to them that which they need. They have intrinsic courage and capacity to break new ground in whatever aspect of life they apply themselves to, and can give courage to others to do the same thing. Furthermore, these individuals can become aware of the basis and nature of their desires, and why and how those desires determine their reality. They can apply this knowledge to others as well, and help others become aware of the basis and nature of their own desires. This knowledge can be used to help themselves and others make the right choices as to what desires should be

actualised, and which ones should not.

Common characteristics of the First House Pluto types are these: intense individualists, can be very strong-willed, intense, magnetic, bull-headed, defiant against arbitrary authority, courageous, possess inherent leadership abilities, are not given to meaningless conversations, have a penetrating gaze, and can be hard to get to know deeply. They have very strong physical bodies.

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°55') ♎4 | ♎5
- 2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°22') ♎7 | ♎5
- 3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°58') ♎7 | ♎8
- 4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°20') ♎8 | ♎1
- 5) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°41') ♎7 | ♎5
- 6) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♋ **South-Node** - (1°35') ♎6 | ♎7
- 6) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°24') ♎9 | ♎8
- 7) ► **Uranus** ♅ **Contra-Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°11') ♎8 | ♎11
- 8) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♅ **Uranus** - (7°36' A) ♎8 | ♎8
- 9) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♋ **South-Node** - (7°56' S) ♎7 | ♎7
- 10) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°05' S) ♎5 | ♎5
- 11) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°32' A) ♎7 | ♎1
- 12) ► **Ascendant ASC Sextile** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°59' A) ♎1 | ♎11
- 13) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (4°26' A) ♎4 | ♎6
- 14) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ☿ **Mercury** - (3°36' S) ♎9 | ♎7
- 15) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Sextile** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°12' A) ♎7 | ♎5
- 16) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (4°51' S) ♎6 | ♎9
- 17) ► **Midheaven MC Square** ♇ **Pluto** - (6°50' A) ♎4 | ♎1
- 18) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°13' S) ♎8 | ♎11
- 19) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♀ **Venus** - (1°28' S) ♎9 | ♎6
- 20) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°47' S) ♎9 | ♎5
- 21) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°42' S) ♎9 | ♎5
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♅ **Uranus** - (5°23' S) ♎4 | ♎8
- 23) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°24' S) ♎9 | ♎5
- 24) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°41' A) ♎9 | ♎5
- 25) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°56' A) ♎9 | ♎1
- 26) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°20' S) ♎5 | ♎1
- 27) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°15' A) ♎5 | ♎1
- 28) ► **Ascendant ASC Quincunx** ☉ **Sun** - (0°46' A) ♎1 | ♎8
- 29) ► **Sun** ☉ **Octile** ♀ **Venus** - (2°25' A) ♎8 | ♎6
- 30) ► **Mars** ♂ **Tri-Octile** ♋ **North-Node** - (0°05' A) ♎9 | ♎1

- 1) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°55') ♎4 | ♎5

(Robert Hand)

You are an ambitious person who wants to get ahead, not just for yourself, but for the benefit of the larger world to which you belong. While you are young, you will express this as an interest in issues that are usually of concern only to older people. Your wideranging interests may include such topics as religion, geography, and even politics and government. In school you may get involved in student government and become quite a leader among your classmates. But they will respect you for this, because while you make it clear that you expect to benefit personally from what you do, you also feel responsible to those around you.

If you receive any kind of religious education while you are young, it will have a tremendous impact, and you will carry those teachings with you all your life. As a result, your standards of ethics and morality will be higher than most people's. You will always be concerned with doing what is right for its own sake, not for what you can get from it. In fact, this position is often found in the charts of those who enter the ministry or priesthood. If you don't receive any religious training while you are young, you will develop your own religious views anyway, which will be as important to you as if they had been taught from earliest childhood. You will always want your life to stand for the highest and best values - honor, integrity, respect and truth. Even when you cannot uphold these principles as you would like, you will respect them. And if you violate your principles, you will hurt yourself more than anyone else.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction with the Midheaven, a need for expansion can express itself powerfully in the social field. This is why this placement is traditionally regarded as a very profitable position. Due to an optimistic, forward-looking attitude, and to the ease with which we present ourselves to the outer world, we have a lot going for us. We tend to take the long view and are possessed of a social conscience. Jupiter always represents the spiritual and religious needs of humanity, and someone with a Jupiter / MC conjunction often makes an ethical or moral stand in the community.

Smugness is also well-known in this position; the great ease with which everything is managed tempts us to display an attitude of superiority. Modesty is not our strong point. Although outgoing and friendly, we have an air of condescension. This is a fine position for teaching, religion and other Jovian activities.

(Sue Tompkins)

Jupiter on the MC suggests that the individual has confidence about the eventual successful outcome of his / her goals, although the goals can be so large that success may prove elusive. Those aims may well revolve around a Jupiterian vocation: teaching, publishing, travel, religion, politics, philosophy or law. the person would probably like to

be seen by the public at large as being full of generosity and good will. This placement suggests that the individual would like to 'play God' in his / her career in some way, and he / she may well take on the role of advice-giver or benefactor. These people are often influential in moulding other people's beliefs; and this can apply to all aspects to this axis.

The Jupiter-MC individual will usually be very 'future-orientated' and may be happy enough to put up with a less than wonderful past or present in the confident expectation of things improving in the years to come. The vocation may also deal with other people's futures in some way. One of the parental figures may have had strong religious or political views. That person may also have been rather dramatic or larger than life to the child.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect is favorable for attaining prominence. The fact that the natives are usually honest and benevolent in their dealings often leads to promotion, public confidence, and a good reputation.

If the natives were born in lowly circumstances, they usually rise to a position of importance. Often a profession in the ministry, law, education, or business is indicated, since this conjunction favors people who are in the public eye or who pursue a career in politics.

If the conjunction is afflicted, ambition and desire for importance for its own sake are indicated

2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel to Saturn** - (1°22') ♏7 | ♏5

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn opposition the Ascendant shows that you are defensive in your associations. You have to exert a lot of pressure to get a response from people, and most times you don't think it's worth the effort. You tend to be so preoccupied with your own affairs that you can't be too concerned with anyone else's. But at the same time you accuse people of being indifferent to you. The truth is, you are so reserved about projecting yourself into their lives that you give the impression you think yourself better than they are. So they keep their distance and are not likely to warm up to you.

You assume people will not appreciate your talents, so you don't offer your services. Convinced that others are more competent, you are afraid to accept challenging competition. You need approval of others to reassure yourself of your skills. You cautiously test people's reactions to what you do and draw their conclusions for them before they have a chance to express an opinion. Probably you had an austere

beginning and are not accustomed to being praised for your efforts. Although you have a mind of your own, you are never sure you can exploit your ideas and get a favorable response, which you desperately need. A minor chore like asking for a pay increase is a major event to you, and you have to have a lot of determination to do it.

You prefer people to come to you, because you fear they won't accept you if you go to them. You may be obsessed by the thought that your subconscious fears are obvious to everyone, but of course they are not. The only guilt you should feel is in your failure to assert yourself enough. Because you are more competent than most of your competitors, you will never take on a task you can't handle. Until you try, of course, you won't know this. You secretly fear responsibility, but you are more than able to perform your duties and fulfill your obligations, both to yourself and to others. You need the reassurance of knowing that achievement is well within your grasp.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Saturn on the Descendant often look to other people to live out the responsible, dutiful, mature or even patriarchal qualities, although they themselves will usually be very responsible about relationship matters and, in their own way, also very much in control. There can be a fear of relationship with Saturn contacting either end of this axis: fear of being in a relationship and fear of not being in one. At best, Saturn contacting these angles suggests that the individual is able to apply him- / herself to building up a relationship with another person by responsibly dealing with the different obstacles as they occur.

Saturn square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here the reserve and aloofness so typical of all Saturn / Ascendant aspects are caused chiefly by the degree of vulnerability we feel. We respond to people in a nervous, even mistrustful way. When we wish to express ourselves, Saturn interferes and we clam up instead. Also, with these aspects, we can be heavy-handed; a trait unlikely to give popularity. The irritation shown by others further increases uncertainty and vulnerability. We must be careful not to keep saying 'I'm no good', 'No-one likes me' and so on: statements such as these have a knack of being self-fulfilling and may stop us finding the warmth we seek.

Due to unfortunate experiences in contacts with others, we sometimes go into complete seclusion, or hide behind a 'wooden mask' of some sort - that of a careerist, for example - in order to keep out of range at the personal level.

The tense aspects make us very insecure on this point and, when we brood over it too much, we are liable to suffer from listlessness and fatigue. With the unconscious working flat out in an attempt to solve problems that have arisen or might arise, energy that would normally be available to the conscious is used up. However, if we learn to confine worries to practical issues (as it is perfectly possible to do with the tense aspects), we can become the same responsible, down-to-earth individuals we would be with one of the easy aspects - although never the life and soul of the party.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Saturn squares the Ascendant, the approach to any new beginning is clouded with conflict, for early in the life the father was not encouraging. These individuals will commence new activities with caution or apprehension. Some of the conflict will be caused by an inner lack of self-confidence, for early problems with the father image usually manifest as problems with authority figures later on. The square indicates a selfworth predicament that can be coupled with the sign quality dilemma indicated by the square aspect.

With the opposition of Saturn to the Ascendant there will also be an early childhood conflict with the father, and there will be a need for authority approval, or a feeling of caution attached to any new beginning. A feeling of compromise occurs because the needs of the partner (or the partner's opinions) will influence the new steps forward in life.

3) ► **Descendant DC Parallel ☿ Uranus** - (1°58') ♀7 | ♃8

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus opposition the Ascendant shows that relationships stand in the way of achieving the freedom you want. You attract people who demand their own freedom, even though it means you must curtail yours, and this annoys you. Attracted to people who are defiant of authority, you'd like to share the enthusiasm of their independence. You feel uncomfortable when anyone asks you to make a commitment, for you consider contracts and related obligations as too limiting and frustrating. Marriage in the traditional sense is not for you. You prefer a more liberal association in which the only binding agent is your emotional attraction to your partner. You enjoy a wide circle of friends who share your views and with whom you feel safe and secure.

Your contemporaries admire your ingenuity in using your creative talents. You are drawn to occupations that give you freedom to work in your own way, unconfined by rules and regulations. You don't like to be told when and how you should do something or to receive an ultimatum if you don't submit.

Rebellious by nature, you probably left home at an early age to seek your own goals.

Although you have a mind of your own, you probably are not fully prepared to accept responsibility for your actions. You tend to avoid competition on the excuse that it is the trap of a regulated society.

Although you secretly hope to make a substantial contribution to improve society, you may lack the motivation to actually do something to prove your concern. Your resentment of authority may cause problems in reaching your goals. You make your own rules to serve as guidelines, but they are not very demanding. Part of your role in life is to help others gain their freedom by urging them to get an education and to learn about the social and political issues that can affect them.

Uranus square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With a tense aspect from Uranus to the Ascendant, we give the impression of being restless, changeable and capricious: a pretty good description of our behavior toward everything encountered in the outside world. We shift from one thing to another and, in spite of longing to develop along lines compatible with freedom, we are not clear how to shape desires or know quite what they involve. We are liable to do the wrong thing, or to be fiercer, more impulsive, more tactless, and often more provocative than is really justified. There is no doubt that these aspects can cause ruptures through thoughtlessness, restlessness and a hot temper.

Ingenuity is a marked feature, but often we are too impatient to exploit or perfect an invention. We are easily distracted by novelties, and the next thing that comes along may capture our attention for no better reason than that it is original or quaint (usefulness is not high on our list of desirable qualities). And then something even more intriguing catches our eye, and we go running after that. Real progress is out of the question when this happens, and the usual restlessness is compounded by nervousness.

With Uranus / Ascendant conflicts, we need an outlet for tension. If, for example, the Ascendant has few other aspects, it is hard to be openly impulsive, and the tension can build up inside. When we finally let off steam, the effect is startling and possibly destructive.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square or opposition brings in conflict, for the behavioral attitudes of these individuals were probably not accepted as a part of their persona. When putting their best foot forward, they may not be comfortable.

When the opposition takes place, the behavioral attitudes are compromised with every new beginning: the approach to life may not reflect the behavioral attitudes.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Uranus squaring the Ascendant are usually not reinforced for their 'differentness' by the family. They often themselves feel different or think that others may find them odd. This usually feels rather uncomfortable, and the individual often finds it difficult to integrate his / her unconventionality into the rest of his / her personality or life-style.

People with Uranus on the Descendant tend to look to others to bring out the more unconventional or original aspects of their personality. It usually takes someone else to awaken the Uranus-Descendant person to the possibility of leading a more exciting or exhilarating life. It is through interaction with someone else that it dawns upon the person that they needn't conform to the whims of society but can express themselves as they would honestly wish to.

Instead of making a statement 'I am unique', as might be expected with Uranus conjunct Ascendant, those with this placement might make a life-statement which says: 'We are different. Our relationship is exciting, radical, unconventional' - or a whole host of other Uranian words. The relationships of Uranus conjunct Descendant will often involve 'shocks'. Quite unexpected happenings, unexpected choices of partner, instant marriage proposals, speedy and sudden exits from relationships and so on. And all of this is usually in the service of some personal awakening, some personal radical change.

It is also through relationship that the Uranus conjunct Descendant person can rebel. The choice of partner may itself be an act of rebellion, as may the way the relationship is pursued. With this placement, the individual will insist on the freedom to pursue whatever kind of relationship he / she wants, and with whomever he / she chooses. With Uranus at either end of the Ascendant / Descendant axis, freedom within a relationship will also usually be insisted upon, and thus this combination might be associated with 'open' marriages and partnerships; and, in particular, with relationships which are essentially based on friendship. Individuals look to their partners and their relationships for excitement, stimulation and personal awakening. If such exhilarating interchange becomes no longer possible, the individual will usually feel the need to look elsewhere for it.

4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Contra-Parallel** ♁ **Pluto** - (0°20') ♋8 | ♏1

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests that most of your problems and challenges will arise in the area of interpersonal relationships, often created or stimulated by your own unconscious

expression of this energy, which requires a deeper understanding and inner adjustment to be achieved before you can consistently benefit from its power.

Your temperament can be assertive, aggressive and extremist, tending to use your powerful will like a sledgehammer to achieve objectives. You prefer to force situations so that you are ready to take the advantage before anyone else can, or will act through impulse without fully considering the consequences of following your desires and aims. To others, your will and personality can seem a little overbearing, provocative and dominating, especially as you always prefer to be in control of all situations, and hate to feel unsure of your ground or realise there is nothing you can do to influence circumstances in your favour. This is why you desire to be in a position of authority, calling the tune and writing the rules, yet are so rebellious when roles are reversed; you then use your influence to be subversive and manipulate others to resist authority.

You will feel a desire to change the world into your image, reflecting the way that you think it should be. As virtually everyone else is attempting the same in small or large ways, inevitably you may experience conflict with others who do not agree with your panacea for the world's ills. If you attempt to dictate to people, by forceful expression, you may easily fail to get the right kind of support and co-operation, especially if it is made clear that you intend to be the kingpin and final arbiter. The problem with dominating and forceful personalities is that usually they insist on having their own way, and are rarely, if ever, wrong. This usually ends in relationship conflict which leads to their more creative supporters quitting, leaving behind 'mere followers' who remain with the 'leader' in sycophantic acquiescence.

Without proper awareness and understanding, these tendencies can become negatively expressed, eventually to your detriment. Yet equally they can become extremely positive qualities to be used in socially creative ways once excess selfinterest is transcended, and you move towards the higher solar path of your individuality rather than just satisfying lower egoic needs and desires. You will need to undergo a period of self-regeneration, to acknowledge the needs of others to be themselves, not as mere adjuncts to your dictates, but people equally able and right to assert themselves. More harmonious and successful relationships are possible, especially when your need for self-assertion diminishes through self-understanding and confidence in your own worth. This can involve learning to be self-reliant in achieving your own aims, rather than having to manipulate others into unconsciously aiding your private intentions. Inner changes leading to a less aggressive attitude and less suspicion in working with others, more co-operation to achieve mutual goals, and a degree of compromise in your attitudes, will certainly bring more benefit to you and others. Gaining an understanding of the elements present in your psychology which desire for you to become an authority and leader can help to bring about an inner adjustment, and an ability to work with others can then emerge.

5) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Contra-Parallel** ♋ **Jupiter** - (1°41') ♏7 | ♏5

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of Mercury and Jupiter shows that you are inclined to go to extremes in your expectations. You have a fertile imagination and much inspiration, but you may lack the practical sense to use them constructively. You don't like to take on responsibility, assuming you can achieve without diligent application and hard work. Although you are well-informed on many subjects, your opinions are based on shabby evidence. You alienate people because you strike them as being a 'know-it-all'. You are inattentive to details when making judgements, which forces you to revise your position later. Your sometimes irresponsible statements are inconsistent with your mature mental development. You would do well to become a better listener and thereby gain some wisdom. In your case, silence would surely be golden. If you listen to both sides before jumping to conclusions, you will reap great dividends and win many friends.

You have an insatiable appetite for knowledge and are intensely curious about everything. You must be careful, however, for you may not follow up your initial curiosity, and fragments of information are never a good substitute for the whole story. You need to discipline yourself and resist the tendency to hop from one subject to another, becoming a jack-of-all-trades and a master of none. Once you focus on a specific objective and determine to persist, there is much you can accomplish.

Law, education, writing, and public relations are some of the fields in which you can apply your creative talents and become successful. Aim for objectives that are within the realm of probability. As you reach your goals, redefine and clarify your next ones. In this way, you won't be disappointed at not reaching the moon. You should also plan to continue your education as your level of accomplishment increases. You need to stay abreast of current developments if you want to remain competitive.

Be careful to avoid legal entanglements; you tend to pass over the small print and suffer losses as a result. Get a good and trustworthy attorney to take care of matters that you may not fully understand. You can't afford not to afford his services.

Your personal and romantic relationships are inclined to be a bit untidy. You tend to assume that a friend is seriously interested in you, failing to realize that he or she may be using you only to satisfy selfish desires. Insist on deferring your declaration of love until you can determine your lover's credentials. Unless you are honest with yourself, you will be the victim of insincerity by your associates.

(Betty Lundsted)

This person comes from a childhood in which the family doesn't relate to him. The power of the trine can be developed out of an opposition, but constructive use of the energy will have to be learned - early childhood experience doesn't provide the training.

Friends and opportunities may be lost because of a poor choice of words. The opposition causes a compromise between the relating ability and the need for communication. It can express in an excessive manner - one day relating nicely, the next not, or words can come out in a tirade. The feeling is that if communication is honest (according to the sign Mercury is in) then relationships can't happen. These feelings create inner tensions; eventually, resentments develop because real communication isn't achieved. The aspect is a powerful one. The resentments will go once the individual learns how to express the compromise in a profitable manner. This can be learned once he realizes that he was not shown how to do it by his family. The opposition can be compared to the needs of the Sun archetype and then worked out.

Mercury square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The unbalanced use of hard-aspect energy may make Jupiter too expansive, and the effect of this on voluble Mercury is to produce bragging, conceited talk, opinionatedness and inaccuracy. Taking big risks in Mercurial matters (trade, contacts, traffic) can be another consequence.

But, even with the tense aspects, there is also a great deal of warmth in contacts with others. We like them to share our experiences and thoughts, and we can actively propagate ideas and become good teachers or advocates. Eager involvement in all sorts of things is a further probable result of these aspects, and, in fact, varied interests can turn out more successfully in some respects than they would have done had we had an easier aspect between the same planets. However, we shall have to overcome a certain amount of opposition because we try to do things at the wrong time and in the wrong way. Also thoughts are restless, even hyperactive, and we are always trying to see connections whether they exist or not.

Quite frequently, we shall find that Mercury, as the objective, ordering factor in our make-up, causes trouble when we enter Jupiter's terrain (expansion, religion and the widening of one's horizon). This can create inner uncertainty about what we are doing, and probably, in order to convince ourselves that we are right, we try to convince others that we are right - a dubious enterprise. We need to be careful about how we word our opinions and about how we offer advice. With these tense aspects, ill-considered or exaggerated reactions run in the blood.

6) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ☿ **South-Node** - (1°35') ♄6 | ♋7

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Natives with this aspect tend to loneliness and personal isolation where their feelings are concerned. They are inept in timing social and romantic advances, approaching others when they are preoccupied or indisposed. Consequently they suffer frequent brush-offs and develop inferiority complexes. On the positive side, love takes on a serious and profound meaning. There is a desire to help and relate to those who really need love and friendship. In the long run, this brings spiritual rewards.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect gives the individual a difficult time understanding and diagnosing love emotions and feelings. These people face several hidden problems regarding love / romance and with people of the opposite sex. Here the basic need for that soul is to convert the physical sexual energy into high consciousness. This is not an easy process by any means. Not many of these individuals can manage the processing or conversion. This makes the aspect a tough one to live through in that lifetime. During the recent lives, the person has overindulged in too many good things. As a result, here in this life, a coffee-break for that soul is provided. If they do not learn to accept this, the changes are circumstantially forced upon them eventually.

(Donna van Toen)

This person may have trouble adapting to new people and circumstances. Often there's difficulty in close relationships. This person may be agreeable enough but about the wrong things. Sometimes an over-developed sense of duty contributes to emotional stagnation.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, slowing down is even more marked. There are a dislike of exertion, reliance on others, and the view that making a token effort is good enough. According to the theme of the axis, the native waits to be motivated by others, and is dependent on stronger, usually male, persons. The love of ease and a tendency to compromise mean that many opportunities for personal growth are allowed to slip by, and that refuge is taken in pseudo-harmony.

Venus square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, little endeavour to oblige other people, a disagreeable nature. A disharmonious love-union.

(Bernice Grebner)

This does not exactly favor happiness. This person is usually very sensitive and cannot express his affection comfortably. He cannot adapt easily to intimate relationships. For a man it may remove the woman he loves in some way, or may make the relationship difficult, especially if square. It may not deny love in his life, but it can put obstacles in the way that he must overcome. This diminishes the Venus charm and makes the feelings easily influenced. Venus square the Nodes tends to break up his numerous love affairs. Venus opposition the South Node designates an imbalance or excessive feelings. There can be great sacrifice to an ideal love. The square is not food for lasting love, and may tend to make the person tyrannical and jealous. The Node square Venus is especially significant for it takes much of the person's attention. The interest goes to the sign and house in which Venus is located; and great force has to be exercised in balancing the whole T-cross.

6) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°24') ♄9 | ♅8

(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 nature 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).

7) ► **Uranus** ♂ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°11') ☿8 | 0011

Uranus square or opposition Neptune

(Charles Carter)

In these cases, the intensity of emotion is very marked, the native being as a rule, highly strung, intense, sensitive, and easily upset. Self-will is marked, and the native will not readily be thwarted or persuaded. The emotional force may be discharged in some such form as art, music, dancing, rhetoric or pseudo-religious devotion; some form of service; or, in bad charts, in drink, sex, or neurotic collapse. It does not lack courage, and may cause the native to seek excitement in risks.

Usually, motives and ideals are high, and the native means well, but is apt to go to extremes, to lack all sense of humour (in regard to his or her own interests and pursuits), and to be unable to co-operate or compromise. It may indeed be termed an aspect of fanaticism, but in many cases its action is chiefly external, giving taut nerves, an 'edgy' temper, and various forms of disease, usually of neural character.

It is often present in the charts of very conscientious people, who are hard on themselves and on others, exhibiting rigidity of outlook. It does not favour calm, moderation, reflectiveness, and detachment, for the emotions are set at variance with the will.

Like all Neptunian afflictions, it sometimes causes unpleasant or deceptive 'astral' experiences, and it constitutes a warning against the cultivation of pursuits of this nature. A well-known example of this error is the case of Dr. John Dee, astrologer to Queen Elizabeth I and an alchemist. He was a man of true piety and learning, but his whole career was ruined by his reliance on the guidance, or misguidance, of supposed angelic monitors. He had Neptune in the 3rd in Pisces, square to Uranus in the 7th.

Much of the unhappiness, 'never been young' attitude of modern (ie late 1920s, when Carter was writing!) youth, their confusion of outlook, and lack of standards may be attributed without risk of error to the opposition of these planets that prevailed around 1910.

Uranus in any aspect to Neptune

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranus represents the need for independence and originality; it crashes through forms and restraints, and helps develop individuality on the basis of inwardly desired change. Neptune, on the other hand, represents the desire to experience what lies beyond individuality itself. Hence it stands for a need to disassociate and blur things, to idealize and perfect them. But there is a danger of the individual mind becoming chaotic and

losing itself in the collective. When the two factors come together, as they do here, we get a highly idealistic personality displaying an impersonal attitude every now and then.

The aspects of Uranus and Neptune reinforce their mutual idealism. Perhaps the native sits and dreams of finding what lies 'somewhere over the rainbow', but it is equally possible the he or she may help to bring about actual social change.

Since both Uranus and Neptune play a big part in spirituality and metaphysics, and in such things as clairvoyance and telepathy, any contact between the two planets can lead to fresh ground being broken in these fields, and can stimulate scientific research in the realm of the invisible. An obvious example of such research is parapsychology, but an equally valid example is theoretical physics - because the latter has penetrated so far behind the everyday world we see around us. If there are tie-ups with personal planets in the chart, we may even encounter the mystical and mysterious first hand.

It is interesting, in this connection, that the English Society for Psychical Research (the S. P. R.) was founded in 1882 during a trine between Uranus and Neptune. This society applied itself to systematic study of the unexplained, and in so doing stimulated worldwide research into parapsychology. The time was ripe for paying more heed to matters hidden from ordinary view. Shortly after its trine with Uranus, Neptune was conjunct Pluto, and, at the turn of the century, Uranus formed an inconjunct with Neptune conjunct Pluto. Astounding discoveries were then made in the field of parapsychology due to the fortuitous arrival of numerous exceptionally gifted mediums and other exponents of the paranormal.

When Uranus / Neptune constellations are linked with personal factors in a chart, the native is quite likely to be attracted to paranormal studies and to make original contributions to them.

Aspects between Uranus and Neptune can provide a stimulus for all sorts of mind-expanding experiments, including the study of hallucinogens on consciousness and behavior, the study of the physical influence of empathy and imagination (as in stigmata for example), and so forth.

The search for a completely individual religious experience (the Uranian influence on Neptune) is as likely as the erosion and depersonalization of individuality (the Neptunian influence on Uranus). Yet Neptune's often subtle influence can refine the individuality and place it in the light of a greater, cosmic whole; either through religious faith, or else through the insight that, whereas the conscious has its limitations, the unconscious soars above space and time to give the human spirit endless possibilities.

Of course, everything will run more smoothly with the easy aspects. Nevertheless, the ungovernability of these particular planets can lead to sudden upheavals, and to innovations that are not always welcome. With the hard aspects, we face an even

rougher ride, impelling us to take action.

8) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♂ **Uranus** - (7°36' A) ♀8 | ♀8

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Sun conjunct Uranus, you are highly aware of yourself. You move freely in your environment, expressing yourself in your own unique fashion, unmindful that some people regard you as an eccentric. A very willful person, you are shocked if anyone dares to restrain you in any way. You jealously guard your rights to be yourself and speak your mind without compromise. When your freedom is curtailed or denied, you have the courage to fight to regain it. You are intolerant of tradition and the social limitations resulting from it. Your permissive attitude could hinder success, because even people who are impressed by you may misinterpret you as being essentially unstable.

Your arrogant nature developed early in life, in keeping with your accelerated individuality. In childhood you were as difficult to control as you are now. You took much less time than most to reach maturity, for you were too impatient to endure the restraints imposed by your elders. Because you grew up so quickly and had such a short childhood, you were maligned by some and admired by others.

You love being free, and your profession must provide you with freedom to perform your assigned tasks in your own way. The possibilities for a career are almost unlimited. Politics, science, education, or some technical aspect of industry would allow you to exploit your creative potentials. Your philosophy is progressive, and these fields would benefit from your intuition and forethought. Progress is your most important product; you accept the lessons of the past only as a basis for continued development.

You enjoy the company of others who share your excitement and expectations for the future. Your free-wheeling temperament, however, needs to be balanced by having a more down-to-earth mate. Otherwise it is too easy for you to lose contact with reality and meaningful social contact, which can enrich your life.

(Haydn Paul)

You are likely to experience ongoing clashes and discord with others and society. This is due to your essential tendency to be highly individualistic and non-conformist, and this will inevitably bring you into conflict with the social traditions and lifestyle patterns of your country, by your determination to follow your unique path through life. You will not have a passive nature, or acquiesce easily in what is required of you by parents, school, religion or the state-approved ways of social living; but you will be a passionate rebellious spirit rejecting, questioning or opposing those pressures with which you disagree or which you believe are intending to hinder your freedom.

This 'passion', however, is not really emotionally rooted, but is your way of releasing a build-up of energy within your nature which has to find some means of release, similar to the boiling of water which transforms into steam to escape from a container. The slightest threat or fear of 'imprisonment' will cause you to begin looking for the escape route.

This need for freedom - in whichever and however many ways you define 'freedom' - will be a dominant factor influencing your life. The urgent need to express this tendency will create an unsettling impact upon your adult choices and life direction, and will probably interfere with focusing on your solar path. As a result of experiencing this inner pressure for change, you are likely to observe the elements of unpredictability flowing into your established life patterns. In some ways this could be beneficial, but an energy acting in uncontrolled unconscious ways can severely disrupt a relatively harmonious lifestyle or family, because someone under its influence begins to act in a potentially destructive manner. Just 'throwing the energy away', attempting to reduce the inner pressure, is not constructive or sensible. This inner process indicates that change is needed, that this will usually be associated with a particular sphere of life (indicated by this natal house conjunction or by planetary transits activating this aspect), and that a conscious attentive focus is required to tune into the messages being internally triggered so that the energy can be directed into suitable channels of expression.

You will have to acknowledge and confront the implications of any innate hatred of restrictions, as life will invariably impose them through family, employment, and type of social environment. You may struggle against restrictions all your life, wanting to be 'free', but free to do what? And free to live in what way, and where? Probably you'll lack real answers, but a search to find a satisfying direction is crucial for you, and will reflect your quest for your higher social path; otherwise in gaining your freedom you'll discover that through cutting the binding ties you have become lost or have destroyed those foundations that are now recognised as being important and meaningful for you.

In your intimate relationships, you will have to be aware of a tendency to invest your needs with supreme value and importance, where you insist upon individual rights and freedom to express your own nature without compromising, yet often fail to offer the same to your partner. You can have a problem of impatience tinged with intolerance, which can create friction, as can your attraction towards areas of experience that some may consider to be unorthodox or deviant from any socially acceptable norm. Not that such reactions unduly concern you; in fact you may feel tempted to flaunt any such preferences in the face of others.

Probably you will be attracted towards entering sudden, intense, exciting physical and emotional relationships, especially spontaneous ones that can occur without too much consideration of any future implications. You prefer 'newness', through exploring the unknown, and may often shy away from commitment and responsibility, partly based on fear and on your inability to often consider your partner's needs as highly as you do your

own. The problem is how to balance your need for novelty and new experiences, your hatred of restrictions, and your desire for individual freedom, with the demands of living with people in society.

You need to become more mature in relationships, to become more aware of the value of mutual sharing, to care as much for your partner as you do for yourself, and, by helping him / her to express his / her own totality and not subduing his / her personal development by the dominating insistence of your needs, to learn to walk side by side with your partner into freedom and fulfilment.

Recognising these tendencies is the first step to beginning taking conscious control to use innate energies, so that your life begins to work better, and becomes more meaningful and satisfying by gaining a greater social cohesion through integrating these planetary energies.

One direction that may help in this self-renewal and personal re-orientation lies in expressing your urge for exploration, to investigate new horizons and interests; try not to live this out in a purely self-centred way, but instead attempt to redirect any benefits towards the well-being of others too, especially through improving the quality of relationships.

Your mind may have an attunement to the Uranian 'higher mind' or 'Universal Mind'. This implies that there can be mental power, perhaps by your mind taking sudden logic leaps and making connections which can offer new insights or ways of looking at life. While sometimes this can be too erratic and undisciplined to be fully utilised, the natural direction that it moves towards is futuristic. This is both a reaction against the restrictions of predictable staid and static social traditions and also potentially a tool to be used in the visualisation and formation of possible future societies. Combining your natural tendencies to permissiveness and creative expression, you may develop in terms of progressive futurist philosophies and attitudes, associating with like-minded groups and individuals to help build the Aquarian New Humanity. Embodying new lifestyle patterns and more open attitudes can offer a new world for you to explore and one which can benefit others too. Here lies a freedom with less restriction, allowing you to express a rebellious nature against social limitations while helping to build a more understanding and free world for everyone to share. Taking such a direction can enable you to dissolve previous self-preoccupations into participation in group endeavours. This fusion of your Uranian tendencies with a projected heroic path can build a lighted way in your life, where the positive contributions of both Sun and Uranus can be released for individual and collective benefits.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The great need here is to develop as an individual, and, where feasible, to break through set patterns in order to create profitable new openings - even though Uranus does not

necessarily encourage practicality.

The pattern-breaking can sometimes be destructive from sheer perverseness and an unwillingness to be trammled by convention, because the passion for freedom is sometimes unbridled. To those around, the native's liability to shock and to make sudden breaks can be seen as irrational, deliberately provocative and very unsettling, and to some extent they are right.

Nevertheless, the same lack of restraint and need to break through existing structures that make the Sun / Uranus conjunction so unpredictable are responsible for a glittering cascade of original ideas. Some of these ideas will have little value, but many will be useful innovations. Not for nothing do we think of Uranus as the planet of the inventor.

All the same, the native is often too impatient to spend time developing ideas. Restlessness finds expression in many different areas: changes of occupation, of opinion, of life-style, etc.. But one thing is always central: personal freedom, independence and individuality. Certainly, someone with a Sun / Uranus conjunction can have ties, but then he must (in his own eyes anyway) enjoy freedom of movement within those ties and must be able to be himself. As soon as the ties start to tie him down, we may expect a shattering explosion.

The person with a Sun / Uranus conjunction goes whirling through life; perhaps like a fresh breeze bearing the seeds of renewal, perhaps like a devastating tornado - it all depends on the rest of the horoscope.

(Betty Lundsted)

These people are honorary Aquarians. The qualities of Aquarius are added to the Sun sign characteristics. These are the people who have chosen to be a part of the new age, for they are involved with the uplifting of the consciousness of the sign type. The responsibility of these people is awesome. The energy forces a particular soul to grow, to transform itself, to become conscious.

The life will be unusual, perhaps erratic, perhaps eccentric, as they look for the right path to walk. The influence of the father is important, for he is an unorthodox and unusual man in some way; he sparks his child's growth because of his effect on the personality. The father is forced out of his particular 'rut' when this child is small, and his child will be forced out of the rut of his sign type

The person with Sun conjunct Uranus has to learn to channel the energy of the aspect or he will be controlled by it. One of the problems here is an unorthodox approach to life that may not be understood or appreciated by folks who don't have it. Parents have problems raising this child, for the child picks up the father's unorthodox behavior and ends up harassing the parents by being difficult to manage, hard to train, and stubborn

and eccentric even early in life. This is a highly independent child. In certain atmospheres, the child will or can be overwhelmed by the stronger parent, sometimes by sheer force, for the child doesn't fit acceptable childhood patterns that the parents require.

As the individual learns to use the energy, the interpreter of the chart can evaluate the circumstances with an eye to the growth of the personality, and help this energy to manifest itself in a constructive way. The possible effect if the chance to be a far-reaching example of the sun sign - grow and be different from those who have come before.

(Charles Carter)

The conjunction of these bodies is a powerful configuration with an influence not dissimilar from the harmonious aspects, but liable, if the rest of the horoscope inclines in that direction, to some of the features of the malefic aspects, such as rebelliousness, perverseness, and obstinate persistence in unwise courses. It seems to favour a scientific or literary career; it is averse to conventional occupations and must be permitted to make its own way through life.

Since the planet is said to rule, or to have a marked affinity with, Aquarius, which is the detriment of the Sun, it may be supposed that the two have little sympathy. Yet there are unquestionable points of resemblance, and I have not myself observed disastrous consequences from the conjunction. On the other hand, it is very frequently indicative of great talent.

9) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♑ **South-Node** - (7°56' S) ♎7 | ♎7

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect produces a condition in which the natives' ideas are either behind or ahead of their times. On the positive side, the conjunction can bestow mental originality and independence. Then natives escape the pitfalls of popular opinion. In the long run, if the rest of the map indicates good mental capacity, the native will prove to be correct. On the negative side, the native is forced to proceed alone with his ideas since he cannot gain support for them. He does not speak out at the right time in the right place; and when he does speak, he is not listened to. Consequently, he is sometimes frustrated and feels mentally alone.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect can produce possible learning difficulties, mental blocks, uncommunicativeness or improper communication. Nervous system, in general, gets affected due to this aspect. Reflex actions are often delayed or distorted. This aspect brings about tremendous inner growth regarding knowledge and wisdom, as the

internalization or osmosis is very keen in these individuals. Their body and soul works as a one-way membrane absorbing information from the surrounding sources to be condensed in the package for future use. As a result of his hoarding of knowledge and information by the inner core, they may not necessarily display brilliance, intellectuality and communicativeness.

(Donna van Toen)

Enduring may take the place of growing, since talk or planning can replace action. Pessimism may lead to a feeling that growth is impossible.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, Mercury can produce loquacity. The native humors others, has no fixed opinion, and is easily influenced. Depending on the house or sign, he or she can resort to lies born of sensation-seeking and willingness to compromise, and can be landed in unpleasant situations. Arguments employed are far-fetched, and refuge is taken in sophistry.

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.

10) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°05' S) 115 | 115

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Jupiter to Saturn shows that you have enormous potential for

success, although it won't come without effort. In spite of overwhelming odds against success, you are eager to explore new means to make a massive assault and assert yourself in the world. You have the fortitude and staying power to mobilize all your resources for this task. Planning every step of the way is absolutely essential, along with knowing when to act and when not to. You have a vivid picture of your future already realized in your dreams, but you are realistic enough to accept the responsibility this entails. You know that even with a driving ambition, striving for significance is not enough unless it satisfies a clearly pictured mental vision. You have the courage to be ostentatious about your belief in yourself, while remaining cautious enough to stay within your limits. Your capacity to achieve goals is in direct proportion to your willingness to accept selfdiscipline and hard work. The glow of success is so sweet that you can accept these facts.

You are hopeful yet realistic, eager yet serious, assertive yet deliberate. Generally you don't take chances, preferring to use proven methods to get what you want. You apply your talents in the most practical way so that little effort is wasted on non-productive projects. You can find rewarding satisfaction and exploit your creative talents in law, education, medicine, accounting, or the ministry. To these fields you would bring a profound understanding of people and an ability to help solve their problems. You are patient with less gifted people and willing to be of assistance when they need you.

In your moments of relative leisure, you enjoy reading informative books that are useful in your professional interests. In your constant striving to raise your level of competence, you might attend evening sessions at an educational institution. Never satisfied with the extent of your knowledge, you realize that competition requires to to keep abreast of current thought and developments in your field.

You respect the lessons of history, which stimulate your philosophical musings on destiny and the role of each individual in the destiny of man. Your retentive memory is a great help in crises that require an immediate solution; you may even be surprised that the necessary information comes to mind so readily at the right time.

Overdoing is your most persistent problem, for it can cause physical exhaustion. You especially need to get away from your daily concerns and truly unwind. Frequent 'little vacations' are especially effective in restoring vitality and giving you a fresh approach to your goals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When enlarging, widening and augmenting Jupiter goes hand-in-hand with its opposite (i.e., with restricting, narrowing and inhibiting Saturn), inconsistency is the result. On occasions when we would like to be cheerful and enthusiastic, and would like to widen our horizons and throw ourselves heart and soul into some project or other (Jupiter), we fear a loss of security, become inhibited, and behave with extreme caution (Saturn). This

leaves little room for spontaneity, and there is a danger that we shall let slip many good opportunities, because when we finally get round to saying 'yes' it will usually be too late. The reason we wait so long is that we want to be fully informed before making a move, or else we need time to overcome a nervousness of anything new. Of course, this aspect has the great advantage that it discourages us from rushing headlong into wild adventures.

However, the limitation, melancholy and general cheerlessness of Saturn are relieved by the underlying brightness of Jupiter; so that Saturn / Jupiter combinations do have a certain amount of joy about them even though this is tempered by seriousness. Also, whenever we are down in the dumps, the optimism of Jupiter can lift our spirits again.

With the conjunction, we are capable of toiling hard and long. We envisage future rewards (Jupiter) for the hard work we must do (Saturn). So the combination is excellent for tasks requiring steady application and considerable self-denial. A vision of the future is accompanied by a willingness to move forward stage by stage; so there is definite organizing ability. However, this will show itself clearly only if the background of the signs concurs, and if the aspect ties in with personal factors in the chart.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is interpreted on many levels of experience. Jupiter symbolizes how we relate to others; Saturn symbolizes restriction in some way. The sign of the conjunction is important, for it lends its qualities to the aspect. Jupiter symbolizes how we open up, and Saturn symbolizes the restrictions placed on us at an early age because of our father's attitude toward us, or our response to his influence. In a mundane sense, the conjunction means that the individual has a tendency to open up (Jupiter) and close up (Saturn) at the same time. He may reach out to share some new experience and be afraid to do it because there is an unconscious memory that authority figure or Fathers don't like him doing that. It may mean that the father is a restrictive influence when this individual is learning how to relate; maybe the father can't relate easily either.

The conjunction will indicate a person who takes relationships seriously, one who may work too hard on developing all the potential in a relationship. It may indicate a person who takes relationships so seriously that he or she is afraid of making a commitment, or even starting a relationship at all. This person may have relationships that are similar to the kind the father created; and the pattern can be determined by exploring memories of the father's friendships over the years. Once the pattern is understood, the father's influence is diminished, and the owner of the conjunction is free to pursue the kinds of relationships he wants to develop for himself - although he will approach the subject seriously.

In order to reach the fullest possible realization of life potential, in order to develop consciousness to its highest point, the individual with this conjunction will have to

develop a perspective on how he reaches out to relate, and an understanding of the restrictive influence from his father - and then both aspects of personality will develop at the same time. As he begins to view his cautions, and as he faces his fears and the feelings of limitation and frustration caused by Saturn, his opportunity to open up and to relate to new experience will also be developed. This person will then have an aboveaverage perspective, for he cannot relate fully until he takes responsibility for himself.

The aspect will be further determined by the sign of the conjunction, as well as the house placement. The conjunction taking place in the twelfth house seems to be the most difficult because this house signifies that part of ourselves which can remain the most unconscious.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful but admittedly critical position. It must be regarded as potentially gloomy, for it occurs sometimes in charts of suicide, especially if it falls in Virgo. It distinctly favours a hard life, with privation, struggle, or danger. The native essays difficult though sometimes glorious feats, and may acquire fame through performances of great arduousness, whether mental, physical or spiritual. It is distinctly a sign of great possibilities to be realised by hard work.

It favours great singleness of purpose and endless patience. The native is generally religious, favouring old and established communions. There is often a rather eccentric tendency as regards the use of money: the native may be generous to the wrong persons and niggardly to the deserving. Jealousy sometimes occurs.

With respect to external conditions, what has been said regarding the harmonious aspects is true also here, but the elements of toil and danger are likely to be more in evidence.

11) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♅ **Pluto** - (4°32' A) ♎ 7 | ♋ 1

(Haydn Paul)

The energy of the opposition aspect creates considerable inner pressure and tension, mentally and emotionally, and can be difficult to deal with constructively, as a considerable inner change is required before the energy can come under the control of an integrated personality.

Due to the inner agitation and anxiety, your perception of the world and your feelings response to events will be strongly coloured by its activity. This is not necessarily to imply that your interpretation is wrong, but that your experience of it will affect you more deeply and influentially than it would most other people, who could possibly give it more

sense of proportion than you can. Basically, the tone of your insight will be pessimistic and essentially depressive, and you will see the world as a place where disorder, pain and problems are rapidly multiplying. Social problems feel personal and real to you, even if your own circumstances do not bring you into personal contact with them. Your sensitivity (or inner receptivity) leads you to see a world in crisis, makes you feel responsible for its problems, and offers little way out for you unless you become involved in efforts to improve matters. It is a 'social conscience writ large and painfully'. The frustrating thing for you is that however effective you are, so much work still needs to be done in the world. You have to accept the fact that you cannot change anything, and that your role is to make your own contribution but not everyone else's.

This sense of impatience in life creates a corresponding vibration in you that expresses itself as a brusque harshness in relating to others. The contradiction is that whilst you intend to improve life and bring harmony into people's relationships, you often create the opposite reaction to your purpose. An interrogatory style in talking to others will create distance; and under pressure of your 'mission' you often lose sight of co-operative relationship with others. You need to learn more compromise and moderation, paying equal attention to the needs and feelings of co-workers or partners. Gain a truer perspective on the conditions of time, and the slowness of change in the world, and this can help to moderate your impatience at social transformation; it is a long, slow grind against inertia and resistance, often even from those you believe you are helping.

You have high ideals, yet are often lacking in self-confidence over your ability to express them or live up to them; generally, no one can live up to high ideals, so relax a little, create a little space between you and this inner obsession, and devote more time to internalising this energy to transform yourself. What you are is of the highest importance; and by embodying your ideal more fully in yourself, you will be more of a living demonstration of your purpose, and more effective.

It is a difficult tension to live with, this feeling of interrelatedness with the world, a sense of responsibility and direction that you are 'summoned' to give aid to lighten the burden. You have to lighten your own burden first, which will improve the quality of your own life immensely, and bring clarity and perspective into things.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Mercury opposition Pluto, mental and emotional anxiety prevails. You are extremely sensitive to any social problems you observe, and cannot rest until you've made some effort to resolve them. Everything is in a state of crisis, you feel, until you can gather your forces to solve a problem that you sincerely believe is your responsibility. You are impatient with yourself and others to get things done immediately. You are certainly competent, but you need to be constantly reassured of this, so you project crises in your own life and with the people around you. Moderation and compromise are necessary if you wish to prevent others from breaking off with you.

When challenged, you are emotionally and intellectually arrogant, because you fear that your credibility is being questioned. You tend to draw premature conclusions based only on the obvious aspects of a situation. A more penetrating examination might reveal details that would force you to modify your judgement. You will have to cope with this problem before you can successfully handle your professional interests. Many difficulties will persist with your co-workers, who will not tolerate you unless you change your attitude.

You are suited for such fields as medicine, research, analysis, union activities, chemistry, and teaching. However, you must come to grips with the qualities that make it difficult for others to get along with you. You are extremely argumentative when provoked, and this can interfere with realizing your goals. Learn to mind your own business, and learn to respect the feelings of others. This can help greatly in gaining their co-operation and support when you need it, as everyone does on occasion. Others will appreciate your efforts if you compromise a little.

Finding a suitable mate may not be difficult for you, but you are more likely to keep the mate you find if you will meet your partner halfway in compromise. Your strong ambition and desire for financial security may drive a wedge of dissent between you. If you disagree about important matters, it would be wise to seek guidance from someone who is an authority in such things. Resist the desire to project your ideas onto your partner or to make unacceptable demands. This will alienate your mate as surely as it does your associates.

Ideally, your partner's objectives should be consistent with yours; then you could undertake a co-operative program in which you would support each other.

You can enjoy continuing good health if you will try to do everything in moderation. Unwind by getting away from the pressure of competition. Your savings are very important, for they will allow you to be less anxious when unexp

12) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Sextile** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°59' A) ♃1 | 0011

(Robert Pelletier)

Neptune sextile the Ascendant shows that you have difficulty in expressing yourself and often give people the wrong impression. You have a fertile imagination, and you usually embroider your accounts with embellishments that distort your meaning and confuse your listeners. Because of this, people are guarded in dealing with you. In your eagerness for conversation and attention, you unconsciously create situations that don't exist, or invent stories about situations that never occurred. You can put this talent for imagery to better use if you apply it to constructive activities such as writing, public speaking, or acting.

Although you downgrade your abilities, your friends recognize how inspired you are in your creative expression. They find you charming and friendly, but also rather naive and defenseless. You show an interest in the conditions of your immediate environment, and feel some pain of guilt if you fail to do something to correct negative conditions. In spite of this, you may give endless excuses for neglecting to take action. Your reasoning may be that since other people seem unwilling to make a contribution, you need not feel badly about your negligence.

You get along well with most people because you never seem to threaten them by competing openly. People are misled by your sympathetic and docile nature into thinking that you won't challenge them.

It isn't easy for you to make decisions. You find it difficult to isolate the most important facts so that you can arrive at a sound judgement. When you fail at something, you may indulge in self-pity for your incompetence. It is especially important for you not to compare your performance with anyone else's. If you do, you will invariably assume that the other person is superior to you. Your self-confidence can be improved only if you take on tasks that you know you can handle successfully. You can do a lot if you stay within your limits. As your confidence increases, you can add more demanding duties. It is important that you approve of what you accomplish.

Neptune trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is harmony here between our manifestation in the outside world and a need to refine and perfect by softening the strongly individualistic, we suffer even so from (over)sensitivity to trends and atmospheres in the environment. We easily tune in to them, but, like people with the conjunction, we must learn to distinguish what is going on inside us from what is going on outside. We soon become wrapped up in another person, identifying with their emotions, entering into their wishes, and falling under their sway. In other words, we are very easily influenced.

The idealism that is also a characteristic of Neptune is expressed harmoniously. But, because Neptune has little hold on reality even in the harmonious aspects, we can be led into difficulties by unworkable ideals, by looking at life through rose-colored glasses, and by a tremendous urge to be self-sacrificing.

Here, too, we give others considerable scope to make of us what they will: none of the Neptune / Ascendant aspects gives people much to go on. With this Neptunian factor, we can be slothful and dreamy, and sometimes strike people as rather unstable; but

usually there is something appealing about us. Things people think they see in us may not really be there; but we display a spirit of general friendliness, and people of the most diverse kinds can fall in love with us.

All Neptune / Ascendant aspects favor design and finishing work, especially in photography and films; in fact, wherever skilful editing is used to create illusion.

(Betty Lundsted)

Trines or sextiles between Neptune and the Ascendant indicate individuals who were raised in a somewhat spiritually evolved atmosphere; their dreams and fantasies were encouraged by their parents rather than discouraged.

13) ► **Midheaven MC Sextile ♀ Venus** - (4°26' A) ⚡4 | ⚡6

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates that you are an agreeable and sociable person, who doesn't like conflict with others. You are more willing than most to make compromises, because keeping peace and harmony with those you love is more important to you than getting your own way. In fact, you will give up a great deal in order to stay on good terms with someone.

You like to have the approval of persons in authority over you, and you will work to get it. Most important, your relationship with your parents is likely to be very good. Because of that, and because you have good relationships with other authority figures, you will feel secure in yourself and will be able to love and be loved wherever you go. Also you will attract people who can help you as you go through life.

Your home life is also very secure. You should grow up in a peaceful and pleasant atmosphere, surrounded by beauty and comfort. What you learn in youth will serve you well throughout your life, and you will always have a warm feeling for your childhood home and the places that you associate with it. But you will not feel tied to your past in a way that prevents you from getting ahead in life.

Sometimes this aspect is a sign of artistic ability, especially if other areas of your chart reinforce the theme. Even at worst, you will have a strong sense of beauty and a love of beautiful objects.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives diplomatic abilities in professional matters. It brings harmony and love into the native's family life. There is contentment in marital, home, and professional affairs. These people often grow roses and other flowers in an effort to

make their surroundings more pleasant. The home is usually tastefully and artistically decorated. In some cases, the career will be related to artistic pursuits.

Venus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The behavior when we have Venus sextile or trine the MC is very like that of the native with the conjunction - that is to say, we seem friendly, warm, sociable and cordial, and this gives us a flying start when it comes to asking for favors. Artistic or other work involving form, color and proportion could well be our *métier*; nor would we be out of place in positions demanding a friendly social approach, such as that of receptionist, steward, stewardess, host or hostess.

The need to preserve the peace at all costs and the wish to have harmony in society at large are also present in the easy aspects; so here, too, we have possibilities as justice of the peace or diplomat. Due to an (all too) great willingness to compromise, matters are not always thrashed out; this can create misunderstandings, and may leave openings for wolves in sheep's clothing to take advantage of a situation. We can also tangle with people who drag their feet over issues.

14) ► **Moon** ☽ **Sextile** ♀ **Mercury** - (3°36' S) 139 | 117

(Haydn Paul)

With the sextile, the Mercury qualities are often more emphasized, as this aspect is associated with the mind, information, understanding, and communication.

The lunar personality foundations are usually well established and not disruptive or unduly intrusive. You should be able to express your Moon's qualities in ways which also enhance Mercury qualities. Information and knowledge will be especially appealing; and perhaps you will have an almost insatiable curiosity and need for wide and extensive intellectual exploration. For you, the world is like an immense storehouse of fascinations, your mind lighting up with interest as every new one comes into view. You could become a 'perpetual student', loving to explore each topic to the greatest possible depth, and perhaps becoming expert in limited areas of knowledge. Alternatively, this could result in a dilettantish tendency, sampling many varieties of knowledge but rarely exploring deeply. Both memory and comprehension are likely to be above average, thus creating a well-stocked intellect.

What can emerge as a motivation is a need to be socially useful by contributing to your community. To achieve this, you hope to discover ways to transform thoughts and ideas

into practical results. The sense of value and pleasure this gives serves to encourage increasing your knowledge. The issue of right direction may arise in this context; and you may decide to become involved with civic and social groups, pooling your assets and abilities with those of others to achieve group objectives. Generally, you look at ideas as sources for practical action and possibly personal profit, as you possess an effective business and organizational ability which could also be successfully exploited.

You can be an effective communicator, conveying ideas and presenting them in a clear and persuasive manner, being articulate and literate, entertaining and interesting. This can manifest in writing and lecturing, and can be beneficial in social communication, especially in activities which increase contact with groups. This can extend your influence and increase friendships; your personality is sufficiently flexible and tolerant to relate to many types of people. You may possess a sensitivity to others' thoughts and feelings, almost like a psychic intuition, but which operates through a Moon affinity of sensitivity and emotional rapport. This can act as an 'early warning system', indicating when people or situations are less genuine than they appear; so trust these inner sensations and feelings whenever they arise.

This sensitivity helps you to be tactful and diplomatic, whether in social contexts or within the family. Others can recognize your thoughtful and caring nature; and, provided that you do not become obsessive about manifesting your ideas, you should be able to co-operate and harmonize well with partners and family. Fortunately, your emotions rarely enter into direct conflict with your mind and ideas, but usually work with them in tandem, so that positive attitudes assist optimistic plans to become productive. This emotional and mental accord minimizes distracting inner conflicts and enables problem resolution to be achieved more smoothly.

Your Moon's emotional warmth and protective concern is an asset for family members and intimate relationships; and domesticity will be well organized, founded on close and effective communication. Home is important; but wider social involvement will be equally so, as this is often the environment in which you intend to apply your ideas practically. Both emotions and mind are recognized as offering valid messages; but ensure that neither becomes imbalanced through overemphasis, as each performs an important role in different circumstances. Intimate partnerships, marriage, or love affairs will involve a high level of mutual communication and sharing; enriching both participants' lives and contributing to achieving personal aims.

You will be attracted to similarly intelligent and optimistic partners who are able to exploit innate talents, especially those who conceive ambitions and then strive to achieve them. A danger is that, if two people are chasing individual goals and dreams, then conflict may occur if their paths begin to diverge rather than run parallel.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon sextile Mercury gives you a sensitive and thoughtful disposition. You absorb information almost greedily, your level of comprehension is highly developed, and your ability to recall is above average. You have a strong desire to be useful to the people you deal with, which motivates you to continually broaden your knowledge. Because your emotions are rarely in conflict with your intellect, you can successfully deal with your problems without complicating them further. You enjoy the friendship of many kinds of people because you are flexible enough to make allowances for them. Fascinated by anything that arouses your curiosity, you aren't satisfied until you have explored it thoroughly. You are well read on many subjects. A delightful conversationalist, you inject charm and humor into any discussion and never fail to keep your listener's attention. You are so sensitive to the thoughts of those around you that you can 'feel' it when they are dishonest or insincere. Your positive and happy disposition seems to spread to everyone around you.

Your talent for communication can be useful in many professional applications. Public relations would be ideal for you, but you could succeed in any endeavor that brings you before large or small groups of people. You make others feel comfortable with your genuine concern for them, as you imply that they are the most important people you have ever dealt with. Your tact and diplomacy are so great that even your competitors have to admire you for these qualities. You are never too busy to take care of the endless details that most people find obnoxious.

Emotionally drawn to persons who are educated, bright, and cheerful, you can relate best to an individual who has defined a goal and has laid a plan for achieving it. You always insist on total communication and believe that silence is dull rather than golden. You want to share in your mate's plans for the future and participate in making the memories you will some day look back on together.

You can enrich your life with many interests. Although you seem attracted to hobbies you can pursue at home, you would enjoy the added social factor of outside interests. Perhaps you are a joiner and will find time for civic activities, or you might prefer functions that involve active participation by the whole family. In any case, you impart a broadening quality to those you love and to the environment you create for them.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon in sextile to Mercury indicates a person who can develop talents that combine the art of communication with feeling, subjective experience. Emotional reactions can easily be discussed, for the mother teaches this child how to communicate feelings early on. In the area of relationships, this aspect is obviously helpful. As far as career is concerned, the tie between the intuitive-feeling process, represented by the Moon, and the mental processes and ability to communicate, represented by Mercury, can help this individual communicate in a nurturing, responsive manner. This aspect may be wasted in pleasant conversation if not trained properly.

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, builer, 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.

15) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Sextile** ♃ **Jupiter** - (2°12' A) ♎7 | ♏5

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mercury sextile to Jupiter indicates that your mind is never at rest. You have a limitless thirst for knowledge and an awesome capacity to accumulate information. But you aren't satisfied with simply being informed; applying your knowledge constructively is as important to you as acquiring it in the first place. You have excellent reasoning ability and keen judgement. Because of your masterful command of language, you can speak and write convincingly. Truth is very important to you, and you will challenge anyone who makes a suspicious-sounding statement. Leaving nothing to chance, you will persist until you discover whether the statements is correct. It truly bothers you when public speakers make irresponsible remarks on a subject about which they are totally misinformed.

Knowledge can be a weapon in the wrong hands, and you are quick to respond when you observe it being used to gain control of people's minds. Temperamentally unable to stand such abuse, you will challenge the right of anyone to take such liberties with the public.

Education, public speaking, public relations, journalism, and writing novels with historical and timely themes - these are some ways you could use your creative resources and inspiration. Even in fields not mentioned above, you could succeed if the essential function were communication of classical knowledge or current information for practical application.

Your desire for knowledge and search for truth will never end. As a teacher, you would inspire your students to seek the heights of their own development.

Travel would be especially broadening for you, for it would help you to understand the differences among national and ethnic origins. You could translate your reactions into a thoughtful essay that would be illuminating to the reader.

While you may not be a fervent member of any organized religious organization, you recognize the importance of believing in something. You allow everyone the liberty of his own beliefs, and you certainly would not try to force your ideology on others.

(Betty Lundsted)

This indicates a person who is well-born, for the communication in his childhood environment is positive and uplifting. The ability to relate through the power of words (the various media, writing, film) grows with the years and with proper training. A sextile indicates talent that must be developed. This individual has the capacity for being open; he can expand his consciousness using the energy of the sign qualities involved in the aspect.

Mercury trine or sextile Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Jupiter and Mercury in harmonious aspect widen the interests just as much as they do when conjunct, and make us just as cordial, jovial and enthusiastic when talking to others. With these aspects, we often strike others as being very likeable. What is more, we have a very encouraging style of speaking, because we habitually look on the bright side. With these aspects, we like to be well-informed and to make a synthesis of all the facts and figures we collect. Arriving at a coherent view of things is very important. But, as in all of Jupiter's aspects, there is a measure of self-conceit.

We are naturally rather pedantic, and can become outstanding teachers who are able to impart knowledge with enthusiasm and authority; in everyday intercourse this is not always appreciated, however. Through the lack of resistance from the environment (characteristic of the harmonious aspects) we have less feedback about when we are going too far, and so, not knowing when to hold ourselves in check, we run the risk of appearing unpleasantly cocksure. On the other hand, we can give way generously if need be. That is to say, we are prepared to show tolerance and understanding.

Whatever widens the mental horizons is found here in all its forms: study, travel, multifarious interests - an eye on the future. But because we assimilate facts so effortlessly and because the harmonious aspects are not as energy-packed as they might be, we may be lazy or take things easy because they are going so well. Therefore the full potential of these aspects is not always realized, even though they are very promising.

16) ► **Venus** ♀ **Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (4°51' S) ♄6 | ♃9

(Donna van Toen)

You have an even, well-balanced flow of sexual and romantic energies, meaning you're neither overly aggressive nor overly passive in your approach to these areas. Love-hate relationships aren't your style; nor are purely platonic ones. You tend to be happiest with an easy-going mate who has a considerable amount of imagination and is creative without being a moody, broody, artistic archetype. Your attitude towards sex is good overall. You're attracted to marriage and are generally comfortable in your role as a spouse, provided, of course, that you choose a compatible mate.

You probably get along well with the opposite sex. They like you; you like them - with one exception. That exception is that you tend to find passive people quite frustrating. Your approach to love is one in which you throw yourself into each new romantic experience. You don't like to do things half-way; and, once involved, you put everything you've got into making a relationship work.

Occasionally, sexual / romantic energies are sublimated into some sort of artistic activity. This is most common when air is the predominant element in the chart.

Normally, however, you're a loving person who wants and needs a sexual outlet. For this reason, a less-than-satisfying sexual relationship could lead to infidelity.

If you have Venus sextile Mars by sign but not by aspect, the foregoing may apply, although your need for a sexual outlet would be less strong.

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus sextile Mars gives you a warm, affectionate nature. Your physical needs are considerable, but you know how to contain them until you meet a person with whom you can enjoy a comfortable relationship. You don't display your feelings until you know the person fairly well and can determine whether the attraction is social and intellectual as well as physical. You realize it is necessary to compromise with people to win their continued friendship. Others are inclined to make concessions to you because your attitude encourages them to. You don't threaten other people's opinion of themselves by calling attention to their failings. Although you allow for human frailties, you expect to see the better qualities manifested.

You prefer to enjoy the more beautiful elements of life rather than preoccupy yourself with the seamy side of it. Your artistic nature inclines you to enjoy good music, fine works of art, good literature, interesting social contacts, and congenial friendships. Professional interests are not specified by this combination of planets, but you would be suited to any occupation requiring human contact in a reasonably intimate way. With people you don't know, you like to strike up a conversation over some trifling matter just so you can introduce yourself and eliminate the strain of unfamiliarity. You have an

optimistic outlook and generally wear a smile that shows the world that you are a congenial person. Public relations work would be enormously satisfying to you, and people would enjoy doing business with you, since you immediately put them at ease.

You probably still have the friends you made years ago, even though you may no longer be directly in touch with them. You retain good memories of the times you enjoyed with them and tend to forget any painful incidents that may have occurred.

You may marry someone who will co-operate with you in achieving the good things in life. But whether you marry for security or for purely emotional reasons, the relationship will prove enriching.

You are inclined to be a little careless about financial matters and may spend more than you earn. In your preoccupation with the refinements of life and the fine things money can buy, you are unconcerned with economy. When you indulge in a whim, one would think you had an endless supply of cash available. Conservation is a quality you need to develop.

(Betty Lundsted)

The sextile indicates that the mother of the individual has a healthy attitude toward sexuality and femininity. This person can go into emotional relationships and easily combine the emotional and sexual needs. Relationships can be enjoyed.

The sextile indicates that an appreciation of beauty is inherent; often this person becomes involved in the arts, or employment may be obtained in the art field. Career action taken will include an appreciation of other people's needs.

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 their 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.

17) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♅ Pluto** - (6°50' A) ♂4 | ♃1

(Robert Hand)

This aspect indicates that you will have to make a special effort to get along with people. You must make it clear that you not try to fulfill your goals in life at their expense, and that you will not allow them to take advantage of you either. A very ambitious person, in youth you probably picture yourself as being quite important when you are older. This

can be a very constructive attitude, but it will be difficult to achieve your ambition unless you are able to get along with others, to give them a constructive part in your goals. Also it is very important that you play the game of life honorably and adhere to high ethical standards. You don't need to worry that doing so will be dull, because whatever you get involved in, you make it exciting and powerful.

You have a strong desire to bring about change in your world, and you may want to be a reformer and rebuilder. However, you should not try to get power simply for its own sake. You have to use the energies of Pluto for a purpose higher than yourself. It is perfectly permissible to be personally rewarded by your work - you do not have to be totally self-denying - but personal gain should not be your principal motivation.

A born psychologist, you should be able to gain great insight into human behavior. But again, you must not use this knowledge for personal gain or to manipulate others. Eventually you may choose a profession that will use this knowledge.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a situation in which the desire to transform existing conditions can cause conflict with employers, immediate superiors, parents and families, constituted government authority, or landlords.

When the natives are at odds with their employers it is probably because they feel they know a better way of doing the job or because they want more power in the decision-making process. When their revolutionary tendencies are directed against the government and social institutions, they can incur official disfavor.

If they are in positions of domestic or professional authority, they may display autocratic or dictatorial traits, which will usually cause disharmony.

Pluto square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects between Pluto and the Midheaven are particularly powerful in their effects. Friendly though we may otherwise be, there is something about us that warns others off trying to take advantage of us. Whenever we give vent to irritation, we should bear in mind that the Plutonian energy we radiate will make us sound much harder than we suppose, and that we can really upset people or drive them into such a tight corner that they feel compelled to strike back.

With the disharmonious aspects, we have an enormous need to prove ourselves and to

keep a grip on ourselves and our surroundings come what may. If we are not careful, we shall turn into slave drivers. Obviously, this will lead to power struggles, especially over social and business status. The tense aspects make us pugnacious and we are likely, sooner or later, to attack the things that displease us. Once again, caution is advisable. Pluto always goes hand in hand with tremendous intensity; and, in the hard aspects, it is difficult to adjust this intensity to the desired effect. Consequently, it may prove to be destructive rather than constructive.

Inquisitiveness is well-developed, but we do not always know how to control it. Thus we can catch someone on the hop with a completely tactless question, and surprise him into blurting out the answer. But, very often, this method leads to confrontations, although, with Pluto / Midheaven conflicts, we generally ferret out what we want to know. Also, it is quite common for us to use knowledge indiscreetly or at the wrong moment; and, given certain other indications in the horoscope, we could divert knowledge to bad ends by being manipulative.

When we begin any task, it is with complete dedication - maybe too much dedication. We might even undermine our efforts by an all-or-nothing attitude. Others do not always understand this lack of give-and-take, even when we are obviously being well-intentioned, because they simply cannot see why we should get so het up about things.

Nevertheless, we have great perseverance combined with enormous energy and love of action - all flowing from a need for power and recognition. If we learned to channel energy a little better, we could relaly move mountains. Then it would take an exceptional opponent to stop us.

18) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°13' S) ♁8 | ♀11

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates tendencies of psychologically based inhibitions, restrictions and frustrations which pose considerable challenges that need overcoming before the more positive characteristics of Neptune and the Sun emerge.

You tend to lack confidence in your identity and ability to achieve your ambitions. Part of this may have been derived from your parental relationships, especially with the father, as your developing nature may have experienced conflict through lack of understanding or of perceived love; it may have been that by asserting your own individuality you clashed with the stronger parental will. The results are that your self-confidence has fragmented, and that your application of will is less focused and effective, and consequently you have developed psychological defences against others and from facnig personal failure.

This is displayed in escapism, and avoidance of responsibilities and of the need for self-

discipline, unless a powerful Saturn in your chart can rebalance this tendency. Preferring to run away from confronting reality leads to distorted perceptions, which make careful evaluation of options difficult as well as generating fears of making decisions which may prove to be unwise. At its worst, this can create inertia through fear of taking deliberate action. These inner images of failure tend to create external failures, and so emphasise a repetitive vicious circle. Yet by linking this pattern of failure within aims and ambitions that are probably beyond your current capabilities to achieve, you also succeed in evading the realisation that you are creating most failures in your life. This is exacerbated by the dreams of the unintegrated and unfulfilled Neptune, who may be noticed as a thread of guilt related to your lack of achievement, and as an ongoing sensation of discontent. Your solar power is being diverted and dissolved by the activity of an unintegrated Neptune, and, unless you can begin to reassert this solar centre and face your Neptunian challenges, this unsatisfactory condition may continue.

These challenges can be mitigated by a decision to make sufficient effort to connect to your hidden solar centre, to move beyond those superimposed images of guilt, failure and inferiority that have developed as a defensive response to emotional pain. Such a reorientation may not be easy to make, as you will be opposing established patterns of behaviour, yet the gains that can be made are likely to transform your life.

The first step is self-acceptance, to cease any self-judgement and condemnation. Then, if you really want it to happen, feel confident that any change can occur. You have sufficient inner creativity, imagination and potential waiting to be released from imprisonment, although finding appropriate channels of expression may still take a little longer. However, you need to define any ambitions within a more realistic perspective than previously. Possibly some form of counselling may be effective in helping you gain more clarity regarding your self-potential, or workshops in selfassertion and decision-making / goal-setting. In effect, you are being asked to see yourself as a young child, ready to enter adulthood, and you are expected to recreate yourself into a new and more suitable identity. Take smaller and easily achievable steps in this process of recreation; acknowledge that occasional failures are inevitable, but try not to turn them into traumatic dramas, and realise that success will not happen without the parallel risk of failure side by side. Everybody is a failure at something, and that isn't an excuse to condemn yourself again.

As your self-confidence grows, your life will begin to take a more positive shape. It will not happen overnight, as transforming long-established behaviour patterns cannot be achieved that quickly; but persevere, and changes can happen. Perhaps using techniques like creative visualisation and affirmations, or subliminal programming encoded on self-development cassette tapes, could strengthen this process. The essential realisation is that change is possible, and that you can achieve this in your own way; in hope lies the fountainhead of the waters of potential and transformation. Such improvements can benefit your intimate relationships too, as well as enhance your self-image, confidence and decision-making abilities.

Generally you are emotionally vulnerable, possibly exploited or abused by others, deceived or manipulated in various ways; but if these tendencies exist, they are reflections of those dominating patterns within you. There can be unusual emotional needs and desires linked with romantic idealism that are expressed in physical sexuality; these may require healing and cleansing in some way. But the proposed transformation and refinement that is implied by resolving the conflict of the Sun and Neptune would simultaneously deal with that level too.

There can be an attraction towards occultism and mysticism, which, if followed in the pre-transformation stage, can lead to self-exaltation (in contrast to an inferiority complex), and to becoming self-deluded as a voice of God or the Masters; although, if the transformation has been made, you could actually function in such a way as a purer channel. But some degree of caution and restraint may need making if you do explore such dimensions of life, as there can be an unconscious desire for selfaggrandisement operating through and motivating your actions. As the imagination aspect of Neptune is so strong, this can create inflated egotism and self-delusion where instead of finding the light you become lost in the dazzle of glamour and illusion.

19) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♀ **Venus** - (1°28' S) 139 | 6

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates probably inner stress and tensions related to your social and intimate relationships; your emotions will be the battleground.

These emotions will feel extremely powerful; and your fear of losing control over them may result in repressive behavior which tends to avoid relationships that awaken deeper emotional responses. Yet at the same time, you need this emotional involvement and those intense feelings. With your emotions and feelings being polarized, you often prefer to retreat from commitment, rejecting the personal obligations that may be required from relationship.

These behavior patterns can be seen in a starker light at times when commitment is required in relationships. Because you refuse to acknowledge the depth of your feelings, deep-rooted fears begin to rise. These can include fear of losing freedom, fear of another's power over your emotions, and fear of experiencing love's transformative fires. Once someone begins to impose his or her needs, demands, and will on you, his / her expectations of your predictable behaviour often awakens a rebellious attitude within you. Your insecurity and fears result in contrary behavior that can create relationship conflict just when real progress could be made.

Your reactionary drive for independence and your tendency to reject signs of possessive behaviour or demands for your exclusive loyalty may shatter any potentially restrictive

relationship. While there may be valid grounds for rejecting such tendencies, your reaction mainly reflects inner fears and unresolved personal issues, and tends to be negative, resulting in heartbreak and disillusionment for yourself and others, and enforcing an increasingly bitter and cynical view of the nature of intimate affairs.

Other behaviour patterns associated with this square include self-indulgence and sensuality. You may become involved with indiscriminate affairs and unsuitable partners as a consequence of lacking self-understanding, coupled with a deep need for relationships. Often, attempts at breaking free of threatening restrictions only propel you into other, equally unsatisfying relationships. If you adopt a more passive response to your relationship stresses - instead of taking the active and dominating role - you may experience others taking advantage of your initial trust, manipulating your emotions and needs, and using you as a support and foil for their own emotional tensions and confusions.

Sometimes emotions blind you to the real feelings of a partner, until a situation occurs in which, to your surprise, you realize that their feelings are not as powerful as yours. This tendency toward illusions also spills over into your social relationships, where you often misinterpret the honesty and sincerity of others. You can lack understanding of their motivations, so that judgements are seriously affected. Yet this also springs from your lack of self-knowledge; getting to know yourself better will help you to understand others too, and this will enable you to avoid unsuitable relationships. By analyzing the types of people that attract you and the resulting types of relationship, you can expose your hidden needs and behavior patterns, and become aware of those unconscious traits which shape your choices.

At some stages in your life, you may need to withdraw a little to gain these perspectives, especially when you are trapped in a repetitive whirl of failed relationships. Your needs are still urgent and pressing; but transforming attitudes through self-understanding may be crucially necessary. Certain patterns active in you are probably derived from childhood experiences and conditioning. The relationship with your parents may have been unsatisfactory, especially in shaping emotional responses, which is why you now have ambivalent and contradictory feelings of need and denial when commitment is expected. There may even be feelings of guilt and non-acceptance of your emotions. A withdrawal from relationship commitment could stem from a similar withdrawal of a parent from you during childhood. You may now unconsciously seek to punish a parent by rejecting others who try to get close to you.

Choice of partner is extremely important, and the key to relationship success; but the art of choosing a suitable partner depends on self-knowledge, so that both are complementary and in essential harmony with each other. Your early choices are likely to be unwise; and any early partnership will probably run into troubled waters due to your inner confusions and unresolved issues. New perspectives on yourself and your needs may be achieved through a transformative period of relative isolation from relationships,

allowing a pause to dissolve patterns through greater understanding; this can enable insight, emotional maturity, and greater independence. Personal therapy or relationship counselling could be important to progress in future partnerships. The main obstacle to relationship success and sustaining a love affair is often your unconscious patterns; transcend them, and a new world of satisfying experience can open for you.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Moon to Venus means that you are apprehensive about forming close emotional ties because you fear the responsibilities they bring. You are defensive in admitting your feelings for others, fearful that they will make demands on you if you do. Your deeply ingrained ties with the past were probably etched by your relationship with your parents. No doubt you were expected to show undying loyalty to them, to the complete exclusion of anyone you might choose. It is wrong for you to feel any guilt about trying to transfer your personal feelings, for your parents should not try to hold you to a total commitment to them. Your priorities are distorted, and a change of attitude is in order; otherwise, the danger is clear.

Your rebelliousness can introduce problems in your personal relationships. In an attempt to get away from the restrictions that you feel closing in on you, you may indulge in an affair that is less than desirable. You could become the dumping ground for the emotional anxieties of others, and you would be abused and deceived into thinking that the feeling toward you was genuine.

It would be advisable for you to become independent as soon as you can earn a living and take care of your own needs. You need the companionship of people who don't expect anything from you except friendship. You should develop a new perspective so you can relate to people with greater understanding and mutual trust. If your intense emotional nature requires that you become involved, be hesitant about making any binding commitments. Marriage could be a disaster if you have not overcome the subtle distortions of your early conditioning. You would in a way be 'getting even' with your partner for damages wrought by someone else; you would be punishing the wrong person. You are enormously vulnerable to manipulation, because you tend to be indiscriminate in satisfying your emotional hunger. By assuming that everyone is honest and sincere, you could be left high and dry when you most need co-operation.

Time is the factor you have going for you, because in time you will gain maturity and judgement. Don't take a shortcut and avoid the laborious process of learning to understand people and their motivations. That would be asking for unhappiness. Become involved in group endeavors that will bring you into close contact with people so you can learn how they behave and how they are motivated in their objectives. You will also learn to understand human failings and to judge more clearly anyone to whom you are affectionately drawn.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the physical mother and how she reacts to her life at the time of our birth, and how she reacts to us emotionally. Venus represents the psychological effect of the mother's concepts of femininity and love that is retained in our psyche. The square between these planets represents emotional stress absorbed in the childhood. This square indicates excessive feelings of resentment regarding the biological role women are forced to play; it therefore indicates that the mother had certain resentments about the responsibilities of motherhood when this child was born. She may have grown out of these feelings; she may have adjusted to the role of motherhood later on in the marriage. But when this child was born, the mother passed on a feeling that women had to justify or prove their existence, that a woman was a second-class citizen.

When this aspect occurs in a woman's chart, it often indicates a deep-rooted feeling of insecurity about her femininity, feelings of insecurity about motherhood, feelings of resentment about the biological role that women must play. The resentment is directed toward the dedication that is deemed necessary in order to raise children, for a woman with this aspect doesn't like the drudgery involved in caring for children. Women with this aspect may not marry, because they are often afraid to admit that they don't want children of their own. They may not feel that they are really womanly or feminine; they resent the freedom they think men have; sometimes they function on a homosexual level in order to avoid pregnancy. If they have little exposure to the concept of femininity on any level, these women may even be prone to hysterectomy, for they are subconsciously willing to give up the physical symbols of femininity. It's very difficult to get mature women to talk freely about this aspect because our culture programs all women to 'enjoy' motherhood. Until recent years, if a woman didn't want children we thought there was something wrong with her. Until now, a woman who didn't want children had to avoid discussing her feelings about the matter; she simply would avoid marriage, for example. She might have dated only noneligible ne'er-do-wells, enabling her to 'righteously' avoid marriage, since it makes no sense to marry an alcoholic, a drug addict or an unemployable. (Her friends and family merely deplored her taste in men.)

There are many ways this aspect can defeat the feminine function. A woman may fall in love with a married man, but the relationship obviously cannot be consummated with children. Or, she may avoid all relationships. Or, she may function on a homosexual level; everyone is so busy diagnosing her 'homosexual problem' that they never look into the underlying cause - a fear of motherhood, a rejection of the biological role. Women who have children in spite of this aspect are often pushed into motherhood by the social pressures engendered by friends and family. They seldom enjoy the early years of motherhood, and resent not being free to have a career. Sometimes this resentment is taken out on her children. How much resentment may be directed toward her children will be shown by the other Moon or Venus aspects in her chart. This aspect is seldom discussed with her children, for she often feels guilty about her attitude toward them and later pretends that she 'loved' her children always.

If the woman with the Moon-Venus square understands that she is afraid of motherhood, as well as the feminine side of her nature, she can then begin to consciously open up to allow herself to examine the 'woman' experience. A 'woman' doesn't have to be our mother's concept of womanhood - especially in today's culture. Today's woman is free to explore her femininity; literature is available about the women's movement, the mythology of woman, the positions held by women in ancient religions, the female goddesses, and the emergence of woman-consciousness. These doors are closed to her if she cannot first accept that there is a problem to be worked out. Many women think that if they recognize Mom's problem they have to hate her for it. As we mature and as we begin to experience our own life crises, we begin to understand that we, too, may have a child in the middle of a growth cycle and that our growing pains will affect our child as well. When we understand this, we can no longer hate a mother who gave all she was capable of, for she could give only what she knew. Perhaps both the child and the mother learn something from their relationship to each other.

The male born with Venus square the Moon has a different problem because he is a man and not a woman. His mother didn't like her biological role; she resented being stuck with diapers and the 2 a.m. feedings, and she probably didn't get enough understanding or help from her husband when this child was born. The mother may have given up all hope of a much wanted career.

The male with this aspect has a different dilemma from the female who has it, for he will have to make peace with the concept of his emotional worth, or his values regarding women, or both. When he grows up, the chances are that he won't expect a woman to be in his corner, and he may have a closed attitude about the possibilities of any love relationship. He is affected by his mother's lack of respect for 'womanhood' in general. The square indicates that his Mom didn't like or respect other women; and, if she's a woman and she didn't like women, why should he?

His image of woman is not healthy. He may dislike his mother intensely, for if Venus indicates the psychological influence of his mother, the square indicates that the influence was not constructive. Venus (the concept of love) works against (square) his normal emotional responses (Moon). He is apt to be confused about love situations. In order to further understand the possibilities of this particular configuration, look at the other aspects to Venus, the Moon and Mars. This will give a picture of the odds as to how he will choose to express himself emotionally. This can be the chart of a man who chooses to express himself homosexually because he really dislikes his mother as well as women in general. This may be a man who overreacts whenever he has contact with women. This aspect can indicate a man who doesn't appreciate (Venus) his own feeling nature (Moon).

20) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♀ **Jupiter** - (4°47' S) 139 | 175

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mars square Jupiter indicates that it is essential for you to discipline yourself in using your abundant physical and intellectual resources. Everything you do must be planned, or you will waste a lot of energy in nonproductive enterprises. You want to emulate those you admire for their professional accomplishments, but you may not be willing to endure all the hard work required to succeed. You make valiant efforts to acquire knowledge, but when there is no immediate reward you quickly lose interest. Once you acquire faith in your ability to succeed, persistence and determination will come. You are impatient to an extreme, but with some contact between Saturn and Mars or Saturn and Jupiter, this will eventually be corrected.

In spite of the sloppiness resulting from your careless use of your energy, you will nevertheless benefit somewhat from the lessons learned. Only time can refine your manner of applying yourself. You need to define your objectives clearly and then establish a program for realizing them, a schedule you can adhere to. You need to consolidate your resources to make a massive assault on your most important priority. To do anything less than this would be a sheer waste of energy. Diversification is fine, if you take up each subject exclusively, but not if you attempt to develop a variety of interests simultaneously.

You are almost certain to have domestic and professional difficulties when you first set out to make a life for yourself. This planetary combination inclines you to have some difficulty in dealing with people. You feel threatened by competitors and unfairly treated by superiors in your job. You don't accept criticism gracefully. Your domestic tranquility will be disturbed because you complain so bitterly about the way you are treated that your partner becomes bored with it all.

You have the potential for excellence in law, government, teaching, writing, public speaking, sports, acting, and the communications media in general. This aspect gives you the necessary drive to accept challenges, for you realize that they are the only way to determine your competence. You are probably more likely to avoid a confrontation when you suspect that your opponent is expertly trained and has a greater advantage than you. With experience, you will meet any challenger with complete assurance of success. Even if you don't succeed, you will know you have given your best, and that is all that can be expected.

This configuration indicates that you are accident-prone because of your reckless disregard for safety measures. You tend to act impulsively, not taking time to consider whether any danger is involved. Because you do everything to excess, you need frequent rest to restore your physical reserves.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square indicates that the relating principle and the action principle are at odds. Mars represents the action taken on any physical level, including sexual expression. Jupiter represents the relating principle and how one opens up to new experience. The square indicates that this person may not relate to the action he takes, and therefore may be accident-prone, for he may expose himself to unnecessary risks. He may not relate well to career decisions either; he may not understand the actions he takes regarding his job responsibilities. On the sexual level, he may not relate to his own sexual needs; he may have excessive needs, depending on the additional aspects in the chart.

Any square between Mars and Jupiter indicates a setup for excessive action, and when things don't go as planned, this individual often overreacts. The aspect indicates a childhood environment that was excessive during the formative years. If the square also ties into the Sun or Saturn (father) or the Moon or Venus (mother), we can see which parent helped form the reaction pattern. Because Mars indicates action and sexuality, the square to Jupiter indicates a problem relating sexually, as well as an over-relating in other aspects of life. If the square doesn't tie to any of the parent symbols, everyone in the family was functioning that way during the individual's formative years. Overreacting sexually may be indicative of a parent who only relates on a sexual basis, or one who is confused about sexual attitudes. The individual picks up the reaction and makes this response a part of his or her adult experience.

Because of the square, one form of expression that happens is that of not relating to the partner after a sexual relationship has been established. Sex is separated from the relating experience. The complex can be cured by examining the needs of both planets by sign and function. Combining the energies in some constructive manner can be learned. Examining old relationships may be of help in discovering the relating pattern, so that new ones can be established.

Mars square or opposition Jupiter

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although the optimism and enthusiasm, the executive power and force of the Mars / Jupiter aspects already mentioned are equalled if not exceeded here, this is not an unqualified blessing. Great care is needed; for not only are the two planets not noted for self-control, but the strain set up between them makes it hard to use and manage our energies properly.

We are never satisfied, but are always looking for more - though not necessarily in material things; the aspect works even more strongly on the mental plane. We crave adventure, have an enormous need to prove ourselves, and want to be completely unfettered and independent. We ram our opinions home (soetimes we go on about them

far too much), and are extremely pugnacious where ideals are concerned. Fair play is something on which we insist, and we champion new things or indeed anything we find absorbing. But the constant danger is that, because we can underestimate the force and application needed to gain our ends, we shall always be wanting too much and pushing ourselves (and possibly others) too hard, often to the point of exhaustion. All the same, we do manage to keep extricating ourselves from self-made difficulties, and our sense of purpose can be tremendously stimulating to those around.

21) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°42' S) 139 | 115

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars square Saturn, you alternate between periods of aggression and periods of recession and apathy. You are constantly at war with yourself because you cannot resolve this problem, which is not an easy one, as your experience has shown. Even when you gather the will to assert yourself, you are apprehensive that your timing may be off. Likewise, when inertia prevails, you realize you should have taken advantage of an opportunity earlier. Only time will improve your capacity to correctly judge when you should take action.

You will have to be very careful not to become embittered by your occasional setbacks. If you can learn from them, you are ahead because of the experience. Potentially you can accomplish much, once you know your limits. You can excel in occupations requiring endurance and follow-through, as in the fields of military service, land development, sports, and physical therapy. In whatever profession you follow, you must be willing to start at the bottom and work your way to the top. There is no easy way to gain a position of authority - you must earn it. Any shortcuts to the top are at best hazardous, because your position will be insecure.

Your greatest lessons in life will probably be learned through your relationships with others. You don't always know just how much you can assert yourself in your associations. You especially need to develop your opinion of yourself by learning to use your talents so skillfully that you never need to feel threatened by anyone else. You must develop self-confidence about meeting challenge and competitors. When you say 'No!' you must mean it, and when you say 'Yes!' it should be with firm conviction based on reason. You must especially avoid vacillation and indecision, because they raise doubts about your credibility.

Your romantic relationships are ensnarled with inconsistencies of temperament and emotional intent. You suffer deeply if your advances are rejected by someone. It is possible for you to become vindictive and even use physical violence against people you don't really want to hurt. You tend to hurt the one you love without realizing it.

Caution in all physical activities is advised, because this planetary combination inclines

to accidents and broken bones. Be particularly careful around machinery, and when you are unsure whether you can do something that requires considerable physical strength, don't.

(Betty Lundsted)

The 'I act' principle conflicts with 'I take seriously' or 'I regard with caution'. The father's influence on this individual's psyche built an atmosphere of mistrust or fear - he did not encourage the individual's actions. Authority seems to be the 'thing in the way' of personal action. The person often feels that all authority figures (Daddy, teachers, bosses, men in general) are against whatever he may be trying to do. As an employee, he can appear as a subversive type for he may develop a strong antiauthority complex. The aspect can indicate a rebel, a rabble-rouser, or someone who works to change the status quo. The energy has to be directed, for action must be taken from a constructive point. As a youth, this person may be so negative to authority figures that he 'cuts off his nose to spite his face'.

As far as sexuality is concerned, there is a seriousness to it that is unwarranted, and self-imposed restrictions on sexuality are the result of a subconscious fear caused by the father early in life. Men have been traditionally expected to enjoy sex with many women; we have been trained to think that men should enjoy any sexual contact. Men with this aspect seldom do, however, for they find few partners pleasing, and when they do, they fall deeply in love. The female reacts the same way, and, depending on the freedom of the generation she was born into, her sexual enjoyment may vary considerably. In this day and age, many women are experimenting with sexual freedom, and some women with this aspect are shocked, since few men appeal to them. Some of the women married early, have had a family, a husband, and no sexual pleasure, for they married before trying sex.

The aspect doesn't completely restrict sexual feeling, but it's difficult for these individuals to find a pleasing sexual partner. Once that is understood, people who have the aspect can cease judging themselves so harshly. The original sexual restriction had something to do with the father and his influence on a small child. Sometimes analysis can help to get to the root of the problem; sometimes selfdiagnosis can do it. At any rate, this aspect indicates serious and loyal people, for once they make an emotional or sexual commitment, they mean it.

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.

22) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ☿ **Uranus** - (5°23' S) ♁4 | ♃8

(Robert Hand)

Probably your beliefs and ideas are different from those of the people around you, and you put a different value on physical objects as well. You do not like to be tied to possessions that you must take care of. This means that eventually you will prefer to have as few possessions as possible so that you can go wherever you want without any worries. Very early in life, you will decide that you have to follow a path that is uniquely your own and does not follow anyone else's ideas about what is good for you. You want to break new ground, but in order to get there you won't have to battle others, especially your parents or other authority figures. You should be sufficiently creative so that you can make them see the desirability of letting you have your way to a reasonable extent.

You may change your mind several times about what you want to do with your life, not so much because your mind is unstable but because it is so difficult to find exactly what you need. Incidentally, this can be a sign of an interest in or, later, a career in a technical field, such as electronics, computers, engineering or science. Or you may be interested in the occult and astrology.

You like a certain amount of excitement in your life, to keep from getting bored. You prefer anything new to what is old, so you will not be particularly interested in keeping in touch with your childhood and your past once you are finished with it. You are future-oriented, always looking ahead to the next thing to come along.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates professional success and even fame through unique contributions to the natives' professions, which are in unusual fields. Renown may come suddenly.

The configuration favors scientists, occultists, astrologers, and particularly those in electronics.

The home life and family conditions are likely to have an original flair. There can be unusual gadgetry or architecture for the home itself.

Uranus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Although there is less fickleness and provocativeness with the harmonious aspects, our behavior makes it quite clear that we mean to go our own way, that we are highly individualistic, and are always ready to fit the new into the old - indeed there is nothing we like doing more. We are prompt to take part in changes, often initiate them, and keep alert to what is going on instead of settling down to the day's work. We like novelty - especially in social and business affairs: a dull office routine drives us to distraction.

Alternative viewpoints are quite acceptable to us, and we try to break down rigid forms and barriers in ourselves and in society. We may advocate processes that lead to the spread of democracy or that revitalize the community; we may become absorbed in occultism, astrology, crazy inventions and so on. If possible, we turn these interests into a full-time occupation, and could succeed in integrating them into both social and business life.

Even with the harmonious aspects, upheaval is not unknown; often we bring it on ourselves. There is nothing mysterious about life suddenly propelling us in a new direction, as it does every now and again: inner transformation is the real cause.

23) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°24' S) 139 | 115

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine Jupiter gives you a glowing personality, ease in relating to people, and generosity. You have a vivid imagination and much creative potential. Even when circumstances seem dismal, you always look on the bright side. Your hopeful outlook brings optimism into the lives of everyone you contact, especially in your own family. Your infectious enthusiasm generates a feeling of well-being among the people you are with. You are very sensitive to outside influences, but you always attempt to understand their real significance. You work out solutions to your problems as quickly as possible because you don't tolerate complications in your life for very long. Confident that you can cope with any situation as it arises, you don't try to cross a bridge before you come into it.

Because you are well informed on many subjects, you can hold your own in just about any conversation. Civic affairs hold an interest for you, and you may hold some elective position in your community. You would support programs for solving social problems, because such projects are especially interesting to you. However, you might not become personally involved in their administration, because your day is already filled with matters that need your attention. Knowing how to determine priorities, you become totally absorbed by whatever heads the list.

You enjoy the many avocational interests that fill your life with purpose and accomplishment. Your activities enrich those close to you by stimulating their continued development. The spiritual fortitude that you radiate is comforting to them. Because of this, you might find that you are the advisor whom everyone seeks when they have problems. You apparently have a capacity to take on these burdens without laboring under them. Your opinion is highly regarded because of your vast experience and good advice.

Such fields as public relations, civic functions, travel, or physical therapy could serve as a platform for your creative talents. Working in these or similar areas would benefit others and give you a sense of accomplishment. You are inclined to be self-indulgent, though, and you should limit your activities to a selected number of interests. It would seem imprudent to sap your physical reserves by taking on more tasks than you can handle easily.

You are romantically interested in persons of good moral character who are sincere, honest, and spiritually motivated. A peace-loving person, you enjoy being with people who are untroubled by tension and pressure in their personal affairs. You are greatly devoted to the one you love, and your relationship will deepen with each passing year.

24) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°41' A) 139 | 175

(Haydn Paul)

Potentially, these two disparate planetary energies can be reconciled; and you will probably feel a more positive and optimistic attitude than is common with the other Moon-Saturn aspects.

Your personality is relatively stable; and, in developing a suitable life-style, you will demonstrate resourceful and practical skills. You are reliable, and persevere to fulfil your duties and responsibilities, whether domestic or family, or through career, social, and civic involvements.

Your outlook may be cautious and conservative, respecting social rules and traditions, preferring to live by self-conformity to 'civilised behaviour'. You may view social experimentation and radical ideas to change cultural establishments with unease and suspicious concern, preferring the familiar and trusted ways. However, you also do recognize the renewing virtue of change, and will support change if you believe it will be beneficial; yet change for change's sake you will view with distaste.

Establishing firm life foundations is seen as important. This motivation may have come from valuing childhood stability and permanence, where you felt safe within a secure home and enjoyed the comforting presence of parents. You realize that 'successful building' depends on right foundations. Following this 'pattern' will increase the likelihood of success in any endeavours, whether in business, career, marriage, or family life. You may benefit from inheritance, perhaps in business or through some type of institutional involvement.

You apply shrewd, pragmatic common sense to your affairs, preferring either selfemployment or positions of authority and responsibility, where opportunities to express potential are more available. You have creative abilities, although these may be directed along traditional channels, into business or career. The spheres of law, medicine, engineering, politics, management, and education may especially attract. You tend to be a good worker, believing that to gain benefits you need to wholeheartedly commit your efforts to tasks.

You are rarely emotionally effusive; and you may seem austere and privately withdrawn. You prefer to remain in control and be reasonably stable; and yet feelings can be displayed honestly and in a straightforward manner, ensuring that others know what you think and feel about things. Emotional manipulation and distorted relationships are anathema to you; and you dislike anyone acting in such a way.

Friendships are founded on mutual compatibility, trust, and faith in genuine care and support for each other, although each has to be an independent personality and secure in his or her self-esteem; you are not interested in dependent personalities whose emotional vacillations and confusion may agitate the emotional unease that can be hidden within you.

You are cautious in making emotional decisions, taking time to evaluate your feelings and instincts, knowing that they offer valid messages, and yet also recognising that you may not listen to them enough. Once certain, you commit yourself, especially in a marriage or partnership context; and you will expect similar clarity and commitment from your partner. Maturity and emotional stability are necessary in a partner, and you dislike emotional changeability; if you find the right partner, much of your creativity will flow into the relationship, so that it develops and progresses for mutual benefit.

(Robert Pelletier)

Although the Moon trine Saturn makes you conservative and cautious, you are nevertheless very creative and for the most part optimistic. Your parents have given you a solid background in training so that you possess a reasonable degree of common sense. You maintain a respect for tradition, but also appreciate the value of change when it seems productive. You are emotionally stable and resourceful and realize that to benefit from something you must make an investment in personal effort. You don't expect to get anything without making a contribution for it. Your friends always know how you feel about them, and you never knowingly violate their trust.

Engineering, industrial management, politics, education, law, and public relations are some of the professions you could follow with reasonable assurance of success. These fields would give you many opportunities to demonstrate how useful you can be even under very demanding circumstances and responsibility. Your retentive memory is a great help at such times. You appreciate any job in which you can exploit your considerable potentials, but you may lean toward accepting a position of leadership, for which you are suited. In fact, the chances are good that you will gain a position of authority in any field you select.

Though your circle of friends may not be wide, you enjoy the lasting friendship of those friends you have. The mutual trust and understanding between you constantly enriches your life and theirs. You respect only those who have self-respect, and you look for the same quality in a prospective marriage partner. You do not make any decisions without a careful investigation, especially where your feelings are concerned. Always one to observe the rules, you are unlikely to consent to a permissive relationship without some binding agreement. But you would agree to a marriage contract only if your partner realized the full implication of such an agreement. Because you bring so much creative effort into a relationship, its success is practically assured. Your mate must also uphold the contract you've made together and be willing to work to sustain your mutual interests above everyone else's.

As a parent, you would be a disciplinarian, but merciful and loving. You would encourage and strengthen the individuality of your children, as long as it is positively directed.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with this aspect will not be as frivolous as those born without it. However, they are not as depressive as those born with the Moon-Saturn affliction. This child arrives in an atmosphere where the father works co-operatively with the mother and vice versa; the parents present a united front, even if it is a rather sombre one. The child learns to work through emotional problems; he offers himself carefully in a relationship, for emotions are not treated lightly. The chance of starting a relationship that works through all the possibilities, that leaves no stone unturned, that explores all its potential, comes out of this aspect.

As far as career is concerned, this aspect makes for a careful thinker, someone who is reasonable in crisis situations, a person who doesn't fly off the handle in spontaneous reactions. This is a diplomatic personality.

Moon trine or sextile Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even harmonious aspects between the Moon and Saturn give a feeling of vulnerability, and are associated with soberness, industry and the acceptance of responsibility. Again, expressing emotions does not come easy and these people like to put on a front of self-discipline, etiquette and respectability. They are admired for an ability to remain calm and collected in all circumstances, yet inside are full of doubts and fears.

Harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects usually indicate a serious outlook and a practical approach to things. This, combined with the determination to finish everything they start (due to a highly developed sense of responsibility), can take them far in society. But emotionally they have problems; children with these (and other) Moon / Saturn aspects are never really young and playful. They frequently form friendships with older boys and girls.

Women with Moon / Saturn aspects have difficulty in expressing femininity, even when the aspect is harmonious. This can increase emotional insecurity and / or make them behave in a forceful, mannish way, or else in a motherly, organizing way. They find emotional fulfillment by being in charge; although, even with a harmonious aspect, loved ones are kept at arm's length to some extent.

Men with one of these aspects tend to be attracted by women of the Saturnine type; that is to say, they prefer partners who are rather older and more mature - certainly not women who are sprightly and playful.

People with harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects can often be very constructive within an existing framework. The Moon and Saturn are always the two main form-givers: the Moon of formed content and Saturn of the structure and backbone of external form. When something has to be enlarged, structurally improved and preserved, those with harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects are in their element. They are not required to display initiative, which we would have to look for in other chart factors anyway.

(Charles Carter)

These aspects are frequently of a basic character, influencing the fundamentals of the native's temperament. Provided that the chart as a whole is of a good type, the nature is deepened and rendered capable of serious and responsible work, with excellent powers of organising and controlling and a marked degree of personal dignity - that may sometimes destroy the sense of humour when the native's selfrespect appears to be in jeopardy. There is often a large amount of matter-of-factness and a practical and limited outlook on life. Duty plays a large part in the motives, and obligations are performed carefully and exactly. The contact is scarcely democratic in its influence, and there is an inclination to like people in their proper places. Similiarly, the mental and emotional aspects of the life are organised and arranged. The emotions are usually steady, with some tendency to depression.

There is usually affection and well-merited respect for the mother, but unless both bodies are well-placed she is liable to die early or suffer misfortunes. It seems to lessen the number of children and sometimes cause them to be a heavy responsibility.

It is favourable for business life and for practical work that calls for care and prudence rather than energy or originality - which is often defective. It is good for work in connection with houses or land, and any sort of caretaking or management where conscientious work is called for, but it is not so good where affection is required, as in care for the young.

It is distinctly good for worldly success, or, perhaps one should rather say, for the retention and proper use of success, if the rest of the chart permits of its attainment. Sometimes rank and position result from family connections or are inherited - there is often a sort of relation between family and position, or the native assumes a place as a successor to someone else, but does not create it. For example, a professor who occupies a seat that has been vacated by his predecessor, a minister of state, the president of a society, or the editor of an established paper. Thus the position is usually one of a successive line, and the native inherits some kind of tradition. If the chart is strong, the native develops and improves his office and maintains the tradition with success and dignity, but even when the two bodies are technically in good aspect, other flaws in the horoscope may lead to downfall and the characteristics of the inharmonious contacts.

Generally this combination preserves the health by influencing the native to be prudent and regular in habits, and it is particularly good in old age. But it does not confer robust health.

25) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°56' A) 139 | ♃1

(Haydn Paul)

You feel a sense of inner security, connected to a self-assured confidence in your strength and ability to successfully deal with challenging situations.

Emotional depth and intensity will be experienced, yet often kept under self-imposed control; you are afraid to allow this power free expression. This fear may arise from previous experiences, where, when provoked, you have temporarily lost emotional control; and you are reluctant to let this happen again.

Intuitive insight into people may be a gift, a penetrating perception of their hidden nature and motivations. This does not, however, leave you cynical about people, as you still retain a caring nature. You will support and aid close friends when in need, and have a soft spot for children. This tendency may attract you toward working with people in a public or social capacity, in which your ability to resolve problems can be useful in areas of social challenge, or which involve financial management skills.

You often apply techniques which involve imagination and creative will, directing these energies toward manifesting your thoughts into reality, intending to create your ideal life-style. You have a natural ability to combine will and imagination that many would envy; make the most of this talent, but ensure that your vision is rightly motivated, or results could be negative for yourself and others.

You often expect high-quality partners for your intimate relationships; and caution is necessary when choosing suitable lovers for long-term intimacy. Your hope for children and family life will have considerable impact, requiring maturity and responsibility. Your feelings will be tied to family and home; and you will work hard at making the relationships successful for all concerned.

(Robert Pelletier)

Moon trine Pluto shows that you are a deep-feeling individual, but you generally keep your emotions under control. You do not usually waste your feelings on casual acquaintances, although you are friendly and sociable. You give others the benefit of the doubt when you decide how you feel about them. The friends you do have can count on you for help when needed.

Yours is a special kind of spiritual loving that is not cast freely to the winds. You love

people for themselves and not for what they outwardly represent. You have high expectations of meeting the right person who will encompass all the virtues you expect in true love companionship.

You have a fondness for children and young people, for they provide you with much contentment and joy. You put them at ease and bring out their affectionate feelings. In your care they feel comfortable, for you are naturally protective of those in your charge. The young are a source of creative expression for you.

Your capacity to care for others is boundless, and you could express this by serving people who have physical liabilities or social disadvantages. Fields such as public relations, physical therapy, social welfare, financial advice, or creative avocational work would be congenial to your interests.

You have great insight into the uses of power and the effective management of money. Your understanding of the motives behind people's behavior is a protection for you. Working in personal contact with other people could be an excellent medium for you.

(Betty Lundsted)

Like the sextile, this aspect is a blessing. It indicates that Mom demonstrated a warm, open and co-operative emotional outlook during this person's formative years. Through her action, she taught him how to work with others: how to work through problems with authority figures, friends and family members.

The child will be sympathetic to the needs of his generation, for Pluto also represents the mass consciousness of the era. This can be both good and bad, for it indicates that the child will be receptive to his peer group as he is growing up. Those children born into the teenage drug culture were open to their friends who were selling 'grass' in the suburbs. They may have become a part of the teenage drug culture, or the teenage smoking clique, or the teenage alcohol group, merely because they wanted to join their peers.

As this person matures, the energy gives him a natural 'in' with the media, mass communication, politics, social work and related careers that help service the masses. It can be a creative aspect, for the development of intuitive insights is easy.

Moon trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever holds good for the conjunction also holds good for these aspects. There is the same uncertainty and craving for power. The emotional life is no less intense, and there

is an equal inclination to banish uncertainty and to satisfy the power-drive by adopting a 'big mother' role.

And then, no sooner have we settled down with a comfortable sense of security (Moon) than we start fishing around in the hidden and repressed contents of the psyche, and not only into these but into those of the psyches of others. We are not satisfied with superficial investigation; we dig deep. Anything hidden engrosses us and we find an almost magical attraction in unsolved riddles, mysterious old civilisations, the world beneath the ocean and the deeper layers of the mind. It does not take much for our interest to be aroused in such things.

All our digging around frequently gives us a hold on others. Often with Pluto's aspects we impress people as being trenchant and powerful, and are therefore unlikely to encounter open opposition; but this does not mean that we are always in the right. Pluto is a factor that can really distort and above all inflate, and, with Moon / Pluto aspects, we so want to indulge our emotional life that deforming elements creep into it, or non-personal elements from the unconscious puff us up in a way harmful to genuine emotional relationships. Usually, by introspection, we can find out where we are wrong, but care is needed.

Fear of confrontation is not a normal feature of this aspect - we are much too inquisitive concerning the backgrounds and motives of others to worry about what they will think of us. We try to fathom them out in a more or less subtle way, but are very reticent about our own concerns because we have no intention of letting others obtain any leverage on us. In many cases we take command by a show of authority.

Through all our digging around, and through constant contact with our own psychological depths, we can undergo a profound inner change. With the harmonious aspects, the transformation occurs fairly smoothly, although none of Pluto's aspects is completely trouble-free.

26) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°20' S) ♄5 | ♃1

(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.

27) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Trine** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°15' A) ♄5 | ♇1

(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.

28) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Quincunx** ☾ **Sun** - (0°46' A) ♀1 | ♋8

(Robert Pelletier)

The sun inconjunct the Ascendant shows that you are a tireless worker and don't do anything unless you can give it your full effort. You want the approval of everyone you know for what you accomplish. Secretly you may hope to gain some public recognition too, but you don't really expect it. You are generally willing to work behind the scenes, quietly developing your potentials and mastering the skills you need to meet the struggle to earn a living. You realize that your creative talents are useless unless you develop them and make them your greatest assets. You respect people who seek a formal education, although you yourself can do very well merely by developing your latent talents. Always striving for excellence, you are impatient with people who are inefficient or lazy.

You learned many valuable lessons from your parents, and you may have followed their suggestions in getting the training they felt you should have. In fact, you are a specialist. But you underestimate your capabilities and will be satisfied with yourself only when you are successful in your work. You know how to convert your talents into revenue and expect to be well paid for your services, for you know what they are worth. Undaunted by competition, you always try to be the best in whatever you do. Unless other placements contradict this one, your future is secure.

You drive yourself excessively, which carries the risk of depleting your physical reserves. Detach yourself from responsibility now and then so you can unwind and get needed rest. You feel a deep obligation to prove your abilities to yourself, although you don't mind it when others make flattering remarks about your skills. You are easily put upon by so-called friends, who always want you to do something for them. This is your chance to know who your friends really are. You should be wary of revealing your ideas to associates, who may try to capitalize on them without giving you the full credit you deserve and without paying for them.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the inconjunct between the Sun and Ascendant, self-confidence is at its lowest ebb, yet the wish to excel is unusually great. What complicates matters is the tremendous discrepancy between the Sun sign and the sign on the Ascendant, which generally have little or nothing in common. The way in which these people present themselves to others is very different from the way in which they would like to behave; circumstances seem to frustrate them. What is more, the inconjunct is so disjointed that it can make them ungainly as well as insecure, and this in itself can hamper contacts with the environment.

Another problem is that, underneath all their uncertainties, these people keep feeling important and may fall prey to ambition and perfectionism, which tempt them to saddle

themselves with more than they can carry - sometimes to the point of physical breakdown. Nevertheless, once they understand that there are two forms of behavior open to them - that due to the Ascendant and that due to the Sun - they can stop wavering and can adopt one or the other as the circumstance may require.

29) ► **Sun** ☉ **Octile** ♀ **Venus** - (2°25' A) ♄8 | ♀6

(Charles Carter)

This inclines to make women and girls excitable, emotional, warm-hearted, but without much stability. It is, in my opinion, by no means inferior to the conjunction so far as actual artistic ability is concerned, and when it is close (say within 2°) there is usually talent for Venus pursuits, and particularly for music and dancing. It is not very favourable for marriage, although by itself it should not be taken as a sufficient indication of celibacy or an unfortunate alliance. The family may be numerous, and, in female charts, it seems strongly to incline to feminine offspring; there is usually trouble with one of them. It commonly bestows personal charm.

Much the same is true of men. It is not good for compatibility in marriage; or, if this exists, there is usually some other cause of sorrow in the married life. Nevertheless, it is a secondary influence, and must be judged as such. It seems (in men) to indicate shyness and solitary habits, with considerable sensitiveness, even though this may in some instances be masked behind bravado and noise.

In the charts of rulers, it seems to denote restless and disloyal subjects and unfortunate foreign adventures.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is a major aspect between these planets, and tends to increase the possibility of a breakdown in marriage or a permanent relationship.

30) ► **Mars** ♂ **Tri-Octile** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°05' A) ♃9 | ♃1

(Donna van Toen)

Bad news, mourning of some sort, or destructive behavior on the part of the person or someone in his or her circle may inhibit growth at times.

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